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APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Anderson's goal of enriching lives is essential for Emerson family



The Emerson family includes, from left Jason, Maria, Avery, Grandfather Richie Arra, Zach and Jonas.

-Courtesy photo

By Cynthia Baer

April is designated as Autism Acceptance Month. Formerly known as Autism Awareness Month, Autism Acceptance Month is meant to highlight the issues affecting people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families, educate the public about support services, and celebrate and destigmatize the perspectives of those living with autism.

Jason and Maria Emerson are a family of five, nine if you include their four-legged babies (two dogs and two cats). Jason is a stay-at-home dad. Maria is the Director of OBGYN at Montefiore/Nyack and also practices out

of Highland Medical in two separate offices. Jonas, the oldest, is finishing up his senior year of High School at Don Bosco Prep in New Jersey and off to Wesleyan University in the fall. Avery and Zachary are twins. Zach is in his junior year at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. He is a member of their pop-ensemble playing piano/keyboard. Avery loves the water, swimming, water parks, the ocean. He will also never refuse a trip to a trampoline park and is a resident at Anderson Center for Autism.

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Access, knowledge highlight Anderson Center training

By Morgan E. Maier

Spring is upon Dutchess County, where local shops, farms and outdoor spaces have spent the off-season preparing for their guests. For a growing list of businesses and organizations welcoming a new season, that checklist includes Autism Supportive Programs, offered by Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT).

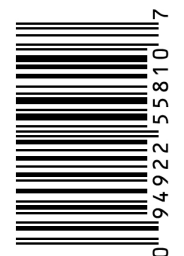
Two of these include Walkway Over the Hudson and Fishkill Farms.

For visitors from Poughkeepsie, Highland and across the country, the Walkway Over the Hudson welcomes everybody to explore its 1.8-mile path

above the Hudson River. For Tamara Palmateer, manager of volunteer services and programs, the knowledge gained through ACCT training translates to many levels of Walkway operations - not just to ambassadors, but also to others in leadership or supervisory roles. Palmateer and her team participated in a two-part training with ACCT. One component was designed to teach groups about autism, how it may look, and others. The supportive employment training further equipped Tamara and her team to train ambassadors with autism or difficulties adjusting to certain stimuli.

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County Clerk Brad Kendall announces retirement plans

Brad Kendall announced on Monday that he will not seek a 6th term as County Clerk and will conclude his service as County Clerk at the end of his current term on December 31, 2027.

"After much thought and reflection and discussion with my family and with Barbara, my sweetheart of 48 years, I've decided to retire next year at the end of my 5th term as County Clerk. For the past 20 years, it has been a privilege to lead my dedicated co-workers in the delivery of exemplary public service," said Kendall.

He added, "I'm especially grateful to Anne-Marie Dignan, Deputy County Clerk for Legal Services, Lisa Ayala, Deputy Clerk for DMV and Sandra Strid before her, Deanne Flynn, Secretary to the County Clerk and Will Tatum, County Historian for their leadership and service to the people of Dutchess County."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Congratulations to my friend, Brad on an outstanding career in public service and a well-deserved retirement! For almost 40 years, Brad has made a lasting impact on

our community, first at the town level and over the past three-plus decades with Dutchess County Government. Throughout his career, Brad has always put our neighbors first and has been a mentor to me since I began in elected office. I am so very lucky to call him a friend and to have worked with him all these years. His dedication to his team and community shines in how he rolls up his sleeves and works alongside them at the counter in the DMV. We are glad he's not leaving quite yet, and we look forward to continuing our work together over the next year and half before he begins his next chapter of life that is sure to be filled with joy, relaxation, and precious time with his family."

As for the next 21 months, Kendall said he is looking forward to the implementation of electronic filing in the criminal court of Dutchess County, finalizing the Clean Slate Act and completion of the renovations of the 1st and 2nd floor of the County Office Building.

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Brad Kendall

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The Walkway offers a tram through the entire length of the walkway, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., seven days a week. It was first available a few days a week as a support for people with mobility difficulties, and has since become a mainstay across the Hudson. It also inspired the Walkway to participate in two different trainings to help its ambassadors best serve visitors and fellow volunteers with autism or neurodivergent needs.

Long after ACCT training sessions, the Anderson's team continues to be a resource for the groups that run these Autism Supportive Environments. For Palmateer, Anderson is a resource that helps her organization run smoothly, whether in answering questions or assistance interacting with someone on the spectrum.

"In any type of leadership role, you want everybody to be as prepared and ready as possible. Anybody can benefit from having more training on working in the pavilions, but [the training] is specifically understanding the barrier or hurdle that people with autism generally have," said Palmateer.

Anderson Center Consulting and Training also provides additional resources to the Walkway, like the sensory kit available in the Walkway pavilions for any visitor or volunteer who may need

the support. For training volunteers, Palmateer opted for a visual guide that clearly outlines tasks and expectations for ambassadors on shift. Orientation has been changed to include a clear outline of the training schedule and topics, plus overviews of bathrooms and building layouts, so volunteers can map their surroundings. This protocol is meant to alleviate any orientation stresses without singling out any prospective volunteers. Whether a person employing these on-site accommodations is working or visiting, they can make an unnerving experience a positive one.

Some groups have also visited Fishkill Farms for its commitment to accessibility. With the help of ACCT and its training program, Fishkill Farms can continue its mission for all who may hear it. Skills in teaching about healthy foods and farms are all the more valuable for the farm's multifaceted team, now further equipped with a better understanding of guests with autism.

The training featured a point-of-view shot of a boy with autism during a visit to the mall. The sights, sounds, and enhanced lighting and noise created an environment too much for him to cope with. Where others noticed shouting or crying, trainees were looking at what the boy was seeing to invoke such a response. It was over-stimulation. Seeing a difficult scenario from a different perspective was



A volunteer ambassador guides a group of children on the Walkway Over the Hudson.
-Courtesy photo

ACCT's lasting impact on Katie Ross, Fishkill Farms' manager of marketing, communication and events.

"It's always nice to have a refresher, to keep learning and improving," said Ross. "We're a part of the community. We want to be as welcoming as possible, and we want to meet people where they're at."

ACCT is dedicated to the same, offering virtual training when a mass in-person training is not feasible. Training sessions are set around the group's individual schedules to accommodate everyone who will participate in the training. The online session worked best for the Fishkill Farms crew, without a meeting room big enough to hold the entire team. Anderson

gladly obliged.

At Fishkill Farms, the impact of ACCT is not limited to in-person interactions, explained Ross. The website was also updated to include icons, an easy-to-navigate layout, and a full page about what to expect at the farm, market, or cider room.

Local businesses are seizing the opportunity to learn from the resource that is the Anderson Center Consulting and Training. There are many ways to ensure a home, organization, or event is autism-friendly - asking questions is just the first step!

Learn more about Autism Supportive training opportunities by visiting <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/anderson-center-consulting-training/>.

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Says Jason, "When Avery was 18 months old, it became clear that he was on a different trajectory than his brothers. He began performing visual and physical stimulations and engaging in parallel play rather than fully engaged play with his

brothers. Also, having a twin brother gave us a basis for comparison when observing certain milestones of development."

Willow Baer, Commissioner of the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities states that, "In 2025, of more than 75 million people in the world who identify as living

with autism, 35,000 live in New York State. We have certainly moved beyond the former 'awareness' and expect that people with autism are accepted just as they are, with all the diverse traits that make people unique."

When the question of differences between being aware of and acceptance of an autistic person was posed to Jason, his answer came quickly.

"That's easy," he said, "one precedes the other. It has to begin with awareness, fundamentally understanding that a 'thing' exists, that it can be studied and understood to the best of our ability. Only then, can we accept that 'thing' for what it is. You can substitute the word 'thing' with Autism or Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), or for anything you want. When we approach acceptance, we learn how to coexist with that 'thing' and not attempt to suppress, change or ignore it."

That being said, Jason and Maria personify the quality of acceptance when it comes to talking about their son.

"We love Avery's intellect and his curiosity (although this can sometimes get him in trouble), which certainly keeps us on our toes. He's a great cuddle bug!" says Jason. "While some people with IDD have an aversion to touch, that is certainly not the case with Avery. He also loves trains; toy trains, cartoons about trains, 'Thomas The Tank Engine.' And he loves music - some of his favorite albums are by a band called 'They Might Be Giants.' Oh, and he loves Trader Joe's."

When Avery was approved for residential placement, Anderson Center of Autism was the first school the Emersons toured. It was also the last.

"From the moment we stepped onto the campus, we knew this would be Avery's home away from home," Jason says. "Combine the sprawling campus with the dedicated administration/leadership, the kind and compassionate staff that work in the school and residences, Anderson has it all."

The strong sense of community there makes a difference too.

Adds Jason, "This is really a strong point for Anderson, both on campus and off. They are always seeking ways to enrich the lives of the residents with activities that bring the community together. Recent on-site events included tie-dye making, a site visit by Two by Two Animal Haven, movie / bingo nights in the recreation center and an Olympic

themed spirit week. Some recent off-site trips included the American Dream mall and a trip into NYC to see MJ the Musical.

As a Board Member of the Anderson Center for Autism, Jason Emerson sees first-hand how effectively Anderson is in their ability to raise awareness and foster acceptance within the community.

"They (the PR committee) do an amazing job promoting awareness for Anderson both within Dutchess County and throughout the Hudson Valley. Their messaging is multi-faceted in such that they convey their achievements in addition to offering solutions/ opportunities to families & organizations who may have otherwise been uninformed."

Case in point, as part of Autism Acceptance Month, the Village of Rhinebeck Autism Supportive Community Committee and Upstate Films, hosted a free community screening of "Autism: The Musical" on April 11. This 2007 documentary follows the lives of five autistic children who write and perform their own music. A panel discussion will follow.

Says Committee Chair, Joe Phelan, "This is just one of the many opportunities we offer to increase awareness about autism and neurodiverse populations. I hope it give people a platform to ask questions and reach a better understanding and acceptance."

These days, there are many ways to learn more about Autism. Start by typing a search for Autism Acceptance (for your geographical region).

Adds Jason, "Of our personal favorite resources is the 1 in 31: Autism Today podcast hosted by none other than 'The Voice of Anderson' Chief Development Officer Eliza Bozenski. She's been at it for many years and has hours of valuable content."

It is interesting to note that the effective title of the podcast has been forced to change over the years, as the diagnosis rates have changed. It started out as 1 in 88 and is now 1:31: Autism Today. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the prevalence of ASD has risen significantly over the past two decades, with a shift from 1 in 59 children in 2014 to 1 in 31 children in 2022, based on data released in April 2025. This change reflects a trend toward increased acceptance, better awareness, improved screening, and expanded diagnostic criteria.

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Community Foundations Announces Key Leadership Hire to Support Growth, Impact

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Benjamin Krevolin

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BluePath Service Dogs recognizes April as Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Month and BluePath Service Dogs is proud to celebrate a series of milestones that reflect both its impact to date and its vision for the future: the graduation of four new autism service dog teams, the organization's 10th anniversary, and continued momentum behind its Anchoring Our Future capital campaign.

Founded in 2016, BluePath Service Dogs provides expertly trained service dogs to children with autism - free of charge - helping families experience greater safety, independence, and connection. Over the past decade, the organization has grown into a nationally respected nonprofit, transforming lives through the powerful bond between a child and their service dog.

As part of its ongoing work, BluePath is also celebrating the recent graduation of four new autism service dog teams. BluePath service dogs are trained to prevent dangerous wandering by anchoring a child who attempts to bolt, while also offering emotional support and helping families re-engage with their communities.

"For a family navigating life with a child with autism, a service dog can be a gamechanger," said Michelle Brier, CEO of BluePath Service Dogs. "Our dogs pro-

vide a level of safety that allows families to move through the world with greater confidence and less stress, fundamentally changing their day-to-day lives."

As BluePath marks its 10th anniversary, the organization reflects on a decade of meaningful growth and impact. BluePath has supported families through service dog placements and facility programs, while building a strong network of volunteers and supporters dedicated to its mission.

With autism now affecting 1 in 31 children in the United States, demand continues to outpace supply. BluePath remains focused on closing that gap, ensuring that every eligible family, regardless of financial means, has access to a service dog.

Looking ahead, BluePath is advancing its Anchoring Our Future capital campaign, a \$7 million initiative to establish a permanent campus in Carmel, New York. The 16-acre property will significantly expand the organization's capacity to breed, raise, and train service dogs while bringing its operations together in one purpose-built location.

