

Rhinebeck HS  
Day of Service  
fosters compassion,  
responsibility,  
community spirit

By Stacey vanden Thoon

It's been a while since an extensive opportunity was made possible for Rhinebeck High School students to participate in a Day of Service, but thankfully those days are over and done.

June 4 marked the reintroduction of the school's Day of Service sponsored by the Building Level Planning Team who organized a community wide service event that provided numerous opportunities for students to participate in that not only significantly impacted their community, but also resulted in the establishment of new friendships as well. Groups of students, along with their faculty chaperones, were assigned to various locations in the area where the work they completed gave proof to how tremendous an effect their actions and time can have on their world around them. This year's event was comprised of a myriad of opportunities including spring cleanup at several local houses of worship, the RCSD campus, Rhinebeck Village, the Rhinecliff Pollinator Garden, Camp Ramapo, the Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center, as well as assistance at the local food pantry.

"Making service part of the curriculum, and having the school create opportunities for interaction with the community and service helps students (and adults!) learn about the world around them, identify challenges and opportunities, allows them to work with people they might not ordinarily interact with, try new skills, nurture their generosity of spirit, and even have FUN!," said BLPT Member and parent of children in all three Rhinebeck schools

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Hildenbrand family's history of  
public service spans 200 years

Father's Day is about  
helping in Red Hook, Tivoli

By Curtis Schmidt

With a history of dedicated public service, the Hildenbrand family has stood strong as vital helpers in Red Hook and Tivoli for over 200 years.

Patrick and Marc Hildenbrand are the current team leaders.

The practice and sacrifice of helping others is all they know. Those values were instilled into them as children and they have carried on an amazing family tradition.

And as Father's Day 2024 approaches, they are not only honoring their dad, grandfathers, uncles and cousins, but their mother and grandmother as well.

"I just like to help people. If you are in danger or need help, I want to be there. It's like second nature," said Patrick Hildenbrand, who has been a member of the Village of Red Hook Police Department for 18-and-a-half years and is currently the Lt. Acting Chief of Police and volunteer fireman with the Tivoli Fire Department. He has been recognized with several life-saving awards, including one for the time in 2014 when he saved a child's life by actually performing CPR with one hand while driving to Northern

Dutchess Hospital.

Marc is a 30-year member of the Tivoli Fire Department. He has received several awards and as Fire chief, is currently leading a multi-million dollar capital campaign project to build a new Fire House.

"I think the reason my brother and I were naturally drawn to public service is because we have been around it our entire lives," said Patrick, noting that his father (Wayne), both grandfathers (George and Angelo), uncle (Tony), cousin Bobby and grandmother (Fran) all served many years with the Tivoli Fire Department and Tivoli Fire Rescue Squad.

"I'm not sure my dad or grandparents really had to say anything," said Patrick. "We watched them all work hard our entire lives. And not only the men - my mom, Kathy, was a school teacher who always pushed us to be the best in whatever we did."

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Patrick Hildenbrand, right, is pictured with his brother Marc, left, and father, Wayne. The Hildenbrand family has over 200 years of dedicated community service in Red Hook and Tivoli. Courtesy photo

Hyde Park in Bloom Garden Tour  
highlights passion for plants

By Kate Goldsmith



The Staatsburg Library's Sensory Pollinator Garden is one of the sites on the Hyde Park in Bloom Garden Tour, set this Saturday, June 15. Photo courtesy of the Staatsburg Library

Late spring and early summer can be a spectacular time for gardens in our region. On Saturday, June 15, those with a passion for plants can enjoy some local private gardens, and one public garden, during the Hyde Park in Bloom Garden Tour. It's a biennial event hosted by the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee (HPVEC) as a fundraiser for their beautification projects throughout the town.

Check in is from 9 to 10 a.m. at Regina Coeli School, 4337 Albany Post Road,

Hyde Park. The gardens are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$20 online at [www.hyde-parkvec.org](http://www.hyde-parkvec.org) or on the day at Regina Coeli School.

HPVEC Chairperson Cathy Lane said Hyde Park in Bloom has taken place every other year since 2004. She learned of the organization through the garden tour.

"I didn't even know what HPVEC was, but they approached us to be on one of the garden tours, I think in 2006 or 2008," she said. "That's how I became involved."

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# Hildenbrand family’s history of public service spans 200 years

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He recalls a defining time for him and Marc.

“It was Christmas Morning probably 25 years ago. My brother and I both being volunteer firemen at the time, heard a call go out for an auto accident with entrapment on West Kerley Corners Road in the Town of Red Hook. Marc and I cut (jaws of life) a woman out of a her car after she had hit a telephone pole. She was unconscious at the time and stayed in a coma for a few months, but ended up surviving the accident. I would see her around town year after year and she had no idea who we were, but we knew we had helped her.

“I think moments like that keep you dedicated to the profession. They keep you in training so that no matter what situation arises, we are ALWAYS ready. Marc and I – we have never been ‘unavailable,’ never not ready to help when needed. It’s just how we are programmed and that all comes from our parents and grandparents.”

In addition to Patrick and Marc, the Hildenbrand family of “helpers” includes the following:

• **Wayne Hildenbrand (Father)**

He served in the U.S Navy on the USS Hammerberg in the Mediterranean Sea. He has served 40-plus years with the Tivoli Fire Department and is still active, 31 years in the Town of Red Hook Highway Department and 17 years as elected Supervisor of Highways in the Town of Red Hook.

• **George Hildenbrand (Grandfather)**

He passed away two years ago at the age of 96. He was a World War II veteran and served as a gunner on the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-la off of the South Pacific Coast. After his death, he was given a proper Navy burial at sea off of the South Pacific Coast.

He served 50-plus years/life member

of the Tivoli Fire Department.

• **Angelo Staffiero (Grandfather)**

He was a World War II veteran and served 50-plus years as a volunteer fireman with the Tivoli Fire Department and dedicated so much of his life to the fire department. He retired from the NYS Department of Transportation.

• **Fran Staffiero (Grandmother, Angelo's wife)**

She was a founding member of the Tivoli Rescue Squad in 1972 and was a volunteer in emergency CPR and first aid instructor. She taught members of the fire company, as well as the community.

Virginia Labarbra of Tivoli, a founding member of the Tivoli Rescue Squad with Fran, commented to Patrick, "Your grandmother and grandfather were amazing and I am honored to have known them. When your grandmother was sick (breast cancer), she would teach people CPR and first aid from her bed and she took the time to help people who didn't understand as fast as others. They were amazing people."

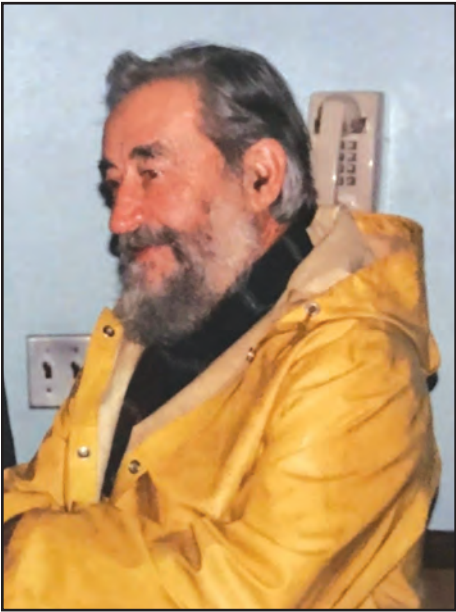
Looking back, Patrick said, "Throughout my career, I have always loved to help people. As I am near the end of my career now, I get asked if I will retire after my 20 years of service. The honest answer is - I'm not sure if I CAN leave. Being in this type of job and service is what has always driven me."

He added, "We saw the dedication our ancestors had - to family and hard work. Helping others is all we know, so it's easy to us. We have a long line of heroes that we are lucky enough to have followed and hopefully our own kids see the public service and the meaning of sacrifices to help others in the future."

And the future looks bright as Marc's two sons, Caleb and Cameron, are junior firemen in the Tivoli Fire Department.



Above, Patrick Hildenbrand, right is pictured at a Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce 40-Under-40 event. From left are his Dad, Wayne, brother Marc and Mom Kathy. Below are George Hildenbrand, left, a World War II veteran, who passed away two years ago at age 96. Below right is Angelo Staffiero, a World War II veteran who served 50-plus years with the Tivoli Fire Department. *Courtesy photos*



## Dutchess Land Conservancy gains funding through FPIG program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced last week that nearly \$33 million is being awarded to not-for-profit conservation organizations to protect a total of 12,356 acres of valuable farmland on 33 farms across the State through the Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) program. This is the third and final group of conservation easements funded through Round 19 of the program, which is helping to keep agricultural land in production, ensure the long-term viability of New York's farming operations, and strengthen New York's agricultural industry.

In Dutchess County - Dutchess Land Conservancy – Knapp Farm (cash crop

operation awarded under Viable Agricultural Land - Other category) was awarded \$679,462 for 145 acres with 78 percent productive soils.

Round 19 of the State's Farmland Protection program supports the State's top priorities – like food security, climate resiliency, and source water protection – and includes the agroforestry, equine, and wine sectors as eligible applicants. In addition, the eligibility criteria includes three newer categories: field crops, live-stock or livestock products, and access to farmland. Access to farmland is intended to help address ongoing challenges facing new and beginning farmers as well as retiring farmers in this area.

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## Saving Dad’s life earns ‘Firefighter of Year’ honor for Patrick Hildenbrand

By Curtis Schmidt

Patrick Hildenbrand was honored with the 2006 Firefighter of the Year award from the Tivoli Fire Company for saving the life of his father, Wayne, who had fallen 52 feet off of a cliff while the two of them saved three young children in rushing water at Tivoli Bays Park.

It happened during a sudden and driving rainstorm in the summer of 2006.

Patrick recounts the incident.

“A 911 call was dispatched to the Tivoli Fire Company. I was at my parents’ home at the time and we heard the fire pagers go off, so Dad and I jumped in the truck and responded to Kidd Lane/Tivoli Bays. Once we arrived on scene, there was someone by the road directing us to where the kids were trapped in the rising water. I took off running down the trail until I found them. I remember them being pretty far back in the woods. Once I found them, I went down the cliff and into the water after them. They were all hanging onto a large rock.

(By this time, his father, Wayne also arrived on the scene.)

“I put each kid one-by-one on my shoulders and scaled the cliff (three times) to the top. When I got to the last one, my Dad reached over to help get him because I was getting tired from going up and down. But the kid accidentally pulled him and he went head first off the cliff.

“When he hit the rocks as he flipped down the cliff, I thought he was dead. He was unconscious face-first in the water. I went back down the cliff as fast as possible and turned him over - securing his neck above the water to keep him from drowning. He was bleeding from his forehead.

“Once my brother, Marc, and the fire company members arrived on scene, they secured a pulley system with backboard to hoist him out of the ravine. They wanted to airlift him, but due to the major thunderstorms in the area, the helicopter wouldn’t fly, so we had to take him to the hospital in the rescue vehicle.”

Patrick’s father survived - and to this day, both are thankful that they have always been “ready and prepared to help.”

The 2006 Firefighter of the Year award from the Tivoli Fire Department honored Patrick Hildenbrand. *Courtesy photo*





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Braden Rhetts. "Telling kids that community service is important is good, but actually walking the walk and helping them DO service is far more meaningful. Service is a partnership and the benefits are mutual. The organization is benefiting from our volunteer time. We are benefiting because we – both students AND adults - are becoming strong community members and learning what it means to truly be a contributing resident of Rhinebeck – and the world."

Melissa Mincher, Science teacher and Day of Service Chaperone, worked with students at Camp Ramapo on a variety of projects to help get the camp up and running for the summer season of campers. "The students at Camp Ramapo spent the day preparing summer camp lodging areas, organizing equipment for lake swimming and boating, prepping garden beds, and caring for animals, including an 18-year-old pig and baby goats," said Mincher. "It was wonderful to see

the students working together, showing initiative and problem solving, and making connections with campers, staff, and peers."

The 2024 Day of Service event left such a positive lasting impression on the student participants, faculty chaperones, and community members, that plans are already in the works for future acts of service and community building events. "They all worked hard in hot weather, doing heavy lifting, dirty jobs, and getting well out of their comfort zones. Yet they had fun doing it! The positive feedback from students was incredible," said Rhetts. "When asked about how to improve for our future Days of Service, everyone stated they would make it mandatory so all students could have this experience, and do more than just one day for the school year. The sites we visited this year were so welcoming, and had many ideas of how we could collaborate going forward."

# Hyde Park in Bloom Garden Tour highlights passion for plants

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The Sensory Pollinator Garden at the Staatsburg Library was created with three grants received by the library, Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee and the Anderson Center for Autism. *Photo courtesy of the Staatsburg Library*

Committee members travel throughout the town to check out gardens. When they see one they really like, they ask the owner(s) if they'd like to participate in the tour. A few volunteer to be on the tour, but not many. Lane thinks it's because some people don't think their garden is good enough.

