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Yankees select Nick Ortiz as Renegades manager for '24

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades will have a new field manager for the 2024 season.

The New York Yankees, parent club of the Renegades, have named Nick Ortiz will take over as the manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Yankees High-A affiliate.

The Renegades will be in their 30th season in the Hudson Valley in 2024. Ortiz becomes the 19th manager in team history, and fourth in four years during the Yankees era. He is joined on the field staff by Pitching Coach Spencer Medick (2nd season), Hitting Coach Rick Guarno (1st season), and Defensive Coaches Derek Woodley (2nd season) and Zak Wasserman (1st season).

"I'm very excited to be given the opportunity to manage the Hudson Valley Renegades this year, and I'm really looking forward to connecting with all our fans," Ortiz said in a statement. "We are going to present tremendous talent on the field and I hope that you could all join us in what should be a fun and exciting season."

Ortiz is returning for a second stint with the Yankees organization after spending the past four seasons as the Quality Assurance Coach for the San Francisco Giants. Before serving on Gabe Kapler's staff in San Francisco, Ortiz served a dual role for four seasons in the Yankees system, serving as an Amateur Scout covering Puerto Rico and a Minor League coach.

He has previously served as a minor league baseball manager.

In addition to his Major and Minor League coaching experience, Ortiz has coached and managed in the prestigious Puerto Rican Winter League for the Gigantes de Carolina and the Cangrejeros de Santurce, a league in which he played in for 16 seasons and was a six-time All-Star.

Ortiz comes to the Hudson Valley with a connection to the Renegades, having served on the Giants staff for four years with former Renegades manager Craig Albarnaz, who guided the Gades to the 2017 New York-Penn League Championship.

Hudson Valley now plays in the South Atlantic League.

Local historical societies help to put perspective on the past

By Kristine Coulter

Historical Societies offer local residents a chance to learn about and connect to the past of their communities.

Beacon's history 'a constant growth' and commitment

Denise Doring VanBuren is the president of the Beacon Historical Society.

"Change is a constant, and decades of growth and commitment have made Beacon the community we know today because it has always been evolving. But the pace of change now is greater than ever before -- streetscapes are changing, the "small town" feel is evaporating and the magic that makes Beacon "Beacon" will dissipate if we don't preserve and promote what made this community so very special," said Doring VanBuren in an email. "From the Mount Beacon Incline Railway and the Newburgh Beacon Ferry, to our hat-making industry and our local families, we have a fascinating shared past. We want to be sure that the chapters that made Beacon's story so compelling (that resulted in this city of ours) are not lost on those who have only now "discovered" us. Knowing what made this community so wonderful is the key to keeping it wonderful."

Asked what the most interesting story item she has come across, Doring VanBuren, who is also an author, said, "We have thousands of items in our collection -- newspapers, photographs, products made in Beacon, scrapbooks, ephemera, etc. I joined the Historical Society in 1988 -- and I have been fascinated ever since by the breadth of items that families have entrusted to us -- picking a most interesting or favorite item from our collection would be like trying to pick your favorite child (i.e. impossible!)."

"BUT I will share a chapter that I learned only recently -- something that I think few people realize," Doring



Hat shop workers in Beacon. Manufacturing hats was one of Beacon's primary industries for decades.

-Courtesy photo Beacon Historical Society

VanBuren said.

The following is what Doring VanBuren relayed.

"Howard Ashman rented a house in 1989 at 791 Slocum Road in Beacon for two years while he was waiting construction of his home in Cold Spring -- regrettably he died in March 1991 and never got to see that new home.

Who was he? A prolific musical lyricist and producer who first came to prominence in 1982 with a work that he conceived, wrote and directed with music

by Alan Menken called "Little Shop of Horrors." Ashman was soon pivotal in the renaissance of Disney-animated musicals and in the development of "The Little Mermaid" (Producer and Lyrics), "Beauty and the Beast" (Executive Producer and Lyrics) and "Aladdin" (Lyrics), all with music by Alan Menken. While living here in Beacon during production of "The Little Mermaid," he continued to work, helping to give life to

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'Your Wonder' book was inspired by local author's daughter

By Kristine Coulter

Local residents Courtney Kolb and Laura Golben have collaborated on a new book for children. The book is called "Your Wonder."

This is Kolb's first book.

So, what happens in this story?

Kolb stated, via email, "Join two adventurous girls with a love for play, nature, and exploration. Experience their travels through the seasons -- they love to be outdoors, rain or shine, sun or snow. Peek into their imaginations as they show you what might be hidden beneath the surface."

Golben explained: "The concept for this book was very visual, right off the bat. When we realized we could implement a flap to add in an element of surprise, it set us off with a clear vision for the layout. After that it was a matter of figuring out the characters and color and style



Local author Courtney Kolb (left) with illustrator Laura Golben and the book, "Your Wonder." The two collaborated on this self-published book.

-Courtesy photo

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Legislator Valdés Smith announces run for NYS Senate District 39

Dutchess County Legislature Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith announced her candidacy on Jan. 27 for New York State Senate District 39 to represent parts of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties in the State Legislature.

The seat is currently held by Republican Rob Rolison.

As a former local public school teacher, longstanding union member and Latina, Valdés Smith said she is running to bring the urgently needed representation and crucial resources that SD-39 has been lacking under current leadership. She enters this race already with the endorsements and support of elected officials from all levels of government, party leaders, and labor, including Local CWA 1120, Congressman Pat Ryan, all 3 County Democratic Committees, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, former Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois, and countless others.

Valdés Smith said, "As a county legislator, I know firsthand what real issues look like on the ground. I know what it means when school funding doesn't get delivered, affordability measures aren't promoted, and environmental protections aren't defended. I've seen how families are struggling to make ends meet, and I've worked hard to uphold the best interests of those that I represent in Dutchess County.

"Now, I am running for Senate District 39 to elevate that fight to Albany, and bring home the bigger results that our region deserves. We cannot afford two more years

of attacks on our education funding, reproductive rights, labor protections, and climate goals. As your next State Senator, I will be a guaranteed advocate for the Hudson Valley, and everyone who calls this place home."

Congressman Pat Ryan said, "I proudly endorse my friend Yvette Valdés Smith to serve our community in the NYS Senate. I've worked closely with Yvette to deliver critical relief to the residents of Dutchess County, and look forward to continuing to partner with her — as our next State Senator — to protect our environment and fight to preserve fundamental freedoms for all residents of the Hudson Valley."