"This property represents a turning point for our organization," Brier said. "We're in the home stretch of the first phase of our capital campaign, and



Three of BluePath Service Dogs March graduates.

-Photo courtesy BluePath

there's real urgency to get across the finish line so we can help more families who need us."

During Autism Month, BluePath invites

the community to join in this celebration by learning more, getting involved, and supporting the mission. Learn more at bluepathservicedogs.org.

Volunteer to help keep municipalities clean

By Kristine Coulter

Local municipalities are seeking volunteers to help beautify the local area as they host Earth Day, Arbor Day, Clean Up and Spring events.

City of Beacon event set for April 18
Help continue to make the City of Beacon

beautiful. Take part in the Beacon City-wide Clean Up on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. One may volunteer for 30 minutes or hours, it was stated, and garbage bags and buckets will be provided. Organizers recommend wearing work gloves, boots, long pants and sleeves.

Then from noon to 3 p.m. there will be the Earth Day Fair at Hudson Valley Brewery, 7 East Main St.

To sign-up, please go to the City's website, <https://beaconny.gov>, for the link. When one registers, there are different sites that one can choose to help clean, such as Memorial Park, Madam Brett Park and Rocky Glenn (Hip Lofts).

Spring Fling & Arbor Day Celebration
April 25 in East Fishkill

This year, East Fishkill Recreation will host a Spring Fling on April 25. There will also be a special Arbor Day tree planting event. Children can take part in an Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, in East Fishkill.

This event is co-hosted with the East Fishkill Police Department and the East Fishkill PBA.

Town of Wappinger to hold Earth Day Clean Up

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini said April is "shaping up to be a vibrant and active month across the community." He noted in a recent email to Wappinger residents the numerous programs offered by the Town.

"In particular, I invite you to join us for our annual Town-Wide Earth Day Clean Up. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as neighbors, give back to our community, and take pride in keeping our Town clean and beautiful," stated the supervisor.

That day is set for Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting location is the Wappinger Town Hall, Middlebush Road. This event is open to residents and non-residents. According to organizers, the cleanup will involve a variety of tasks, such as cleaning

the following:

- Roadsides
- Parks
- Planting/weeding/landscaping

Those interested in taking part should register for each person that will be attending. To register, visit https://wappingerny.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29938.

For more information, call 845-297-2744 or email Supervisor@TownofWappingerNY.gov.

In the Wappinger hamlet of Hughsonville, the Hughsonville Community Clean Up will take place on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m. The meeting location is at Obercreek Farm Stand, 81 New Hamburg Road. The team will clean from the bridge by Old Troy Road to the light on Route 9. According to event information, safety vests and bags will be provided. One should bring their own gloves.

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I Am Beacon expands impact in 2025

To the Editor:

"If there's one word that defines 2025, it's building. We listened to our community, responded in real time, and showed what's possible when people come together to support one another.

I Am Beacon has released its inaugural 2025 Annual Report, highlighting a year of growth, expanded programming, and a strengthened commitment to serving Beacon residents—building on 13 years of showing up when it matters most.

That commitment was tested in real time. During a government shutdown that disrupted SNAP benefits for many local families, I Am Beacon expanded its Turkey on Every Table program far beyond expectations, supporting 344 families—more than three times its original goal.

Throughout the year, the organization continued advancing its mission to strengthen community connection and create opportunities for local families and youth. New initiatives—including an Easter Dinner Basket program and a community forum on volunteerism—were designed to address immediate needs while fostering long-term engagement.

Across its core programs, I Am Beacon reported measurable impact:

- 344 families supported through Turkey on Every Table
- 138 school supply kits distributed through the Back 2 School Block Party
- 45 students served through the Class in a Bag program
- \$6,110 raised for the Making a Difference Scholarship
- 177 participants in the I Run Beacon 5K
- 61 families supported through the Easter Dinner Basket program

The organization's work continues to be powered by volunteers, donors, and community partners. According to a 2025 survey, 41% of participants reported feeling more connected and empowered to voice local needs, while one in three gained opportunities to volunteer and give back.

As it approaches its 14th year, I Am Beacon is focused on expanding its reach and building a more sustainable model to support long-term growth.

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Reuben Simmons
Executive Director, I Am Beacon

'Can't believe' less than 100 people in Hughsonville Fire District took part in new firehouse vote, which was voted down

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, April 7 the Hughsonville Fire Dept held a vote on whether or not to build a new fire house. The existing building is over 80 years old, outdated and in need of many repairs. The new firehouse was voted down by a vote of 53 to 36. That means less than 100 people out of the thousands who live in the Fire District held the fate of the District in their hands. I can't believe this!

The Fire District covers about 9-square miles in the Town of Wappinger, including a number of commercial facilities along Route 9. The District provides EMS services, fire protection and rescue services, sponsors scout troops, is involved in community service (who doesn't love Santa Claus?) and provides necessary training to its members. They respond to hundreds of calls every year. The members are not paid and it's shameful and embarrassing to see our community turn our backs to them, especially when they have never turned their backs on us.

The referendum may have been turned down because people don't want their taxes to go up. I find that absurd because the school budget gets voted in every single year. I looked at my tax bill from last year and saw that my school taxes account for 69% of my taxes and the Fire District accounts for 7%. Surely the 53 persons who voted against the referendum couldn't be that shortsighted.

As previously mentioned, they are all volunteers who place their lives on the line for us every time they respond to a call. The members of the District will continue to respond to emergency calls with dedication and professionalism. I hope that in the future they can hold another referendum and we, as citizens living in the district, can give them our support and the respect they deserve.

Kathy Torrisi
Wappingers Falls

Wappingers CSD supports petition filed to examine readiness of school bus fleet electrification

To Chair Rory M. Christian and Commissioners:

The Wappingers Central School District ("WCSD") respectfully submits this letter in support of the petition filed by the Lower Hudson Education Coalition ("LHEC") in Case 26-00643, requesting that the Commission initiate a dedicated informational proceeding to examine electric utility readiness to support school bus fleet electrification under Education Law § 3638.

The Wappingers Central School District is the 9th largest school district in New York State and is located in Dutchess and Putnam Counties. The district provides transportation service opportunities to approximately 11,000 students and operates the largest District owned and operated transportation fleet in New York State which consists of approximately 261 school buses. The District does also contract for transportation services with an outside vendor. The district is served by Central Hudson.

WCSD supports the State's long-term goal of transitioning to zero-emission school transportation. We are committed to improving air quality for our students and reducing the environmental impact of our operations. At the same time, we have a fiduciary obligation to our taxpayers and a responsibility to our families to ensure that school bus service remains reliable, safe, and fiscally sustainable throughout this transition.

Our district completed a Fleet Electrification Plan in 2025, which identified that full fleet electrification will require an eight stage phase in process to accommodate the vehicle fleet, across our three transportation compounds. Currently, our bus compounds do not have enough power, and will require the addition of a 2.5MW utility transformer and 560kW of additional power to accomplish this task. Between all three locations the following charger stations are recommended: 126 20kW ports, 46 30kW ports and 24 60kW ports. New switchgear, service (including end boxes, panels, meters, etc.) and distribution equipment will be needed at all three compounds. There will need to be significant site work completed (i.e.: trenching of asphalt) during the initial three phases. The estimated capital cost is approximately \$134,000,000 to \$140,000,000. At this time, we do not have lead time estimates for any new service from Central Hudson. These are costs and timelines that our district cannot control and that directly affect our ability to meet the statutory deadlines. It is for these reasons that we support LHEC's petition. The critical constraint our district faces in planning for fleet electrification is not the availability of electric buses or incentive funding—it is the electric grid infrastructure required to charge them.

We support LHEC's request for a dedicated proceeding because school districts need reliable, utility-specific information to make responsible capital planning decisions. Our board of education approves budgets annually and capital projects through voter-approved bond referenda. We cannot commit taxpayer funds to bus purchases and charging infrastructure without confidence that the electrical service those investments depend on will be delivered on a timeline and at a cost that our community can absorb. The Commission is uniquely positioned to require utilities to provide that information and to establish the accountability framework that the current ad hoc process lacks.

For these reasons, WCSD respectfully urges the Commission to grant LHEC's petition in Case 26-00643 and initiate a dedicated informational proceeding at the earliest opportunity.

Dr. Dwight Bonk
Wappingers Central School District Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Marie Johnson
Wappingers Central School District Board of Education President

Editor's Note: According to Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk, Wappingers Central School District supports New York State's long-term goal of transitioning to zero-emission school transportation; they are committed to improving air quality and reducing the environmental impact of the operations. But they also have a responsibility to their taxpayers and families, to consider the potential cost and service disruptions. Recently, the Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC) requested that the NYS Public Service Commission initiate an informational proceeding to examine the readiness of the electric utilities to support this electrification under Education Law § 3638. Wappingers CSD Board of Education President Marie Johnson and Bonk co-wrote a letter in support of this petition.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Month of the Military Child recognizes unique challenges for service members' children



They bring a tear to the eye of even the most hardened of us: videos of deployed servicemembers, surprising their children after months away from home. It might be a fatigue-clad mom walking into her son's classroom, as he runs into her waiting arms, hugging her as tightly as possible. Perhaps it's Dad, in full military uniform, emerging from the opposite dugout as his daughter steps to the plate, the two sharing an embrace more meaningful than any play on the diamond.

The emotions are undeniable – a parent's love for their child, the kids' relief knowing that, at least for now, Mom or Dad are home and out of harm's way – and these videos share a glimpse into the lives of countless military families across the country. We often talk about the burden military spouses face, and rightly so; all too often, though, the plight of troops' children doesn't seem to get the same attention.

In April, our nation pauses to recognize the sacrifices of the sons and daughters of our dedicated service members. Established in 1986, the Month of the Military Child is a time to celebrate the more than 1.6 million kids with parents in the service, many of whom deal with frequent moves and being away from their parents during deployments.

As the Director of the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, I've been for-

tunate to have met many military families and can say with certainty their children carry a unique and often unseen burden, a unique stress that deserves our respect, understanding and support.

Military children grow up in a world defined by their parent's service. While most of their friends measure time by birthdays or their year in school, children of service members often measure time by relocations, deployments and their parent's homecomings. These kids know all too well what it means to say goodbye, often for months at a time, and never knowing exactly when Mom or Dad will return. Goodbyes like these are never easy; rather, they are a mixture of pride and quiet strength coupled with uncertainty and worry.

Life for a military son or daughter can be very different than their peers' childhoods. Picking up and moving are common occurrences for these kids; that often means attending numerous schools before graduating high school. Each of those moves means a fresh start in another school: making new friends, adjusting to new teachers and learning a new community. Sure, this can build adaptability and confidence, but it often brings a sense of loneliness and instability.

No matter where they currently call home, children's responsibilities can shift

when a parent is deployed. It might mean older kids take on extra chores like helping care for their siblings or being the moral support for the parent left at home. Younger kids often can face a hard time adjusting to the change in routine, or they might feel a bigger mental load than they're prepared for, worrying about their parent's safety or finding their absence during birthdays, holidays and school events too much to bear.

Still, military children can be remarkably resilient in how they deal with these challenges: learning to adapt, staying strong and supporting one another – the same traits their parents in uniform display every day. Not just that, they take great pride in their parent's service, which teaches them about commitment and sacrifice, setting them up to become capable, compassionate young adults who value service and community.

Aware of all that these children face each day, we each have an opportunity to support them, knowing that even a small act of kindness can have a big impact. Teachers can show empathy for the child's living situation and welcome them to their latest school. Classmates can offer to be a child's first friend in their new hometown. In Dutchess County, we continue to be a community that embraces our service members,

offering countless services and programs to support their families.

Our partners at the New York State Department of Veterans' Services is honoring military children this month with free events throughout the state, including a pair in the Hudson Valley this weekend. On Saturday, April 18, the State will host a free day of fun at Legoland New York in Goshen (Orange County), beginning at 11 a.m. On Sunday, April 19, military children and their families can enjoy a free visit to the U.S.S Intrepid, the floating museum docked at Pier 86 in New York City, starting at 10:30 a.m. Each of these events are free, but registration is required by emailing benjamin.pomerance@veterans.ny.gov.

The Month of the Military Child reminds us that service to our nation isn't limited to those who wear the uniform. Service members' loved ones, particularly their children, also face sacrifices that are unique but no less selfless than those made by their parent in the Armed Forces. In the face of uncertainty, these children display courage; in times of change, they demonstrate strength; facing life's most difficult moments, they are often their family's hope.

