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Kyriacou: Beacon remains 'committed to our safe, inclusive community policy'

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou issued a statement regarding U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (I.C.E.) activity in the City of Beacon on June 20.

Kyriacou said in a statement on June 20 that "my office was informed by several residents" of an "I.C.E. operation" in the city.

"I want to make clear that at no time leading up to this incident did City staff, including our Police Department, have any notice of or involvement in I.C.E. operations. As a City, we remain committed to our safe, inclusive community policy, to preserving rights enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, and to avoiding any policies which engender fear among law-abiding families," he noted.

According to Kyriacou, "The City of Beacon also has no information as to the current location of the person who was arrested or detained."

I.C.E. did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The mayor said City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia "was able to confirm with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after the fact, that an I.C.E. operation occurred in Beacon earlier this morning."

"At this time, the City has no information as to the identity of the individual who was arrested or detained, the nature of the charges, or whether a judicial warrant was presented or not," stated Kyriacou.

In 2017, during President Donald Trump's first presidential term, the City Council at the time passed a resolution to be a "welcoming, safe and inclusive" community. The use of the word "sanctuary" was not contained in the legislation.

"Our Police Department is actively seeking further information regarding the situation at this time," said Kyriacou.

Art walls feature student involvement



Some of the artwork on the art walls at the Ramps At Memorial Park skate park in Beacon.

-Photos by Alexander Tsahalidis

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Summer is here, and so is a new way to enjoy Memorial Park while (literally) leaving your mark on the community: the art walls located at the Ramps At Memorial Park skate park!

For the past three years, students in the Participation in Government (P.I.G.) class at Beacon High School have had the opportunity to get involved in local government through the Participatory Budgeting Initiative.

"The initiative was designed to allow

the community to help determine where \$10,000 in funding could be allocated each year," said Chris White, the Beacon city administrator. "The idea for the art wall came from a student proposal last year, and the City Council thought it was a great idea and worked with the Recreation director to implement it."

The concept was created by two students at the high school, Chiara Fedorchak and Kira Sheehan, with the goals of giving residents "spaces where anyone could express themselves for

free" and "cutting down on the buildings being defaced by graffiti." It was presented to the City Council on Dec. 2, 2024, by the students, along with other community improvement plans, and was selected on Dec. 6, 2024. The addition of the art wall was rolled into the existing plan to repave the skate park and add new ramps, which was proposed by the 2023 P.I.G. class. The final plan also includes two art walls instead of one, giving people more room to show off their creativity.

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Declaration of Independence to be read July 4th

By Kristine Coulter

The 15th annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Beacon will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 4, at City Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza.

An event that has become an annual tradition, started as a grassroots organization by local resident Dennis Pavelock and several community members in the summer of 2010. In 2011, the inaugural reading of the Declaration of Independence was held in the city.

"Our committee portrays people from our past, dressed in period outfits to do the readings as well as live reenactments," stated Pavelock.



The annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place at City Hall in Beacon on Friday, July 4. Pictured with the American flag outside City Hall are Anne Thomas, committee vice chair and Dennis Pavelock, committee chair.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Late Poughkeepsie Airman honored during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ Ceremony



County Executive Sue Serino, Director Adam Roche, members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Airman Raymond Turner’s family with several honors during a recent ceremony.

-Courtesy photos Dutchess County Gov’t

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs hosted the County’s most recent “Honor-A-Veteran” Ceremony on June 17, recognizing the late Raymond J. Turner, an esteemed U.S. Air Force veteran and respected Town of Poughkeepsie resident. The event, held at American Legion Post 1302 in Poughkeepsie, was the most recent in a series of monthly ceremonies hosted by the County Executive to highlight the lives and distinguished service of local veterans who have passed away.

Serino said, “Raymond Turner lived a life full of heart – from serving our nation overseas to building a beautiful life here at home with his Muriel and their seven children. He was known as ‘the last great salesman,’ a man with a natural charisma and warmth that allowed him to connect with just about anyone. It’s an honor to help share his story through our Honor-A-Veteran program and to ensure veterans like Raymond are remembered not only for their service, but for who they were to the people who loved them.”

Born Jan. 19, 1932, in Troy, NY, Mr. Turner proudly served in the United States Air Force as an Airman during the Korean War, stationed in Tachikawa, Japan as a teletype and radio operator, earning him the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal, recognitions of his contributions and sacrifice.

After his military service, Airman Turner built a career with Western Union, where fate led him to Muriel, the love of his life and his devoted wife of 56 years. Together, they raised seven children who became the heart of their shared journey. His legacy flourished through 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Airman Turner passed away Dec. 14, 2011.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “A selfless airman who defended our nation’s freedom half a world away, Airman Turner returned home following his service to build a life devoted to his family. By his example, he taught his loved ones how to embrace life fully, pursue their goals, push through



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challenges and turn dreams into reality – ideals emblematic of a model service member and an exemplary citizen. Dutchess County will long remember Airman Turner, his service and the strength and compassion he showed all who knew him.”

During the recent ceremony, Serino, Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Airman Turner’s family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;
- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Michelle Hinchey;
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor; and
- custom shadow box of memorabilia from the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies will continue through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Future ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.

To be eligible for this initiative, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the “Honor-A-Veteran” initiative. Applications for the program are available online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran’s military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NGB-22 or report of casualty), obituary and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Explore the garden at Mount Gulian Historic Site on June 29

Mount Gulian Historic Site, Beacon, invites visitors to explore its garden and unique horticultural history. Tours of the historic garden are back by popular demand and will be given on Sunday, June 29 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visitors will learn about the garden’s origins, evolution, and notable gardeners, including Mary Anna Verplanck, who as a precocious eleven-year-old, designed the original 1804 garden, and James F.

Brown, a fugitive enslaved man who fled Maryland and worked as Mount Gulian’s master gardener. Visitors will receive a complimentary copy of the garden’s 1912 map and a short film about Mr. Brown, “Cultivating Freedom: From Slave to Citizen”, will be shown.

Today, notable plantings in the garden include antique peonies, roses and yuccas that were returned to Mount Gulian in 1995 by a Verplanck descendant who

removed them from the site in the 1960’s. After carefully tending to them for thirty years at her home’s garden, she learned of our plans to restore the garden and happily brought them home.