Rob Pinto, Business Agent of CWA Local 1120 said, "2023 was the year of the strike. Unions stood tall. UAW, SEIU, CWA and NYSUT and NYSNA all fought and won great victories at the Bargaining table. All those victories started on picket lines across the state. The working class looked to their political leaders for support. And we found a champion in Yvette Valdés Smith. Yvette led the way to support workers. The outreach of support by vocally and publicly supporting the workers of the community truly helped move the scales in favor of the middle class. Albany needs a voice that speaks for the hard working people of the SD 39."

Former Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois said "I am proud to endorse Yvette Valdés Smith for NYS Senate District 39. Yvette's dedicated leadership as the current Democrat Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature reflects her

unwavering commitment to public service and her community. As a legislator, a teacher, and a mom she has the perfect perspective and skills to continue her tireless advocacy for us in

Albany and deliver the resources we need to make our community even greater. Yvette's commitment, integrity, and compassion will continue to guide her to always do what's right over what's easy. I look forward to Yvette being my NYS Senator."

Michael Dupree, Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chair said "Yvette Valdés Smith excels in service leadership. Yvette identifies needs within her community, conveys that upward while also conferring with stakeholders to create solutions. She is both dynamic and caring and above all fearless. The residents of every county in the 39th will have a terrific advocate in the majority by electing Yvette Valdés Smith."

Zak Constantine, Orange County Democratic Committee Chair said "Yvette Valdés Smith is exactly what District 39 needs — a leader who understands our priorities and is ready to act. Her relentless focus on critical issues like housing affordability, environmental protections, and preventing gun violence resonates deeply with Orange County voters. Yvette's proven track record in the Dutchess County Legislature, combined with her collaborative work with Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, positions her to hit the ground running and ensure the needs of Orange County families are better addressed."



Yvette Valdés Smith

-Courtesy photo

Putnam County Democratic Committee Chair Jennifer Colamonico said, "Yvette Valdés Smith has done the hard work to run, win, represent all her voters, and be a leading Democratic voice in Dutchess. We look forward to introducing Yvette to Putnam and putting her energy and commitment to work for the people of our county."

Book was inspired by local author's daughter

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for the illustrations. We wanted to make all of the pages cohesive, so I used a limited palette that worked with all of the nature elements and figured out how to differentiate the real-world scenes from the imagined animals."

Kolb and Golben have done book signings and have been featured on local radio stations to talk about their book.

"The reader response has been wonderful. Young kiddos enjoy the "flap" which offers a fun reveal. Older kiddos love

where the story takes their imagination," said Kolb, who is a volunteer in the Wappingers Falls area. Olive, Kolb's daughter is the inspiration for the self-published author.

"I thought the book was so cool because of the flaps. You can see one thing and be surprised by something else," said Olive, 5.

What was it like collaborating on the book with each other?

"Courtney's enthusiasm was so encouraging. I would get really excited to send her a new spread because I knew she would be supportive, while also giving me ideas on how to make it better," said Golben. "We are both hard workers and could trust that the other was doing all they could to make this book happen."

"Just like our friendship our partnership is the perfect balance! Working with Laura was effortless as our strengths complement each other. We were able to start with a concept and grow the story into the book it is today! We're also working on a coloring book and another book," explained Kolb.

The book, said Kolb, is in "many mom-and-pop shops as well as Trevor Zoo (in Millbrook) and Mohonk Mountain House (Shawangunk Ridge) and we've created a



One of the pages from the new book "Your Wonder."

-Courtesy image

brand Camp Wonder."

It was noted by Kolb, "We also host meet and greets locally and do book signing events! I visit many of the local schools reading to preschool and grades Kindergarten-2."

For more information, visit www.unlockyourwonder.com.

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Local historical societies help to put perspective on the past



Beaconcrest Hotel atop Mount Beacon, in Beacon. The hotel burned down in 1927.

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“Beauty and the Beast” – here, in Beacon, NY! Disney set up a special studio workspace for his coworkers in a conference room in the [former] Residence Inn in Fishkill. The rest of his team, which included Menken, flew into town and went to work creating some of the most beloved and most recognizable Disney music ever recorded. The musical team was so impressed by the level of customer service they all received at the hotel that they wrote the song “Be Our Guest” in honor of that hotel. His coworkers dedicated “Beauty and the Beast” in his memory: “To our friend Howard, who gave a mermaid her voice and a beast his soul. He will be forever missed.” And he wrote it all here in BEACON!

Doring VanBuren thought these were a few things one should know about Beacon:

- Beacon’s was one of the longest-running ferries in American History (1743-1963)
- The Mount Beacon Incline was the steepest in the world and attracted 3 million people to the top

- Beacon was the hat-making capital of New York -- second nationally only to Connecticut.

- Many famous people have lived here, including Peter Seeger, Melio Bettina, Digger Phelps, Robert Montgomery and even author James Patterson. Many other important people have visited (e.g. George Washington, Gloria Swanson, D.W. Griffith, etc.).

- Beacon had MANY fine estates, thriving businesses and exceptional local athletes.

- Beacon was a center for ground-breaking treatments for the mentally ill, with sites including Matteawan State Hospital, the Riverview Sanitarium, Craig House and the Moreno Institute.

To join the Beacon Historical Society, mail a \$25 check (made payable to BHS) for a one-year membership to P.O. Box 89, Beacon.

“If you prefer to join online, just visit our website, www.BeaconHistorical.org, and click on the support tab. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, free Beacon-related history programs and invitations to special events. Most of all, it provides the satisfaction that you know that you are helping to preserve and promote the history of Beacon at a time when that is so important,” said Doring VanBuren.

Historical society is ‘incredibly important’ in East Fishkill

Rick Soedler is the site director for the Brinckerhoff Historical Site on North Kensington Rd. in East Fishkill. There one can see a one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, the Brinckerhoff-Pudney House, an icehouse and a carriage house.

“Our local and state historical societies are incredibly important as we are the keepers of the documents and items from the past that help us navigate the future. We don’t know where we are going if we don’t know where we came from. Without our historical societies the past would be lost forever,” stated Soedler.

“All history is interesting” to him, Soedler remarked.

“I just recently learned that during WWI, [British Prime Minister Sir] Winston

Churchill visited the Morgenthau family of East Fishkill with President Franklin Roosevelt. That intrigued me,” he stated.

Henry Morgenthau Jr. served as treasury secretary during the FDR administration. His son, Robert, was the District Attorney for New York County for more than three decades. Josh Morgenthau, a son of Robert, now runs Fishkill Farms in East Fishkill.

Soedler noted, “The most rewarding aspect is being able to help an individual with family research. Not all information is available in one place but being connected with other local societies we all work together to find the missing pieces of the puzzle for many families. Preserving the structures on our site in East Fishkill and being able to teach the public about them is also incredibly rewarding.”

Joining the EFHS is very simple. One may visit the website eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org. One will find information on becoming a member.