"I think it helps when they go on a garden tour and [they see their garden is tour-worthy]," she said. "Not since I've been involved have we had to reject a garden."

Lane's garden has been on three tours, so she knows about the stress of presenting one's garden to the public, but also the pride that garden owners take in their hard work.

During the tour, HPVEC volunteers will be at each site to answer questions. "It's always a lot of fun," Lane said.

Hyde Park in Bloom always features one public garden. In the past these have included Beatrix Farrand's garden at Bellefield and one at The Culinary Institute. This year's offering is the Sensory Pollinator Garden at the Staatsburg Library, 70 Old Post Road, Staatsburg. The garden is a collaborative project by HPVEC, the library and the Anderson Center for Autism, made possible through grants each organization received.

"We were proud to work with HPVEC and the Anderson Center to create a space

for locals and visitors to the library grounds to explore the wonders of nature in an inclusive, accessible space," said Lorraine Rothman, director of the Staatsburg Library. "The whole experience has been joyful, from releasing monarch butterflies with our preschoolers, to planting seeds with our all-abilities program participants, to seeing neighbors admire the new blooms on the native pollinator plants and watching birds enjoying our birtbath."

"[Creating the garden] was a really good experience," Lane said. "It has sensory elements in it, a real teaching garden. It's a small garden, but there's a lot to say about it. We're hoping people can take away some of the sensory aspects and take that home."

Proceeds from Hyde Park in Bloom go "right back into the community," said Lane. HPVEC projects include planting trees and creating pocket gardens, maintaining planters along Route 9, and picking up litter along the Route 9 and Route 9G corridors. Educational outreach includes historical displays about the New Guinea settlement in Hyde Park, creating pollinator gardens and more.

Volunteers are always needed; visit <https://www.hydeparkvec.org/> for additional information.

"We are a fun group; we don't take ourselves too seriously. We just welcome everybody," said Lane.

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Barrett is a strong leader in State Assembly

To the editor:  
I am writing in support of Didi Barrett’s re-election to the New York State Assembly. I am in my third term as Supervisor of the Town of Stanford, and Assemblywoman Barrett has been actively involved in not only supporting our community, but in supporting her entire State Assembly District. Didi has aided our town financially in many ways. She secured \$247,000 for the Stanford Fire District for an ATV and new fire-fighting equipment. She secured \$125,000 for our Recreation Department to resurface our derelict tennis courts. She helped the Town of Stanford secure a grant of \$274,000 to renovate our extraordinary SPARC Park. Equally if not more important, are the ways that Assemblywoman Barrett has advocated for our entire district. A longtime environmentalist, she passed the nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), and led the fight to stop oil barges from docking on our beautiful Hudson River. As a lifelong advocate for women and girls, and a former Planned Parenthood board member, Didi passed the Reproductive Health Act to codify a woman’s right to choose in the New York State Constitution. She passed the Equal Rights Amendment, which increased access to contraception and protections for providers and patients who receive reproductive healthcare. A champion of local agriculture, she passed pioneering Regenerative Agriculture legislation and helped protect Hudson Valley farmland. Didi has consistently voted to raise the minimum wage, and ensured its continued growth by tying it to inflation. As former Chair of the Assembly’s Veterans Affairs Committee, she helped create the first executive level Department of Veterans Affairs in New York State. For these and many other reasons, I voice my full support of re-electing Assemblywoman Didi Barrett to Assembly District 106.

Wendy Burton  
Supervisor, Town of Stanford

Pre-registration June 17 for  
ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness  
& Field Day at Bowdoin Park

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites residents of all ages and abilities to the 4th annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness & Field Day at Dutchess County’s Bowdoin Park on Thursday, June 27 starting at 11 a.m. This free event includes many interactive vendors, fitness activities and attractions that highlight health and nutrition for people of every ability. All attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch and go home with a medal for participating in the day’s events. Advance registration is required by June 17 for this rain-or-shine event and can be completed at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/TDFieldDay>. Serino said, “Dutchess County’s 4th Annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness & Field Day will be a day of fun for residents of every ability at one of our great Dutchess County parks! It is also a chance to meet local service providers to learn about resources and supports. It is a wonderful day to celebrate Dutchess County’s commitment to be an inclusive community that continues to ThinkDIFFERENTLY.”

In addition to fitness and health activities, representatives from several County departments and community partners, will be on site to provide families with important information about programs and services available for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Dutchess County. The diverse offering of vendors will offer interactive experiences such as exercise programs, games including disc golf and a home run derby, various arts and crafts, live animals for attendees to interact with from local agricultural organizations. Dutchess County All Abilities Program Director Dana Hopkins said, “Our ThinkDIFFERENTLY team truly enjoys all our partners coming together with new and creative activities and ideas. Fitness & Field Day is a day of fun for people of all ages and abilities, and the idea has spread to our neighboring

counties, such as Columbia and Rockland counties, which are holding their own ThinkDIFFERENTLY fun days.” The Fitness & Field Day is one of the many ThinkDIFFERENTLY events Dutchess County hosts. To learn more about the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, including inclusive events and opportunities, visit <https://www.thinkdifferently.net/>. Bowdoin Park is located at 85 Sheafe Road in Poughkeepsie; ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness & Field Day will take place at the park’s lower soccer fields, near Pavilion 1. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the park’s many amenities, including the refreshing splash pad, following the free event. For more information on the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness & Field Day contact Mara Santiago at 845-486-3568 or [xsantiago@dutchessny.gov](mailto:xsantiago@dutchessny.gov).

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Tickets, which sell out in advance of the event every year, are on sale now at [walkway.org/fireworks](http://walkway.org/fireworks).

Walkway members, seniors, and veterans can purchase tickets for \$20, while the public is invited to attend for \$25. Children under 12 are free, however they must be registered at [walkway.org/fireworks](http://walkway.org/fireworks) and valid passes are required. Every guest entering the park after 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, including children, must have a ticket for admittance. To limit crowding both on-bridge and at the entrances, attendees will be asked to choose which side of the park they will arrive when purchasing tickets. All proceeds support the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization and its mission to host community programming, add amenities to Walkway Over the Hudson, and more.

“There’s no better location to celebrate Fourth of July, and see an incredible professional fireworks display in the Hudson Valley than Walkway Over the Hudson,” said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway. “We’re pleased to continue this wonderful annual tradition of opening the bridge to family, friends, and the entire community.”

On Thursday, July 4, Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park will begin closing procedures at 5 p.m. for setup and safety preparations. It will reopen at 7 p.m. to event ticket holders only. The fireworks display will begin between 9-9:30 p.m. The Walkway begins closing procedures immediately following the conclusion of the event.

If the event is postponed due to severe weather, the fireworks will launch on Friday, July 5. Notification will occur via [walkway.org](http://walkway.org) and the Walkway’s social media channels.

Please note that tickets have sold out in all previous years. No tickets will be available for purchase on-site at the event.

# DC Fairgrounds unveils redesigned website, logo



The Dutchess County Fair has updated their online look with the launch of its newly designed website and logo. The Dutchess County Fair is held annually, runs for 6 days, and hosts a myriad of food, animals, and some of the best entertainment in the Hudson Valley.

The goal was to create something that is nostalgic and offers the ultimate user-friendly experience. The uncluttered design allows for easy access, improved functionality and up-to-date information on the Fair and other events held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Fairgrounds said “ColorPage of Kingston NY was chosen to help with the website re-design and logo. The new logo reflects some of the iconic images in farming and Fair life. The agricultural

representations were especially important to who we are as an Agricultural Society. We are very pleased with the work they have done.”

The new website is live now and is located at [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com).

“For four generations, my family has enjoyed the Dutchess County Fair, making this collaboration exceptionally meaningful. Working with the Fair’s management team, we have aligned the Fair’s brand and online presence with the remarkable events and sights that attendees experience,” said Frank Campagna, owner of ColorPage.

The 178th Dutchess County Fair will take place August 20-25. Tickets for admission, carnival rides, concerts and other special events can be purchased at [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com).

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|                             | Hudson Valley NYY |  |  |  |  | 29 | 27 | .518 | 2.5  | 5-5 | W1   |
|                             | Aberdeen BAL      |  |  |  |  | 29 | 28 | .509 | 3.0  | 5-5 | W2   |
|                             | Wilmington WSH    |  |  |  |  | 27 | 30 | .474 | 5.0  | 5-5 | L1   |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH |                   |  |  |  |  | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
|                             | Rome ATL          |  |  |  |  | 31 | 24 | .564 | -    | 6-4 | L1   |
|                             | Bowling Green TB  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 26 | .544 | 1.0  | 5-5 | W2   |
|                             | Winston-Salem CWS |  |  |  |  | 28 | 29 | .491 | 4.0  | 6-4 | W1   |
|                             | Hickory TEX       |  |  |  |  | 25 | 32 | .439 | 7.0  | 6-4 | L1   |
|                             | Asheville HOU     |  |  |  |  | 24 | 31 | .436 | 7.0  | 4-6 | L2   |
|                             | Greenville BOS    |  |  |  |  | 22 | 35 | .386 | 10.0 | 2-8 | W1   |



## RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

# Doubleheader action and strong out of the bullpen

By Rich Thomaselli

**DAILY DOUBLE:** Hudson Valley has had four doubleheaders scheduled this year, the most in the minor leagues.

**CONSISTENCY:** Baron Stuart continued his strong stretch of pitching on Wednesday at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington, going 5-plus innings for the fourth consecutive start. He allowed just two runs on three hits in five innings, while striking out five. The Renegades right-hander has been charged with just eight earned runs in his last 23.1 innings.

**DIVISION RACE:** The South Atlantic League North division continues to be very closely contested, with 4.5 games separating the top five teams. Hudson Valley as of June 7 was just a half game back of Jersey Shore

and Brooklyn and four games back of first-place Greensboro.

**THE 'PEN IS MIGHTIER:** The Renegades bullpen collectively sports a 3.00 ERA (72 ER/215.2 IP) this season, the best mark in High-A and sixth-best in MiLB.

**STELLAR STARTERS:** Starting pitching continues to be excellent for the Renegades. In the team's last seven games as of Fridat, all seven starters went at least five innings, striking out 33 batters in 39 innings. Each pitcher has also allowed three earned runs or fewer in their outings. On Tuesday at Wilmington, Jackson Fristoe tossed a career-high six innings, allowing just two hits and no runs. In his last two starts, Fristoe has not allowed a run and has been charged with just two hits across nine innings.

## FREE CLINIC SET JUNE 15

Play ball!

Ever wish you could start your major league journey by learning how to hit like a Hudson Valley Renegade? Now you can.

The Renegades are hosting a free clinic on Saturday, June 15, at Heritage Financial Park in Fishkill. It is part of a nationwide effort known as Play Ball Weekend.

Participants will rotate through batting practice and on-field drills.

The clinic will take place starting at 10:30 a.m. It is open to children ages 8 to 13 but space is limited, so register now at 845-838-0094. The clinic is free and open to the public and every participant will also receive a free T-shirt.