Admission to this special tour is: \$17 adults; \$14 seniors; \$8 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Membership is

open to the public.

Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows. For reservations call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made day of visit.

For further information see <https://dutchess tourism.com/spotlights/gr eat-estates-garden-landscape-tour>.

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Poughkeepsie native serving in Navy

By Alvin Plexico
Navy Office of Community Outreach
PENSACOLA, Fla. - Ensign Jason McDonough, a native of Poughkeepsie, is serving in the U.S. Navy amongst sailors, Marines and guardsmen at Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) who are developing the skills needed to be a combat-ready aviation professional.

McDonough is a 2020 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Wappingers Central School District.

McDonough joined the Navy five months ago. Today, McDonough is a student at NASC.

“I wanted a rewarding opportunity, and I wanted to give back to my country,” McDonough said.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Poughkeepsie.

“Growing up, I learned the importance of resilience,” McDonough said. “If you get knocked down, just get back up. If



Ensign Jason McDonough
-Courtesy photo U.S. Navy

you fail at first, just keep trying.”

Greystone Programs receives donation from Mid-Hudson Subaru

Greystone Programs, Inc. is honored to be the recipient of a generous donation from Mid-Hudson Subaru as part of the national Subaru Share the Love® Event. The check presentation celebrated the impactful, community-centered partnership between Mid-Hudson Subaru and Greystone Programs, which supports individuals living with autism and other intellectual/developmental disabilities across the Hudson Valley.

The 2024 Subaru Share the Love Event raised a record-breaking \$31.7 million, the highest in the initiative’s 17-year history. Since its inception, the campaign has generated nearly \$320 million, fueling Subaru’s mission to be More Than a Car Company® and benefitting nonprofits and communities nationwide.

Jeff Walters, President and Chief Operating Officer, Subaru of America, Inc., said “Ensuring that our annual Share the Love Event is a success requires true collaboration and teamwork toward a worthy cause. This past year’s record-breaking initiative achieved far more than just raising funds for deserving organizations, it helped spread love and support in meaningful ways. None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our retailers, customers, and employees, whose shared values made 2024 an impactful and memorable year for communities nationwide.”

As a participating hometown retailer,

Mid-Hudson Subaru selected Greystone Programs as its local charity partner, enabling customers to direct a portion of their vehicle purchase or lease or service purchase toward services that enrich lives throughout the Hudson Valley. The dealership’s decision to support Greystone reflects a deep, shared dedication to empowering people through compassion, inclusion, and innovation.

Skip Pryce, CEO of Greystone Programs, Inc, said, “This gift from Mid-Hudson Subaru not only supports the people we serve but highlights the power of partnership in building more inclusive communities. We are proud to be recognized in Subaru’s Share the Love initiative and thankful to everyone who chose to give locally and to the Subaru team for leading with love.”

Mid-Hudson Subaru’s support helps Greystone continue offering life-enriching programs such as Expressive Arts Therapy, Residential and Day Habilitation, community-based services throughout the Hudson Valley, NY area, and much need renovations to various properties to keep the standard of living quality. The presentation took place at Mid-Hudson Subaru’s Wappingers Falls dealership, where Greystone leadership, The Subaru team, local officials, and community supporters gathered to recognize this meaningful collaboration and its ongoing impact.

Congressional members for Dutchess County respond to U.S. strikes on Iran’s nuclear sites

Congressional members who represent the local area released statements regarding the U.S. strikes on Iran’s nuclear sites, which took place on June 21.

Iran has vowed to retaliate in response to the strikes.

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

Senator Chuck Schumer released the following statement on June 21 after President Donald Trump announced that the United States struck targets in Iran:

“President Trump must provide the American people and Congress clear answers on the actions taken tonight and their implications for the safety of Americans. No president should be allowed to unilaterally march this nation into something as consequential as war with erratic threats and no strategy. Confronting Iran’s ruthless campaign of terror, nuclear ambitions, and regional aggression demands strength, resolve, and strategic clarity. The danger of wider, longer, and more devastating war has now dramatically increased.”

“We must enforce the War Powers Act and I’m urging [Senate Majority] Leader [John] Thune to put it on the Senate floor immediately. I am voting for it and implore all Senators on both sides of the aisle to vote for it,” added Schumer.

According to History.com, “The War Powers Act is a congressional resolution designed to limit the U.S. president’s ability to initiate or escalate military actions abroad. Among other restrictions, the law requires that presidents notify Congress after deploying the armed forces and limits how long units can remain engaged without congressional approval. Enacted in 1973 with the goal of avoiding another lengthy conflict such as the Vietnam War, its effectiveness has been repeatedly questioned throughout its history, and several presidents have been accused of failing to comply with its regulations.”

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released a statement on June 22, which reads: “I am grateful that no U.S. service members were harmed during the military operation against Iran’s nuclear facilities. I am praying for American troops and citizens in the region, and I will be working with state and local partners to ensure New Yorkers here at home are safe.

Throughout my career, I have been a steadfast champion of Israel, leading U.S. support for Iron Dome and initiatives to strengthen the alliance between our nations. I have long supported efforts to ensure that Iran, the foremost exporter of terrorism in the world, cannot obtain a nuclear weapon.

However, I am deeply concerned by President Trump’s decision to unilaterally launch these attacks without seeking congressional authorization, as required by the Constitution. The Trump administration must fully explain to the American people the rationale for this military action and a strategy to avoid being mired in another Middle Eastern war, and it

must give Congress a full intelligence briefing immediately.”

Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, added: “No further military actions should be allowed without proper congressional approval.

Avoiding further escalation is essential to the peace and security of Israel, the U.S., and our partners in the region. I urge the president and Iran to pursue a diplomatic resolution to this conflict.”

Congressman Mike Lawler (R-17th Congressional District)

On the platform X on June 22, Congressman Mike Lawler wrote, “If Iran tries to strike or attack the U.S., our assets, or our allies in response to the elimination of their nuclear program, they will be met with the full force of the United States military.”