Each of these kids, no matter their age, deserve our kindness, respect and gratitude – not just in April, but every day.

Register for the Wappingers CSD Senior-Senior Prom

Roy C. Ketcham (RCK) High School will be holding their Annual Senior-Senior Prom for senior citizens living in the Wappingers Central School District on Sunday, April 26, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Roy C. Ketcham High School cafeteria. This year organizers ask Seniors to dust off your favorite boots and bring your best bling for a "Denim & Diamonds" Prom!

Through the generosity of Outback Steakhouse on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls, a dinner will be prepared and served

to the guests at this event. RCK students and staff members will join the seniors on the dance floor.

Although there is no cost to our senior citizens for this wonderful affair, reservations are still required. Please contact Lina Marchetti at 845-298-5100, extension 31008 to make reservations. The event is strictly limited to 100 people, so reservations will be booked on a first come, first-served basis. We will begin to take reservations on April 7. The deadline to regis-

ter for this event is April 21.

This event could not happen without the help of Wappingers CSD's community friends. They are grateful for their support and donations: 21 Burgers & Wings, BJ's Wholesale Club, BEAST, Café Con Leche, The Cakery, Carol's Deli, County Players at the Falls Theatre, Durants Party Rentals, Dutchess Biercafe, The Falls Diner, Foam & Wash Car Wash, Fuss Hair Bar, Gino's Restaurant, Hannaford, Heritage Food & Drink, Longobardi's Restaurant, Los

Hornitos Restaurant & Bakery, Nonna's Pizzeria, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Portofino Pizza & Pasta, Roma Deli, Sabellico Greenhouse & Florist, Salsa Fresca Mexican Grill, Sara's Mediterranean Grill, Stewart's Shops, Texas Roadhouse, Three Sprouts Valley, Wendy New Nails along with Ketcham's National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, Senior Class, Interact Club, Step Team, RCK Music Department, WCSD Food Services and more!

Donate blood, platelets in April for National Volunteer Month

In April, the American Red Cross asks people to keep patients top of mind by making an appointment to give blood or platelets. The need for blood doesn't take a spring break, and acting now can ensure blood is available in the coming weeks at medical centers. Regular donors of all blood types and those looking to give for the first time are encouraged to make days brighter this spring for those in need.

April is National Volunteer Month, and the Red Cross celebrates the kindness of blood

donors and those who volunteer their time. There is no substitute for blood – volunteer donors are essential to patient care. Blood Program Leaders and Blood Donor Ambassadors are the heartbeat of our work at blood donation centers and community blood drives.

Book a time to give blood or platelets now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give by April 30 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a

choice of merchant. SeeRedCrossBlood.org/Hope for details.

Upcoming Blood Drives:
 Amenia: April 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Olivet Academy - Gym, 425 Morse Hill Rd.
 Hyde Park: April 24, noon-5 p.m., Moose Lodge 904, 1273 NY-9G
 Poughkeepsie: April 22, noon-5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Rd.
 Poughkeepsie: April 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Family Partnership Center, 29 N. Hamilton St.

Rhinebeck: April 22, 1-5:30 p.m., Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun Club, 140 Enterprise Rd.

Tivoli: April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Masonic Lodge in Tivoli, 7 N Rd.

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

Kendall announces retirement plans

Continued from cover

"Thank you to all those I work with. You continue to make every day a great day," said Kendall.

He was first appointed to public service as a member of the Town of Dover Planning Board in 1988. In 1993, he was elected to the Dutchess County Legislature representing first the residents of Dover and then the residents of Dover and Union Vale. In 2000, he was elected Chair of the County Legislature, a

position he held for the next seven years.

On December 29, 2006, Kendall was appointed by then Governor George Pataki to fill the unexpired term of retiring County Clerk Colette Lafuente. He was subsequently elected County Clerk in 2007 and reelected in 2011, 2015, 2020 and 2023.

He has previously served as President of the New York State Association of County Clerks and received the Association's Lifetime Achievement award in 2019.

Wappingers Falls approves meeting dates, times

During the Village of Wappingers Falls Village Organizational Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees held Monday, April 6, the Board approved the following times and dates that the village board will hold their monthly meetings.

The date and times for the regular meetings and hearings are the second

Wednesday of each month and the last Wednesday of the month as needed (Except on holidays then it will be the Wednesday prior.)

Village Board Meetings will be held at the Village Hall 2582 South Ave. at 7 p.m. and the last Wednesday meeting 6 p.m.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Tough start as HV drops 5 of 6 games to Blue Rocks

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades lost their first home series to the Wilmington Blue Rocks, High-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals. The early-season matchup saw quite a few cold evenings, debuts, and some final score déjà vu as Wilmington took 5 of 6 from the Renegades.

CRAZY 8s

The Renegades allowed exactly 8 runs in three of four losses to Wilmington, and twice fell by a score of 8-6. The first, the Renegades started the homestand with some free baseball, punctuated by a Camden Troyer's quasi-inside-the-park home run. If the wind had taken the ball a few inches further out, Troyer would have had an easier commute to home plate. Instead, it was fortuitously booted by a Wilmington outfielder as Troyer headed around second. Ultimately scored as a double on a fortuitous error in the outfield, Camden's carousel around the bases tied the game for the 'Gades. Wilmington later sealed the extra innings win with three runs in the top of the 11th. The Renegades dropped another 8-6 decision on Saturday, April 11, after Wilmington put up 5 runs in the 4th inning (they'd done the same on Wednesday, April 8, to propel an 8-3 win). The streaky scoring for Wilmington was too much for the Renegade offense to undo.

Xs and Os

Renegades batters are showing disci-



Hudson Valley Renegades players, from left, Eric Genter, Cole Gabrielson and Jackson Fristoe are pictured on opening night at Heritage Financial Park.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

pline to start the year, with the second-fewest (as of April 11) strikeouts in the South Atlantic League (SAL). The pitchers have the second-most punchouts, with 89. Baserunning numbers tipped heavily in favor of Wilmington this series, with the majority of runs scored via clusters in a single inning. Pitchers are further being burned by bases on

balls. Hudson Valley pitching is tied with the Asheville Tourists for third-most walks (42) in the league, just behind Brooklyn (44) and Greensboro (43).

What stings worse than the league-leading 11 opposing batters plunked by Renegades' pitching, Hudson Valley is third-fewest in runs scored. They were outscored 32-20 by the Blue Rocks.

Renegades have the fourth-fewest hits with 47; Wilmington is just behind with 43. A steady offensive performance by catcher Eric Genter (9-for-18, 1 RBI, 2 R) highlighted Hudson Valley's offense against the Blue Rocks homestand. Three multihit games, including a 3-5 performance in the opener, were an especially eye-catching element of Genter's six-game hitting streak. Genter didn't get on base in the finale, which the Renegades lost 5-2.

Serna & Cebert stretch starts

The Yankees were one-hit by the Athletics for a loss on April 9. Hudson Valley followed the lead that evening, handing Wilmington its own combined one-hit shutout. Starter Luis Serna was fierce, fanning 10 Blue Rocks and allowing just one baserunner in seven stellar innings. In a bounce-back outing from the extra-inning loss on April 7, Tony Rossi earned the save on a six-pitch out. On April 11, Jack Cebert went 7.1 innings with 8 strikeouts on April 10. He'd give up just two earned runs, but the Renegades' offense stalled after a single first-inning score. Hudson Valley loaded the bases in the ninth, but would leave all three stranded in the 3-1 loss. The Renegades close out the first full-length series with a 3-5 overall record and hold 5th place in the South Atlantic League. The 'Gades will next travel to Maryland to face the fourth-place Frederick Keys, now the Baltimore Orioles' High-A affiliate after replacing the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

Pitchers Kohn, Serna have strong debuts for Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Within the plethora of new faces on the Hudson Valley Renegades pitching staff, two starters dealt a win in their debuts. Pico Kohn and Luis Serna dominated in their Renegades debuts, while their longevity and the capacity to hold a lead supported batters and the bullpen alike.

Signed out of Mississippi State in July 2025, Pico Kohn began his professional debut with a three-pitch strikeout on Opening Day. His deceptive delivery had the Brooklyn Cyclones spinning and guessing incorrectly, to the tune of 8 strikeouts. Kohn went 5.2 strong innings, allowing just three hits, including a solo home run. He escaped a bases-loaded jam with the Renegades leading Brooklyn 2-1, powered by a pitching repertoire and temperament of a seasoned veteran.

The Alabama native garnered national attention as a high schooler, rolling to a 9-2 record his senior year, with a minuscule 1.17 earned run average (ERA). He began in the bullpen at Mississippi State before a UCL injury sidelined him in 2023 and most of 2024. Kohn and his nipping slider returned with vigor and a slide into the Bulldogs' starting rotation. As a redshirt junior in

2025, the lefty led the Bulldogs to the Tallahassee Regional, where they were eliminated by eventual College World Series contender Florida State. Six weeks later, the Yankees drafted Kohn in the fourth round, the 134th pick.

Serna similarly dazzled in his April 9 High-A debut. The right-hander, revered for his change-up, . He threw 74% (63 of 85) of pitches for strikes, only walking one Blue Rock. Just 21 years old, Serna joined the Yankees organization in 2021. As a member of the FCL Yankees, Serna was a Baseball America rookie All-Star in 2022. He amassed a 1.96 ERA in 41.1 innings pitched, while striking out 56. He set a career high in strikeouts in Single-A Tampa in his penultimate start of 2024, before missing all but four games for the Tarpons in 2025. The Mexico native, primed by years of experience in the prospect leagues south of the border, looks to continue elevating his performance in High-A.

Kohn was placed on the 7-day injured list following his outing, but Serna will likely make his second start in Maryland for the Renegades' first-ever faceoff with the Frederick Keys, April 14-19.



Luis Serna allowed just one hit in seven innings and matched a career-high with 10 strikeouts against Wilmington batters last week.

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GENERAC

‘Touch A Truck’ set for April 19 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger

Attendees can drop off items for Liberty Station

By Kristine Coulter

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls will hold its “Touch A Truck” event on Sunday, April 19, from noon to 4 p.m., at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, 127 All Angels Hill Road, in Wappinger.

What can people expect if they attend the annual event?

“They can expect to have a fun family outing. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family (maximum 6 people). There are additional charges for bouncy house use and train ride,” explained Cindy Latino, with the Wappingers Rotary, via email.

Wristbands will be \$10 for unlimited use of the bouncy house. A train ride is \$5 per person. There will also be entertainment on the new bandstand at the park.

According to organizers, Touch A Truck provides a unique opportunity for children and families to explore all types of vehicles used by community businesses and volunteers.

“Most of our trucks are from our community services such as fire, police, town highway and medical corps. We are represented by vehicles from Dutchess County, Wappingers Central School [District], Town of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger,” said Latino. “We will have trucks from many local businesses and other organizations. Kids will be able to check them out.”

During this event, children have the opportunity to touch their favorite vehi-

cles. They will also have a chance to get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles.

Latino remarked, “We have several vendors and community organizations with booths providing information and goods for purchase. Our Rotary will have a booth with some giveaways. It will also be a drop-off location for our Club’s Veteran Support Project for Liberty Station. We are collecting personal hygiene products and toiletries, socks and underwear, card games and puzzles, etc. to donate. If you bring an item, drop it off and get a ticket for a raffle drawing.”

Maureen Lashlee, who is assisting with the Veteran Support Project for Liberty Station, remarked, “Rotary of Wappingers Falls is putting together 22-foot lockers and we’re using 32-gallon plastic tubs to put everything in the items that are needed in each footlocker include bedding for a twin-sized bed, personal care items, oral hygiene, bathing supplies, heavy socks, underwear, non-perishable snacks, writing materials (including generic cards, pens, and pencils, small games, such as cards and puzzles) and just use your imagination. [It is] what you might like to find in your footlocker at the end of a difficult day.”

Lashlee added, “In addition to those things that we’re putting together for the individual veterans, we are also gathering individual-sized pots, pans, storage con-



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls will hold its annual “Touch A Truck” event on Sunday, April 19 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. Pictured is from a previous year’s event.

-Archive photo

tainers, utensils, and cooking tools. The vets share a kitchen but take care of their own cooking needs individually, so small is better and, of course, it’s always nice to have a supply of spices in your kitchen.”

“All money raised from this event goes back into the community. It helps fund our scholarship program, Student of the Month, and a variety of other programs to

support children and families in our local community,” Latino stated.

“Over the years we have received great reviews which is why we continue to have it yearly. We hope that Schlathaus Park will become our new permanent home and that early Spring our annual date,” said Latino.