| Players Statistics    |      |    |     |      |    |    |    |     |     |     |      |    |    |       |       |       |       |  |
|-----------------------|------|----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| PLAYER                | TEAM | G  | AB  | R    | H  | 2B | 3B | HR  | RBI | BB  | SO   | SB | CS | AVG   | OBP   | SLG   | OPS   |  |
| 1 JaredSerna SS       | HV   | 55 | 215 | 42   | 57 | 17 | 0  | 11  | 44  | 33  | 45   | 7  | 6  | 0.265 | 0.367 | 0.498 | 0.865 |  |
| 2 OmarMartinez C      | HV   | 44 | 152 | 20   | 35 | 6  | 1  | 6   | 18  | 37  | 41   | 0  | 0  | 0.23  | 0.385 | 0.401 | 0.786 |  |
| 3 JaceAvina CF        | HV   | 44 | 172 | 24   | 47 | 15 | 0  | 5   | 26  | 20  | 53   | 4  | 1  | 0.273 | 0.36  | 0.448 | 0.808 |  |
| 3 JesusRodriguez C    | HV   | 53 | 198 | 35   | 65 | 14 | 3  | 5   | 29  | 29  | 30   | 7  | 3  | 0.328 | 0.413 | 0.505 | 0.918 |  |
| 5 RafaelFlores 1B     | HV   | 44 | 149 | 19   | 47 | 15 | 0  | 4   | 30  | 26  | 38   | 2  | 1  | 0.315 | 0.418 | 0.497 | 0.915 |  |
| 5 KikoRomero 3B       | HV   | 32 | 96  | 15   | 22 | 5  | 0  | 4   | 14  | 19  | 43   | 4  | 1  | 0.229 | 0.378 | 0.406 | 0.784 |  |
| 7 GarrettMartin LF    | HV   | 27 | 87  | 14   | 16 | 5  | 1  | 2   | 14  | 7   | 32   | 6  | 1  | 0.184 | 0.29  | 0.333 | 0.623 |  |
| 7 RocRiggio 2B        | HV   | 40 | 150 | 31   | 32 | 7  | 3  | 2   | 14  | 29  | 32   | 8  | 2  | 0.213 | 0.357 | 0.34  | 0.697 |  |
| 9 KyleBattle LF       | HV   | 21 | 46  | 14   | 8  | 1  | 1  | 1   | 5   | 9   | 23   | 5  | 0  | 0.174 | 0.316 | 0.304 | 0.62  |  |
| 9 TylerHardman DH     | HV   | 14 | 53  | 6    | 10 | 2  | 0  | 1   | 7   | 4   | 25   | 1  | 0  | 0.189 | 0.241 | 0.283 | 0.524 |  |
| 9 JoshMoylan 1B       | HV   | 41 | 135 | 19   | 32 | 4  | 1  | 1   | 13  | 28  | 38   | 0  | 1  | 0.237 | 0.371 | 0.304 | 0.675 |  |
| 12 BeauBrewer 2B      | HV   | 22 | 59  | 6    | 14 | 3  | 0  | 0   | 4   | 7   | 15   | 0  | 0  | 0.237 | 0.318 | 0.288 | 0.606 |  |
| 12 JuanCrisp P        | HV   | 2  | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |  |
| 12 ColeGabrielson RF  | HV   | 34 | 103 | 18   | 21 | 8  | 1  | 0   | 8   | 17  | 29   | 5  | 2  | 0.204 | 0.357 | 0.301 | 0.658 |  |
| 12 AnthonyHall RF     | HV   | 11 | 33  | 3    | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 9   | 13   | 1  | 0  | 0.091 | 0.286 | 0.091 | 0.377 |  |
| 12 DJLeMahieu 3B      | HV   | 2  | 7   | 1    | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0.286 | 0.286 | 0.429 | 0.715 |  |
| 12 NelsonMedina CF    | HV   | 35 | 114 | 9    | 16 | 2  | 0  | 0   | 14  | 13  | 59   | 7  | 0  | 0.14  | 0.233 | 0.158 | 0.391 |  |
| 12 AlexanderVargas SS | HV   | 5  | 15  | 1    | 3  | 1  | 1  | 0   | 5   | 3   | 1    | 1  | 1  | 0.2   | 0.316 | 0.4   | 0.716 |  |
| 12 JorbitVivas 2B     | HV   | 4  | 16  | 4    | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 5   | 2   | 3    | 0  | 0  | 0.313 | 0.389 | 0.375 | 0.764 |  |
| Pitcher Statistics    |      |    |     |      |    |    |    |     |     |     |      |    |    |       |       |       |       |  |
| PLAYER                | TEAM | W  | L   | ERA  | G  | GS | CG | SHO | SV  | SVO | IP   | H  | R  | ER    | HR    | HIB   | BB    |  |
| 1 CamSchlittler P     | HV   | 3  | 2   | 2.15 | 10 | 10 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 50.1 | 26 | 19 | 12    | 5     | 3     | 25    |  |
| 2 BenShields P        | HV   | 2  | 2   | 3.11 | 11 | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 37.2 | 28 | 15 | 13    | 3     | 2     | 7     |  |
| 3 SebastianKeane P    | HV   | 4  | 4   | 4.86 | 10 | 10 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 46.1 | 46 | 26 | 25    | 3     | 4     | 25    |  |
| 4 ColeAyers P         | HV   | 1  | 2   | 1.87 | 20 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 3   | 4   | 33.2 | 23 | 10 | 7     | 1     | 2     | 8     |  |
| 5 TrentSellers P      | HV   | 5  | 2   | 2.64 | 14 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 2   | 30.2 | 20 | 15 | 9     | 2     | 0     | 17    |  |
| 6 MattKeating P       | HV   | 0  | 1   | 3.24 | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 3   | 33.1 | 21 | 13 | 12    | 3     | 0     | 13    |  |
| 7 KyleCarr P          | HV   | 0  | 3   | 6.8  | 10 | 10 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 41   | 49 | 39 | 31    | 3     | 2     | 31    |  |
| 8 JacksonFristoe P    | HV   | 1  | 2   | 3.72 | 9  | 9  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 29   | 20 | 13 | 12    | 1     | 1     | 21    |  |
| 9 JoelValdez P        | HV   | 1  | 0   | 2.93 | 15 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 3   | 27.2 | 18 | 9  | 9     | 1     | 2     | 11    |  |
| 10 LuisArejula P      | HV   | 3  | 3   | 3.91 | 13 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 4   | 23   | 20 | 13 | 10    | 1     | 1     | 15    |  |
| 10 MasonVinyard P     | HV   | 2  | 0   | 2.76 | 9  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 16.1 | 11 | 10 | 5     | 2     | 1     | 6     |  |
| 12 BaronStuart P      | HV   | 3  | 1   | 4.19 | 7  | 7  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 34.1 | 32 | 17 | 16    | 1     | 2     | 17    |  |
| 13 HuestonMorrill P   | HV   | 1  | 2   | 5.51 | 12 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 2   | 16.1 | 18 | 13 | 10    | 4     | 2     | 5     |  |
| 14 BrianHendry P      | HV   | 1  | 0   | 0    | 3  | 3  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 11   | 5  | 2  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 6     |  |
| 14 LeonardoPestana P  | HV   | 1  | 0   | 1.86 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 9.2  | 1  | 2  | 2     | 0     | 0     | 5     |  |
| 16 GeoffreyGilbert P  | HV   | 0  | 0   | 0    | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 2   | 7    | 1  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     |  |
| 17 YorlinCalderon P   | HV   | 0  | 0   | 2.84 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6.1  | 4  | 3  | 2     | 0     | 1     | 2     |  |
| 17 StevenFulgencio P  | HV   | 1  | 1   | 4.15 | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 8.2  | 7  | 7  | 4     | 0     | 2     | 6     |  |
| 19 BlaneAbeyta P      | HV   | 0  | 1   | 3.6  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5    | 4  | 4  | 2     | 0     | 0     | 1     |  |
| 20 McKinleyMoore P    | HV   | 0  | 0   | 0    | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     |  |
| 20 BryceWarrecker P   | HV   | 0  | 0   | 3.86 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2.1  | 3  | 1  | 1     | 0     | 0     | 2     |  |
| 22 JuanCrisp C        | HV   | 0  | 0   | 0    | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.1  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |  |
| 22 JoshGrosz P        | HV   | 0  | 1   | 13.5 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3.1  | 6  | 7  | 5     | 2     | 0     | 6     |  |





## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Rain storms dominate as Renegades grab key victories over Blue Rocks

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades not only had to dodge the opposing team, but rain storms as well last week.

Inclement weather was the dominant theme of the Renegades' series in Wilmington.

It necessitated the scheduling of three doubleheaders, one of which was cut short by a game because, you guessed it, the rain.

Lifted by several strong offensive performances and a season-high 17 strikeouts by four pitchers, the Renegades defeated the Blue Rocks 8-2 on Sunday afternoon at Frawley Stadium. The win moves the Renegades to 2.5 games out of first place with nine games remaining in the first half of the South Atlantic League season. The Renegades are home at Heritage Financial Park this week with a six-game series against the Brooklyn Cyclones.

In the third twinbill of the rare eight-game series, the Renegades split a doubleheader with the Blue Rocks on Saturday night at Frawley Stadium. The Renegades took game one 4-0 on a combined one-hitter, and fell in game two, 4-2.

Ben Shields was masterful for the Renegades in the opener, shutting down the Blue Rocks across 6.0 scoreless innings. He allowed only one hit, a two-out single to Matt Suggs in the bottom of the fifth, while walking three and tying his career-high with eight strikeouts.

Shields (2-2) threw his second consecutive quality start, and combined between his last two outings has thrown 12.0 innings, allowing three runs on six hits, three walks and 13 strikeouts. He combined with McKinley Moore to complete a one-hit shutout of Wilmington, the fifth shutout thrown this year by Hudson Valley, and the second one-hitter.

The Renegades took the lead in the top of the fourth when Beau Brewer ripped a two-run double to left-center off Bryan Caceres (0-5) to chase Josh Moylan and Nelson Medina home. Medina had a breakout game at the plate, finishing 2-for-2 with a run scored and a walk, ending an 0-for-28 skid with a key performance. Hudson Valley tacked on two more in the top of the seventh when Jared Serna doubled and scored on a Jesus Rodriguez triple, and Rodriguez dashed home during the next at-bat on a wild pitch by Chance Huff.

Blane Abeyta got the start for the Renegades in game two, and allowed three runs on three hits in the bottom of the second to allow the Blue Rocks to take a 3-0 lead. Wilmington added another on a sacrifice fly in the third to take a 4-0 advantage, but Hudson Valley pitching was perfect after that.

Behind an outstanding pitching performance by Jackson Fristoe and four homeruns, the Renegades blasted the Blue Rocks, 10-2 on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday the Renegades defeated the Blue Rocks 4-2 in game one of their scheduled doubleheader at Frawley Stadium in a game called due to inclement weather in the top of the seventh. The nightcap was postponed due to inclement weather. Baron Stuart delivered a strong start for the Renegades in the first game of the scheduled twinbill, allowing two runs on three hits across 5.0 innings, while walking three and striking out five. Stuart (3-1) picked up a win in his fourth straight start, including one in a spot start with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

The Blue Rocks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second when TJ White brought in Will Frizzell with a sacrifice fly, and Gavin Dugas scored on a balk by Stuart. The Renegades struck back with a run in the top of the third against Luke Young. Beau



Jared Serna had another strong week at the plate for the Renegades with three doubles and knocking in a pair of runs. Photo by Dave Janosz

Brewer led off the inning with a single and came home to score two batters later on a Jared Serna RBI double to cut the deficit to 2-1. Hudson Valley took the lead in the top of the fifth when Rafael Flores blasted a two-out, two-run double to right-center off Thomas Schultz to put the Renegades in front 3-2. Flores finished 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and extended his hitting streak to 10

consecutive games. Serna extended the lead to 4-2 by driving in pinch runner Roc Riggio with a single in the top of the seventh before rain began to fall and the game entered a delay. Serna finished 3-for-4 with a run scored, a double, and two RBIs.

Hudson Valley split another double header on Thursday and lost a single game on Friday night.

## GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

# Handling the inclement weather and welcoming new players

*Editor's note: Each week, writer Rich Thomaselli and Hudson Valley Renegades General Manager Zach Betkowski sit down to talk about the Renegades in particular and minor league baseball in general.*

**You have had a bout with inclement weather. How difficult is that?**

Yeah. So usually our communication system is just transparent with the weather. I always note to both field staffs and umpires that I am not a meteorologist. I'm simply just looking at radars that predict whether much like meteorologists will do. And I'll just show them exactly what I've seen. And, in a lot of cases, we'll just take it hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute. And we just agree to transpar-

ent with one another and not try to jeopardize player safety and player development, because ultimately those things are first and foremost. We don't want anyone getting hurt. But, we have a responsibility to run our business and fans that are attending our games expect to see baseball. So we want to be fair to both parties.

**When a new player joins the Renegades, what do you and your team have to do?**

The Yankees have staff here that will welcome them. We have a clubhouse manager who has been with the team now for five-plus years that takes great care of them when they arrive at the clubhouse facilities. And then, we also integrate them into the Renegades culture and

experience. We'll kind of just see if they want to provide a headshot, if they have preferred walk-up music, and then just, you know, show them and answer any questions they may have.

**Does it give you a sense of pride or satisfaction to see someone who played for the Renegades make it to the Major Leagues?**

There are a lot of players over the years that you develop a relationship with and become fan favorites. It's really cool to be able to see that and to say, 'I knew them when...' I believe we have a few of those guys this year. They are great clubhouse guys and have the potential to crack a Major League roster. You always root for those kinds of players.



# The American Heart Association celebrates 100 years

The CEO of the American Heart Association, Nancy Brown, says that on June 10, 1924, a spark ignited the torch that the American Heart Association proudly carries today. It's a reference to the widely recognized logo of the Association, which features a torch.

On that day in 1924, six physicians formed the American Heart Association as a scientific society by electing a board of directors and officers. The society grew out of meetings of physician and social workers who had begun to seek answers about heart disease in 1915, shortly before heart disease became the No. 1 cause of death in the U.S.

In this Centennial year, the American Heart Association is celebrating accomplishments that have cut deaths from heart disease in the U.S. in half.

That accomplishment has happened in large part due to the scientific reach, public policies and public awareness raised by the Association.

As the Association has evolved, it has kept science at its core, investing \$5.7 billion in research in its lifetime. The Association has funded 15 Nobel prize winners, including 10 whose Heart Association-funded work led to the Nobel prize.

This means that if you have a stent, take medication to improve your blood pressure or cholesterol, or have had cardiac or brain surgery, the American Heart Association has likely helped you. Research today extends to precision medicine, figuring out what makes people respond differently to treatments and medication. The American Heart Association will also continue to study the link between COVID and cardiovascular disease.