“We have just added a student membership fee of \$10 for high school or college students interested in supporting what we do. We also have volunteer opportunities for those students who are looking to build their resumes or fulfill their school community service hours,” said Soedler.

Wappingers Falls Historical Society to ‘help future generations’

“A historical society is an organization dedicated to preserving, collecting, researching, and interpreting historical information or items. They are an important part of the local community because they help future generations understand their heritage,” said Beth Devine, who is president of the Wappingers Historical Society. “The Wappingers Historical Society was founded on April 12, 1967, by local resident John Ferris and is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Town of Wappinger, the Village of Wappingers Falls and neighboring communities. The mission of the society is to preserve and share local artifacts, documents, photographs, and maps that pertain to the village, town, and surrounding areas; to preserve the Mesier Homestead; and to serve as a source of historical information for the community.”

Devine joined the WHS 14 years ago. What was described as “one of the most touching and memorable for her (Devine)” was the recognition of James Cruse, a WWI soldier from Wappingers Falls.

Devine recalled, “James was listed on a huge memorial billboard in Poughkeepsie, which recognized the area’s fallen heroes in WWI. Our archivist noticed that James wasn’t listed on the bronze WWI memorial plaque on the front of Mesier Homestead. We began to investigate his story.”

The following was relayed to Southern Dutchess News: “Cruse came to Wappingers Falls from down South in the years before WWI to work at the Aniline Dye Company plant. When the U.S. intervened in WWI in 1917, Cruse answered Uncle Sam’s call and enlisted. He went to France as a member of the New York volunteers, better known as the Harlem Hellfighters. Private Cruse was involved in fierce fighting on the Western Front where the Germans had put a big dent in the Allied



A postcard of the Mount Beacon Incline Railway.

lines called the St. Mihiel Salient (Meuse-Argonne Offensive). James died of wounds on October 14, 1918 while fighting to reduce the Salient and was buried at the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Thiaucourt, France.”

Devine stated, “While on a trip to France in 2017, my husband and I visited the cemetery, which is similar to the one we visited in Normandy. Of the 4,153 WWI soldiers buried there, 380 were members of the Harlem Hellfighters. We were met by a US Army Ranger who led us to James’s grave, where I placed flowers and the American and French flags at the base of the cross, while listening to the doleful sound of Taps reverberating throughout the cemetery.” Later that year, the WHS held a ceremony and placed a bronze plaque recognizing James Cruse beneath the one on the front of Mesier Homestead. Among those at the ceremony were representatives from the New York National Guard, members from the Bethel Baptist Church and a small choral group singing WWI songs. “I was so proud that the WHS corrected the overlooked service of a young man who paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country.”

Stories such as this illustrate the importance of preserving, protecting, interpreting and sharing historical records, it was stated. One may support the mission of the Wappingers Historical Society by becoming a member. Other ways one can assist is by donating items and artifacts to the WHS archives related to the history of the Village of Wappingers Falls, Town of Wappinger or surrounding hamlets; volunteering your time or talents; making a one-time or recurring monetary donation or make a planned gift, tribute gift or bequest to the Society.

To join the Historical Society, visit the WHS website at www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org and enroll online, or call 845-632-1281.

Fishkill has ‘many legacies and stories’ throughout its history

Amy Mack is a member of the Fishkill Historical Society.

“When people learn the history of where they are, those in that space, regardless of time and their perceived differences, suddenly have something in common. That’s a powerful tool to encourage fellowship in a community. Sharing the story of how a place relates with the region, country, and even the world provides a service that gives a community a common sense of place,” stated Mack, who has been in the FHS for more than two decades.

“There are many legacies and stories throughout Fishkill’s history that need to be remembered and shared, including such aspects as the Wappinger people, colonial life, Fishkill’s role in the Revolutionary War,

prominent people in Fishkill, and Fishkill industries through time. The nation’s 250th anniversary is fast approaching. I hope that the community can come together to make the Semiquincentennial in 2026 as great as what was done in Fishkill in 1976 for the Bicentennial. I can’t wait to be able to share the story,” she said.

Mack told of a story she encountered as a member of the FHS.

“Probably the most significant story that the Fishkill Historical Society must share is the fact that George Washington’s Fishkill Supply Depot was in Fishkill. The site and building that houses the Van Wyck Homestead Museum was the officer’s headquarters for the Continental Army base. To better describe the role of the museum building, I tell visitors that it was the supply depot’s administrative office building. The supply depot was a logistically critical installation that served the Northern Department of the Continental Army during the majority of the Revolutionary War. The depot served as a central location for storing and distributing essential materials for the army, including food, clothing, weapons, and medicine. The depot’s role expanded beyond mere storage. It became a site for repairing equipment, manufacturing supplies, and providing medical care to wounded soldiers. The Fishkill Supply Depot was a bustling hub of activity, with soldiers, workers, and supplies constantly moving in and out. There were barracks to house 2,000 soldiers and support staff year-round, and up to 2,000 soldiers camped in Fishkill in the warmer months for training. There were about 100 outdoor bread ovens in Fishkill, like the small demonstration clay oven at the museum, to bake bread for all of the personnel. Can you imagine how good all that baking bread smelled? Fishkill’s strategic location in the Hudson Highlands at the junction of ancient roads, today’s Routes 9 and 52, and so near to the Hudson River, made the depot defensible and provided easy transport of goods and people over land and on the river. The rebel system of signal fires along the ridge tops to alert defenders of intruders was so effective that the British didn’t attempt to invade the supply depot! There’s no doubt that the Fishkill Supply Depot was integral to the success of our war for independence from Britain,” Mack explained.

How can one join the Fishkill Historical Society?

“The Fishkill Historical Society is a 100% volunteer led not for profit private organization since its founding in 1962 when the plans for constructing Interstate 84 called for removing the “abandoned old farmhouse” and the founding members, led by the late Fishkill Town Historian Willa Skinner, saved the house from demolition, said Mack.

“Volunteering or becoming a member of the Fishkill Historical Society is easy. Volunteers earn their memberships with their time spent helping out. There are many ways to use your talents to volunteer, from keeping the Van Wyck Homestead Museum’s building and grounds up to being a museum docent,” said Mack. One can also choose to support the historical society by becoming dues-paying members. “There’s a membership level to fit everyone’s budget, from \$10 a year for seniors and students to a one-time \$500 donation to become a lifetime member. Please see our website at fishkillhistoricalsociety.com or stop by when we are open on weekends from June through October for more details about volunteering or becoming a member,” she said.

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Failing to support Ukraine now will make the world a much more dangerous and expensive place

To the Editor:

For everyone who has taken any action in support of Ukraine – whether flying a flag, lawn sign, attending an event, making a donation – and especially for those who have made significant efforts of time or money organizing drives for winter clothing, emergency equipment, fundraisers - these are difficult times.