Lawler posted on June 21, on X: “I am glad to see that @POTUS and his Administration are taking swift action to prevent the Iranians from acquiring a nuclear weapon. The Iranians had months to negotiate a deal that would have avoided the need for our strike tonight [June 21], but chose not to. They learned the hard way which military is the most powerful in the world - ours. We must continue to work with our strongest ally, Israel, in ending the threat of a nuclear Iran once and for all.”

Congressman Pat Ryan (D-18th Congressional District)

In a Facebook post on June 22, Congressman Pat Ryan wrote: “I love our country. I served in America’s longest wars, where I saw the best of humanity in my fellow veterans’ heroism and selfless service (much like we witnessed last night); and saw the worst of humanity and horrors of war up close and personal.

Twenty years ago, in their rush to appear strong and tough, politicians – from both parties – failed to ask the hard questions before starting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, trillions of dollars and countless deaths later, we still haven’t gotten accountability.

America must not make those same mistakes again.

I am under no illusions about the nature of the Iranian regime and its proxies – they are evil. We must continue to stand strongly with our Israeli allies – including active and robust support for the defense of the state of Israel and its people, as we have for decades.

But Trump’s actions last night, taken without any case being made to the American people or the Congress, coupled with his speech doubling down on his sole authority to further escalate the conflict, risks repeating history and starting another forever war in the Middle East.

The Constitution explicitly grants the power to make war to Congress, on behalf of the American people – not the President. I am supporting the War Powers Resolution because we must act immediately to reclaim that authority.”

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Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley releases ‘Voices of the Hudson Valley’ report

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has released “Voices of the Hudson Valley,” its data-driven report that compiles valuable community conversations hosted in Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties, synthesizing voices and feedback from the public to capture the themes, hopes, and concerns of the region’s residents with a county-by-county focus. The findings from this report will influence CFHV’s future grantmaking opportunities and involvement.

“This is more than just a synopsis,” said Laura Washington, president & CEO of CFHV. “It’s a roadmap that will guide our work and help us build a stronger, more connected Hudson Valley. By amplifying the voices of our community, we can drive meaningful change together.”

Within the report, CFHV identifies the perspectives of residents, nonprofit leaders, and business officials across the three counties it serves, detailing what residents love about their hometown and what pressing needs should be addressed.

This regional snapshot reveals that the

positive attributes of the Hudson Valley stem from its rich diversity in art and culture, encompassing everything from urban murals and centuries-old historic sites to its libraries, educational institutions, and the breathtaking beauty of its parks, trails and protected waterbodies.

In terms of the Hudson Valley’s pressing issues, CFHV identified some areas of concern including a need for housing, with homeownership out of reach and rent increasing, addressing food insecurity as the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley has almost doubled its distribution to its service area, and a shortage of resources to fight against the mental health and addiction crises. Additionally, families surveyed noted that childcare options in the Hudson Valley are dwindling, with fewer businesses in each county licensed, and finally, public transportation was noted as dire in rural areas, where people do not have walkable access to goods and services.

Following the report release, CFHV plans to host panel discussions, bringing together experts from the community,



Laura Washington -Courtesy photo

who can lend their insights in each issue area. These public talks will connect community members with nonprofits and other organizations to learn more, volunteer, or donate to a cause they feel pas-

sionate about.

CFHV emphasizes that this report serves not as a one-time initiative but as a catalyst for ongoing change. While this research allows CFHV to prioritize areas identified by the community, CFHV remains committed to addressing a broad range of issues. This research enhances understanding of residents’ perspectives and will facilitate stronger connections within the community as well as the administration and distribution of grants to nonprofits addressing the challenges area residents have deemed most critical.

For more information on CFHV and the Voices of the Hudson Valley report, visit www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org or connect with the group on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram. To learn more about establishing a fund with CFHV to address pressing issues highlighted in the report, allowing for a more tailored approach for giving that aligns with personal values and priorities, visit: communityfoundationshv.org/donors/establishing-a-fund/.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

June 2: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Corey A. Jones, 56, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

June 2: Criminal Mischief- Matteawan Road-Caller reported that his vehicle’s window was broken. Report taken. Investigation conducted

June 4: Larceny- Main Street- David C. Mahoney, 54, of Beacon, was charged with Petit Larceny & Obstruction of Government Administration 2nd.

June 5: Larceny-Goodrich Street-Caller reported that his bicycle was stolen from his porch. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 5: Unwanted Party- Wolcott Avenue- Shonnel Boston, 35, of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Assault 3 & Criminal Mischief.

June 6: Information-Habor Hill Court-Caller reported that someone put oil in the storm drain. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 6: Fraud- Sycamore Drive-Caller reported that he was a victim of Fraud. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 7: Lost Property- Spring Valley Street- Caller reported that she was missing items while visiting an Airbnb. Report taken.

June 8: Auto Accident- Wilkes Street-Franklin Otero, 58, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation vehicle 3rd.

June 8: Warrant Check- Forrestal Heights- Darren L. Atkins, 63, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance 3rd.

June 11: Warrant- Municipal Plaza-Robert E. Morganfield, 55, of Newburgh, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Motor Vehicle 3rd and also processed on an open Bench Warrant.

June 15: Harassment-Municipal Plaza-Caller reported receiving multiple harassing calls from an individual not known to her. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 15: Auto Accident- Mead Avenue-Van M. Robinson, 29 of Beacon, was charged with DWI & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

Number of Calls: 278
Auto Accidents: 22
Domestics: 3.

County to host ‘Putting Your Skills Back to Work’ event on July 10

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced that the County will host a free “Putting Your Skills Back to Work” Older Adults Skills Fair for older adults who are interested in exploring part-time employment or volunteer opportunities, on Thursday, July 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.Serino said, “Dutchess County’s older adults have a wealth of knowledge and wisdom that make them ideal candidates for part-time jobs or the countless volunteer opportunities within our community. Our skills fair reflects our commitment to supporting older adults in our county who want to remain vital, active and connected. Whether you’re looking to return to the workforce part-time, give back through volunteer work or just explore what’s out there, this fair is a great place to start, and I hope to see you there!”