When Damar Hamlin of the Buffalo Bills collapsed on the football field in early January 2023, CPR saved his life. The American Heart Association's science created and continues to refine CPR. Today, creating a Nation of Lifesavers is a top priority for the Association, as CPR is taught throughout communities. Passage of the CPR in Schools Law in New York in 2015 means that everyone who graduates from a New York high school knows Hands-only CPR, so that more people are ready to change the sta-

tistic that only 10 percent of people who suffer a sudden cardiac arrest survive.

Other legislative accomplishments include the Pulse Ox law, which requires that blood oxygen levels be tested in newborns before they leave the hospital, and the Clean Indoor Air Act, banning tobacco use inside.

Ending health disparities is a priority of the Association, as study after study shows that health and treatment outcomes are often worse in under-resourced communities.

Each year, thousands of people join the American Heart Association's events, like the Hudson Valley Heart Walk on the Walkway Over the Hudson, and the Go Red for Women Luncheon. Survivors share their stories and raise awareness that heart disease and stroke can happen to anyone. Information about heart disease and stroke is also readily available at events, as are health screenings.

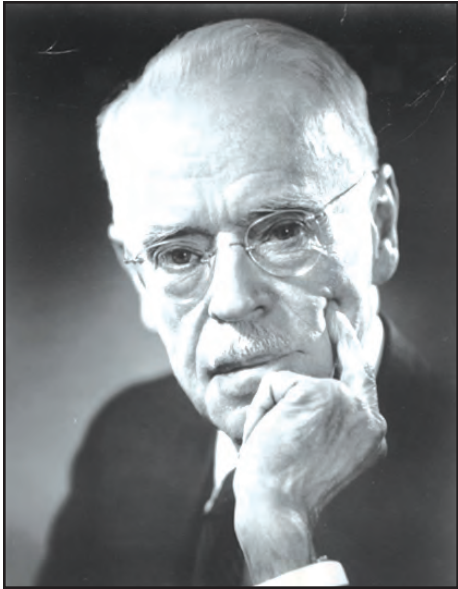
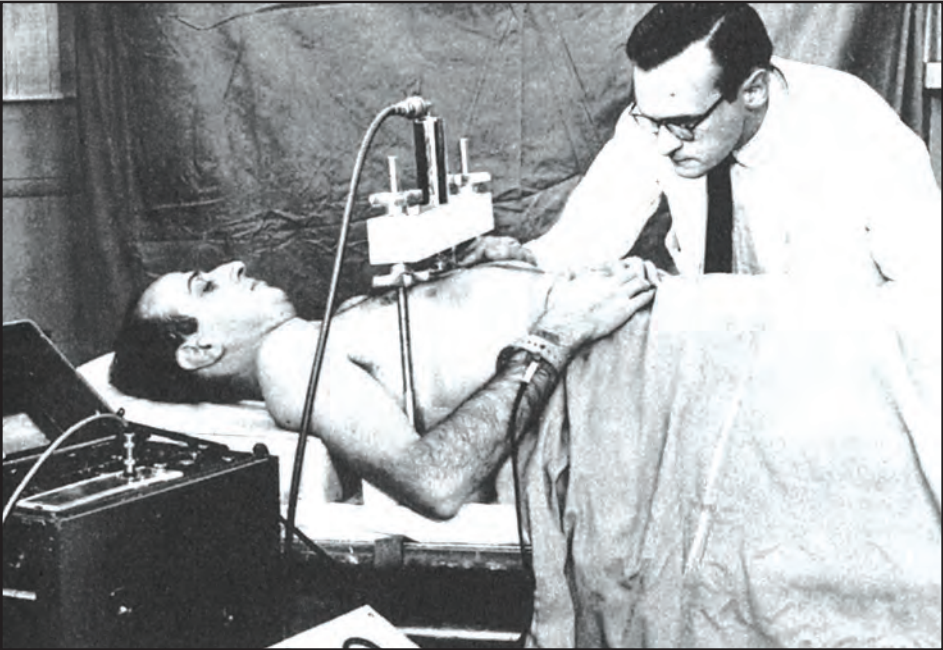
Children participate in the Kids Heart Challenge at their schools, raising money while learning about a healthy lifestyle.

The Get with the Guidelines program provides measurements that hospitals can use to provide the best outcome for patients with cardiac issues.

Volunteers are essential to the work of the American Heart Association. Susan Browning, president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center and western regional president of Nuvance Health, is chairing the 2024 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Luncheon on Nov. 14 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie.

"We realize that the work is not yet finished," said Susan Browning, president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center and western regional president of Nuvance Health, and chair of the 2024 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Luncheon. "The American Heart Association is encouraging every individual, company, school and community to unite in changing the future of health — not only for ourselves but for our loved ones and the places we live, work and play. Today and every day, we can improve health and inspire hope for the future everyone deserves."

For information about the American Heart Association and its work, visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).



From top: Blue Baby and Hyperbaric Surgery; the first CPR machine; Paul Dudley White, founder, American Heart Association; and Susan Browning, president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center and western regional president of Nuvance Health, and chair of the 2024 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Luncheon. *Courtesy photos*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stanford Fire Co. to hold golf touney June 14

Stanford Fire Company's annual golf outing is coming to James Baird State Park on Friday, June 14. The event is an opportunity for food, fun, friendship, and fundraising. Pick up a registration flyer at the Stanford Free Library any time they are open or at the Firehouse any Monday evening.

For more information, contact Will Moriarty at (845) 489-2825 or wmoriarty39@optonline.net.

Strawberry Festival take-out dinner set June 15

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 15, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m. Dinners will be Take Out only. The menu will include traditional picnic fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs (let us know which one you would like!), potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, and homemade strawberry shortcake for dessert made with hand-picked local strawberries and homemade ice cream and biscuits. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations (which are a must as we will run out of dinners), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Extrication demo set June 15 at East Clinton firehouse

The East Clinton Fire Department at 9 Firehouse Lane will hold an Extrication Demonstration on Saturday, June 15, at 10 am. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Don Estes at (845) 266-5485.

Bear Creek Farmers Market set June 15

Join us for a delightful day at the Bear Creek Farm Farmers Market on Saturday, June 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Herbs are in peak season, promising fresh and flavorful additions to your kitchen. Enjoy delicious offerings from the fabulous Eishumaru, dumpling and ramen truck, while being entertained by talented magician Monty and the cutest live baby goats. The market is at 108 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall.

Explore some of Clinton's

historic landmarks on June 15 driving tour

Join the Clinton Historical Society's self-guided Historic Landmarks Driving Tour on Saturday, June 15. Docents posted at 12 landmark Clinton properties will offer exterior tours and historical information from 11a.m. to 3 p.m., followed by an After-Party in the gardens at Mole Manor.

The tour takes participants at their own pace through the hamlets of Clinton Corners, Schultsville, Hibernia, and to visit old farm and mill houses nearby.

Registration and tour maps may be obtained at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners beginning at 11 a.m. Registration is \$50 for Clinton Historical Society members, \$60 for non-members, and \$40 for Garden After-Party only. Free for kids 12 and younger. For more information and to register in advance for a 5% discount, visit the CHS website: <https://clintonhistoricalsociety.org/2024-driving-tour-registration/>.

Stanford Market Day June 15

Stanford Market Day is a town-wide event set Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It combines the town's 4th annual community-wide yard sale with the Lion's Club Flea Market & Bear Creek's Farmers Market to create a mega-market day that is sure to have something fun for everyone. Co-Sponsored by the Stanford Business Association & The Lion's Club.

Raise the Tank fundraiser set June 15

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will hold its Pull the Tank fundraiser on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m., to raise critical funds to support Mission United, a program dedicated to assisting veterans and military families in the community. For more information and to register for Pull the Tank, visit [www.uwdor.org/pullthetank](http://www.uwdor.org/pullthetank).

Vanderbilt Garden Association to offer tours

Beginning on Sunday, June 15 and every third Sunday of the month thereafter through and including Sunday, Sept. 21, Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on the 40th anniversary of the F.W. Vanderbilt Association, the Vanderbilt ownership and the mission of the not-for-profit Vanderbilt Garden Association to r litate and maintain the plants, shrub-sand trees within the formal gardens as they were in the 1930s just prior to Frederick Vanderbilt's death in 1938. For further information, e-mail [info@vanderbilt-garden.org](mailto:info@vanderbilt-garden.org) or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Repair Cafes set in Stanford

The Stanford Free Library will host Repair Cafes on July 6 and Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, toys and more to be repaired, instead of throwing them away. The cost is a voluntary donation. The library is at 6035 Route 82 in Stanfordville. Visit [repaircafe.org](http://repaircafe.org) for more information.

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Superhero Challenge/5K raises over \$100K for Sparrow's Nest



Above, participants honor officer Daniel DiDato of the East Fishkill Police Department at the Superhero Challenge/5K at Barton Orchards on June 1. Below "Superheroes" take part in the 5K run. *Courtesy photos*



The Superhero Challenge/5K at Barton Orchards on June 1 was an incredible day to Support Sparrow's Nest charity.

Sparrows' Nest also would like to give a huge thank you to Barton Orchards, who generously donated their beautiful property and helped make sure the day was flawless.

The Superhero Challenge/5K raised over \$100,000, which will help feed over 100 families facing a cancer diagnosis for many weeks to come.

The weather was picture perfect, the crowd was excited and cheering, and almost 600 Superheroes completed the 3.1 mile trail course and crossed the

finish line. Spectators waited patiently for every Superhero young and old to cross. They also stood in remembrance of Officer Daniel DiDato of the East Fishkill Police Department, who carried our flag last year and tragically died in the line of duty. They posthumously honored DiDato by making him a Sergeant. His family, surrounded by his brothers and sisters in blue, swept the course and crossed the finish with the flag.

"We are incredibly blessed to be surrounded by such an incredible community of Superheroes, who always show up and work so hard to support Sparrow's Nest," said Executive Director Krista Jones.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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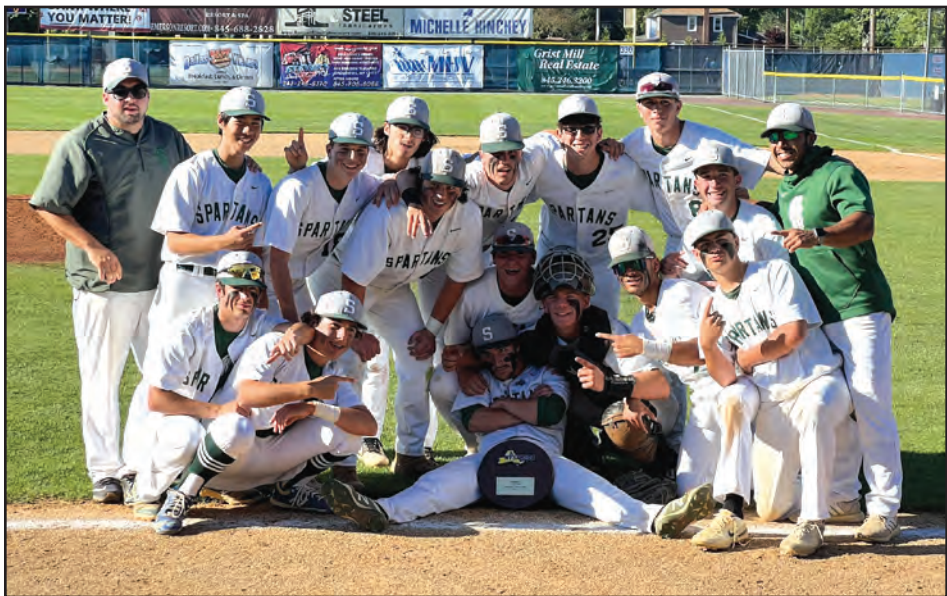
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By Rich Thomaselli

## Collins stars on mound and at plate as Spackenkill wins state baseball title



The Spackenkill High School baseball team is pictured after winning the Class B state championship on Saturday. *Courtesy photo*

Just called them New York State champions.  
The Spackenkill High School baseball team won the Class B crown on Saturday with a 6-2 win over Taconic Hills.  
It was the third state title in school history. The game was played at

Binghamton University.  
Dan Collins was the star.  
He not only scattered five hits on the mound for the victory in going the distance, but he ripped three hits, including a two-run home run.

## Stissing Mountain girls softball team advances to states, but falls in semifinals

The Stissing Mountain High School girls softball team once again brought pride to the hamlet of Pine Plains.  
Pine Plains fell to Bloomfield in the New York State Class C softball semifinals on Friday by the slimmest of margins, 1-0.  
Not bad for a program that wasn't expected to be here this year and was making its first appearance in states in

five years. The Bombers finished 14-7 overall.  
Left-handed eighth-grader Talia Durant was brilliant in throwing a two-hitter for Pine Plains and certainly left an indelible mark on the state playoffs. The only one omission, if you could call it that, was a sixth-inning RBI single from Brianna Leitten.