The rain date is April 26.

Regional Food Bank representatives join Ag Dept. to explore Fresh View discussion



Members of Regional Food Bank Hudson Valley explore an essential partnership between the agricultural sector and the charitable food system during a Fresh View discussion in Montgomery.

-Courtesy photo

A panel of Hudson Valley farmers and Regional Food Bank CEO Tom Nardacci and moderated by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball, explored the essential partnership between the agricultural sector and the charitable food system during a Fresh View discussion last week.

Hosted by the Regional Food Bank Hudson Valley at its Orange County Distribution Center in Montgomery, the panel emphasized how these partnerships are creating innovative ways to support New York farmers while at the same time expanding access to nutritious foods and combating food insecurity in the region.

Joining Nardacci on the panel was Mira Miller, owner and operator of Row By Row family farm in Ulster County, Jeff Crist, owner and operator of Crist Brothers Orchards, a multi-generational apple farm in Orange County and Gibson Durnford, Executive Director of Tenmile Farm Foundation in Dutchess County.

Commissioner Ball emphasized that the Department is proud of the collaborative partnerships it has with the Regional Food Bank, and all the emergency food providers across the State.

“Thanks to our Council on Hunger and

Food Policy, these relationships were firmly in place when the pandemic hit and we were able to quickly pull together our Nourish NY program, which benefits both our families in need and our farmers looking for new markets for their products,” said Commissioner Ball. “I’m grateful to the Regional Food Bank for bringing us all together for this important panel discussion, to talk about our successes but also to talk about what the needs are going forward. The Food Bank does tremendous work for the communities they serve, and we appreciate their commitment and dedication to our shared mission to increase food access and support New York farmers.”

Since opening the Hudson Valley Distribution Center in Montgomery, the Regional Food Bank has worked to expand its relationship with the agricultural community in the Hudson Valley. In launching the Micro Purchasing Program, the Food Bank partners with small farmers to purchase fresh produce and have it distributed to area pantries to increase the quantity of fresh produce they’re able to distribute. The Regional Food Bank is also a participant in the State’s Nourish New York program, which provides food banks and other emergency food providers with funding to purchase food,

such as produce, dairy, meat, eggs, and more, from local farmers.

“The partnership that connects the food grown by the farmers in the Hudson Valley and Catskills to food banks helps ensure that we provide fresh local produce to our pantries and community partners, said Nardacci. “Agriculture is a vital part of the local economy, and it is

essential that we recognize and address the challenges our farmers face. This collaboration will expand the access to nutritious food.”

New York’s agricultural industry has experienced a 2400% percent growth rate over the last ten years, and generates \$1.7 billion dollars in total economic impact annually. It ranks in the top ten in the country in the production of well over 30 different commodities: First nationally in the production of cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt, and beets; second in maple syrup, apples, cabbage, and snap beans; third in grapes and squash; fourth in floriculture and fifth in milk production, total cheese production, green peas, and squash.

“I’m inspired by the work that the Regional Food Bank is doing to help bridge

the gap between farms like mine and communities in need,” said Miller. “The consideration for the health and well-being of the farm partners is meaningful and will create lasting and productive relationships.”

Durnford, whose Tenmile Farm Foundation grows food specifically for donation to emergency food providers in our region, said policies and programs that strengthen partnerships between farmers and food providers help ensure families in need consistently receive fresh, nutritious food while supporting local agriculture. “The Regional Food Bank has been a leader in advancing these efforts, and Tenmile is proud to support their work to ensure equitable access to fresh, locally grown food across our region.”

More than 355,000 people, 12.2% of the population in the Regional Food Bank’s 23-county service area, are food insecure, meaning that they don’t always know where they will find their next meal. A staggering 15.4% of children in the region experience food insecurity. The data shows that food insecurity continues to grow with an additional 23,210 individuals in the Regional Food Bank’s service area.

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Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. receives NYS Department of Environmental Conservation \$67,022 grant

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced on March 30 that more than \$5.1 million to reduce the negative impacts of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species on natural resources, infrastructure, agriculture, and local economies. The 51 awarded projects will strengthen prevention, early detection, rapid response, management, and restoration efforts statewide, supporting long-term ecosystem health, economic stability, and community wellbeing.

"Managing invasive species and mitigating their negative impacts to our lands and waters is essential to the environment, public health, and quality of life," said Commissioner Lefton. "Investing in science-based management and strong local partnerships is strengthening New York's efforts to combat invasive species, protect biodiversity, build more resilient ecosystems, and protect our forests, waters, farms, and communities."

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) was awarded \$67,022 for their Upper Overlook Restoration & Resiliency Project, which will restore a 1.7-acre section of Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve that has been heavily degraded by invasive shrubs, vines, and herbaceous species.

The project's overarching goal is to reduce invasive plant dominance, reestablish native forest structure, and build a

durable monitoring and adaptive management framework that supports long-term ecological recovery and resilience.

The project will implement a four-part workplan to reduce invasive plant cover; restore native tree, shrub, and herbaceous layers; implement long-term monitoring and adaptive management; and engage volunteers and partners in long-term stewardship. Work will occur from 2026-2029, with continued monitoring and adaptive management through 2034.

Upon completion of the project, the Upper Overlook project area will exhibit significantly reduced invasive plant pressure, renewed native tree growth, and stable native herbaceous and shrub layers, supported by a scientifically rigorous monitoring program and an engaged stewardship community. The restored site will be more resilient to future disturbance, aligned with DEC and Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species (LH PRISM) strategic objectives, and serve as a model for restoration within high-use State Park landscapes.

The Upper Overlook Restoration & Resiliency Project is being implemented during HHFT's construction of the Breakneck Connector & Bridge, which is part of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. Upper Overlook is within one of three major trailhead areas that are closed during construction, which will increase the restoration project's chances for success.



A rendering of Upper Overlook at Breakneck.

-Courtesy image SCAPE

Former Councilmember Reuter sworn in as Associate Village Justice in Wappingers Falls

On Monday, April 6, Bill Reuter was unanimously voted in as Associate Village Justice by the Village of Wappingers Falls Board. He was formally sworn in on Wednesday, April 8.

Reuter vacated his position as Town of Poughkeepsie Councilmember 1st Ward, and 2026 candidate on the same day, as required by NYS Judicial Conduct Rules. Although a current resident of the Town of Poughkeepsie, there are no Village resident requirements to serve in his new capacity. Reuter replaces Justice Richard Fiorile, who resigned his judicial position.

Reuter was in his third year of service as a Town Councilmember. He stated this was a very difficult decision, and would very much miss working with his colleagues, Town of Poughkeepsie employees, and especially serving all residents of the 1st Ward.

Reuter has been a certified Mediator since 2016 and has mediated matters within numerous courts throughout Dutchess County since then. He currently serves as a 9th Judicial District Mediator, functions on numerous mediation panels, and maintains a



Bill Reuter

-Courtesy photo

mediation practice, Conflict Mediation LLC. Earlier this year, Mr. Reuter was appointed as Village of Wappingers Falls Court Mediator.

C.A.R.E.S. Van in Fishkill on April 23

Congressman Pat Rycn will have the C.A.R.E.S. Van (Constituent Advocacy Resource Empowerment Services) will be at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, on Thursday, April 23, from 2-4 p.m.

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Community Foundations announces key leadership hire to support growth, impact

Building upon the nonprofit's momentum in driving impactful change in the Hudson Valley, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) announced the recent addition of Senior Vice President of Development, Benjamin Krevolin, to the CFHV team. Krevolin's leadership will aid in strengthening the organization's grant-making and will expand its programming. Particularly, his involvement will bolster CFHV's capacity-building training series that equips local nonprofits with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

"Bringing Benjamin onto our leadership team reflects both where we are as an organization and where we're going," said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. "His experience, vision and deep connections to the Hudson Valley will help us grow our impact and better serve our community of nonprofit partners, fund holders and donors."

Krevolin has 25 years of experience in fundraising, arts administration and nonprofit leadership. A Stone Ridge resident raised in Poughkeepsie, Krevolin most recently served as the Director of Development for Mohonk Preserve in Ulster County and the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, following his role as Chief Advancement Officer for Bard Graduate Center. He also previously served as President of Arts Mid-Hudson, where he oversaw grantmaking, technical assistance and advocacy efforts, and held roles at Vassar College supporting scholarships, faculty research and capital initiatives. Krevolin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vassar



Benjamin Krevolin

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College and a post-graduate diploma from The Juilliard School. He remains deeply engaged in the Hudson Valley community through board service and regional leadership.

Krevolin will play a critical role in advancing CFHV's mission of strengthening philanthropy in the Hudson Valley, supporting nonprofit organization partners and addressing the evolving needs of communities throughout the region.

For more information about Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and its work, visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.

Oakwood Science faculty member published in international journal

Patrick Thomas, a member of the Oakwood Friends School science faculty, has been published in *Nature* scientific reports for his research on whiteflies. *Nature* scientific reports is a weekly international journal publishing peer-reviewed research in all fields of science and technology. Patrick's research focused on the damaging effects of whiteflies on plants and resistance to the invasive pest in alfalfa.

Whiteflies are a devastating agricultural pest which is classified as an invasive species. Whiteflies are extant on every continent except Antarctica, and they have a wide host range of plants. Whiteflies cause damage to their host in three ways: feeding, secretion of honeydew, and the vectoring of plant viruses. Conventional means of insect control such as pesticides and insect predators are ineffective at a large scale which points to utilizing endogenous genes to control whitefly feeding. The Walling Lab at UC-Riverside pursued whitefly resistance in alfalfa and found several alfalfa lines which conferred a strong resistance to multiple species of whitefly.

Patrick also recently received a grant from the Community Foundation's Taconic IPA Science Education Grant Program for



Oakwood teacher Patrick Thomas was recently published in an international journal.

-Courtesy photo

hydroponics and polymerase chain reaction equipment. The grant will enable him to bring his expertise from research into the classroom for students to understand and apply to their interests and inquiries.

Walkway event honors Fred Schaeffer



From left are NYS Senator Rob Rolison, a representative of the Ulster County Legislature, a representative of NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey, Fred Schaeffer, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Rob Dyson, who had been one of Fred's earliest supporters and collaborators.

-Photos by Jim Donick



Several area governmental leaders honored Fred Schaeffer on Sunday, April 12. From left are NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey, Schaeffer and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino.



A plaque honoring Fred Schaeffer as the "Father of the Walkway" was unveiled on Sunday, April 12.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse announces new Executive Director

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) of the Mid-Hudson Valley has appointed Jessica Ferrantino to the role of Executive Director. Ferrantino, who has served the organization in various roles since 2022, stepped into the role of Interim Co-Executive Director back in May. In her previous roles, Ferrantino worked as a Family Advocate, a Childhood Advocacy Center Program Assistant, Coordinator and, eventually, a Supportive Parenting Program Administrator.

"After a lengthy and extensive, state-wide search, we found the best person for the job right in our midst," says CPCA board chair Jennifer Gardiner. "Jessica not only possesses invaluable experience, advocating for the most vulnerable children in our community but has also proven over the years that she exhibits the leadership skills necessary to lead the organization into a promising future."

Ferrantino's journey with the CPCA began while she was a college intern at Western Connecticut State University. She is expected to receive her Master of Public Administration degree from Marist University this summer.

"I am deeply honored to step into the role of Executive Director at the CPCA, an organization that has shaped my professional values and strengthened my commitment to protecting children and supporting families," says Ferrantino. "I am inspired by the dedication and resilience of our incredible team, and I am energized to work alongside them, our board and our community partners in order to build on CPCA's strong foundation and continue making a meaningful



Jessica Ferrantino

-Courtesy photo

difference in the lives of children and families across our community."

The Mid-Hudson Bridge will be lit in blue on April 15 in observance of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This display will pave the way for the organization's appeal to the public in supporting CPCA's upcoming annual Gala on May 28 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The event will be the ideal opportunity to see Jessica Ferrantino in her new role.

To learn more about the event or to purchase tickets, visit thecpca.org or call 845-454-0595.

By Jim Donick

Hundreds of Walkway enthusiasts gathered amidst a sea of Red Walkway Ambassador vests to honor Fred Schaeffer, the "Father of the Walkway," on Sunday, April 12.

Though the original idea for saving the bridge belonged to Bill Sepe, it was Schaeffer who imagined it growing to be "the friendliest park in the world" and led the effort to fund it and turn it into the glorious reality it has become.