Whether retirees are seeking a flexible job, an opportunity to share their expertise through volunteerism or simply exploring ways to stay socially and mentally stimulated, this event will give them the chance to:

- meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions tailored to experienced workers;
- connect with nonprofit organizations seeking dedicated volunteers; and
- enjoy complimentary light refreshments.

There is no RSVP required for guest attendance; participants can simply show up and take advantage of the many offerings.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) Director Todd Tancredi said, “This event is a valuable resource for our older friends and neighbors. We recognize the varied experiences and knowledge they bring, and this skills fair will open doors to new opportunities for those who still want to give back, stay active or earn a little extra income Businesses and non-profits organizations interested hosting a table at the event can call the County Executive’s Office at 845-486-2000, email countyexec@dutchessny.gov or go to dutchessny.gov/senior-skills to reserve a spot.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) provides services and advocacy to support independence, dignity and quality of life for older adults in the county. From nutrition and wellness programs to caregiver support and employment resources, the OFA is committed to enriching the lives of local older residents. More information about all the OFA offers at dutchessny.gov/aging.

County, local HAM Clubs to host Overnight Field Day June 28-29

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, in partnership with the Mount Beacon Amateur Radio Club and the QSY Society, will host the annual overnight Amateur (HAM) Radio Field Day from 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 through 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at the Emergency Response campus’s Fire Training Center, located at 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie.

The event, which is free and open to the

public, will include demonstrations of HAM radio equipment and operators during a simulated emergency. On Sunday, June 29th, starting at 10am, HAM licensing exams will be offered for a \$15 exam fee and \$35 FCC licensing fee once the exam is passed.

For more information about the Field Day or amateur radio in Dutchess County, contact Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response RACES Radio Officer Adam Nowik Jr. at 845-849-3666.

Latin Dance Night set for June 26

Latin Dance Night will be held on Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St. in Beacon.

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Castillo makes huge impact with hitting and fielding

By Morgan E. Maier

Just 22 years old, outfielder Jackson Castillo enters his second full minor league season since signing with the New York Yankees as an undrafted free agent in 2023. As the Renegades' leadoff hitter and primary left fielder, he's making an impact on every side of the diamond.

A 2024 Florida State League (FSL) postseason All-Star with the Single-A Tampa Tarpons, Castillo made waves in his first professional season. He was one of eight current 'Gades led by Hudson Valley manager James Cooper last season in Tampa. Castillo finished his Tarpons tenure with the team's second-most walks, a .386 on-base percentage, and a .250 batting average.

But neither reaching base nor run production is a new element of his game. In two years at the College of Southern Nevada (2022-23), Castillo peppered the single season Coyote record book. He's top ten in average (.432), hits (79), home runs (two times), and slugging percentage (.814), among others. Honored as the male athlete of the year in 2022, Castillo's impact off the field showed long before he donned the pinstripes.

This season, Castillo's offensive impact was brightest on April 11, going 3-5 with six RBI. In consecu-

tive innings, Castillo is tagged with retrieving a full field of runners. Twice, he answered the call with a double to empty the bases.

A season earlier, a different Castillo web gem had baseball media buzzing. Playing center field on May 19, 2024, he made a leaping home run robbery in a 4-4 deadlock, to the delight and tipped cap of the Tarpons' starting pitcher.

His 51 hits are the second most on the team, trailing only Coby Morales. Also, Castillo is second in RBI, with 32. He's top 20 in the league in RBI, doubles, and walks, one of just a few Renegades to appear multiple times on the first page of SAL stat sheets.

Defensively, he's touched all the outfield grass, taking reps in center and right alongside 33 games in left field. Through 50-plus games, Castillo boasts a 1.000 fielding percentage.

He's also perfect on the basepaths, 13/13 in stolen base attempts to lead the current roster. The lethal lefty is batting .243 at the top of the order, a few points higher than the team batting average (.240). Castillo hits .273 with runners in scoring position. The guy starts rallies and he continues big innings. And he enjoyed the latest series against Jersey Shore, going 3-5 with two RBI and a run scored on June 21.



Outfielder Jackson Castillo is second in RBI for the Renegades, with 32. He's top 20 in the league in RBI, doubles, and walks, one of just a few Renegades to appear multiple times on the first page of SAL stat sheets.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hudson Valley NYY	2	1	.667	-	2-1	L1
Brooklyn NYM *	2	1	.667	-	2-1	W1
Greensboro PIT	2	1	.667	-	2-1	W2
Aberdeen BAL	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	W1
Wilmington WSH	0	3	.000	2.0	0-3	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Asheville HOU	3	0	1.000	-	3-0	W3
Bowling Green TB *	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	W2
Greenville BOS	1	2	.333	2.0	1-2	L2
Hub City TEX	1	2	.333	2.0	1-2	W1
Rome ATL	1	2	.333	2.0	1-2	L2



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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	
07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery	
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union	
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday	
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets	
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday	





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Let's Roll: Dutchess Roots to Hold Grand Opening Celebration on June 28





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Best moments from 31 years of Renegades’ homestands

By Morgan E. Maier

June 18, 2025 marked the 31st anniversary of the first tickets punched at Dutchess Stadium, home of the Hudson Valley Renegades. Now named Heritage Financial Park, the stadium has hosted many magical moments at 1500 Route 9-D. And although the Renegades are not in town to celebrate the park’s big milestone, the 2025 homestands have proven memorable for Hudson Valley.

The Renegades’ home record is 19-13 on their turf this year, and some ‘Gades particularly enjoy the home cooking. Hitters facing Sebastian Keane have just a .077 average at Heritage Financial, while Tony Rossi has allowed just three hits in 10 innings. And both of Josh Moylan’s home runs have come in front of his favorite crowd. Here are some of the season’s top moments at the place where we root, root, root for the Renegades.

1. The Seven-Run Inning

On April 19, the Renegades scored 7 runs in the third inning en route to an 8-0 victory over the Wilmington Blue Rocks. The inning included three straight singles to load the bases by Frick, Hall, and Brendan Jones. Omar Martinez’s two-run, line drive single scored two runners, followed by consecutive doubles by Moylan and Brenny

Escanio. The good guys batted through the order, knocking out starter Travis Sthele before he faced Tomas Frick one more time in the inning. During Frick’s at-bat, a wild pitch scored Escanio to cap off the Renegades’ seven-run slaughter.