## RCK advances to state title game, but drops finale to Fairport, 3-2

The Roy C. Ketcham High School baseball team came up just short in its bid for a second consecutive state championship, falling to Fairport 3-2 in the Class AAA championship game Saturday.  
Not only was the Storm looking for its second straight New York State title, but the third overall in school history.

And when we say the team came up just short, it was just short.  
RCK trailed 3-0 in the seventh inning before clawing its way back. In fact, the Storm had the bases loaded and two out before a ground ball ended the game.  
The contest was played at Binghamton University.

## Hudson Valley Venom hockey team has new coach, set to play in FPHL

Hudson Valley Venom owner Pat Manning made announcements on several fronts related to the professional hockey team that will be playing in the Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL) starting this October.  
The Elmira River Sharks was purchased by the Manning family to be relocated to the Hudson Valley.  
Josh Newberg has been named as Head Coach for the Venom.

"Josh is an obvious choice to lead when you are looking to build a championship team out of the gate," said Manning.  
"I am extremely excited to start this new chapter in the Hudson Valley," said Newberg. "The Venom seems like a great fit in an area that wants and deserves a competitive pro-hockey team. I am honored to accept this position. We are already underway in making this a great Inaugural season."

Also, the IceTime Sports Complex, a two-rink facility directly off Interstate 84 near the junction of the NYS Thruway in Orange County will host the Venom. The owners of the facility, who also own the McCann Ice Arena in Poughkeepsie, will lead a construction project through the summer building locker rooms and needed amenities for the Venom while also expanding seating capacity.



Above, Josh Newburg. Below, Pat Manning. *Courtesy photos*



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# Historic Primrose Hill Farm on Clinton Landmarks Driving Tour



One of the 12 featured sites on the Clinton Historical Society driving tour will be Primrose Hill Farm, which has been in the same Cookingham family for six generations. *Courtesy photo*

*By Craig Marshall*

On Saturday June 15, the Clinton Historical Society will be holding its Historic Landmarks Driving Tour throughout the town.

One of the 12 featured historic sites will be Primrose Hill Farm, which has been in the same Cookingham family for six generations. The farmhouse was built in 1854 on the foundation of an even earlier house whose bake oven and kitchen fireplace still exist in the basement. In style, it is German Italianate or German Classical Revival. It was named “Primrose Hill” on the 1867 Beers map of Clinton. Today, many people know the farm as the Primrose Hill Christmas Tree Farm which was started in 1967 and has provided cut holiday trees for local families for many years.

The history of the farm was recorded in the publication “The Cookinghams of Primrose Hill Farm” based on recollections of Viola Cookingham Schoch who was born and raised there beginning in the 1920s. The farm, which is on Fiddlers Bridge Road, was operated as a general farm until 1957 and had Guernsey dairy cows, many chickens, and a few pigs. Horses were used for all farming until 1948. Most of the farming equipment from the mid-1800s remains on the farm, and will be featured at the Driving Tour.

Winters on the farm were spent drawing firewood from woodlots as much as five miles away, and the ponds were used for ice that was stored in the ice house near the carriage house. Prior to the invention of radar, a beacon light on a 100-foot tower stood on the farm hill to

direct air traffic in the Hudson Valley.

The farm features a Dutch bank barn dating to the late 18th century. Lower levels of side-hill or bank barns were often built against a hillside and used for storing manure, which was used for fertilizer and had to be kept from freezing. Dutch barns, essentially square while English barns were rectangular, ranged from 35 to 50 in length and had steep sloped roofs extending nearly to the ground in their earliest form.

The Cookinghams were part of a large group known as the Palatines who left southwest Germany, fleeing from war, weather-related crop failures, and poverty. After many tribulations, about 1,500 Palatines arrived in the Hudson Valley in 1710 and by 1740 many were among the earliest settlers in Clinton.

The Clinton Historic Landmarks Driving Tour will feature docent-led exterior site tours that explain the site’s history and architecture. At the last site will be the Society’s Garden After-Party with locally sourced food, wine and beer. Other highlights include a Silent Auction of valuable gifts and services, and “What Is It?” contests with prizes.

The tour starts at the Creek Meeting House at 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners where tour maps can be purchased from 11am to 3pm. Admission per person is \$50 for Clinton Historical Society (CHS) members, \$60 for Non-members, and \$40 for the Garden After-Party only. Free for kids 12 and under.

For more information and to register in advance for a 5% discount, visit <https://clintonhistoricalsociety.org/2024-driving-tour-registration/>. Rain date is the following day, Sunday, June 16.

# Juneteenth event to raise funds for Beacon Community Kitchen

*By Kaeleigh Banda*

A Juneteenth fundraiser is planned for 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at “The Yard” in Beacon. The event is being organized to raise funds and awareness for the Beacon Community Kitchen and the Learning Farm of Ithaca. It is also supported by John Brown Lives.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday that recognizes the end of slavery and celebrates the perseverance and resilience of African Americans in their struggle for freedom and equality. The fundraiser seeks to honor the lives lost in the fight for freedom while supporting local organizations.

The event will include dance performances, a multi-course dinner prepared by local chefs, realism painter Doris Hughes-Moore and the folk band “Magpie,” which features Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner.

Magpie performs music inspired by abolitionist John Brown and the other men who died by his side. They honor their stories through narrative folk music. Leonino said they are performing a song cycle that honors the lives of John Brown’s cohort to contribute to the honoring of the lives lost in the fight for emancipation.

“History is one of those gifts that is a visual for us to look forward and learn from our past,” Leonino said. “So that’s what, what the beauty of an event like this is when you have all the generations of today getting an opportunity to learn about things that they might not know about and enjoy visual art, music and

dance, all in one place.”

In addition to recognizing the importance of Juneteenth, the event also seeks to raise money for two organizations. The Beacon Community Kitchen is a local program that is part of the non-profit community organization, In Care of Multi-Services (ICOMS). Services are primarily provided through the Tabernacle of Christ Church. The event celebrates diversity, equity, inclusion and community as a whole.

Candi Rivera, a volunteer for the event and the founder of ICOMS said the fundraiser will be a great way to unite the community.

“I think [the event] will give the community an opportunity to see how everyone can come together and put all their differences aside whether it be political, social, whichever,” Rivera said. “We’re coming together as one for this event so that it can be a success.”

The Learning Farm of Ithaca uses food to bring people together. They provide high-quality food and beverages and prioritize the well-being of people and the planet. They commit to educating the community which is shown through their workshops and events.

“We encourage people to come out, enjoy some music, reflect on history and have a wonderful day,” Artzner said. “It’s going to be a celebration of those who stepped up to fight for freedom and laid down their lives for other people’s freedom.” More information and tickets for the event can be bought at <https://givebutter.com/a67axM>

# Thousands of tickets issued over Memorial Day weekend

Governor Hochul announced on June 4 that State Police issued 10,949 tickets and arrested 225 people for DWI on Memorial Day weekend. The special enforcement period began on Friday, May 24, and ran through Monday, May 27. The Governor’s heightened enforcement efforts are part of a larger commitment to protecting drivers, pedestrians and roadway workers.

During the campaign, which was partially funded by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, State Police utilized sobriety checkpoints, additional DWI patrols, and ticketed distracted drivers who used handheld electronic devices.

Troopers arrested 225 people for DWI and investigated 239 crashes, including 58 personal injury crashes. No fatal crashes were reported.

As part of the enforcement, Troopers also targeted speeding and aggressive drivers across the state. Below is a sampling of the total tickets that were issued:

Speeding: 3,076  
Distracted Driving: 356  
Seatbelt Violations: 1,663

Move Over Law: 106

Troopers used both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of this crackdown in order to more easily identify motorists who are violating the law. CITE vehicles allow the Trooper to better observe driving violations. These vehicles blend in with everyday traffic but are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated.

During last year’s Memorial Day Weekend enforcement campaign, which ran from Friday, May 26, 2023, through Tuesday, May 30, 2023, the State Police issued 13,471 total tickets and arrested 219 people for DWI.

In the Lower Hudson Valley:

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Speed: 351  
DWI Arrests (# of persons): 47  
Distracted Driving: 36  
Child Restraint/Seat Belt: 116  
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# St. Thomas Church in Amenia receives Sacred Sites grant

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has announced 14 Sacred Sites Grants totaling \$228,000 awarded to 14 historic religious properties throughout New York State, including \$15,000 to St. Thomas Church in Amenia, to help fund roof replacement.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, designed by renowned church architect Richard Upjohn and constructed in 1849-51, exemplifies the modest English Gothic parish church mode popularized by Upjohn and his colleagues. Originally a missionary congregation, the \$3,000 cost of the church was supported in part by a \$500 donation from Trinity Church, Wall Street.

This church reaches about 450 people annually, through community programs addressing food insecurity and healthy eating. Food of Life/Comida de Vida hosts food distribution and food storage, and provides volunteers for the organic Giving Garden. The Jean Krulis Teaching garden is open 24/7 during the growing season for neighbors to pick

their own fresh produce, connect with nature, and socialize.

"We are delighted that our grants will help these diverse congregations maintain their buildings and continue to serve their communities with social service and cultural programs," said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy. "These 14 congregations reach a total of 60,000 people beyond their congregations with no-cost or low-cost services."

The Sacred Sites Program provides congregations with matching grants for planning and implementing exterior restoration projects, along with technical assistance, and workshops. Since 1986, the program has pledged nearly 1,700 grants totaling over \$13.8 million to more than 850 religious institutions statewide.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy, a private non-profit organization, has led the effort to preserve and protect New York City's architectural legacy for more than 50 years.

Since its founding, the Conservancy has loaned and granted more than \$62 million, which has leveraged almost \$1 billion in nearly 2,000 restoration projects throughout New York, revitalizing communities, providing economic stimulus, and supporting local jobs. The Conservancy has also offered countless hours of pro bono technical advice to building owners, both nonprofit organizations, and individuals. The Conservancy's work has saved more than a thousand buildings across the City and State, protecting New York's distinctive architectural heritage for residents and visitors alike today, and for future generations. For more information, please visit [nylandmarks.org](http://nylandmarks.org).

St. Thomas Church in Amenia will receive \$15,000 from the Sacred Sites Program to help fund roof replacement. Photo courtesy of The New York Landmarks Conservancy



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## 4-H A-Fair to Remember is a day to remember

On Sunday June 2, the sun shone down on Wilcox Memorial Park where approximately 1,000 people attended the 4-H A-Fair to Remember. Our goal was to bring the community together and raise funds to support 4-H'ers as they prepare for and participate in the Dutchess County Fair. The turnout exceeded our expectations!

The Dutchess County Dairy Committee, whose "Fair Shakes" are legendary, donated the profits from the 641 milkshakes they made on the day. And the 4-H Dutchess Dairy Club lemonade stand sold out in 2 hours and had to bring in more supplies. The Millerton American Legion Post 178 donated food for all volunteers and 4-H'ers, which was cooked by the Sons of the American Legion, and Ronnybrook Farm provided chocolate milk. It took approximately 150 volunteers made this event such a special day.

The partnership with Wilcox Memorial Park (a Dutchess County park) was mutually beneficial with a staff member saying, "I have never seen so many people at the park on one day."

"I was truly impressed by the 4-H 'A Fair to Remember,' which brought our community together and showcased the incredible talents of our children. The strong turnout highlights our collective support for Cornell Cooperative Extension and our 4-H program in Dutchess County, which will prepare our youth for an outstanding showing at The Dutchess County Fair this year," said County Legislator Chris Drago.

A huge shout out goes to park staff and our incredible sponsors and donors without whose support this would not have been possible. Sponsors included: Juniors Diesel Repair (JDR), M&T Bank, Stewart's Shops, Dutchess Land Conservancy, The Southlands Foundation, TEGFCU, Bank of Millbrook, Whalen Real Estate, Merritt Bookstore, Adams Fairacre Farms and Welsh Sanitation. An anonymous \$5,000

matched donation was pledged which has been achieved due to the generosity of numerous individuals. There is still time to donate to support our hard-working young people:

<https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/> or call Program Leader Jane Rodd 845-677-8223.



Members of Stonykill 4-H Club were in force at "A-Fair to Rememeber" with everything from homemade cupcakes, to their sheep, poultry and Red Devon driving oxen. Courtesy photo

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## 'A Fair to Remember' highlights 4-H Club activities



Meeting the Golden Fleece 4-H Club sheep at "A-Fair to Remember" was a special experience for this little visitor, and her father!



The Dutchess County Long Rifles 4-H Club provides education on safety and responsibility. Pictured are Shooting Sports Instructor T.J. Ashline with Beacon City Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair and District 19 Legislator Chris Drago.

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# The root of the matter

As a pescetarian whose diet is primarily plant-based, I am always scouting the produce section for new veggies to try. Cassava (kuh-sah-vuh) is a root that has been popular in tropical regions for millennia. In the last several years, I have seen this vegetable in grocery stores much more frequently.

Cassava has always interested me because of its versatility. Like a potato, it can be boiled, roasted, and fried. Thin, bagged chips are sold which could compete with Lay's and Pringles. Most interestingly, tapioca is made from cassava. That makes the tropical root an important thickener and binder for puddings, noodles, bread, soups, and gravies.