Friends of the Walkway Over the Hudson Executive Director Lori Robertson hosted the tribute and introduced a number of dignitaries, who shared recollections of Fred's untiring efforts to build support by bringing any and all out onto the walkway when it was still just the remains of a burnt out railroad bridge.

Rob Dyson, one of Fred's earliest supporters and collaborators recalled being brought

out to "see the view" one February day many years ago when the wind was howling and the temperature was six degrees Fahrenheit. Despite the circumstances, he was enchanted by the view and committed himself to the vision.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, knowing that the bridge has almost from its inception been known as "the great connector," echoed the words of many in offering that same title to Schaeffer for his monumental effort in bringing so many people together to create a park that would go on to welcome people from all over the world.

Robertson finished the proceedings with the note that this event had two purposes - first and foremost to honor Fred Schaeffer - but also to kick off the Fred Schaeffer Ambassador Legacy Fund that would serve to keep Fred's dreams vibrant through the Walkway's all-but-unique Ambassador Program.

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Obituaries

Bobbie L. Zappala



Bobbie L. Zappala, a longtime resident of Beacon and Fishkill, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at the age of 39, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on August 9, 1986, in Mount Kisco, New York, the daughter of John Zappala and Helen Wilke, both of whom survive her.

Bobbie was a devoted daughter, mother, sister, and friend. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her two children, X-Havier and Ysabella, who were her entire world, as well as their father, Javier Gonzalez, with whom she shared 17 years. She is also survived by her sister, Theresa (Curtis) Jackson; her nieces, Kataryna and Elliana; and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins, including her Uncle Joseph, Uncle Gary, and Aunt

Mary. She also leaves behind her loyal dog, Chance, who rarely left her side and was a constant source of comfort throughout her journey.

Bobbie had a spirit that was impossible to ignore. She was strong-willed, stubborn, and wonderfully sassy, with a sense of humor that could brighten even the darkest day. She loved fiercely and unconditionally, always putting others before herself. Her home—and her heart—were always open to others. Over the years, she became a second mother to many, earning the affectionate title of “Mama Bobbie” from the countless children she welcomed, supported, and loved as her own.

Bobbie began her Scouting journey in 2013 as a dedicated leader for X-Havier’s Cub Scout Pack and later supported Ysabella as well. She mentored many young Scouts, guiding them in achieving the Arrow of Light, the highest honor in Cub Scouting. In 2019, she proudly founded Troop 41G, the area’s first girls’ BSA troop, and served as Scoutmaster until her retirement in 2023, helping grow the troop and shape its foundation. Her commitment to Scouting was recognized with her induction into the Order of the Arrow in 2020. Bobbie was especially proud of her children, celebrating X-Havier’s achievement of Eagle Scout and Ysabella becoming the troop’s first Star Scout.

Despite the challenges she faced over the past year, Bobbie showed incredible resilience and bravery. She faced each day with determination, humor, and an unwavering love for her family. Her strength was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Her family received friends on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, where a brief service of remembrance was held. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, 375 Washington Avenue, Beacon, New York.

In keeping with Bobbie’s love for flowers, the family kindly encourages floral donations.

To offer a message of condolences or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Gloria Palumbo



Gloria Palumbo, 87, of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 9th at home. Gloria was born July 13th, 1938 in Highland, NY, the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Pasqualina Picco. She attended Highland Schools and worked as a typist for the Central Hudson sponsored “Almanac” radio show.

On July 22nd, 1961, she married John Palumbo in St. Augustine’s Church. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, playing a major role in the raising of three of her granddaughters after the untimely death of her daughter-in-law, Mary Nell Prenting.

Gloria is survived by her beloved husband, John Palumbo; her son, Joe

Palumbo; her sister, Janet Picco; grandchildren Dan, Grace, Charlotte, Lucy and Lilyanna Palumbo and daughter-in-law Bernadette Palumbo. Gloria was predeceased by her son, David Palumbo, who cared for her with deep devotion and was there to welcome her home; her brothers, Gene and Enrico Picco; and her sisters, Edith Roberto and Ines Picco.

Gloria will be remembered for her deep love for her family and her quiet generosity toward everyone fortunate enough to know her. We’ll love you forever.

Her family would like to thank all the medical professionals who cared for her in the latter stage of her life, most notably Dr. Edward Schneider, who made house calls when Gloria became bedridden, and Dr. Kamran Haleem. Her family would also like to extend their gratitude to her loving caregivers; Nicola, Diana, Terri, Beyonca and Kim, who provided emotional as well as physical support.

Calling hours were Tuesday, April 14th at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Wednesday, April 15th, at 10:00am at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, NY; followed by interment in St. Mary Parish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Daniel L. Lowney



Daniel L. Lowney, a life-long Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away at his home on April 7, 2026; at the age of 56. He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on August 5, 1969, son of the late Leo D. & Nancy J. (nee Pulcastro) Lowney.

Daniel was a faithful member of Saint Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls. He volunteered his time at the Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls, and belonged to The Friends of Carnwath in the Town of Wappinger. He was an avid gardener.

Danny had worked for many years as a hair stylist at Dazzles Salon in Wappingers Falls.

Daniel is survived by his two loving sisters, Lee Anne Freno and her husband

Paul; Elizabeth Paszkiewicz and her husband Peter. His three nieces and three nephews: Sarah (husband Michael), Jacob, Emma, Joshua, Andrew and Olivia, whom he adored. He is also survived by his two aunts, Louise Lowney and Nancy Fulvio, and several cousins and dear friends.

Along with his parents, Daniel was predeceased by his two uncles, John Lowney and Cornelius ‘Neil’ Lowney; and his cousin John Lowney Jr.

His Family received Friends on Monday, April 13th at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, April 14th at St Mary’s Church, 11 Clinton Street, followed by a private cremation. Interment will take place at later date in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Wappingers Falls.

In lieu of flowers his family wishes for memorial donations to be made to the Monastery of St. Clare, 70 Nelson Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or to the Cat Sanctuary of Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, 54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Elizabeth Mary Costello



Elizabeth Mary Costello, a lifelong resident of the Wappingers Falls area, passed away peacefully at home on April 7, 2026, just two days shy of her 98th birthday. She was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on April 9, 1928, the daughter of the late James and Anna (née Hawthorne) Costello. Though born in Poughkeepsie, her family later moved to New Hamburg, where she attended Wappinger Central Schools.

Elizabeth was a communicant of Saint Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls and a member of the Wappinger Senior Center, where she enjoyed her time. She loved playing cards, was an enthusiastic bingo player, and took great pride in her gardening.

In her younger years, Elizabeth enjoyed fishing, swimming, and ice skating. During her working years, she found joy in bowling alongside her sister Jane and sister-in-law Gloria, often traveling together for weekend tournaments. Later in life, she continued to enjoy traveling, especially with her sister Jane and sister-in-law Betty. Above all, Elizabeth cherished family gatherings, particularly Sunday dinners, and had a special love for animals—especially her dogs.

To call Elizabeth feisty would be an understatement but she was fiercely loyal and deeply generous. Though she lived modestly, she rarely missed a chance to slip a few dollars into the hands of the younger members of her family.

She began her career at the Hat Factory in Beacon and later worked for many years in manufacturing at IBM in Poughkeepsie and East Fishkill, retiring in 1983. She embraced retirement fully, always finding ways to stay busy. In her later years, as her appetite for large meals waned, she developed a fondness for nighttime snacking. Her bedside table was never without her favorites: green grapes, a banana, a sleeve of graham crackers, bologna and cheese and “don’t be stingy” on the Hershey’s Kisses. A habit that even brought a smile to her doctor’s face.

Elizabeth is survived by her many nieces and nephews: Eileen Andros (Brian), Charles LeRoy (Karen), Nancy Niet (Frank), James LeRoy (Loretta), Patricia McNamee, Mike Costello, James Costello (Yvonne), David Costello (Patricia), William Costello, Lawrence Costello (Meme), Jean Harrington, and Kevin Costello. She is also survived by numerous great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and even a great-great-nephew.

She was lovingly cared for at home by devoted aides and family members, with special gratitude to Lia Sanchez, Laurie Schmauch, and Pattie McNamee for their compassionate care.

Family and friends will gather to honor Elizabeth’s life and lay her to rest at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Wappingers Falls on Friday, April 24 at 11 AM. To offer condolences or share a memory, please visit www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

County Flags lowered to honor former County Attorney Fedorchak

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has directed all Dutchess County Government facility flags to be lowered to half-staff following the death of former Dutchess County Attorney James Fedorchak last week.

“Jim Fedorchak was a devoted public servant who served the residents of Dutchess County with dedication,

integrity and professionalism. He was a mentor to so many and his positive influence continues on throughout Dutchess County Government. We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to his family and friends. Jim will be greatly missed,” said Serino.

Fedorchak first began in the Dutchess County Attorney’s Office in 1974, following

his completion of his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law, and served until 1979. Following an expansive career practicing law in private practice, Fedorchak returned to Dutchess County Government in February 2010, serving as Dutchess County Attorney until his retirement in October 2020.

Flags will remain lowered until interment.



James Fedorchak

Creative Living

Masque & Mime to perform the music of ABBA in 'Mamma Mia!' April 17-19



Pictured are cast members, from left, Madison Williams, Isabella Felidi, and Jamie Mastrantuono.

By Kristine Coulter

"Mamma Mia!," here we go again...The ABBA musical will be performed by Masque & Mime, the drama club at Roy C. Ketcham High School, on April 17-19 in the school's Bove Theater, 99 Myers Corners Road, in Wappingers Falls. Shows on Friday and Saturday are at 7 p.m. and the 2 p.m. show is on Sunday. The musical is described as "A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!"

Isabella "Bella" Felidi is a cast member, and in the fall, she is part of the hair and makeup crew.

Bella, who is portraying "Donna Sheridan," described the show as being "about a young woman named Sophie who is getting married and wants her estranged Dad to attend but the catch is that she doesn't know who it is! There [are] three possible Dads, and she knows this by secretly reading her mom's old diary from the summer that she was conceived. It follows her journey to figure it out, and you get the backstory of Donna's life, including her hilarious friends Tanya & Rosie and Sophie's three possible fathers (Sam, Bill and Harry). It also is set to the music of ABBA, and all your favorite songs are going to be performed, and we have a fantastic ensemble full of talented dancing queens and kings for you to dance along with."

Songs such as "Dancing Queen," "Money, Money, Money" and "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" will be performed by

the cast.

Members of the drama club have posted on social media "Friday Fun Facts." One such fact is that "Mamma Mia!" is the 8th longest-running Broadway show, with 5,773 performances over the course of 14 years.

Director Stacy Lynch Schroeder was asked via email how rehearsals have been going. Lynch Schroeder replied, "Rehearsals have been incredibly energetic and collaborative. Our students have really embraced the spirit of "Mamma Mia!"—there's a lot of joy, humor, and heart in the room every day. From learning the iconic music of ABBA to building strong character relationships, the cast and crew have been working hard to bring this story to life. It's been exciting to watch their confidence and chemistry grow with each rehearsal, and we can't wait to share that energy with our audiences."

Madisyn Spagna is a cast member as well as co-treasurer for the club. Madisyn plays "Sophie Sheridan."

"My favorite part of this process has been bringing Sophie to life! I see myself so much throughout her character, and being able to portray her character through songs and scenes has been a dream! I also have enjoyed making stronger bonds and friendships with my Masque & Mime family," said Madisyn.

Lynch Schroeder was asked if she had a favorite scene. She replied, "It's hard to choose just one, but I especially love the moments where the ensemble comes



Madisyn Spagna, as "Sophie" in "Mamma Mia!," during one of the recent rehearsals of the musical by Roy C. Ketcham High School's Masque & Mime drama club.



The cast of "Mamma Mia!"

-Courtesy photos Masque & Mime

together—those big, high-energy musical numbers like "Voulez Vous" really showcase the talent and enthusiasm of our entire cast. There's something special about seeing the full company on stage, telling the story through music and movement. Without giving too much away, audiences can definitely look forward to some unforgettable group numbers that will have everyone smiling and hopefully singing along!"

Bella stated, "People should come out and see a performance because it is a great show, and above all, a FUN experience. You will laugh, sing, dance and cry with us. Our cast is so incredibly

talented, and I am so proud of the hard work we've all put in; the audience is really in for a treat. Every single person shines so bright; you won't be disappointed!"

Madisyn said, "People should come and see a performance because this show is just SO MUCH FUN! It is such an infectious, feel-good show combining ABBA's timeless, and well-loved music, with a story surrounding female friendship and heartwarming mother-daughter story! We have such a talented and hardworking cast. You do NOT want to miss this one!"