2. Renegades claw back for the walkoff

Against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on May 3, the Renegades found themselves in a one-run hole in the ninth after leading half the game. Jersey Shore scored in the top of the ninth to pull ahead 4-3, and the Renegades had just three outs remaining to make some magic. Leadoff double, sacrifice, and a Coby Morales RBI double launched Hudson Valley’s winning percentage from 16.0% to 60.8% according to MiLB Gameday. The bases were loaded on two straight walks, the latter being an intentional walk. Escanio stepped up to the plate, and on a 3-1 count, seemed fixed to walk in the winning run. Escanio ripped a line drive to the outfield to score Morales easily. And so came the first walkoff of the season, in dramatic fashion.

3. “Everyone’s Birthday” Night

Naturally, this birthday celebration for the Renegades’ home would not be complete without acknowledging everyone else’s birthday. The 2-1 Renegades win



Fans line up at the gate for another Hudson Valley Renegades game at Heritage Financial Park.

Courtesy photo-

was the icing on the cake for the “Everyone’s Birthday” promotion. The Renegades never trailed, scoring in the first two innings. Kyle Carr pitched into the seventh, allowing just one run on three hits. The bullpen continued the party after 6.2 sparkling innings from the southpaw. And everyone got a slice of that sweet June 10 victory, as Rossi held the

Greenville Drive scoreless, then Hueston Morrill notched his fifth save. With the Renegades staying in the Hudson Valley until at least 2045 due to the Heritage Financial Park naming rights deal, homestand hijinks are in the future, including six more series in 2025 ... Happy birthday to the park formerly known as Dutchess Stadium!

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades top BlueClaws with great pitching and timely hitting

By Morgan E. Maier

The third-place Hudson Valley Renegades got some sand between the toes last series, visiting the Jersey Shore BlueClaws for the first time this season. Though the Renegades’s recent skid officially eliminated the team from the first-half title race, they returned to early season form in the first series of a two-week road trip.

In the teams’ third consecutive matchup to feature a rainout, Hudson Valley washed away some recent offensive woes. The pitching staff continues to be bright, leading the South Atlantic League (SAL) in lowest team earned run average, hits and home runs allowed, and batting average against.

The BlueClaws started the week sizzling hot with seven wins in their last nine games. Jersey Shore bookended the series with two wins, but Hudson Valley took three of five games for the team’s first series victory since May 6-11.

Clean up the beach!

The Renegades got the wins, but couldn’t keep clean sheets in this matchup. Scoring early was the key to Games 2, 3, and 4, the Renegades never trailed in any of the wins, but the errors could have proven costly. Renegades pitching allowed nine runs over the three games, but only three were scored as earned runs. Hudson Valley clinched the series win on June 21, but committed five errors en route to the victory. Good for pitchers’ league-leading 1.88 ERA, but detrimental to the Renegades’ defensive rating. The Renegades recorded a clean sheet in the season finale, for the sole error-free performance of the week.

The Longest Yard

On June 18, the Renegades got even, avenging the opening game’s loss with a 9-2 victory over the BlueClaws with slugs in three straight innings. Coby Morales led off with a first-inning shot that rescued Jackson Castillo from second base. The

Renegades loaded them up and walked a run in the following inning. Then Dillon Lewis sent everyone home with his first pro grand slam. Alexander Vargas followed suit, with a solo trip around the bases in the third. For the second consecutive away series, Lewis and Vargas have gone yard in the same game. In Aberdeen on June 5, they had twin two-run shots in the same inning!

The Renegades were one three-run smash away from a team home run cycle, an achievement rarely reached in the minors. The feat has been completed just twice by an individual. Tyrone Horne in 1998 with the AA Arkansas Travelers, and the Springfield Cardinals’ Chandler Redmond in 2022 are the only two players in professional baseball history to complete this unique cycle.

The launch party continued on June 20, following Thursday’s rainout. Hudson Valley hit five home runs in an 11-1 rout, with three coming in the second inning. MLB rehabber Duke Ellis’ hit two out of

the park, while Colmenares, Lewis, and Frick contributed four runs via the long ball. Lewis finished 3-5, with three RBI and three runs scored.

In the series’ penultimate game, the BlueClaws made it interesting for Hayden Merda in the final inning. Trailing by six, the BlueClaws offered back-to-back fly-outs, followed by a single. Then a catcher’s interference call put a second Jersey Shore runner on base, and Bryan Rincon beamed one to the right field grass. The lead was cut in half, but Hudson Valley faced no further damage. Merda retired the final batter with a tricky inside pitch. One resounding swing, zero earned bullpen runs, and a 9-6 win for the Renegades helped Hudson Valley to a three-game winning streak ahead of Sunday’s matinee.

The Renegades trek down to Blue Rocks territory in Wilmington, Delaware, atop the second-half standings with a 2-1 record. Their road trip continues in the Small Wonder State, hardly a two-hour drive from Shoretown Ballpark.

Let’s roll: Dutchess Roots to hold Grand Opening June 28



Dutchess Roots, a locally-owned and woman-led cannabis dispensary, is located at 2615 South Road (Route 9) in South Road Crossing in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The thoughtfully designed, customer-focused space showcases over 450 cannabis products, highlighting both major brands and locally grown selections from Hudson Valley farms.

-Courtesy photos

Dutchess Roots, the Town of Poughkeepsie’s first and only dispensary, officially opened its doors at 2615 South Road (Route 9) in South Road Crossing. Marking the milestone with a grand opening celebration from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, Dutchess Roots will welcome customers, neighbors and local leaders to experience a new standard in cannabis dispensaries.

The grand opening celebration will invite guests into a thoughtfully designed, customer-focused space that showcases over 450 cannabis products,

highlighting both major brands and locally grown selections from Hudson Valley farms. Throughout the day, regional and national cultivators will lead informative workshops, offering valuable insights into cannabis cultivation, its benefits and evolving industry trends. Attendees will also have the opportunity to connect directly with the Dutchess Roots team, learn more about the company’s mission, and participate in raffles, giveaways and special day-of discounts.