**What's in a name?**

Like all living things, the cassava plant has a scientific name. It is Manihot esculenta. It also has several other common names. Among them are Brazilian arrowroot and yuca. My discovery of those additional titles left me perplexed.

I'll explain my confusion. There is a striking plant, commonly called Adam's Needle, which grows locally. It is one of

approximately fifty species of plants from the yucca genus.

Maybe you are more observant than I. It was quite some time before I noticed that yucca (yuh-kuh) and yuca (yoo-kuh) are two different words. Indeed, they are two different plants.

Brazilian arrowroot is another moniker for Manihot esculenta. Arrowroot powder or flour are called for in recipes that require thickeners. Like tapioca, arrowroot might be used in place of cornstarch.

However, the plant commonly used to produce arrowroot powder or flour is Maranta arundinacea. Although arrowroot and tapioca may be used in similar ways, there are differences in texture and flavor.

**Yuca, Yucca, and Arrowroot**

As one of the world's most drought-resistant crops, cassava (yuca, Brazilian arrowroot) can withstand harsh conditions and thrive in poor-quality soils. The individual plants have fan-shaped leaves with multiple lobes. Cassava varieties grow as herbs, shrubs, and trees. They are related to willows, flax, Saint John's wort, the castor oil plant, poinsettia—and many more. Cassava and other members



Above, a Yucca plant. Left, Yuca on display at the grocery store. Photos by Francine Wizner

of the Spurge family produce sap with a purgative (laxative) effect.

Cassava roots have brown, fibrous skin and white interior flesh. They should be peeled and cooked before eating. Raw cassava contains chemicals which can release cyanide (a toxin) in the body. Once processed, the flesh is safe to eat. In fact, cassava is a staple food in Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

Yuca plants belong to the order Asparagales and are members of the Agavaceae family. This means that they are related to both asparagus and agave. The Yucca genus contains approximately 50 species.

Yuca plants have large, bluish-green, sword-shaped leaves. Their inflorescence consists of a tall stalk with white bell-shaped flowers. Yuccas are low-maintenance plants which can withstand harsh conditions. Although they produce edible seeds, flowers, and fruits, their roots are inedible.

Plants from the genus Maranta are most commonly used to produce arrowroot powder or flour. They are commercially grown in tropical regions. Other types of plants called arrowroot grow in Florida, India, Asia, and Oceania, though

they are not grown for large-scale food consumption.

Arrowroot powder, like cornstarch and tapioca, acts as a binding agent in cooking. Arrowroot powder is milled Maranta, cornstarch is processed from corn kernels, tapioca is extracted from cassava. All are gluten-free thickeners and can be used in similar ways, but there are differences in texture and flavor.

To summarize, yucca plants grow around here. Yuca can be bought in most grocery stores and can be cooked like a potato. Since the two are almost homonyms, I think it is less confusing to call yuca cassava. Absolutely do not call yuca/cassava arrowroot or tapioca. That is the root of the matter.

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Left, yuca chips. Above, arrowroot maranta arundinacea is used in cooking as a binding agent similar to cornstarch. Photos by Francine Wizner



# Sunday Church Bells

When Pop comes for dinner, Luigi's kids love to hear stories about their father as a child.

The other day my father came over for dinner. He's 91 years old so he likes to eat early. Since my kids are all older it's difficult to get them all together, let alone at an early hour. I picked up my father at 3:30 p.m. for 4 p.m. dinner. I was relieved to see all the kids home when I pulled into my driveway.

As we sat around the table for dinner, my father asked each of his grandchildren where they were working, etc. Once my father was updated with everyone, attention turned to me. My kids wanted to hear stories about what I was like when I was little because they didn't believe all of my stories. Of course, the one thing my father remembers was going to church.

I must have been 4 or 5 years old at the time. We always went to St. Peter's Church in Hyde Park, which was a chapel with the school gymnasium behind it that was opened up for Sunday services. The gymnasium also doubled as the cafeteria when school was in session, but that is another story for another day. Anyway, it was hot. Damn hot. As always, my four brothers and I were dressed in a jacket and pants for church. Never short sleeve shirts. Always long pants, never shorts. Always socks and shoes. Mom's rule, period.

We always sat to the left of the altar and had a perfect view of the priest and the altar servers. My brother, John, was an altar server at the time and Fr. Cody was the priest. I can still see John standing on the altar facing us in his black and white robes, hands devoutly clasped in front of him trying to look pious. Sweat pouring off his face with the flicker of the altar candles accenting the beads rolling down his nose. I, on the other hand, was busy making faces at him, trying to make him laugh. I would get into it pretty good, sticking my tongue out, waving, and

pushing up my nose like a pig. It always stopped abruptly when my father would reach behind me and smack the back of my head. I would wait a fair amount of time for my father to forget I was there, then start the game again, making faces until my father would spy me out of the corner of his eye and smack the back of my head again to make me stop again.

When Fr. Cody would start his sermon, I would nap, or try to. Honestly, I tried to stay awake, but I couldn't. I always fell asleep. Fr. Cody would start his sermon and automatically my eyes would get heavy and start to close. I would fight it for a few minutes but before I knew it, my head was bobbing, my mouth was open, drool was coming out of my mouth and I would start to snore. When Pop noticed, he would reach behind me and yank my hair to wake me up. I remember waking up in a pool of perspiration and drool. The humidity in the church was so bad, that the pews would get wet from our sweat and we would stick to the wood. My poor father. He never had a moment's peace with me.

My favorite part of the mass is when the bells would be rung. When the altar server would ring the bells, they would always get carried away and make enough noise to wake the dead. I was told by my brother that there would be full scale arguments about who rang the bells. It was the best job. Sometimes they would fight over the bells right on the altar. Each altar server would have their hands on the bells and try to ring it for themselves. You could see them leaning into each other fighting for position.

The church would be silent at the most solemn moment of the mass. Altar servers fighting for bell position. Everybody's head is down in prayer, Fr. Cody would pick up the host and say, "This is my

body which will be given up for you," the bells would start ringing. I would blurt out, "Hello? Hello?" Like it was a telephone ringing. Every time, I would get smacked. Every time my brothers would crack up and I would be rubbing the back of my head.

People around us got quite used to it and even started to look forward to the brief comedy in the middle of Sunday mass. I remember one time Fr. Cody looking over to me laughing as I rubbed the back of my head.

The one good thing about Sunday was Sunday dinner. Mom always made something special if we were home instead of at our grandmother's house. When it was a special Sunday she would make ricotta gnocchi. Because the gnocchi were light, she would make a quick tomato sauce to go with it. With some chunks of mozzarella mixed in to beef it up.

I remember coming home, getting out of our church clothes and watching Abbot and Costello and the Bowery boys as mom put together dinner. If the phone rang I would jump up to answer it, saying "Hello. Hello?"

### RICOTTA GNOCCHI

**Ingredients**

Gnocchi:

- 1 (8 ounce) container ricotta cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh minced garlic
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, or as needed

**Sauce:**

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 jar Coppola's Tuscan Sauce
- 1/2 lb. meatloaf mix

8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into small chunks

**Directions**

Whip together the ricotta, eggs, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, and garlic in a large bowl. Mix in 1 cup of flour. The dough should be soft but semi-firm. Add a teaspoon of flour at a time until you reach the proper consistency.

Divide the dough into 3 or 4 pieces. Roll the dough into long half-inch tubular segments. Cut each segment into bite sized pieces, and place on a lightly floured baking sheet. Place in the refrigerator to firm up until ready to use.

Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir in meatloaf mix and brown. Drain liquid and add Tuscan Sauce. Stir and let simmer for 10 minutes.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil over high heat. Drop the gnocchi in the water and let them cook until they float to the surface, 1 to 2 minutes, then drain.

To assemble the dish, stir the cubed mozzarella cheese into the sauce and allow the heat of the sauce to soften but not melt the cheese. Place the gnocchi in the pot and toss lightly careful not to damage the gnocchi.

Serve with crusty Italian bread and grated cheese.

*Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at [www.coppolas.net](http://www.coppolas.net).*

## COLLEGE NOTES

ONEONTA, NY – Brittney Rhodes of Stormville was one of 20 SUNY Oneonta students inducted into the Tau Sigma National Honor Society for the 2023-24 academic year on April 14, 2024.

Rhodes is studying Environmental Sustainability and is part of the class of 2025.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA – Bard College at Simon's Rock congratulates the students named to the fall 2023 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Local students include Charlotte Rose Garcia-Stout of Rhinebeck and Sophie Salisbury of Red Hook.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must carry 14 or more credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.5.

Bard College at Simon's Rock, founded in 1966 and nestled in the bucolic Berkshires, is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college early, usually after the 10th or 11th grade.

CANTON, NY – St. Lawrence University congratulates more than 730 students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester, including Shelby Oken of Millbrook, Alleigh Szabo of Staatsburg and JD Whiting of Millbrook.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student

must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

SCRANTON, PA – Evan Gutierrez of Poughquag was among the University of Scranton students inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society in political science. Membership is limited to juniors and seniors with a grade point average of at least 3.4 in political science courses, and an overall rank in the top third of the class. The honor society was founded in 1920.

Gutierrez is a junior majoring in political science at the Jesuit university.

POTSDAM, NY – Seven students at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music were chosen to take part in a vocal masterclass led by Broadway and opera star Lisa Vroman '79 on April 18.

The vocalists included Kayla Outman of Lagrangeville.

The public masterclass was titled "Bel Canto-Can Belt-O!" and concentrated on the athleticism and grace (to name just two aspects of many) needed in all genres.

CANTON, NY – Megan E. Cowles of Hyde Park achieved the highest GPA for their class year in the SUNY Canton Crime Analysis program at the 2024 Frederick W.

Saburro Honors Convocation.

The annual event is named in honor of a retired, or emeritus, faculty member who taught at the college. Saburro was a lecturer, tutor and faculty liaison for the men's baseball team, who had more than 30 years of experience teaching students with a diverse range of needs and competencies in mathematics.

Cowles was one of nearly 200 students to receive an award at the event.

NASHVILLE, TN – Payton Gardner of Red Hook was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University's spring 2024 Dean's List.

Approximately 44% of the University's 7,338 undergraduate students qualified for the spring 2024 Dean's List. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Local students on the list include Paige Arent of Clinton Corners, Anna O'Halloran of Millerton, Ava Schneeberger of Pine Plains, and Rachel Kaplan of Rhinebeck.

To be included on the Dean/s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA

applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

SYRACUSE, NY – Madyson Simmons, Human Resource Management and Management and Leadership major from Red Hook, has been named to the Le Moyne College Spring 2024 Dean's List. To make the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA – A total of 1,404 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) for the Spring 2024 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Eleena Francia, a Physical Education Teacher Education major from Clinton Corners, was among those to make the Dean's List this semester.

Students eligible for the Dean's List are those who have attained a 3.50 quality point average or better and are enrolled full-time. The letter grade "B" earns 3 quality points per credit, and the grade "A" earns 4 quality points per credit.

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## CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck  
(845) 495-0655

[www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org)

For more specific information about any library programs, or to register, please call (845) 495-0655 or email [larnold@clitoncommunitylibrary.org](mailto:larnold@clitoncommunitylibrary.org)

### ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)

Mon. 06/17, Mon. 06/24 at 9:30 AM

Wed. 06/12, Wed. 06/19, Wed. 06/26 at 9:30 AM

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Storytime on the Dot (in-person)

Tue. 06/18, Tue. 06/25 at 10:30 AM

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Audience: Children & Caregivers

Mah Jongg (in-person)

Tue. 06/18, Tue. 06/25 at 2:00-4:00 PM

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels are welcome . (Optimistic Aging)

Audience: Adults & Seniors

All Level Yoga (in person & online)

Wed. 06/12, Wed. 06/19, Wed. 06/26 at 6:00 PM (online)

Sun. 06/09, Sun. 06/16, Sun. 06/23, Sun. 06/30 10:00 AM (in person or online)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. You may also participate online. Please plan according to your comfort and needs as class is held indoors.

Audience: Adults & Young Adults

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)

(Optimistic Aging)

Fri. 06/14, Fri. 06/21, Fri. 06/28 at 11:00 AM

Join Samantha for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-495-0655.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Zumba, (in-person)

Sat. 06/15, Sat. 06/22, Sat. 06/29 at 9:00 AM

Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Audience: Adults

Free Tech Help (in-person)

Sat. 06/15, Sat. 06/22, Sat. 06/29 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-495-0655 to book an appointment.

### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in person)

June Selection: The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

Thursday June 13, at 2:00 PM

Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Global Literature Book Club

June Selection: Prophet Song by Paul Lynch

Monday June 17 at 7 PM

On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother-of-four Eilish Stack answers her front door to find two officers from Ireland's newly formed secret police on her step. They have arrived to interrogate her husband, a trade unionist.