To purchase tickets, go to rcktkts.com.

Wappingers CSD 4th grader takes part in national golf competition

Wappingers Central School District congratulates Mario Vilardi, a Fishkill Plains Elementary School fourth grader, on his extraordinary achievement on a national stage: he has recently achieved an incredible milestone in junior golf as a finalist in the prestigious 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals.

This nationwide competition, held annually at the iconic Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, GA, begins with thousands of young golfers across the country competing in local and regional qualifiers. Only 80 finalists, 10 boys and 10 girls in each age division, earn the opportunity to compete at the national

level, making it one of the most selective and respected youth golf events in the United States.

Mario competed in the Boys 10-11 division and delivered an outstanding performance live on the Golf Channel. He earned 2nd place overall, just one point shy of the national title, and took first place in the chipping category, showcasing exceptional precision and skill around the green.

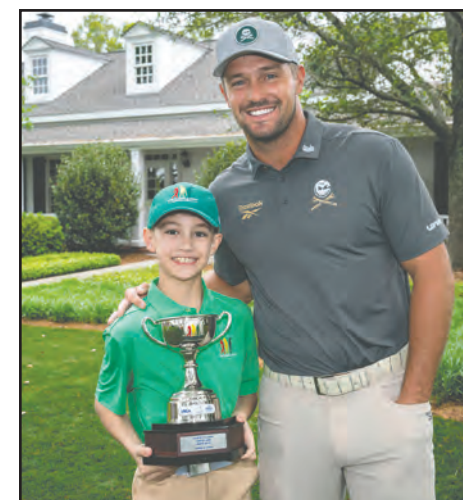
The Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals are held the Sunday before the Masters Tournament, placing participants on one of the most famous golf courses in the world and alongside some of the sport's biggest names. Pictured here with

his trophy, Mario stands alongside Bryson DeChambeau at Augusta National.

Right: Mario Vilardi, a Fishkill Plains Elementary School fourth grader, took part in the recent 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals held at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. Mario earned 2nd place in the Boys 10-11 division.

Pictured with Mario at Augusta National is Bryson DeChambeau.

-Courtesy photo



HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

BY FRANCINE WIZNER



The peculiar purgative of Medieval monasteries



From left, Buckthorn berries in early summer. They ripen to purple in September-October.

Trees and a bowl crafted from Buckthorn by Roy Jacobsen of Fargo, North Dakota.

-Photo by Matt Lavin from Bozeman, Montana, USA Wikipedia CC Buckthorn

-Photos courtesy of the artist

One of my outside chores is curbing the growth of plants that I have deemed "yucky." I'm referring to vegetation flourishing in the woods that is taking over large sections. My Yuck List mirrors the many invasive species identified by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the DEC. They include Multiflora Rose, Japanese Barberry and others. One day, whilst performing my duties, I directed my loppers to, what I now call, The Spiny Scatbush. It is more commonly known as Buckthorn.

Coming to America

In its native European range, Buckthorn is a hardy shrub that is kept in check by insects, herbivores and pathogens that have co-evolved with it. It forms effective natural barriers. It provides nectar for pollinators. Its unique two-tone quality makes it desirable for small-scale furniture and décor objects. Its density makes it a slow-burning firewood.

Settlers brought Buckthorn to America in the 19th century as a fast-growing hedge. But, by the early 1900s, the shrub started to dominate due to its many adaptations. Buckthorn has an extended growing season and shades out natives; Here, it has few pests or diseases to control its spread. It alters the soil's chemistry, thus inhibiting the growth of surrounding plants. It is prolific because birds eat the berries and evacuate the seeds over long distances.

Anthraquinone

Some plants, such as Wild Senna, Rhubarb and Buckthorn, produce anthraquinones for defense against microorganisms. Separately, anthraquinones stimulate bowel contractions and cause diarrhea. Despite this painful effect, wildlife will consume Buckthorn during harsh winters. But, generally, animals learn to avoid eating plants with the toxin.

Not people

The Church of England Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban is a significant historic site. Prior to construction of a welcome center, an archaeological excavation unearthed graves containing remains of individuals from the Norman Period (c. 911-1204 CE). Found evidence suggests that the decedents included monks, dignitaries and early benefactors of the monastery, then known as the Benedictine Abbey at St Albans.

Biomarkers in the skeletal remains, as well as further excavations of the surrounding orchard, provided details of medieval monastic life within the community. Characteristics of the bones, such as thickness, mineral density and collagen levels, indicate that the decedents ate rich animal protein diets and had ailments such as obesity. Typically, arm bones from the general population of that era exhibit joint degeneration and asymmetry from manual work. The decedent's arm symmetry indicates

that they led more sedentary lives.

In earlier excavations at St Albans, researchers discovered prodigious amounts of Buckthorn seeds mixed with fragments of cloth in the abbey's cesspits. The quantity of seeds, along with the textile "lavatory paper" suggests that monks routinely used Buckthorn as a purgative. The berries were made palatable as a spiced syrup.

Middle Age MiraLAX

Medical belief at the time was that health required a balance of "humors." Imbalances, rather than infections, were thought to cause illness. Treatments were intended to remove excess fluids and restore physical and spiritual alignment. They included the use of agents to induce sweating, bloodletting (therapeutic phlebotomy), emetics (to induce vomiting) and purgatives (to cause bowel contraction).

Medieval peasants ate seasonal, plant-based diets. That was viewed as too coarse for the refined stomachs of the elite. Monastic consumption at high-status abbeys included up to 6,000 calories a day of meat, fish, eggs and white bread. Clergy followed patterns of strict fasting, followed by days of feasting. It wouldn't be surprising if they suffered from excess weight and constipation.

Monasteries, such as St Albans, were the centers of knowledge and healthcare of the day. As such, they maintained herb gardens and medical guides. Indeed, a suite of medicinal herbs have been found growing at

St Albans. Among them: Buckthorn. Humoral Theory would have prescribed it as a means of managing chronic constipation.

History and honor

The unearthed medieval remains were studied to understand the abbey's early history. That purpose has been served; the decedents were subsequently reburied. They were not placed on public display for ethical and religious reasons. Among the archeological discoveries were the remains of Abbot John of Wheathampstead, whose work influenced the restoration of St Albans after the plague. A lifelike digital reconstruction of Abbot John's face is on display in the exhibition area; his remains were reburied in a vault near the Shrine of St Alban.

The Spiny Scatbush

Beyond the "cathartic" purge attributed to Buckthorn berries, they were also a source of pigments in medieval manuscript illumination. St Albans would have used them in its scriptorium. They were used for illustration in North America in the early to mid-19th century, as well. Today, the invasive could be made to positive use by woodworkers or natural dye artisans. I wish someone would make a constructive application of the Buckthorn growing locally.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County.



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Vacation adventures

There's never a dull moment...

Vacations in my family were never a relaxing, wonderful trip. They always ended that way, but the trips to and from never were easy. Something always happened, and usually it was because either they didn't understand my father or he didn't understand them.

This happened throughout my life with my parents. Whether it was getting a ticket for going through a YELLOW light, or getting held up in customs because we had a coconut in our suitcase, something always seemed to happen.

This particular adventure happened a long time ago when my father was taking a trip to Florida by himself.

My father always brought his homemade wine with him when they went down to their condo in Florida, and usually there was never any problem. The sight of two older Italians usually got my parents certain privileges. However, this time in particular, my mom was not traveling with my father, and he realized that things are totally different when you're alone.

My mom drove my father to Stewart airport early. It was 6 a.m., and the airport was pretty empty. My mother pulled up to the curb and noticed a police car parked at the curb in front of her. She went up to the officer's window to let him know that she was going to help my father bring his luggage inside. Quickly she realized that the officer was fast asleep in his car. Figuring that she would be in and out before he woke up, she helped my father bring his luggage inside.

Into the airport they walked, lugging luggage and a box of wine, tied up with string. Not only was the box tied with string, it was tied up well enough that there was no way in hell anyone would be able to untie the box and retie it. This box looked like it was

ready to travel overseas on the Titanic.

So, my mother helped my father to the check-in counter, kissed him goodbye and went back to the car. By the time she got out to the car, the officer was awake and furious that someone had parked a car at the curb and right behind him. So here comes my mother, this little Old Italian lady walking out to her car, not realizing that you were not allowed under any circumstances to park at the curb of an airport.

In the meantime, my father was explaining to the counter person that this cardboard box was filled with bottles of homemade wine. They wanted him to untie this box that would give Harry Houdini a hard time. He was having a difficult time explaining to them in his broken English that he did this all the time, and there never was a problem. They didn't care, and they wanted him to open the box. After much debate, the now exhausted flight stewards allowed him to check the box, and on he went to the checkpoint to get scanned before to the waiting area.

In the meantime, outside, my mother was getting yelled at by this officer because she had left the car at the curb. Once he was done yelling at her, she looked him right in the eyes and in full Italian mother mode, explained to him, that if he wasn't asleep in the car, she would have been able to tell him what was going on; and if he really wanted to pursue this any further, she would be more than happy to tell his boss, that he was asleep in the car instead of watching what was going on at the airport. She then scolded him for harassing a little old lady and told him that if he were his son, she would smack him for being so disrespectful.

In the meantime, Pop was setting off alarms at the check point. After taking off his

belt, shoes, wallet, chain, watch, wedding ring, and glasses, he still set off the alarm. So now they had to strip search him. My father started to protest, saying that he was an old man and this was a complete waste of time. However, all they heard was this unrecognizable accent; and in the post-911 world, he had to be searched.

Back at the curb, the poor officer was apologizing to my mother for yelling at her and asking if he could go help my father inside. My mother told him that she already did, and now it was time for her to go home. She then got in her car and drove away while this poor shell-shocked officer was left at the curb watching her drive away.

Back inside, my father had stripped down, and the TSA officers were realizing that my father's back brace had metal clips on it, and that was what was setting off the alarms. So my father got his back brace hooked back up, got dressed again, all the while cursing out the TSA agents for harassing a little old man and making him undress. Those poor TSA agents didn't know what to do or say. First of all, they didn't understand a thing that he was saying, and second, they were afraid to. So, when he was done getting dressed and cursing them all out, off he went to his flight.

That night, I was at my mother's house for dinner, and she was telling me her part of the story. She made one of my favorite dishes, Roasted Chicken with Potatoes. She was telling me her story, not realizing what had happened to her husband. Earlier that day, my father called me to let me know that he had arrived and told me his story. So, while my mother was telling me about what happened to her outside the airport, I was reliving what happened to my father at the same time inside the airport. It was like an Abbot and Costello movie!

You almost feel bad for the people at Stewart airport, don't you? While you are thinking about this little story, please enjoy the recipe for Roasted Chicken with Potatoes.

Roasted Chicken with Potatoes

Ingredients

- 3 lbs. chicken, legs or breasts of even size
- 20 fresh sage leaves
- 5 potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste

Method

Season chicken with salt and pepper; set aside. Finely chop 4 of the sage leaves; set aside.

In large ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; fry garlic and remaining whole sage leaves until garlic is lightly browned, 1 minute. With slotted spoon, set sage aside for garnish. Remove garlic and chop; set aside. Brown chicken, in batches, 5 to 6 minutes. Transfer to plate.

Add potatoes to pan. Sautee until browned, about 7 minutes. Pour off fat. Return chicken and any accumulated juices to pan. Add wine, remaining salt and pepper, and reserved chopped garlic and chopped sage; bring to boil.

Place the entire pan into the oven and roast at 425 degrees, basting 2 or 3 times, until sauce is thickened and juices run clear when chicken is pierced, 30 minutes. Serve garnished with reserved fried sage leaves.

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. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.



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Oakwood students and faculty, Community Matters 2 Inc. staff and Awesome Foundation board members during the recent check presentation event for the Collaborative Community Fridge Project.

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Oakwood students were thrilled to receive a \$1000 grant from the Poughkeepsie chapter of The Awesome Foundation for their collaborative community fridge project. Together with their partner Community Matters 2, Inc. a group of students and faculty gratefully accepted the donation that will be used to purchase groceries to support food insecure community members in Poughkeepsie.

The Poughkeepsie Community Fridge project was founded in 2022 by Oakwood students who have raised over \$10,000 through grants and their Go Fund Me page to support their neighbors in need. Community Matters 2, Inc. founder L'Quette Taylor expressed his enthusiasm for the joint project, "We're proud to partner with Oakwood Friends School in making a real difference for our community. Thanks to the incredible Awesome Poughkeepsie grant, our community fridge initiative is growing stronger, bringing access, dignity and nourishment to neighbors who need it most. This is what collaboration looks like."