Led by Town of Poughkeepsie locals

Lisa and Scott Sweeney, Dutchess Roots brings an elevated yet inviting and education-driven experience to both new and seasoned customers. As the first dispensary in the region designed from the ground up, Dutchess Roots blends intentional design and curated product offerings with personalized guidance, regardless of a customer’s experience level with cannabis. The retailer’s convenient location, focus on Hudson Valley-based brands and competitive pricing embody this commitment to putting the cus-

tomers first.

“We wanted Dutchess Roots to feel approachable, welcoming and grounded in community,” said Lisa Sweeney, who also serves as president and leads the on-site customer experience. “I think that’s exactly what we did here, and we know that our customers will feel that as soon as they step inside.”

For more information on the Dutchess Roots, visit www.dutchess-roots.com and follow along on Facebook (@Dutchess Roots) and Instagram (@dutchess_roots).

Art walls feature student involvement

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“This was somewhat of a pilot program as we have been discouraging graffiti, and we wanted to give street artists a place to practice their art,” said White.

The skate park has always had help from local residents. It was first created and named RAMPs in 2018, with the city donating the old tennis courts for use as a skate park and members of the community working to make the conversion. Now the students have had a chance to improve the skate park.

“The kids that proposed the project had to create volunteer opportunities as part of the construction and creation,” said Mark Price, the city Recreation Director. “We had a couple of volunteer work parties for the kids to help paint the art walls gray to make it look sort



Artwork on one of the art walls at the Ramps At Memorial Park skate park in Beacon.

-Photo by Alexander Tsahalis

of municipal. On the last volunteer day, we had an art installation day where

they could paint.”

The art walls have been a success,

and there are already flowers, smiley faces, rainbows, and even crabs adorning what was once a gray, empty space. There are also names, hashtags, a large “BEACON REC,” and someone even used the walls to communicate a special message: “Chiara would you go to prom with me? - Joe.” The message was definitely received, as there is a reply that says: “She says yes!” right beside it.

The art walls have been positively received by skateboarders as well.

“It’s this ever-evolving thing,” said Santi Yambem, a local resident and lifelong skateboarder “It’s changed several times since it’s been here and it’s not constant at all, which is cool.”

The city also feels that the project has been a success. “It’s exactly what we had hoped for, an area for people to express themselves,” said White.

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Obituaries

Eleanor Macaluso



Eleanor Macaluso, a 13-year resident of Hopewell Junction, New York, passed away peacefully in her home on June 16, 2025. She was 93 years old.

Eleanor was born on January 21, 1932 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of the late Paul and Mary Belviso and had lived in Middle Village, Queens before relocating to Hopewell Junction. Eleanor was a stay-at-home mother and housekeeper, working 23 years before retiring in 2000. She was married to Harry P. Macaluso, who passed away in 2010.

She was an active participant in the Hopewell, Fishkill, and Wappingers Senior Centers, was a member of her local bowling league in Queens, and

loved to play bingo. She loved to tune in to game shows and to solve crossword puzzles. Eleanor enjoyed sewing, going on bus trips to casinos, but most of all, loved being with her family.

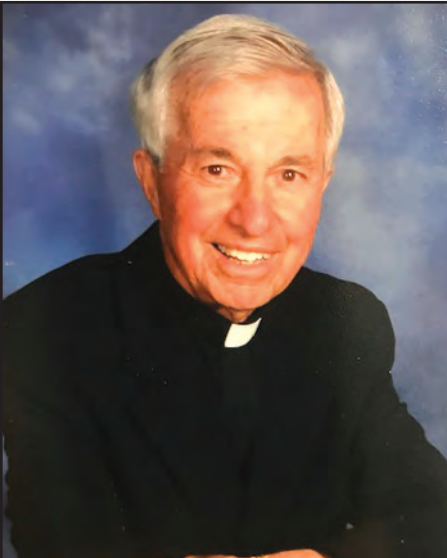
Eleanor is survived by her loving daughter, Paula Donnelly, who resides with her husband Kieran in Hopewell Junction. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brendan Donnelly and Brian Donnelly and his wife, Shanna. Eleanor will be greatly missed.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, June 20 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial followed in the family plot at All Faiths Cemetery, 67-29 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY.

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

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

Father John J. Corona



Father John J. Corona was born May 9, 1933, in Wappingers Falls and passed away in Carson City, Nevada on March 26, 2025. A 1955 graduate of Siena College, he received a BBA Degree. He served in the US Army from 1955 to 1957 and was subsequently employed by IBM for nine years.

Father John completed his Theological Studies at St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass. where he received a master's degree in theology. He was ordained May 8, 1971, at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls by Bishop Joseph Green of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas. Father John celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's the next day. From 1971 – 1977 he was first Associate and then Pastor of St. Christopher Catholic Church in North Las Vagas, Nevada. Father John served as Pastor of St. Gall

Catholic Church in Gardnerville, NV from 1977 – 1999. As Pastor, he led a growing Parish and was pivotal in constructing the new St Gall Church, offices, and pastoral center.

His parents, John and Emma Corona, and sisters Ann Corona Volino and Mary Myer, predeceased him. He is survived by his sister, Rose N. Viglotti, brother, Vincent J. Corona, brother-in-law, Warren Myer, and eleven nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was held at St. Gall Church on May 9, 2025. followed by the burial. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Wappingers Falls, on Friday, June 27th at 10:30 AM. Donations in Father John's name may be made to St. Gall Church, for the completion of Corona Hall,1343 Centerville Lane, Gardenville, NV 89410, or Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.

James Edward Sandford, Jr.



It is with profound sadness and enduring love that we announce the passing of James Edward Sandford, Jr., a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, veteran and lifelong public servant. James passed peacefully on June 15, 2025, leaving behind a legacy built on strength, compassion and community.

James served his country with honor in the United States Navy, stationed aboard the USS Saratoga from 1976 to 1980. His time in the Navy shaped his values of discipline, integrity and service – values he carried with him throughout his life.