Ireland is falling apart, caught in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny. As the life she knows and the ones she loves disappear before her eyes, Eilish must contend with the dystopian logic of her new, unraveling country. How far will she go to save her family? And what—or who—is she willing to leave behind?

Audience: Adults

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Monday Movie Matinee (in-person)

Monday June 17 at 1:00 PM

Viewing: Killers of the Flower Moon

Join us for a viewing of this award winning 2023 film!

Rated: R (viewing is intended for Adults)

Lunch & Learn: My Name is Eleanor: A Bannerman Island Adventure

Thursday May 23 12:30 PM

Greg and Jill are assigned a treasure hunt as part of a class project on mysterious Bannerman Island located in New York's Hudson River. Along the way, Jill and Greg encounter a most unusual woman. Is she real? Is she magical? Will anyone believe them? The ruins of castles provide a looming, almost eerie backdrop for this piece of children's historical fiction. The book is based on the memoirs of Eleanor Seeland who lived on Bannerman Island from 1932 to 1943

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Tie Dye Day: School's Out!

Friday June 28 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Let's tie dye! School is officially out for the summer, so let's celebrate! Come make a tie dye creation (BYO white shirt or other clothing item) listen to music and enjoy some summery snacks! Join us for the official kick off of this year's Summer Reading Program!

Audience: Kids & Teens

### RED HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

7444 South Broadway, Red Hook  
(845) 758-3241

[www.redhooklibrary.org](http://www.redhooklibrary.org)

Can you help Sherlock Holmes solve his toughest case yet? Use your skills in investigation, examination, observation, and deductive reasoning to help Sherlock solve the case and escape the room! From June 20 - June 22, take part in our Sherlock Holmes escape room. Limit 6 players/session. Registration Required. Please register all members of your group at one time. Register for specific sessions on our calendar. All participants will take home a copy of one of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories. Event supported through the Beacon Society's Jan Stauber Grant Program.

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

\*NEW Homeschool Happening: Marble Run

Thursday, June 21 at 10:30 AM

Tunes and Tales

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Lego Club

Tuesdays at 4 PM

Storytime with Ms. Crystal

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Q Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 4 PM

Make-and-Takes

Twice Monthly

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Evening Book Club - Hang the Moon

Monday, June 24 at 6 PM

Afternoon Mystery Book Club: The River We Remember

Friday, June 28 at 2 PM

Chair Yoga

Mondays at 11 AM

Knitting Group

Tuesdays at 4 PM

Drawing Gym with Cyd

Wednesdays at 4 PM

English as a Second Language

Fridays at 11 AM

Drop in Tech Help

Saturdays at 12 PM

### PROGRAMS FOR ALL ABILITIES

All Abilities Adults

Fridays at 12:30 PM

All Abilities Teens

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 4 PM

### STANFORD FREE LIBRARY

6035 NY-82, Stanfordville

845-868-1341

<https://stanfordlibrary.org/>

Registration required for events unless noted otherwise. Please email [stanfordlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:stanfordlibrary@optonline.net) or call 845-868-1341.

Cookbook Club with Lenny

June 12th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The Cook Book Club Presents: Cheese Potluck/Tasting

Come Share your favorite cheese and try something new!

Find out about the Cook Book Club and meet new friends. All are welcome

Meditation Class

June 19th 10:00 am In-Person or via Zoom

Susan Olin-Dabrowski will lead this one-hour monthly meditation program. First timers and experienced meditators are welcome! Headset or earbuds recommended. Link sent upon registration.

Read to Therapy Dog Jambo

June 12th 4:00pm - 5:00pm

He's a gentle giant who loves to make new friends. People of all ages are welcome to come and visit with him. Sign up for a 15 minute slot with Jambo.

Music in the Library

Saturday, June 22nd 11:00am-12:00pm

Local Musician Walt Otto will play much-loved standards, early pop tunes, and classic country songs for us!

Yoga for Homeschool Kids with Amy

June 24th 1:00 pm -2:00 pm

Ages 5+

Please bring a mat and a water bottle and be sure to wear appropriate clothes.

### ONGOING EVENTS

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners

Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All levels welcome.

Water Color Workshop

First, Third and Fifth Tuesday of each month 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Using the Basic Watercolor Techniques: A Flat Wash, Graded Wash, Wet-In-Wet or Drybrush

We will be happy to provide guidance but this is a Watercolor Workshop not a Watercolor Class. Supplies are not

provided, a list of needed materials is available at the library.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday Mornings

Preschoolers (Age 3-4) 9:30 am — 10:15 am

Toddlers (Age 18 months-2 years) 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Babies (Birth-18 months) 11:30 am— 12:15 pm

Stories, songs and free play every week!

Homeschool Stories and STEAM Workshops

Thursdays, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Students in Grades K – 3

These workshops will contain a story time component along with crafts and STEAM related activities.

Knitting

First, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Come for knitting, tea and conversation.

All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

Brain Games

Thursdays 10:30 – 12:00 pm

Calling all seniors! Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games! Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation and laughter!

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Fridays 10:00 am - noon

Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group.

### STARR LIBRARY

68 West Market St., Rhinebeck

(845) 876-4030

[www.starrlibrary.org](http://www.starrlibrary.org)

### ADULTS

Thursdays through July 18th, 10-11am - Waterfall Qigong with Steven Michael Pague

Thursday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 26th, 7-9pm - Nerds at Nite

Monday, June 17th, 2-3pm - Managing Money: A Caregivers' Guide to Finances with the Alzheimer's Association HV

Tuesday, June 18th, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Workshop with Michelle Montalbano

Thursday, June 20th, 10:30-11:15am - Good Vibrations: Guided Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Thursday, June 20th, 6:30-8pm - Fiction Workshop with Lillian Kahan

Saturday, June 22nd, 4:30-5:30pm - Roger Phillips Concert Series presents the Hudson Organ Trio

Monday, June 24th, 4-5pm - Navigating Medicare

Tuesday, June 25th, 6am-9pm - Federal Primary Polling Place for Districts 1 & 4

Thursday, June 27th, 5:30-7pm - Starr Library Board of Trustees Public Meeting

Friday & Saturday, June 28th-29th, 10:30am-1:30pm - AARP Smart Driver Course

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AT STARR

Saturday, June 29th, 10:30am-1pm - Rhinebeck Theater Society Reading

Thursday, June 27th, 10:15-11:15am - La Leche League of Northern Dutchess County Monthly Meeting

### BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday, June 25th, 7-8pm - Starr Library Book Club: The Fraud by Zadie Smith

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# OBITUARIES

## Bonnie LaRocca Crane

HYDE PARK - Bonnie LaRocca Crane (née Wacker), whose passion was nursing and her children, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2024 at her home. Bonnie was 65 years old. Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, on May 22, 1959, she was the daughter of the late John “Jack” Wacker and Joan Wacker (née Ollivett), who survives.

She attended Hyde Park, NY, schools and was a resident of Poughkeepsie, NY, for more than 30 years. She moved to Florence, SC, in 2016. While at F. D. Roosevelt High School, she was active as a cheerleader and played clarinet in the band. During this time, she also attended Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certification in 1977. She then attended Dutchess Community College earning her Associate’s degree in 1979 while working part-time at the Hyde Park Nursing Home. Upon graduation, she began her career at Vassar Brother’s Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY, in the medical surge unit and floated to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) where she was the charge nurse on the 3-11pm shift. In 1980, she worked on the Intravenous (IV) Team and was repeatedly commended by

both doctors and patients. Bonnie briefly left Vassar Brother’s Hospital and moved to Boston, MA, where she worked at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Neurological ICU. Upon returning to Vassar Brother’s Hospital, she worked in the ICU unit until her retirement in 2011, earning Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Instructor certification.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Anthony Larocca, III (Tiffany), Poughkeepsie, NY, and Vanessa LaRocca (Deano), Pleasant Valley, NY. She had four granddaughters, Aniyah, Gia, Gemma, and Idahlia. She is survived by her mother, Joan Wacker, Florence, SC, and brothers John Wacker (Tami), Hopewell Junction, NY, and James Wacker (Lisa), Florene, SC, as well as several nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation hour will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Sweet’s Funeral Home in Hyde Park, N.Y. Memorial services will begin at 12:00pm to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or the Tunnels to Towers Foundation (<https://t2t.org/>).

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

## Grace Adeline Gardner

FORMERLY OF RED HOOK - Grace Adeline (Cote) Gardner entered the gates of Heaven on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the age of 84. She was a resident of the Schenectady Care Center for Rehab and Nursing.

Grace was born on July 22, 1939, in Vale Perkins, Quebec, Canada. She was the oldest of nine children born to Levi and Sylvia Cote. She grew up in Owls Head, Quebec. She accepted Christ as her Savior as a young child in vacation Bible school. At the age of 18, she married Roswell Gardner. To their union were born three children, Bonnie (Larry Boyd), Faith (Curt Dooley) and Grant (Amanda Luhmann) Gardner. They emigrated to Red Hook, N.Y. in 1962.

In 1969 they moved to Millbrook, N.Y. Grace began working for the United States Postal Service. She continued there until her retirement. She resided there until 2018. In her retirement years she enjoyed working word search puzzles, taking her daily walk, listening to

Christian music and sermons, and attending her weekly sewing circle.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Roswell, her parents, two sisters, Charlotte and Marjorie, one brother, Roy and one grandson, David. She is survived by her children, eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren (and one on the way), by her siblings, Ross, Beverly, Roger, Rupert and Russell and nieces and nephews.

Interment will take place in Millbrook at a later date.

## Judy Yarochowicz

MILLBROOK - Judy Yarochowicz passed away on Friday, May 31st after a short illness at her home in Millbrook that she shared with her husband of 58 years, John.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 5 from 5-8 pm at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thursday, June 6 at 10 am from St. Joseph’s Church, North Ave., Millbrook. Interment will follow in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, New Milford, Ct. Please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneral-homes.com). to read the full obituary or to send an online condolence.

# COLLEGE NOTES

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BRIDGEPORT, CT – Jada Rose of Hyde Park was named to University of Bridgeport’s Spring 2024 Dean’s List. Rose was among more than 300 students named to the Spring 2024 Dean’s List.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have a term grade point average of between 3.2-3.69.

SCRANTON, PA – Jeremy P. Dickinson of Hyde Park was among more than 775 members of The University of Scranton’s class of 2024 who were awarded bachelor’s degrees at its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Degrees were conferred to graduates who had completed their academic degree requirements in August and December of 2023, as well as January and May of 2024.

Dickinson earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing from The University of Scranton.

ALBANY, NY – Skylar Hollingsworth of Millbrook has received the 2024 Great Dane Academic Leadership Award from the University at Albany.

The Great Dane Academic Leadership Award recognizes student leadership in academic settings. Students will have showcased outstanding academic achievement in the classroom, research laboratories and other research settings and through internships.

Recipients have demonstrated a variety of accomplishments including extraordinary leadership, service, academic achievement and involvement within the University community.

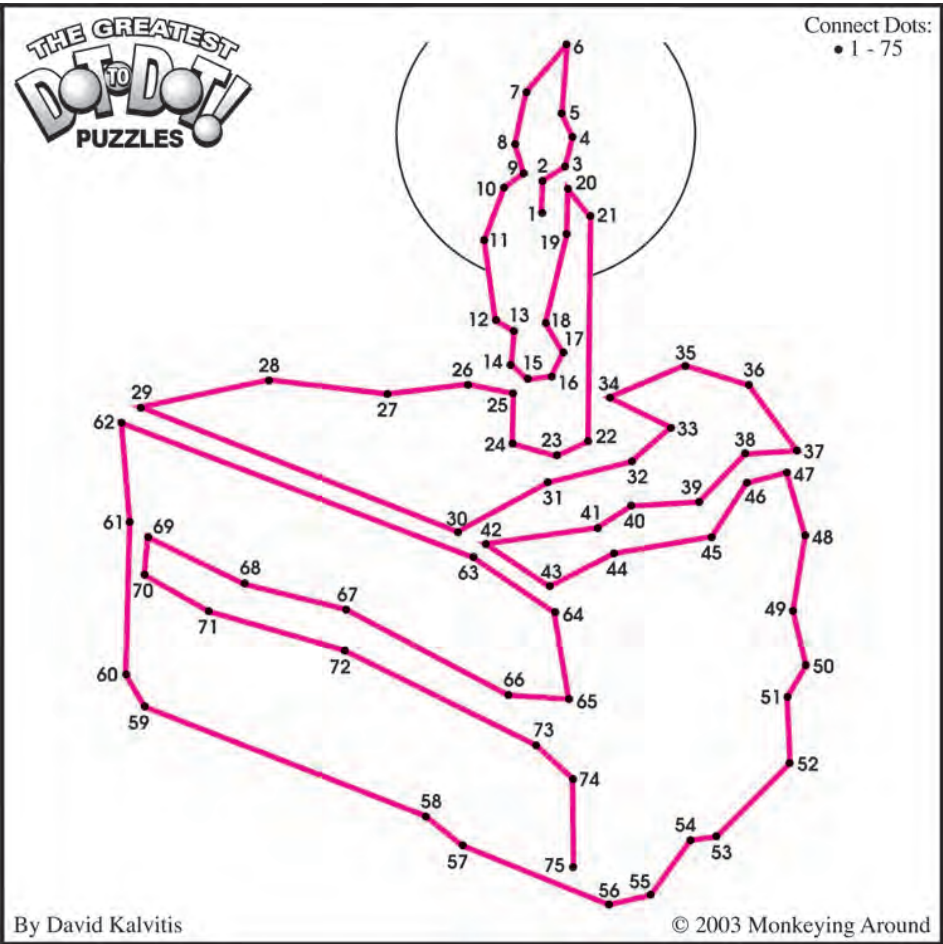
ADELPHI, MD – Richard Wasvary of Hyde Park was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2024 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for

the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

## ATTENTION ART GALLERIES

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Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 9)