Awesome Poughkeepsie is a volunteer-

run group that provides monthly \$1,000 grants to projects that directly impact the City of Poughkeepsie or its residents, especially those that forge new collaborations or partnerships. They evaluate projects for social impact, benefit to the public, ability to successfully execute, level of collaboration, and originality in ideas. Oakwood senior Sam Nye who applied for and received the grant on behalf of the Oakwood students who run the community fridge shared, "Working with our faculty advisors and my fellow classmates has been an incredible experience. We've put a lot of effort into connecting the fridge with local organizations and securing support, and we're so grateful to the Poughkeepsie Awesome Foundation for helping us expand this project."

To learn more or to support the community fridge through food donations contact Oakwood's Community Fridge Faculty Advisor Julie Okoniewski at jokoniewski@oakwoodfriends.org. The students also maintain a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram (@poughkeepsiecommunityfridge).

Spring Tag Sale at Mt. Alvernia April 25

A Spring Tag Sale will be held at Mt. Alvernia, 158 Delavergne Ave. in Wappingers Falls, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 25. There is something for

everyone. Sale benefits Mt. Alvernia. Among the items for sale will be household items, small appliances, toys, jewelry and more.

Latin Dance Night set for April 23

A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining and music), at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street, in Beacon. Lose yourself to the wonderful sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton and much more, played by DJ Rhoda. Song requests welcome.

Fine dining and full bar are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$20, which can be paid at the door. For reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

MOTHER'S DAY PAINT EVENT: Come paint with us for our Mother's Day tea-and-paint at Geering Park! Light refreshments will be served. Standard seating is for pairs. Accommodations can be made for parties of 3. All ages and abilities are invited to come paint and celebrate together. The event will be held on May 3 for ages 3+. Seats fill up quickly so don't wait to register!

FLAG FOOTBALL FOR BOYS & GIRLS: The Fishkill Recreation Department is excited to announce the spring youth flag football program — the Pigskin PRINCESS and PRINCE Project — for girls ages 3–11 and boys ages 3–6. This dynamic 6-week clinic introduces young athletes to the fundamentals of flag football through fun agility exercises, drills, and character-building activities.

Designed as an inclusive skill-building program (not a formal league), the Pigskin Project focuses on confidence, coordination, independence, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Each practice also includes a brief character education segment that highlights inspiring role models and encourages positive life values. The program is offered on Sundays this spring at Geering Park starting April 26.

MOM & ME SELF DEFENSE CLASS: Fishkill Recreation is hosting a Mom & Me Self-Defense Class on Saturday, April 25, from 1-3 p.m. for mothers and daughters ages 8–11. Participants will learn practical physical and non-physical strategies to recognize and avoid danger, build confi-

dence, and develop basic self-defense skills from certified instructors.

YOGA: Fishkill Recreation is pleased to announce its Gentle Yoga program, a weekly class that supports both physical and mental well-being through slow, mindful movement and breathing techniques.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m., and participants can choose a monthly pass or pay per class. Students should bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle.

MUSICAL YOGA: The Fishkill Recreation Center is excited to present Singing Yogis, a unique enrichment program that blends creative movement, mindful play, and joyful music for young participants. This engaging activity, offered through the Recreation Center's recreation and enrichment lineup, encourages children to explore yoga-inspired movement accompanied by songs and musical expression in a fun, supportive environment.

ZUMBA GOLD: Fishkill Recreation invites community members to join Zumba® Gold, a fun, low-impact fitness program designed for active older adults and beginners looking for a safe, enjoyable workout. Class is held on Mondays at 9am.

Zumba® Gold features easy-to-follow dance routines set to lively music, focusing on improving balance, flexibility, coordination, and overall fitness in a welcoming, supportive environment.

This program is ideal for participants of all fitness levels who want to stay active, socialize, and move at their own pace.

Visit our website for more information and to register www.FishkillRecreation.com.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

We are signing up residents and non-residents for our 2026 Adult Golf Program at Beekman Golf. There will be three sessions (Tuesday & Thursday nights 6-7:30 p.m.) on May 5, 7, 12 & 14; June 2, 4, 9 & 11 and July 7, 9, 14 & 16. The fee is \$100 residents and \$125 non-residents. You may join one or all three sessions.

Don't miss it! We still have some openings for our fun musical trip on April 25 to the Paramount Theatre in Peekskill for the Doo Wop Project. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$100 for non-residents and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation and tip for driver and orchestra seats.

Our Wednesday, June 17 trip to Resorts Catskill Casino for an afternoon of gambling

fun, food and a great show Summer Nights -a tribute to Grease. In addition to the show, you'll get a big buffet lunch and \$25 free slots play. The fee is \$100 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation.

There are still a few openings for our Resorts World Casino trip on Sunday, May 17. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours Transportation, \$15 food voucher and \$25 free slots play.

Saturday, April 25 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) will be our combined Egg Hunt, Spring Fling and Arbor Day celebration at the Community Center. There will music with Bob Martinson, a tree planting, games, snacks, prizes and fun for all ages!

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

this week's puzzle solutions

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127-133 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Carmine Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Chameleon Refinishing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Matthew Schaefer 25 Wasson Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Rockmount Group, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on February 27, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 5 Cliff Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Peaceful Passage Pet Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on March 3, 2026. Office located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. Mailing address for process: PO Box 135, Milton, New York 12547. Purpose: Pet grief coaching, end-of-life support services, and related services.

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Notice of Formation of 1827 ROUTE 22 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 100 Dugway Dr., Pawling, NY 12564. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Lilith and The Wren, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/13/2025. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 500 B Commons Way Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful activity.

CHAOS GOBLIN LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 100 Church St, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of C Doc Clinical Research Associates LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 3/7/26. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 7 Pine Woods Rd, Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Name: Second Rise Baking LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/14/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 135 Fulton St. Poughkeepsie NY 12601. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the

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state of New York
NOTICE OF FORMATION of Basstechsonar North LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 3/7/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 119 Simone Dr Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 255 KIDD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 241 KIDD LN, TIVOLI, NY 12583. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of NORLAND SQUARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 26 CHELSEA STREET, APT 1, BOSTON, MA 02128. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of VARINDER RATHORE MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 70 MELANIE LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Stellen Practice Partners LLLC filed with SSNY on 02/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Stellen Practice Partners, 9 Vassar Street, Ste 32, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Options Universe LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Nichris Ln, Staats-

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burg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful activity.

White Lake Retreats LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 19 Karen Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Precision Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 61 Sycamore Drive, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

B&E Media LLC filed w/SSNY 3/10/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy to 130 Wilson St, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Higgins Window & Door LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/12/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Manor Rd Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

HHL GLOBAL, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/21/2017. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 10/5/2015. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2REHOLDINGS 7, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/7/2018. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 5/25/2016. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall

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mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2REHOLDINGS 23, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 10/16/2020. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 9/17/2019. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, Florida Department of State, The Centre of Tallahassee, 2415 N. Monroe St, Ste 810, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. Of Eli Sloves Photography LLC. Arts of Org. filed 03/04/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 6 Drum Ct., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MX Elite Cleaning & Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2706 West Main Street, Apt #3, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ADA'S HOUSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ADA'S HOUSE LLC, 25 West Main St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of JNG Designs, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with

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SSNY on 1/22/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2604 Mulberry Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation of 333 Hibernia Road LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/7/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 333 Hibernia Road LLC 60 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities.

One Man Cold LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 1117, Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Studio Elks LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: Jan 16th 2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. Studio Elks LLC is doing business in Dutchess County. Address is 29 Mason Cir, Beacon, NY 12508. Studio Elks LLC provides design services for textiles and soft goods for the home. Managed by Katherine Elks. www.studioelks.com

Notice of formation of Pawsitive Care LLC filed with SSNY on 3/7/26 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall mail process to 50521 Annie Ave, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

H E R M A N RADIOLOGY, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 122 Hudson Pointe Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Medicine.

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mation of Allisiona Properties, LLC. The LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 17, 2026. Office location: Allisiona Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102 Pawling, NY 12564, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Allisiona Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

RIDGE + RIVER HOSPITALITY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

50 ALBANY ST. LLC. Filed 3/11/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: Harjot Singh, 41 St Andrews Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

D U S I INTELLIFORGE CONSULTING LLC. Filed 1/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jagannadharao V Dusi, 3 Marie Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

DEVELOPMENT BY 3JSLCC. Filed 3/2/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 59 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

OM LAKSHMI NARAYAN LLC. Filed 2/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1206 Hudson Harbour, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

B R I G H T P A T H H O S P I T A L I T Y SOLUTIONS LLC. Filed 2/9/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Harsh Patel, 45 Pitcher Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

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Notice of Formation of Bayhorse Holdings LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Academy Hill Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of INTUITIVELY WILD APOTHECARY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 100 South Avenue, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of limited liability company. Name: Titan Property Care, LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC, 45 Middlebush Road. Wappingers Falls, 12590. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.

AA&C PAYROLL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Suni Sands Curated Home LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY design-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Notice of Formation of Dajas Bloom Boutique, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO BOX 406, Miller-ton, New York 12546. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Paul Seymour LLC. Art. of Orig. filed 3/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess Cty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 77 Paggi Terrace Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Style & Go, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 01/01/2026. Office location Dutchess SSNY desg as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 15 Legere Court, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qual. of GRASMERE HOUSE, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 6/25/2018. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Everwell Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 65 Dawson Ct. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of BM Metal Fabrication LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on February 11, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess

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County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: BM Metal Fabrication, 215 Freedom Rd, Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Filing for Application of Authority in New York for Shani Event Rentals, LLC. Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 11/05/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2522 South Road #1167, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Qual. of SH GRASMERE ACQUISITION, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 3/25/2026. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SOUND BOARD STRATEGIES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on March 18, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Soundboard Strategies LLC, 242 Main Street, #338, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation Of LORICK ENTERPRISE, LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/2020. Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Pappas lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation Of GROOM HAVEN AND LOUNGE LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/28/2025. Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: 1177 US9, SUITE 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Queens Is The Future, LLC filed w/ SSNY 2/18/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 315 Old Rt. 22, Wassaic, NY 12592. Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST BEACON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Sandoya Tax Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/2024. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Nicole Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

POUGHKEEPSIE AUTO CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sergio Jimenez Chavez & Hammad Abid Butt, 516 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of House Mom Vending LLC Articles of Org. Filed With SSNY on 02/09/2026. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 115 Verplank Ave, Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: General

Notice of formation of BEACON STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

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LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 6th, 2026, Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 36 Crescent Drive, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

22-6746TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 Longview Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Panoramic Vistas LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Getler Gomes & Sutton, PC, 2 Executive Boulevard; Suite 410, Suffern, New York 10901, also the Registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Professional Limited Liability Company: THRIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on September 3, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it can be served. SSNY should mail process to: Adah Lassalle, 27 Red Oaks Mill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

BAGALA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 19 Hiview Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LNS UNLIMITED SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/26. Office

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location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 9 Jordyn Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Luciana Bennett at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

22 Burgess LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 413, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Besel Interiors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 4/6/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 17 Wilken-son Hollow Rd. Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MJ DUTCHESS REALTY, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 7, 2026. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Continental Standard Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/3/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jesse Brukman, 104 Woods Drive, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Sweetest Little Cottage Bakery LLC Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 3/30/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 43 S Cross Rd, Staatsburg NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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MomMade Goods LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 03/24/2026. Office: Dutchess County. Alexandra Rossiter designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Alexandra Rossiter at 184 Carpenter Rd Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Barnard Gold Property Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on March 19, 2026. Office location: DUTCHESS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Barnard Gold Property Group, LLC. PO Box 411, Stormville NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ROYALTY AUTO GROUP, LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Pappas lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of JESSE BOEHM AUTOMATIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 9, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jesse Boehm, 27 Reggie Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Isben Hospitality LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on February 16, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1973 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against- C H A R M A I N E CARTER, ET AL.