Never has something so urgent and clear as the benefits we Americans reap from Ukraine's victory and supporting her through it been held hostage by one of our political parties in Washington. For months, we have been told that without a deal on controlling immigration on our southern border, there can be no funding for either Ukraine or Israel.

This week, such a deal has been reached supported by the Senators of both parties, The White House, and the Democrats in the House - only to have the House Republican Leadership declare it dead on arrival there.

We in the Hudson Valley have elected a bi-partisan delegation to the house. Many of your readers know Marc Molinaro. Some will know Mike Lawler or Pat Ryan. We urge you to call and write to them and ask them to support the deal which strengthens these pillars of our security: Support for Ukraine, Israel, and securing the southern border as it is essential we staunch the undocumented and illegal flow across it.

The facts are clear and bleak: Without US ammunition and weapons, Putin will win. Russia's victory in Ukraine will lead to larger conflicts with NATO states - putting our troops in harm's way. Russian victory will embolden China, destabilizing the Pacific rim and putting our allies Taiwan, Japan and South Korea in danger.

In other words, failing to support Ukraine now will make the world a much more dangerous and expensive place. So please call or write your representatives and ask them to do the right things for our security today. The efforts of our Dutchess community have already made a difference in the lives of Ukrainians. By ensuring the flow of weapons and ammunition, we can - and must - still do more.

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Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

Dec. 17: Property Recovered- Iris Circle- Caller reported items that were discovered on his property. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec.18: Burglary Attempt- Orchard Place- Caller reported damage to her door as a result of a burglary attempt. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 18: Auto Accident- Hit & Run- Spencer Lane- Caller reported damage to his vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted. Suspect vehicle was located.

Dec. 21: Property Damage- Fishkill Avenue-Caller reported damage to his vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 22: Fraud-Wesley Avenue-Caller reported repeated unauthorized transactions in her bank account. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 22: Larceny from Vehicle- Caller reported that money was missing from her purse after giving an individual a ride in her vehicle. Report taken.

Dec. 22: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for a Welfare check which resulted in an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 24: Assault- Robinson Street- Caller reported being assaulted by an indi-

vidual. Report taken.

Dec. 24: Larceny- Eliza Street- Caller reported that someone had stolen her jacket from the laundry room. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 24: Auto Accident- Hit & Run – West Center Street- Caller reported damage to his vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 28: Intoxicated Subject- Main Street-Robert Aitchinson age 52 of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

Dec. 29: Identity Theft- Municipal Plaza- Caller reported that he was a victim of Identity Theft. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Dec. 29: Larceny- Eliza Street- Caller reported that medication was stolen from his home. Report taken.

Dec. 30: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Fendi Figueroa age 33 of Wallkill, was processed on an open Warrant of Arrest.

Dec. 31: Dumping/Littering-Fishkill Avenue- Caller reported an individual left bags of used oil at his place of business. Report taken. Individual located and agreed to retrieve the bags.

Number of Calls - 327
Auto Accidents -14
Domestics - 4.

Three firefighters injured fighting house fire

Beacon Fire (BFD) units, Village of Fishkill Fire Department, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance, and City of Beacon Medic 1 (Ambulnz) were dispatched to West Church St. for a possible house fire on Jan. 26. Three Beacon career firefighters suffered minor injuries resulting in one being transported to the hospital for evaluation who has since been released, according to fire officials.

BFD units were on scene within 3 minutes to find a well involved working house fire. A second alarm was transmitted immediately, recalling all available off duty personnel, Castle Point Fire

Department to the scene with an engine, Slater Chemical Fire and Rombout Fire to stand by in the City with an engine and ladder, according to the Beacon Professional Firefighters IAFF L-3490 Facebook post.

According to the post, once contained, crews on scene faced strenuous overhaul to open up and check for hot spots. The fire is currently under investigation and the cause is undetermined as of press time.

Beacon PBA, City of Beacon Police, County Cars 17,51, DC Fire Investigation Division, DCSO and Central Hudson also assisted on scene.

Veterans notified of potential limited information disclosure

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) announced on Jan 25 that the administration is sending letters to 46,677 Veterans notifying them of the potential disclosure of limited information that may have been sent to another VA patient. The Veteran Integrated Services Network (VISN) 1 had 22,351 letters mailed and VISN 2 had 24,326 letters mailed. No Social Security numbers or other identifying information were divulged in the mix-up, caused when Xerox Corporation, under contract to VA, experienced a printing error in December 2023, stated the VHA press release.

The appointment notification postcards were generated by an application that converts information in a patient's electronic health record to an easy-to-read format, then prints, seals, and mails the postcards. The event was reported on December 11, 2023, according to VHA. The event involved reminder notifications for appointments scheduled between December 11, 2023,

through December 15, 2023.

VHA stated: "The application printed postcards addressed to patients that contained appointment scheduling and reminders for other patients. This was due to a misalignment, or improper match, of the content with the name and address of the appointment postcard recipient."

VHA emphasized that "no Social Security number or other identifying information was disclosed." Veterans affected will receive a Privacy HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Notification Letter, according to VHA.

Veterans who have questions or concerns about whether their personal information may have been involved can call and leave a message at 1-844-838-5433 between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls will be returned by the Privacy Officers at the local Medical Centers within two business days.

Literary open mic set for Feb 2 in Beacon

The next Lit Lit literary open mic is set for February 2 at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon from 7 - 9 p.m.

If one would like to read a work, please get there by 6:30 p.m. to sign up. One has

up to five minutes to read the writing of any genre to the audience, until time runs out! Or just come and listen.

A \$5 donation is requested to keep the Howland Cultural Center running. Drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Club Green Teen visits the Howland Library



Club Green Teen members pose next to the mural at the Howland Public Library. From left to right: Kaylee Ortiz, Crew Leader Desirae Smith, Luna Yawman, Shea Tanaka, Chanel Dickey, Sadie Vasquez, Thalia Rodriguez, Librarian Brian Sullivan, Saoirse Fehilly, and Crew Leader Messiah Gardner. In front: Jude Williams and Program Manager Sam Brittain.

-Courtesy photo

Club Green Teen, the after-school offshoot of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Green Teen Beacon Program, was invited for a tour of the Howland Public Library on January 12. Participants included eight youth, ages 12-14, led by Crew Leaders Desirae Smith and Messiah Gardner. The Club was guided by youth librarian Brian Sullivan on a tour that included the teen-centered Young Adult

space, library of things, and seed library.

This visit is second in a series of eight field trips for Club Green Teen's winter session, which is focused on civic engagement and building community. Next week, the Club will visit Barb's Butchery.