## SUDOKU

This week’s answer

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Answers to this week’s diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE**  
**Index No.: 2022-53169**  
**Date Filed: 10/03/2022**  
**M o r t g a g e d**  
**Premises:**  
**2436 Route 83**  
**Town of Pine Plains**  
**County of Dutchess**  
**SBL: 6 8 7 1 - 0 0 - 455865-0000**  
**Assigned To: Hon. Christi J. Acker, J . S . C .**  
**DALE O. MITCHELL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DALE O. MITCHELL LIVING TRUST,**  
Plaintiff,  
-against-  
**2436ROUTE83,LLC and NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE,**  
Defendants.  
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In pursuance andbyvirtueofaJudgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court and entered in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on the 3rd day of May, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Dutchess County Courthouse 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York (rear lobby), on the 24th day of June, 2024,at3:30o'clockin the afternoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said Judgment to be sold and in said Judgment described, as follows:  
See "SCHEDULE A-- LEGAL DESCRIPTION", attached.  
Subject also to each and every other term of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as well as the Terms of Sale. The approximate amount of the lien due to the Plaintiff pursuant to the Judgment, with costs and allowances, excluding the expenses of the sale, is \$281,047.59.  
Dated: May 16, 2024  
Poughkeepsie, New York  
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Anthony Carlini, Jr., Esq. – Referee  
Handel & Carlini, LLP  
1984 New Hackensack Road  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603  
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Location of Property to be Foreclosed:  
2436 Route 83, Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York (SBL: 6871-00-455865-0000.)  
**SCHEDULE A DESCRIPTION**  
All that land, situate in the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York, shown as Lot2onamapentitled "Survey & Lot Line Adjustment Map of Lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust", prepared by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Engineering-Land Surveying filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on 3/22/2017 as Filed Map #11026A, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeast side of County Road 83, at the common corner of lots 1 and 2 as shown on the above described Lot Line Adjustment map; Thence from said point of beginning, and through the lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2014-3975; North Forty-Eight Degrees, Thirty Minutes, Twenty-Six Seconds East, One Hundred Fifty-One and Twenty Hundredths Feet (N 48° 30' 26 " E 151.20' ), and South Sixty-Six Degrees, Seventeen Minutes, Fifty-One Seconds East, Four Hundred Twenty-Four and Forty-Six Hundredths Feet (S 66° 17' 51 " E 424.46' ); Thence along the lands of Tomlaw of Pine Plains, LLC, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2004-3535, and being lot 2 of filed map number 11026; South Eight Degrees, Fifty-Nine Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds East, One Hundred Twelve and Eighty-One Hundredths Feet (S 08° 59' 37 " E 1125.81' ), South Seventeen Degrees, Zero Minutes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Seventy and Zero Hundredths Feet (S 17° 00' 23 " W 70.00' ) South Fourteen Degrees, Zero Min-

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utes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Zero Hundredths Feet (S 14° 00' 23 " W 257.00' ), South Fifty-Seven Degrees, Twenty-Three Minutes, Thirty-Six Seconds East, Forty-Eight and Twenty-Four Hundredths Feet (S 57° 23' 37 " 48.24' ), and South Eleven Degrees, Eleven Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Thirty-Six and Ninety-Three Hundredths Feet (S 11° 11' 07 " W 236.93' ) to a found concrete monument, marked "DC", 7 " above grade, on the northeast side of County Route 83; Thence along the northeast side of said road; North Fifteen Degrees, Fifty-Eight Minutes, Fifty-Three Seconds West, One Hundred Fourteen and Fifty-Two Hundredths Feet (N 15° 58' 53 " W 114.52' ), North Twelve Degrees, Fifteen Minutes, Seventeen Seconds West, Sixty-Nine and Forty-Eight Hundredths Feet (N 12° 15' 17 " W 69.48' ), North Fourteen Degrees, Fifty-One Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Fifty-Nine and Sixty-Two Hundredths Feet (N 14° 51' 37 " W 59.62' ), North Twenty-Two Degrees, Thirty-Two Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Sixty-One and Seven Hundredths Feet (N 22° 32' 07 " W 61.07' ), North Thirty-One Degrees, Seven Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Seventy-Seven and Thirty-Eight Hundredths Feet (N 31° 07' 37 " W 77.38' ), North Thirty-Six Degrees, Twenty-Four Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, One Hundred Seventeen and Eighty-One Hundredths Feet (N 36° 24' 37 " W 117.81' ), North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Six Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Nine Hundredths Feet (N 37° 56' 07 " W 257.09' ), and North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Seven Minutes, Thirty-One Seconds West, One Hundred Twenty-Seven and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Feet (N 37° 57' 31 " W 127.79' ) to the point of beginning.  
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SURED: Containing 4.00 acres of land. As surveyed by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Land Surveying-Engineering, P.C., 45 Main Street, Pine Bush, NY, 12566. Bearings refer to north datum of filed map number 11026.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-34-24  
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Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of July 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-26-24  
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Air Brake Components and Associated Parts for Dutchess County  
Department of Public Works  
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Public Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION: 601/2024**  
**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOW PLOW**  
**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Department, in order to continue its maintenance of Town roads, must replace certain equipment to maintain operational capability; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the purchase of said equipment is economically feasible and can meet the requirements and the needs of the Highway Department in the future and that the Highway Department has the space to house the new equipment;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase by competitive bidding of one snow plow as specified by the Highway Superintendent; and be it further  
**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes expenditure of up to \$23,000 from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund (Equipment Reserve Fund) for said purchase, subject to applicable law with reference to Capital Reserve Fund transfers; and be it further  
**RESOLVED**, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided by law; and be it further  
**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to post notice of such resolution; and be it further  
**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.  
DATED: June 3, 2024

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**MOTION:** Councilman Rifenburgh  
**SECOND:** Councilwoman Chapman

| ROLL CALL:            | AYE    | NAY   |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| Councilwoman Chapman  | X_____ | _____ |
| Councilman Degan      | X_____ | _____ |
| Councilman Iapichino  | X_____ | _____ |
| Councilman Rifenburgh | X_____ | _____ |
| Supervisor Albrecht   | X_____ | _____ |
| Carried.              |        |       |

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(BCP) application from Dutchess County Department of Public Works for a site known as Hudson Valley Regional Airport, site ID #C314129. This site is located in the Village of Wappingers Falls, within the County of Dutchess, and is located at 18 Griffith Way. Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than **July 12, 2024**. Access the application and other relevant documents online through the DEC info Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C314129/. The documents are also available at the document repository located at the Grinnell Public Library, 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Information regarding the site and how to submit comments can be

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found at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html or send comments to Greta White, Project Manager, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7014; via email to Greta.White@dec.ny.gov; or call (518) 402-0299. To have information such as this notice sent right to your email, sign up with county email listservs available at https://nydecprod.prod.acquia-sites.com/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters.

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| DUTCHESS COUNTY EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE<br>POLLS ARE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING AS FOLLOWS:<br>Saturday, June 15: 9AM – 5PM<br>Sunday, June 16: 8AM – 4PM<br>Monday, June 17: Noon – 8PM<br>Tuesday, June 18: 9AM – 5PM<br>Wednesday, June 19: 9AM – 5PM<br>Thursday, June 20: Noon – 8PM<br>Friday, June 21: 9AM – 5PM<br>Saturday, June 22: 9AM – 5PM<br>Sunday, June 23: 9AM – 5PM<br>At any of the following locations:<br>Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck<br>Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill<br>Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie<br>Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook<br>HANNAH R. BLACK and ERIK J. HAIGHT, COMMISSIONERS<br>DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS<br>112 DELAFIELD STREET, SUITE 200<br>POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601<br>845-486-2473<br>www.elections.dutchessny.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |               |
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# Abilities First holds Spring Prom



Abilities First, a nonprofit organization, provides people who face developmental challenges and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration and experience. The Spring Prom, for students who attend Abilities First's school campuses in LaGrange in Dutchess County and New Windsor in Orange County, was started in 2014. *Courtesy photo*

Abilities First held its Spring Prom for students ages 12-21 with developmental disabilities on Friday, May 31, a vital, heartwarming opportunity to enjoy a high school tradition featuring celebration, music, dancing and camaraderie with friends and loved ones. Abilities First, a nonprofit organization, provides people who face developmental challenges and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration and experience. The Spring Prom, for students who attend Abilities First's school campuses in LaGrange in Dutchess County and New Windsor in Orange County, was started in 2014 but paused during the Covid pandemic. Members of Abilities First's Board of Directors, donors, faculty and staff also attended. "What a special afternoon and event," said JoAnn Parker,

Director of Development for the Foundation for Abilities First N.Y. "The return of this long-treasured tradition represents a wonderful milestone for our 23 participating students and families. This truly is a dream come true for students to fully experience the festive pageantry of a prom." The Spring Prom was significantly underwritten through the generous support of Poughkeepsie Elks Club No. 275, which again this year kindly donated use of its venue, as well as the buffet dinner, disc jockey services, event souvenirs and flowers including boutonnieres. Jane Anderson, a trustee and former past exalted ruler of the lodge, is coordinator of the Elks National Foundation, through which local Elks members apply for grants to help communities. She said support of the Abilities First Spring Prom is one of the Elks' signature community-service and philan-

thropic efforts each year. "We want to give back to our community, to give these young adults as many life experiences as possible," she said. "It's very touching. Originally, we heard students wanted a Prom and the Elks were able to make it happen. We're thrilled, excited and wanted to make a good time for these kids." "The incredible generosity of the Elks goes above and beyond," Parker said, who noted that the Elks' philanthropy was supplemented by funding from the Foundation for Abilities First N.Y. "When a community comes together for a community like Abilities First, we are so grateful for the commitment that folks make that enhances a program for the community. It truly exemplifies the spirit of community partnership." The event had all the special touches of a Prom. Students were resplendent in formal wear and elegant dresses, with carefully done makeup, coiffed hair, corsages and boutonnieres. Abilities First faculty and staff helped students get ready for the event, then joined in on the fun. Decorations included fresh flowers on tables and balloon arrangements, while a photo booth provided instant keepsakes. Town of Poughkeepsie resident Peter Kase said this year's event was the fourth Abilities First Prom his daughter Julianne has attended. "I was talking in the kitchen with my wife about whether we would bring her to the Prom. Julie was in her bedroom in her bed. She turned and stared at us, and I asked her if she wanted to go to the Prom. She said yes, yes, yes! Julie thinks it's the best thing in the world. She'll be on the dance floor the entire time; all these kids will be," he said. In addition to the Elks and Parker, the Prom's coordination was led by Abilities First LaGrange campus Principal Georgia Patchen, high school teacher Nancy Besio and art teacher Rona Mannain. Andrea Hagan, a community

volunteer, led the decorating along with a team of volunteers. Besio, an Abilities First special education teacher for 28 years, teaches students ages 15-21 and was out on the dance floor assisting students. "We just wanted to give them a special night and a Prom, just like students their age," she said. "All of us worked together to make this happen. Everyone was excited. We're here because of our love and care for these kids." Also volunteering were a total of eight students from Arlington, Highland and Our Lady of Lourdes High Schools, who danced and mingled with attendees to add to the event's inclusiveness. "We're here to have a fun time and give back to the community," said Andrew Goetz, an Arlington High School sophomore. Salmah Suleiman, an 11th grader at Highland High School, said "We're here to help everyone have the same experience that we received at our Prom." Patricia Larkin, a seven-year supporter of Abilities First and a kindergarten teacher in Orange County schools for 25 years, was on hand as well. "These families need support and an event like this warms my heart," she said. "To see these kids have a chance to expand their horizons and give them this opportunity is fabulous." Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino stopped in to celebrate with the students. "I love this organization," she said of Abilities First. "This Prom is so important. High schools have Proms, so it's nice that these kids have a prom. Everyone looks beautiful – it's just kids being kids!" Overall, the event was a sensation enjoyed by all. "The Spring Prom is a great opportunity for our students and families," Parker said. "Our schools check the same boxes as community schools, and a Prom helps do that. We have parties and themed events, but Prom is a whole other level of engagement."

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