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ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

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Plaintiff, v. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE ROBERT J. SOFKA A/K/A ROBERT SOFKA, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, W I D O W S , GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; SYNCRHONY BANK; RYAN J. SOFKA, JR.; KIMBERLY D. SOFKA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; JANEDOEREFUSED NAME AS JOHN DOE #1, JOHN DOE REFUSED NAME AS JOHN DOE #2 Defendants. Index No.: 2025-55697 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Property Address: 61 HENMOND BOULEVARD POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603 134689-6261-04-516423-0000 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. 25-001182-V A - F Dutchess County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Christi J. Acker, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 21st day of February, 2026 at Dutchess County Supreme Court located in Dutchess County, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 134689-6261-04-516423-0000 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, known as Lot No. 27 on Henmond Boulevard, on a 25-001182-VA-F map of Siegel Development filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on January 17, 1949 and known as Map No. 2196, and further described as follows: Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard which point of beginning is 340.0 feet southerly from the intersection of the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard and the southerly line of Manchester Road; Thence southerly along the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard South 22 degrees 46 minutes West 80.0 feet; Thence South 67 degrees 14 minutes East 149.34 feet to a point; Thence North 21 degrees 14 minutes East 15.05 feet to a point; Thence North 48 degrees 45 minutes West 18.28 feet to a point; Thence North 24 degrees 00 minutes East 59.17 feet to a point; Thence North 67 degrees 14 minutes West 132.87 feet to the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard, the point or place of beginning. These premises are also known as 61 Henmond Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Dated: March

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17, 2026 Brittany J. Marks, Esq. Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 39 Broadway, Suite 1840 New York, NY 10006 Tel.: (800) 280-6205

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW OF THE YEAR 2026 "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTING GOOD CAUSE EVICTION'"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law A of 2026, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley By Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals for the Purposes of Adopting Good Cause Eviction'".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary. Dated: March 23, 2026

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-51087 Date Filed: 03/12/2026 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs

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of the Subject Property. Subject Property: 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTRED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against BEVERLY L. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN PAUL A/K/A MICHELLE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; REGINALD BROWN A/K/A REGGIE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MARGARET WILLIAM BROWN A/K/A MARGARET W. BROWN A/K/A MARGARET BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; CHELSAY BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; DARIA S. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BROWN and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTONY BROWN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; D U T C H E S S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNITED

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STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 10th day of March, 2026,

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and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a consolidated mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ERNESTINE BROWN to SMI HOME MORTGAGE, bearing date January 26, 2006 and recorded in Document Number: 01 2006 2950 in the County of Dutchess on February 23, 2006, which was modified a loan modification agreement dated January 27, 2017, which was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTRED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1 by instrument executed February 7, 2020 and recorded March 13, 2020, in Document Number: 01-2020-50421A. Said premises being known as and by 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514, bearing tax map designation Section: 6566, Block: 02, Lot: 627814, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4175B

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-35-26

On-Call Parking Lot Repair Services Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid 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.

The regular annual meeting of the Wappingers Falls plot owners will be held on May 4, at 6:30 pm at 5 Water St., New Hamburg, NY.

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-against- CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-53557 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the

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place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgage d Premises:

11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538

Section: 6164, Block: 4, Lot: 752458

NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELL POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs. NANCY HOOPER A/K/A NANCY E. REED, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; RANDALL WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; JACOB WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; SHANDY SECOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; ROBERT A. METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; EMILY LOU MCNEIL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; DANIEL METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; D.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, CYNTHIA MCNEIL-METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; S.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, CYNTHIA MCNEIL-METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; C.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, MEGAN NEIDERKORN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; UNKNWON HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the

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and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the

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Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$153,038.00 and interest, recorded on September 10, 2013, in Document Number 01 2013 9380, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RE-

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SPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 30th, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR SLUDGE HAULING BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Fishkill, Dutchess County, Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York until 12:00 pm on May 29, 2026

All bids for hauling liquid sludge from the Village of Fishkill Sewage Treatment Plant to the City of Beacon Sewage Treatment Plant must conform to the following specifications:

- 1. Liquid sludge will be hauled from the Village of Fishkill Sewage Treatment Plant to the City of Beacon Sewage Treatment Plant or alternate site. Loading and unloading of sludge will be the responsibility of the contractor.
2. The contractor must be available within twenty-four (24) hours of notice to haul sludge.
3. The contractor agree to be responsible for all spills within and outside of the Village property during loading, unloading and transportation of the sludge.
4. The contractor is responsible for obtaining all required permits. Copies of such permits must be received by the Village with all bids.
5. The contractor is responsible for all laboratory testing required to obtain all required permits.
6. Sludge hauled will be approximately 1% - 7% solids.
7. All equipment for loading and unloading of sludge will be the responsibility of the contractor. The Village of Fishkill will not be responsible for any item relative to loading and unloading (i.e. pumps, electric, water, etc.)
8. The contractor is responsible for compliance with all safety standards.
9. The contractor is responsible for the difference of the original bid minus the actual amount expanded by the Village if another

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contractor must be hired due to lack of performance by the contractor.

10. The Village of Fishkill or their representative reserves the right to inspect the equipment, and/or documents of the contractor at all times if a safety violation is believed to exist.

11. This contract will terminate on 5/31/2027

12. Proof of insurance must be provided along with naming the Village of Fishkill against all possible liability with respect to contract.

The contractor must be bonded.

13. Include hauling and disposal price for alternate disposal site in the event Beacon is unable to take sludge. THE VILLAGE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

Pam Ruyack Village Clerk Dated: April 9, 2026

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

April 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Variance Application Applicant:

David Simon and Laura Volpacchio Address: 17 Pleasant View Avenue Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-13-227338-00

Zoning Classification: R1-10

Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

David Simon and Laura Volpacchio, 17 Pleasant View Avenue, have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17D, Attachment 1, to allow for the construction of an addition to the existing garage, which requires relief from the following:

- 1. Section 223-17, Attachment 1, to allow for a side yard setback of 5 feet (15 ft. required)

The full application is available online at:

https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New

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York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on April 21, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez Zoning Board Secretary

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Dutchess, U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff, vs. James Cartwright, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 20, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the rear vestibule of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on April 23, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 6 Rainbow Crescent, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, Section 132800, Block 6355 and Lot 784824. Approximate amount of judgment is \$163,963.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2023-54191. Cash will not be accepted.

Michael Treybich, Esq., Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00AM at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1857 Clove Valley Rd., Lagrangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. Further information, contact Elfriede Tillman (845) 724-5840.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE Who needs blood? Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

John Jay students offered chance to explore potential career options



John Jay High School in the Wappingers Central School District hosted a College & Career Fair recently. The Fair showcased a variety of options: colleges, law enforcement, military, engineering, trades, and more.

"We're proud to offer our students a chance to explore potential careers," said Dr. Dwight Bank, Superintendent of Schools. "One of our key goals is preparing today's students for tomorrow's opportunities."

Students asked questions, collected materials, and left with some new ideas for the future.

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Ulster Savings Bank celebrates 175 years of community banking excellence

Ulster Savings Bank, the first bank in Ulster County announced its 175th anniversary on April 12. Chartered on April 12, 1851, Ulster Savings is one of the longest continuously run businesses in Ulster County and a respected, long-standing fixture in the Hudson Valley.

As part of this milestone, the bank will celebrate its anniversary at various events throughout the year. These efforts reflect Ulster Savings' ongoing dedication to giving back and strengthening the communities it calls home.

Back in 1851, Kingston was a place on the cusp of transformation. The railroad was coming. Industry was rising. And yet, for working families of Ulster County, there was no safe place to store their savings. A group of local visionaries of proven integrity and reputation and with no idea of profit to themselves, wanted to organize and set up such a place as an alternative to hiding money under mattresses or in spice jars. They petitioned the New York State Legislature for something bold: a savings institution created not for profit, but for people. And so, a charter was granted and Ulster County Savings Institution was born.

The 20th century brought upheaval -- world wars, the Great Depression, suburban expansion, and the shifting tides of American finance. But Ulster County Savings Institution had a quiet advantage. It

belonged to its depositors. As a mutual savings bank, there were no stockholders to answer to. Its mission was to serve its owners -- its depositors.

In 1972, the bank embraced a new name - Ulster Savings Bank -- but kept its old soul. Expansion soon followed across the Hudson River into Dutchess County with the first Poughkeepsie location opening in 1973. As needs changed, so did they. In 1985, they started offering financial services and tax preparation. In 2000, they bought an insurance agency to offer insurance products and services.

In an era of national megabanks and digital only startups, Ulster Savings stands out as something rare: A 175-year-old community bank that still knows its customers by name. A community bank that is still a mutual savings bank that's owned by its depositors. Together with its charitable foundation, Ulster Savings Bank has given millions of dollars to help improve the lives of so many over the years.

"For nearly two centuries, we've been more than a bank -- we've been a neighbor. We bring generations of experience, stability, and relationship-based banking to the Hudson Valley. We blend our rich community banking legacy with forward-thinking financial solutions -- always focused on what matters most: our customers and community," said Bill Calderara, President and CEO of Ulster Savings Bank.

Mount Gulian to open to visitors April 27

Mount Gulian Historic Site, in Beacon, will open to visitors for the 2026 Tour Season. Tours of the historic home, 18th century Dutch barn, and heritage garden will be offered at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, beginning Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, October 26.

Visitors will hear about Mount Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Frederick von Steuben's headquarters; the founding at Mount Gulian in 1783 of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization; and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived at Mount Gulian.

Visitors will also discover the fascinat-

ing stories of James F. Brown, an enslaved man who risked his life for freedom, and of Robert Newlin Verplanck's participation in the Civil War as an officer in the US Colored Troops (USCT). Artifacts on display span the 18th through 20th centuries and include antique books, furniture, and an array of Revolutionary War items.

Admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 children (ages 6-18); free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Reservations may be made by calling the site at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made upon arrival.

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR BID WATER/SEWER PLANT CHEMICALS

The Village of Fishkill will receive sealed bids at Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, NY until 12:00 Noon on May 29, 2026 for the following: WATER/SEWER Plant Chemicals

1. Chemicals must conform to all NYS-DEC & EPA Standards
2. Safety data sheets must be supplied with each chemical.
3. Chemicals will be delivered within seven (7) working days after an order has been placed.
4. Contractor will be li-

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able for any physical damage to Village Property during delivery of the chemical.

5. Period of this contract will be from the time of award until May 31, 2027.

CHEMICALS:

1. Sodium Hypochlorite (15%) approximately 7,000 gallons per year, ordered in bulk on a monthly basis.
2. Sodium Thiosulfate
3. Magnesium Hydroxide

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Pam Ruyack
Village Clerk
Dated: April 9, 2026

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THEME: FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

ACROSS

1. Double's trick
6. Pick
9. Marching band member
13. North one or South one, in Asia
14. Morse Code dash
15. Root of iris
16. Indian black tea
17. Mother lode stuff
18. Disinclined
19. *Mad as a _____
21. *Fit as a _____
23. Pilgrimage to Mecca
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39. Type of union
40. Axillary, in biology
41. *Bored to _____
43. Fit of shivering
44. Treated with calcium hydroxide
46. Recipe amt.
47. Not fiction
48. *Lawrence and DiCaprio movie "Don't _____"
50. Like some hard times
52. *To the _____ degree
53. Not less
55. *Hi-_____ graphics
57. *Fly off the _____
60. *Storm in a _____
63. Louisiana swamp
64. *"_____ whiz!"
66. Did like a lunatic
68. Mr. T and friends
69. *Am is to I a _____ is to we
70. Certain pudding ingredient
71. Mosquito net, e.g.
72. Local area network
73. Leavening agent

DOWN

1. Reggae's cousin
2. Silly talk
3. Minor one in the sky
4. Not o'er
5. Type of gong instrument
6. *_____ -Eaters
7. *_____ for the course
8. *"Grand _____ Auto"
9. Walked on
10. Caspian Sea feeder
11. *"Take a _____ Out of Crime"
12. Type of tree
15. Idiom for outdated or trite (2 words)
20. Tape deck button
22. *Break the _____
24. Palatable
25. *_____ we dance?
26. President Franklin Roosevelt's diagnosis
27. *"Remember the _____!"
29. Cooking grease
31. Tennis' Steffi
32. Flotsam and jetsam alternative
33. Something educed
34. *By the skin of your _____
36. Hiker's journey
38. Gaelic language
42. *_____ tire
45. Lollipop brand
49. D.C. mover and shaker
51. Not very far
54. Fit for a king
56. Go "Boo!"
57. *A _____-hate relationship
58. Pirates' affirmatives
59. Famous flood survivor
60. *Nirvana's "Smells Like _____ Spirit"
61. Iris holder
62. *Three _____ in a pod
63. "Kapow!"
65. Pitcher's stat
67. Banned insecticide, acr.

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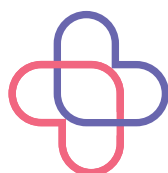
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