For more information and pictures of the visit, and updates about future activities, follow Green Teen Beacon on Facebook and Instagram.

Beacon native renders honors during burial-at-sea ceremony



Senior Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Jessie Smith (left) from Greenwood, Ind., and Chief Logistics Specialist Shache Cox, from Beacon, render honors during a burial-at-sea ceremony held on aircraft elevator 4 aboard USS Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln is currently underway conducting routine operations in the Pacific Ocean.

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Central Hudson announces first two Customer Open Houses in Kingston, Newburgh

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. will hold its first two customer open houses of 2024 in its Kingston District Office on February 15 and in its Newburgh District Office on March 6. Central Hudson began hosting open house events in 2022 to provide customers the opportunity to meet with representatives to address concerns in a face-to-face setting.

Central Hudson's open house will be by appointment only and customers will be provided a time slot to meet with a customer service representative who will walk each customer through their account in a one-on-one setting to address any questions or concerns.

"Rebuilding trust in our communities will take time and it will happen one customer at a time," Central Hudson Senior Vice President of Customer Services Anthony Campagiorni said. "We believe that these in-person events, along with our transition to monthly meter reading, which is already underway, are vital to rebuilding that trust."

Since December 2022, Central Hudson has worked to increase its overall accessibility to the communities it serves by inviting more than 100,000 customers to 10 different open house-style events throughout the service area, including two previous events in Kingston and Newburgh. The Utility has also partnered with several state and local elected officials to assist hundreds of concerned customers at events held in Dutchess, Greene, Orange and Ulster counties.

"Based on the feedback received from

customers and elected officials like Congressman Pat Ryan and State Senator Michelle Hinchey, some customers may not be fully satisfied and still have lingering concerns regarding their accounts," Campagiorni added. "We will be conducting direct outreach to these customers to ensure they have priority in meeting with us at these open houses so we can ensure proper resolution."

The Kingston open house will be held at Central Hudson's district office located at 2001 Ulster Ave. in Lake Katrine from 5 - 7 p.m. Customers will be contacted via email with an invitation to set up an appointment. Newburgh's open house will be held at Central Hudson's Newburgh office, located at 610 Little Brittan Rd. in New Windsor, also from 5 - 7 p.m.

Central Hudson will continue to host additional by appointment only open houses and other informational events throughout its service area in 2024. Announcements of future events for all customers will be made in the coming weeks and months.

Central Hudson offers assistance and payment programs to help customers manage their accounts. Visit <https://www.cenhud.com/en/account-resources/assistance-programs/>. Customers looking to learn more about Central Hudson's transition to monthly meter reading can visit <https://www.cenhud.com/en/account-resources/monthly-meter-reading/>.

Jacobson: Cuts to education, environment will not stand

Expressing outrage and promising action against the cuts in Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed budget in school aid and environmental protection, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson vowed, "These cuts will not stand!" on January 24 in a statement.

Jacobson, who represents five full school districts and parts of three others, said the Poughkeepsie, Highland and Beacon school districts are slated for cuts. These cuts are primarily due to the Governor's changes in aid calculation, as well as the Governor's proposed elimination of the "save harmless" provision, which ensures that no school district receives less Foundation Aid than it did in the previous year, he said. Foundation Aid

represents the largest share of education funding that school districts receive from the state, according to Jacobson.

"Governor Hochul is renegeing on her promise to fully fund Foundation Aid to our schools," Jacobson said. "Not only will this mean less money, but school districts will be unable to plan their budgets."

Jacobson also noted the proposed budget's lack of commitment to the environment. Though money is available from the Clean Water Act, the Governor's budget would allocate \$250 million for New York's Clean Water Infrastructure Act, according to the assemblyman. Since 2019, the State has provided \$500 million each year for water infrastructure, so this proposal represents a 50% decrease in fund-

ing. "Unfortunately," Jacobson said, "the costs have not gone down."

"This is first step in the budget dance in Albany. The Assembly and Senate majori-

ties will produce their own budgets, and then begin negotiations with the Governor," Jacobson continued. "I am confident that these cuts will be restored."

Tickets available to the Harlem Wizards game at Beacon High School on Feb. 16

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Beacon High School, Friday, February 16th at 7 p.m. The evening promises to be a fun-filled event that is great for kids and adults and will guarantee to put a smile on one's face! This event is hosted by the Rombout Middle School PTO, the Beacon High School PTSO, and the Beacon High School National Honor Society. They have brought The Wizards into town to raise money for scholarships, events and many other things that benefit the students of the middle school and high school.

The Harlem Wizards have a unique mission: to create awe-inspiring events throughout the country. At a Wizards game, fans will witness amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. It's two hours of family time where parents, grandparents, and kids can all laugh together. When you're in the stands, you're more than a spectator; you're part of the show with loads of audience participation. Throughout the game, fans will experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing, and aerodynamic athleticism combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction. The experience can only be summed up in two words: Awe-Inspiring!

Ticket prices are as follows:

Student General Admission: \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door)

Adult General Admission: \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door)

Reserved Student/Adult: \$25

Courtside Plus Student/Adult: \$50

Courtside Player Student (pre-K-6th): \$125

Reserved ticket holders receive special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster for kids and \$5 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

Courtside Plus ticket holders receive first row seating and meet privately with some of the Wizard players before the game for a meet-and-greet, 1 slice of pizza and drink, souvenir lanyard, color team photo, kids get \$5 discount on replica jersey, and adults get a \$10 souvenir gift certificate.

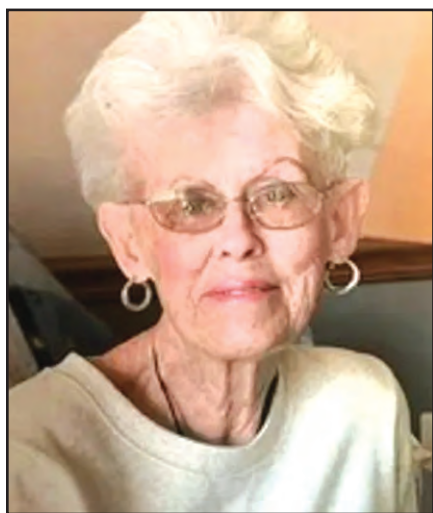
Courtside Player ticket holders (pre-K-6th) receive reserved seating, pregame meet and greet with players, 1 slice of pizza and drink, wizards jersey (picked up at game), souvenir lanyard and color team photo for kids, and the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.

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Obituaries

Anne Elizabeth Adams



Anne Elizabeth Adams, a lifelong resident of Beacon, entered into rest on January 19, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was 84 years old.