After his military service, James continued to serve the public as a Correctional Officer, where he became

a powerful advocate for his fellow officers. He was the respected Union President of Council 82, fighting tirelessly for the rights, safety and dignity of those he represented. His leadership, integrity and voice left a lasting mark on all who stood beside him.

He was also a life member of the Beacon Engine Fire Company No. 1, always ready to answer the call and lend a helping hand to his neighbors. In addition, James cherished his community of friends at the St. Rocco's Social Organization, where he was a proud life member known for his loyalty, humor and warmth.

James is survived by his sons, James Sandford, III and Edward Sandford; his treasured grandsons, James Sandford, IV, Ian and Elias; his sister, Paula Merritt and her husband, Frank; several nieces and nephews. His family was the center of his world and his strength and love will live on in each of them.

James Edward Sandford, Jr. will be remembered not only for his years of service, but for the way he made people feel – safe, supported and loved. He lived with courage, led with heart and left behind a legacy of honor that will never be forgotten.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff in the ICU at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital for the care and support given to James and the family.

At James' request, funeral arrangements will be private for the family.

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

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

David A. Haines

David A. Haines, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2025. He was 86 years old.

David was born on October 1, 1938 in Baltimore, Maryland the son of the late Harry and Laura Law Haines. David was a Brother at St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor before leaving the order. His faith and belief never wavered and he was a dedicated and active parishioner of St. Mary Mother of the Church before his illness stopped him from attending. On October 3, 1976 he married the former Nancy Lupis who survives him.

David is survived by his wife, Nancy Haines, and his family including stepbrothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins and his friends. He was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer Lynn Haines in 2019.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 23 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Inurnment of his ashes followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill.

Memorial donations in memory of David may be made to either St. Mary's Church or the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor.

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Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley accepting applications for Rebuilding Day

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV) is accepting applications for their Rebuilding Day home repair and accessibility modification program. These services are provided at no cost to income qualified homeowners and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in a safe, warm, dry, and healthy home. The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2026 Rebuilding Day program is September 30.

Income qualified Dutchess and Ulster County homeowners are encouraged to apply. The Rebuilding Day program takes

a whole-house approach. Typical repairs can include replacing a roof or windows, addressing electrical or plumbing issues, fixing a porch, installing a ramp, bathroom accessibility modifications, and much more. By performing these types of repairs, RTHV helps ensure that homeowners can live in a safe and healthy home for as long as they wish.

Neighbors, friends, and family of those who have been served by the local non-profit all suggest and strongly encourage their fellow Dutchess and Ulster County residents to apply. A recent homeowner

exclaimed, "I can't thank you enough for all you do. Your kindness, empathy, and concern made it an even more incredible experience. I feel blessed to have been accepted into your program when at a time in my life it was desperately needed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" David, the son of a recent homeowner RTHV served said, "My father was amazed when everyone showed up on Rebuilding Day and was touched by the warmth of the volunteers. My dad hopes to never have to leave his home. The work performed will help with that goal by

keeping him safe, secure, and happy." Another homeowner told RTHV, "Thank you for the joy and hope that you have reignited in me. The compassion, the care and the power of working together to improve the world have had a profound impact on my home and for me. I am truly thankful for the work that you have done, I will never be able to thank you enough!"

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Artist Talk + Live Painting Experience in Hyde Park on June 26

Arts Mid-Hudson announces a special Artist Talk + Live Painting Experience with acclaimed Hudson Valley painter Tarryl Gabel, taking place on Thursday, June 26, from 4-6 p.m. at The Inn at Bellefield, 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park.

This event is part of a partnership between Arts Mid-Hudson and The Inn at Bellefield, a collaboration that features work by Arts Mid-Hudson member artists throughout the hotel. Guests are invited to hear directly from featured artist Tarryl Gabel as she shares insights into her creative process, artistic journey, and the influences behind

her richly detailed landscapes and Western-themed paintings. Following the talk, attendees will have the unique opportunity to witness a live painting demonstration, bringing the artist's vision to life in real time.

Her paintings are held in private and corporate collections across the U.S. and internationally.

This immersive event is free and open to the public. Whether you're an art enthusiast, student, or fellow creative, you're invited to experience the artistry of one of the Hudson Valley's most celebrated painters.

Memorial marker dedicated on Juneteenth



A new Memorial Marker was dedicated on Juneteenth in Poughkeepsie. The memorial marker was created by Celebrating The African Spirit and installed at Waryas Park near the skate park, according to City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. The marker highlights the history of the African descendants in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Pictured is Congressman Pat Ryan making remarks to the crowd.

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For more than 30 years, the BCT has been dedicated to restoring this historic and picturesque island, transforming it into a unique destination for all. Explore the island's structures, the Bannerman Residence Museum and stunning gardens with an experienced guide or venture out on your own on the scenic trails.

The adventure begins aboard the MV Estuary Steward from Beacon (adjacent to the Metro North Train Station), offering a 20–25-minute scenic cruise with breathtaking views of the Hudson River Highlands. Island tours, including travel, last just over two hours. Theater events, concerts, film nights, environmental programs, art shows and fundraising dinners are also scheduled throughout the season.

Bannerman Island Dinner events include the BCT's First Annual Burns Supper on Friday, July 25 - celebrating Scottish poet & lyricist Robert Burns (1759-1796) and the Bannerman family's Scottish Heritage. BCT's popular Annual Farm to Table Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 6th. Designed by Chef Noah Sheetz, the

dinner events will feature culinary delights in line with the dinner themes.

Theater on Bannerman Island will include Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's live performance of "Julius Caesar," September 11-13 and "Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker" by Jim Helsing featuring actor Duane Boutte, September 23-28.

Movie nights will feature Disney's "Coco" on July 5, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" starring Harrison Ford on July 11, "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" on August 8 and the classic films "Now Voyager" starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains on August 22 and Boris Karloff in the "Bride of Frankenstein" on Oct. 3.

BCT's upcoming Third Sunday Music Concerts feature Guitarist Tony DePaolo on July 29, Darrell Brown & Lil' Bones on August 17, Songwriter/Guitarist Jim Rezac on September 21 and Indie Folk Duo Whispering Tree on October 19. All concerts are free for all visitors taking 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. tours!