Anne was born on April 5, 1939 in Beacon, the daughter of the late Harold W. and Mary G. Coles Killmer. On December 9, 1995 at St. Joachim Church, she married Robert Adams. Anne is now reunited with her loving husband and best friend, Bob, who predeceased her on May 1, 2023.

Anne had worked as a surgical tech at Vassar Hospital and then worked for IBM from where she retired. She was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Church. Anne enjoyed traveling with her husband and being around her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Anne is survived by her daughter, Marybeth Cahill (Patrick); her brother, Charles Killmer (Judy); her grandchildren, Christine Ferguson (Chris), Colin Cahill; her great grandchildren, Jakob Ferguson, Kailee Ferguson and Brianna Ferguson; many nieces and nephews and extended family.

In addition to her beloved husband, Anne was predeceased by her son, John Komornik; her brothers, Ed Killmer (Ann) and Robert Killmer (Helen); her sister-in-law, Joan Serino.

Family and friends will gather on Wednesday, January 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 25 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

Memorial donations in memory of Anne may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Charlotte Elaine Jenot Flanagan Merz



Charlotte Elaine Jenot Flanagan Merz passed away peacefully at home on January 23rd, 2024. Charlotte was born to Timothy James Jenot and Doris (Lent) Jenot on May 1st, 1929, in Binghamton, NY.

Charlotte is predeceased by both her parents; sister; Irene Linville; Brother, Donald Jenot; and her first husband Gerald Gage Flanagan.

She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Frederick Merz ; sister: Georgia Simons; children: Jeffrey (Diane)Flanagan, Gary (Heather) Flanagan, Janice (George) Medlar; grandchildren: Peter (Kathryn) Flanagan, Mary (Craig) Fitzgerald, Michael Scott, Caroline (David) Cooper; great grandchildren: Liam and Claire Flanagan, Mac, Joseph and Luke Fitzgerald, Barrett and

Sawyer Cooper; sister-in-law: Joan (Irv) Crumb; brother-in-law: Walter (Fran) Merz, Raymond (Kathy) Merz; and dozens of nieces & nephews.

Char graduated from Chenango Forks School and attended business school in Binghamton. She retired in 1992 after 25 years as a secretary in the Wappingers school district and 7 years as an elementary librarian in Greene, NY schools.

In 1949 Charlotte and Gerald were married and settled in Smithville Flats, NY where they built their dream home and raised their three children.

Char was first and foremost devoted to her family. She loved them all very much and they brought great joy to her life. A teacher at heart, she was always involved in helping children. As the elementary librarian in Greene, NY she fostered a love for books and reading. Char was a Sunday school teacher in Greene for several years as well as a Girl Scout leader. She especially enjoyed her time as swimming instructor at Echo Lake and is fondly remembered by her former students.

Char had many interests and led an active life. She enjoyed swimming, skiing, boating on the Hudson, travelling, birding, antiques, family gatherings and of course living at the "Hideaway". Char cherished her memories of Greene, Echo Lake and the Flanagan family. Camping at a Cook Park in Greene helped keep her in touch and provided many "walks down Memory Lane".

But above all was her love of family. The family wishes to thank the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice for all their support and care during the past 5 months.

A visitation was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Fishkill United Methodist Church. Following the visitation there was a funeral service. A celebration of life will take place later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a children's charity of your choice or Hudson Valley Hospice.

Arrangements under the supervision of Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, NY.

Beulah Gay Jackson



Beulah Gay Jackson
August 3, 1930 - January 15, 2024
Beulah Beatrice Gay Jackson, 93, from Beacon, New York, passed away due to natural causes on January 15th, 2024.

Beulah was born to Richard Gay and Mamie Jones Gay in Surrey, Virginia. As a young child, her family moved to Poughkeepsie, New York, where she attended local schools and churches. During her high school career, Beulah learned bookkeeping which served her well after graduation and throughout her life. She made history shortly after graduating high school by becoming the first Black person to be employed as a bookkeeper in the city of Poughkeepsie, securing a position at United Cleaners. Additionally, she offered tax preparation

services for individuals and small businesses.

Beulah married Virgil Jackson on May 11th, 1951 and moved to Beacon, New York. Thereafter, she gave birth to six children: Patricia Ann, Valerie Brenda, Virgil Brent Jr., Sheryl Lynn, Carla Jean, and Lynette Denisia. They fostered one child, Lori Beth Shank Wilson. As a young mother Beulah babysat in her home to dozens of children whose parents relied on her services so that they could earn a living. It's estimated that Beulah babysat well over 200 children over a span of 20 years! As a caregiver, she was a firm and structured teacher. To the parents she was an adept listener, encourager, confidant and friend.

A church goer and devoted civic servant leader, Beulah and her family were amongst several Black families who attended and integrated St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Beacon. She joined the women's guild and participated in planning events, church celebrations and was politically active there. Beulah later became a member of Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church and joined many committees such as the Missionaries and Pastor's Aide Ministry, the Pastor's Anniversary Committee, the Church Anniversary Committee, Birthday Tea Committee. She was a Financial Secretary and Sunday School Teacher.

She was a lifetime member of the Beacon-Fishkill Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. where she was president for 9 years. She was a member of the Les Soeurs Amiable Civic Club and devoted close to 60 years of her life to the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, which is an affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. Over the years she held many positions within these organizations including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Financial Secretary. She was active in the Beacon City School District as a Classroom Mother and also a past President of the Sargent School PTA where she worked to transition Black children from the Forrestal Heights housing development into the newly opened Sargent School.

Together, Beulah and Virgil served their community through their involvement in organizations and civic work. They attended Beacon City Council meetings and brought back information to the community. They pushed back when they learned that federally funded Urban Renewal would eliminate the Black community in the West End of Beacon. Beulah was gifted with foresight and perception and understood the politics surrounding community decisions. She used her gift of communication to enlighten her neighbors as to what was going on. Amongst other initiatives, they were involved in voter registration drives and networked with organizations to help youth in Beacon. Together, Beulah and Virgil helped young adults start their careers by providing information for jobs and handing out job applications. Beulah sat on several boards including the Magnet School Committee, the Board of Education's Health and Wellness Committee, Martin Luther King Community Center, Planned Parenthood of Dutchess/Ulster Counties, Beacon Youth Board of Appeals, Human Relations Committee, Chairperson of Advisory Board of Multi-Services Center and the Mid Day Meal programs for Senior Citizens.

Beulah served as the Director for the Office of Economic Opportunity (O.E.O.) which served Dutchess County. It was established during the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson to serve impoverished American citizens in cities and rural areas. They helped people learn new skills and acquire jobs and was affiliated with Job Corps and Vista, now Americorp. It was abolished under President Reagan. Under Beulah's direction the Beacon Head Start Program was started. Proudly, it's still in existence and throughout the years has served many, many children.

Beulah is predeceased by her husband, Virgil Jackson, Sr., and her son, Virgil Jackson, Jr., sisters Margaret Hargrove and Edith Branch and brother Arbie Gay. She is survived by daughters Patricia Jackson, Valerie Jackson, Sheryl Bennett, Carla Thompson, Lynette Jackson and Lori Wilson. She is survived by her sister Mary Bailey of Wakefield, Virginia. Beulah is also survived by 56 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is remembered by many as a woman of principle, teacher, supporter, and caregiver. She earned a reputation as a tireless civil rights activist and advocate.

Beulah made many friends and acquaintances and regarded many of them as extended family members. Her door was always open to friends and neighbors who wanted a listening ear, advice, words of wisdom, a good laugh or some of Beulah's home cooking. However, Beulah's greatest contribution to the world is her large and loving circle of children and grandchildren. She was the proud grandmother to 56 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

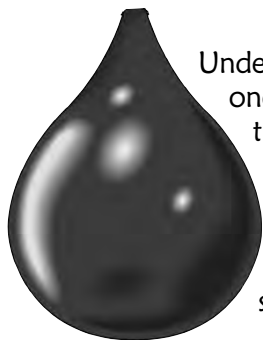
The family honors and thanks Beulah's youngest daughter Lynette Jackson, her caregiver, who took extraordinary care of her over the years. The family also recognizes and thanks the special friends who stayed connected to Beulah. Connie Cooper, Sharlene Stout, Goddaughter Donna Walker, Tookie Anderson, Sylvia Quintana, Matthew Oldham, Sandra Barksdale, Loretta "Baby Rhett" Dozier and honorable son Robert Barksdale.

There was a visitation for Ms. Beulah Gay Jackson on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Square, Beacon, NY. Funeral Service was held at the church. Professional service entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Homes, 43 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY.

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Relocation of utility poles on Route 9D for Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

By Kristine Coulter

Utility poles on the west side of Route 9D in the Town of Fishkill, north of the Breakneck tunnel, will be relocated to the east side by Central Hudson Electric & Gas. The project will begin in the coming months, according to an announcement from Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT).

"The utility relocation project will eliminate utility poles and wires from the viewshed of the river in this section of the Route 9D Scenic Byway," said Lori Moss, the communications director for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail.

As for why this is a necessary part of the project, Moss replied, "The relocation of the utility poles to the east side of Route 9D will make way for new improvements, including restrooms, improved parking, the bridge across the Metro-North railroad tracks, enhanced crosswalks, and wayfinding signage."

So how will this 'transform' that section of 9D?

Moss responded, "This work is the first phase of a multi-year construction project that will transform the Breakneck/Route 9D corridor. Central Hudson's work in the spring will be followed by the New York State Department of Transportation's planned improvements to the Breakneck tunnel during the summer, then construction of the Breakneck Connector &

Bridge, beginning in the fall."

The Breakneck Connector & Bridge project will make this section of the Route 9D corridor "a first-class recreational amenity – one that is more beautiful and safer," said Moss. "It will include newly configured parking areas (on only the west side of Route 9D, not on both sides), a totally upgraded Metro-North Station at Breakneck Ridge, a safe, off-road trail connecting the station to the Breakneck trailhead, restroom facili-

ties, beautiful native landscaping and seating, and trail improvements."

According to information from the HHFT, a comprehensive tree survey conducted by national environmental consulting firm Great Ecology, nearly 80% of the trees that will be removed for the utility relocation are either invasive species or are native trees in "Poor" or "Dead" condition. "Ultimately, these will be replaced with 2,080 shrubs, 430 trees, and thousands of additional native

plants to foster more early successional forest, dense shrub, and grassland habitat, which will better serve native wildlife," it was stated by HHFT.

Moss noted, "In addition, a bridge will provide hikers and cyclists with a safe passage over the railroad tracks to the water's edge, reconnecting visitors with the Hudson River."

A spokesperson from Central Hudson did not respond to an inquiry regarding the project.

this week's puzzle solutions

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Sudoku
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Suguru solution

SPORTS REPORT

'Rosie and Rascal wedding' tops Renegades theme nights

By Rich Thomaselli

A baseball-themed wedding is just one of the promotions this summer for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Renegades mascots Rosie and Rascal will tie the knot at Heritage Financial Park.

"We are so thrilled that Rascal and Rosie are taking a walk down the aisle at Heritage Financial Park this season," said Zach Betkowski, General Manager of the Renegades. "Having witnessed their flirtation and the beginning of their relationship at the ballpark throughout the 2023 season, we are so glad that they have chosen to host their ceremony at the place that has meant so much to their relationship."

This is the team's 30th anniversary season at the ballpark on Route 9D.

In addition to the wedding, the Renegades' 66-game home schedule features another slate of promotional nights, with a unique theme at every home game. The Renegades have a team-record 22 giveaways and several special appearances planned for the season. Previously announced, the team will give away a special 30th anniversary-themed item during every Saturday

home game.

Additionally, 2024 sees the return of T-Shirt Tuesday presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union with a unique t-shirt handed out to the first 1,000 fans each Tuesday home game, and WeCare Wednesday presented by Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth).

The Renegades have 15 fireworks shows planned for the 2024 season. Fireworks shows will be hosted after every Friday home game, on select Saturdays (June 29 and July 6), along with two MEGA Fireworks Shows on July 4 and July 5 to celebrate Independence Day.

"Our 30th anniversary season is going to be a celebration of Renegades baseball and our mission to make magical memories which become life-long memories for our entire community," said Betkowski. "We are looking forward to continuing to provide affordable family entertainment to the Hudson Valley with our unique theme nights and experiences."

A full listing and theme nights for the 2024 season can be found at the Renegades website.

Renegades announce single-game tickets now on sale for 2024 season

By Rich Thomaselli

The 2024 baseball season will be here before you know it - especially now that single-game tickets for the Hudson Valley Renegades are on sale.

The High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees have announced that single-game tickets for select dates throughout the 2024 season are on sale beginning with tickets for the Renegades' Home Opener on April 16.

Some of the most-popular and in-demand dates are on sale, giving fans early access to secure their seats to the Home

Opener, Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Independence Day.

A limited number of special Father's Day packages will be available. The package includes a Field Level - Dugout ticket, Renegades hat, a custom Father's Day baseball and the opportunity to play catch on the field after the game.

Renegades Four Packs are also on sale for each of the team's 66 home games.

Fans can purchase their tickets online at hvrenegades.com, by calling the Renegades Ticket Office at 845-838-0094, or in-person at Heritage Financial Park.