The BCT's Annual Plein Air Paint-Out & Photography Day for artists will take place on Friday, October 3. The event will be followed by an exhibition of the original works at the Howland Cultural Center in early 2026. An exhibi-



Bannerman Island Towers.

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tion featuring antiques, artifacts and artwork focusing on Bannerman Island and artwork at the BCT's Gallery located at 150 Main St. in Beacon.

Bannerman Island Tours are going on now through October. For a schedule of

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This week's answer

sudoku

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COUPE	AWE	TOTIE
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 132, Section 132-12G. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as

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cated at 1613 Route 9D and Tax Map Parcel No. 6055-01-242933 located at 1611 Route 9D consisting of 0.54 acres in the R-40 Zoning District such that 0.24 acres will be conveyed from Tax Map Parcel No. 6055-01-270926 to merge with Tax Map Parcel No. 6055-01-242933 to make the lot more conforming resulting in a 0.78 acre parcel.
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1. Baking ingredient
5. Accounting pro
8. Depletes
12. ____ reflection
13. Painter Chagall
14. Feeling of resentment
15. Member of Germany's NSDAP
16. ____ lily
17. Light shade of blue
18. *Summer thirst quencher
20. Same as tsar
21. Subside
22. Tierra ____ Fuego
23. Taken without consent
26. Even greener, as in fruit
30. Dot follower
31. Largest hot dessert
34. Australian palm
35. Evian, backwards
37. A in FANBOYS
38. *Like a lightning bug
39. Prima donna
40. *Midsummer's maypole dance, e.g.
42. *William Blake's "To Summer," e.g.
43. Any voting citizen
45. *Sun to ice cream
47. Feeling of veneration
48. Two-door
50. *Beach bag, usually
52. *Summer rays
55. Rock bottom
56. Altar location
57. Milk ____, candy
59. Small stream
60. Turned to the right, like a horse
61. Starchy tuber
62. *It's knee-high by the 4th of July
63. Ctrl and Delete partner
64. Type of tide

DOWN

1. * _____-kissed
2. Birthstone after sapphire
3. Nod off
4. Kind of instinct
5. Diamond weight unit
6. Bluenose
7. Climber's destination
8. *Intensely hot
9. Greenish blue
10. Make like a cat
11. "Monkey _____, monkey do"
13. Sometime in the future
14. Indianapolis basketball player
19. With BMI over 30
22. Piece of evidence, acr.
23. Type of probe
24. *Summer hiking path
25. Nose of a missile
26. Pakistani tongue
27. Sitcom trial
28. Lyric poem
29. Less experienced
32. *Boat _____, don't care!
33. *Uninvited picnic guest
36. *Break from summer routine
38. First in Hebrew alphabet
40. Fish eggs
41. Entertained
44. Twist plus jerk
46. City in Netherlands
48. Precious metal extraction cup
49. Early stages
50. #61 Across cousin
51. _____-Eaters
52. Literary genre
53. In the buff
54. Collection of Norse mythology
55. Oldest of the "Big Three" TV networks
58. Dip into liquid

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 14.

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by francine wizner

Observe a striking change
in the *potenz* of hydrogen



Bromothymol blue (BTB) in test tube before being exposed to CO2.



BTB in test tube with straw after being exposed to CO2.

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runs from 0 to 14, with pure water considered neutral at pH 7. Solutions with a pH below 7 are acidic, while those above 7 are basic. Changes from one unit to the next on the scale represent a tenfold difference in the concentration of hydrogen ions. Therefore, a solution with a pH of 3 is ten times more acidic than a solution with a pH of 4; a solution with a pH of 10 is one hundred times more basic than a solution with a pH of 8.

Indicators

Indicators change color when exposed to acidic or alkaline solutions. Perhaps you’ve used litmus paper to test swimming pool water, soil, cleaning products, or fermented foods like yogurt or kimchi. You might have also seen natural indicators like red cabbage, turmeric, hibiscus, and blueberries change color as a result of exposure to pH differences. Another indicator, bromothymol blue (BTB), is beneficial because of its obvious color changes. It transitions from yellow in acidic solutions to blue in basic solutions, making it ideal for detecting even slight pH shifts. That makes it particularly helpful for educational purposes.

Carbon dioxide: A waste product of cellular respiration

Cellular respiration is a process that our cells use to extract energy from sugar. Water and carbon dioxide are wastes from the process that we release when we exhale. During exercise, our cellular energy needs and waste production increase.

BTB displays an unmistakable change

BTB is inexpensive and reusable. The indicator is not toxic nor dangerous under normal laboratory conditions. However, direct contact with eyes or skin may cause mild irritation, and ingestion of large amounts could cause stomach upset. Therefore, proper handling practices, such as wearing eye protection and gloves, are important.

In the presence of acids (like carbon dioxide), BTB becomes more yellow. When oxygen is present, carbon dioxide levels are typically low, resulting in a more alkaline solution, which makes the BTB indicator turn blue. BTB is an ideal

indicator for investigations related to carbon dioxide.

Show that exercise increases the rate of cellular respiration

Ask those participating in this investigation to predict how BTB will react when exhaling into it both before and after exercise. To do the activity, participants need two test tubes (or glasses) each containing 10 ml (2 teaspoons) of BTB and a straw. A stopwatch can be shared.

This exploration can be performed in two timed rounds. In the first round, participants blow through their straw into the bottom of the first test tube. (They should be careful not to inhale.) Time how long it takes for the BTB to change color before exercise. In the second round, participants exercise vigorously (jog, jumping jacks, burpees, etc.) in place for one minute. They then use their straw to blow into the bottom of the second test tube, again being careful not to inhale. Compare the amount of time it took for the BTB to change color in the two rounds.

If this activity is being done in a classroom, students can display their data on a graph to analyze the trends. “Typical” data can be provided for smaller classes or students doing this as a home activity, so that they can graph a larger quantity of data points. Were the predictions made at the start of the activity correct? This quick lab is a great addition to a Cellular Energy Unit. Here is an organized write-up of this activity: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/EXERCISE-AND-CELLULAR-RESPIRATION-LAB-5107648> Here is a video showing the activity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzyzKjkxSFaY>

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