Marist men grab key win over rivals from Siena

By Rich Thomaselli

Traditionally, the Marist College men's basketball team has had trouble with its rivals from Siena College.

For some reason, the Red Foxes seem to stall against the Saints.

That - and the fact that this was a critical early-season Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference game made it seem like it had a playoff atmosphere.

Marist didn't disappoint.

The Foxes eeked out a 50-48 home win to keep their record above .500.

Marist was 9-7 overall and 4-3 in

MAAC play, good for fifth place and staying right in the thick of a playoff berth.

Not only was it a good win, it showed the resilient side of Marist. The Saints bolted to an early lead by hitting eight of their first 10 shots. Siena held a 16-point lead at one point early in the first half.

Marist's Matt McCool capped the comeback by scoring his only points of the game on a shot with less than five seconds to play to win it. The Foxes won despite shooting 2-for-16 from 3-point range. But Siena committed 20 turnovers to balance that out.

Marist to host annual 'Pink Out' game to benefit Miles of Hope

By Rich Thomaselli

The annual "Pink-Out" game hosted by the Marist College women's basketball program will be played on February 10.

The game will be played in partnership with the locally based Miles of Hope Foundation for the 14th consecutive season. Miles of Hope promotes breast cancer awareness and honors those in the Hudson Valley who have been afflicted with the disease.

Marist will play Iona College that night at 7 p.m. at McCann Arena.

Proceeds from the game, including a 50-

50 raffle, will benefit Miles of Hope. Donations will also be accepted.

At halftime, the Marist Athletics Department and Miles of Hope will recognize breast cancer survivors with a special on-court ceremony. Survivors interested in taking part in the event should contact Assistant Athletics Director for External Affairs Harrison Baker.

All fans are encouraged to wear pink to the game. And the first 500 attendees will receive a special commemorative T-shirt designed by the Marist College Fashion Department.

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THEME: THE GRAMMYS

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6. *Artist with most 2024 Grammy nominations
9. Not his
13. "Roots" author
14. That guy
15. Full of emotion (2 words)
16. Relating to #3 Down
17. Tarzan's mom, e.g.
18. Caribbean island destination
19. *The Recording _____, voting organization
21. **"What Was I Made For?" movie
23. **"A Boy Named _____," 1970 Grammy winner
24. Prickle on a wire
25. Drench
28. Waiter's handout
30. *Grammy-nominated Lauper song, "True _____"
35. Amusement destination
37. Rachel Renee Russell's "_____ Diaries"
39. Extend subscription
40. South Korean boy band
41. Type of wrap
43. Italian wine region
44. Forearm length unit
46. Honey-producing facility
47. Saw incision
48. Nauseant
50. Fancy marbles used as shooters
52. U.S. Marine Corps gift recipient
53. EU currency
55. Aglet on a shoelace, e.g.
57. *_____.com Arena
60. *Miley Cyrus' Song of the Year nominee and popular romantic gift
64. Texas cook-off dish
65. **"In the _____ Tonight," by Grammy-winner Phil Collins
67. Send, as payment
68. Safe place
69. Bird word
70. Leave out

71. Bookkeeping entry
72. Refrigerator sound
73. Scatter

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2. Baby powder ingredient
3. Pelvic parts
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5. Aristotle's school
6. One-horse carriage
7. Mailing "code"
8. Single-cell protozoan
9. *Grammy-winner, _____ Alpert
10. *Purse for the red carpet
11. Bumpkin
12. Pampering place
15. Bar _____, ME
20. Rewards, in the olden days
22. Pendulum's path
24. Cantina staple
25. *Ice _____, Best New Artist nominee
26. Wooden ship caulking
27. Space exploration mission
29. *Grammy host for the fourth time
31. Plumbing problem
32. Early stages of illness
33. Reminiscent of the past
34. **"Anti-Hero" performer
36. Not purr!
38. Pacific Islanders' herbal drink
42. Handrail post
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Sabellico's introduces new farm-harvest CSA program

By Curtis Schmidt

Matt Sabellico and his staff at Sabellico's Greenhouses and Florist, Inc. in Hopewell Junction are entering a new chapter. Come spring, they will be producing a wide variety of vegetables and other local products as part of their own CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program.

The Sabellico family has run the farm/business for over 70 years and Mom, Diane said her son, Matt, is the impetus behind the CSA idea.

"He was growing organic produce here at Sabellico's for a few years before COVID. He had a non-commitment CSA where he packed up the week's haul from the garden in boxes and sold them to whoever showed up," said Diane. They survived the uncertainty of the COVID era by concentrating on their core business of selling vegetable plants and flowers, because she said, "No one knew how things were going to shake out."

Diane pointed out that Matt "learned a lot from his first go around with produce - what worked well and what did not. It has taken him up til now to get reorganized to try growing produce again." He is also trying to involve other area agricultural businesses in this endeavor. Right now, Dan Moon from Sunnyvale Farm (formerly Secor's Strawberries) and Nicole Harris from Tiny Green Farms (microgreens) are involved in the CSA.

Matt is also trying to get other providers with eggs, meat, honey, maple syrup etc. involved as add-ons to the CSA. He feels that these partnerships can benefit all involved. He was chairman of the Dutchess County



Sabellico's Greenhouses and Florist, Inc. in Hopewell Junction will be offering vegetables and other products as part of their newly-formed CSA. They are currently signing up participants.

-Courtesy photos

Matthew Sabellico

Agricultural Advisory Board for seven years and is now Chair of the Dutchess County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to offer more programs like this to our community. I am deeply passionate about our agricultural communities here at home and across these beautiful lands," said Matt. "I believe that optimal health and nutrition begins on farms, both for the lands and the people they feed. The Hudson Valley is one of the most beautiful and fertile lands that we have left in this country and needs to be treated with care and consideration."

He added, "We have a diverse and unique farming community here in Dutchess, imbued with passion and respect. It is important that we work to preserve and restore the respect of our lands and their

ecological and agricultural value."

Matt said he believes that "farming and the principals it teaches us can help lead us to a simpler, more connected way of life. I dream of a day when instead of lush green lawns, the neighborhoods we have built have dedicated areas for gardens, orchards, greenhouses and animal pastures."

He also believes that if the agricultural

health land is preserved, it will continue to achieve optimal health for all.

The new "Goddess Garden" carries that name after Matt's daughters, who are named after goddesses Freya and Artemis.

To gain more information or to sign up for the CSA, visit the Sabellico website at 845-226-5943 or call 845-226-5943.

Debut of The Beacon Players Younger Company set for Feb. 9-10

The Beacon Players Younger Company will perform "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," on February 9 at 7 p.m. and February 10 at 1 p.m. The performances will take place at Beacon High

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