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## \*\*\*\*\* ELECTIONS EDITION \*\*\*\*\*

# Economy, abortion major issues for Ryan, Schmitt in District 18

by Rich Thomaselli

Even under normal circumstances, the election of a United States congressman is an important race at the regional and state level, to say the least.

For the midterm elections of 2022, however, it's a different story.

The local race between Democrat Patrick Ryan and Republican Colin Schmitt for the seat representing New York's 18th Congressional District – which includes the bulk of Dutchess County except for the southern portion – has transcended the state. It now is of critical and national significance. This is a race that many observers and pundits have identified as being one that will tip the balance of power in the House of Representatives.

The race is a case study in personal similarities and political contrasts. Ryan and Schmitt both have military backgrounds. Ryan is a West Point

graduate who served as an Army intelligence officer, while Schmitt is a member of the National Guard. Both have long-time experience as public servants. Ryan is the former Ulster County Executive who won a special election in August to fill the remainder of the term in the 19th Congressional District vacated when Antonio Delgado resigned to become New York's Lieutenant Governor. Schmitt is a current New York State Assemblyman.

But the similarities end there, and the two are as different as ... well, Democrats and Republicans when it comes to the issues, including the economy. Prices on everything from food to housing to fuel have risen significantly, although in the ebb and flow of things, some costs have started to recede.

But not enough for the economy not to be a continued point of debate between the two men.

"We see a continuing housing crunch



Pat Ryan



Colin Schmitt

in the Hudson Valley. It's only been exacerbated by the Biden economy. We need to get inflation under control," Schmitt said during a recent debate at Marist College.

Ryan said it's been an ongoing prob-

lem, not just an issue tied to, or to be blamed on, President Joe Biden.

"Frontline healthcare workers can't even afford to live in our community.

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Kirk Imperati



Jillian Hanlon

# Imperati faces challenge from Hanlon for County Sheriff

by Rich Thomaselli

The race for Dutchess County Sheriff pits two long-time law enforcement members who share the common bonds of the uniform, but who are philosophically opposed on how to run the department.

Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati and former Deputy Sheriff Jillian Hanlon are at the opposite ends of the spectrum. This will be the first Dutchess County Sheriff's election that won't feature someone named Scoralick or Anderson in almost two generations. Fred Scoralick was the county Sheriff

from 1978 until he was succeeded by his Undersheriff, Butch Anderson, in 1999.

Anderson passed away in September of 2021 and his Undersheriff of 14 years, Imperati, became Acting Sheriff.

That's just one trend that Hanlon is looking to buck.

"That's almost 50 years, and that's too long. I had intended on retiring and building a little house in the woods and writing a memoir. When Butch died, I realized I was the best candidate," Hanlon said. "The sheriff's office has been handed down

from generation to generation. It shouldn't be."

Hanlon is also looking to set another kind of precedent – in 2015 she transitioned from a man to a woman and would become the first transgender sheriff in state history. Hanlon has more than 37 years' experience of public safety, including as a paramedic, firefighter, corrections officer, and police officer. But she stressed that she also has what it takes for the other aspects of the job – budget- and policy-making experience.

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# Drug Task Force issues warning on increased presence of Fentanyl

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force (DCDTF) is advising the public of an increased presence of Fentanyl in our communities, in particular counterfeit 30mg Oxycodone pills containing Fentanyl.

Since January 2022, the DCDTF has seized several thousand counterfeit prescription pills containing Fentanyl through investigations conducted in the Dutchess County area. In September 2022 alone, the DCDTF seized more than 2,000 counterfeit prescription pills.

These pills are typically light blue in color and imprinted "M-30" in an effort to imitate real prescription 30mg Oxycodone pills. Recently, counterfeit 30mg oxycodone pills in various colors

containing Fentanyl were seized in other areas of New York State.

Illegal drugs seized by the DCDTF, for example heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine are often contaminated with Fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent.

According to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, as little as two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl. In 2021, the Dutchess County Drug Task Force recorded more than 100 fatal drug

overdose deaths within Dutchess County with Fentanyl being involved in an overwhelming amount of cases. If you encounter Fentanyl in any form, or any other drug, do not handle it and call 911 immediately.

A person overdosing on Fentanyl may exhibit signs that include but are not limited to, cold and or clammy skin, cyanosis, and changes in pupil size, coma, or any form of respiratory distress. If you experience any of these symptoms or observe someone experiencing similar symptoms and you believe Fentanyl may be involved contact 911 immediately.

If anyone has information about individuals selling drugs including

Fentanyl you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com

The DCDTF encourages anyone seeking assistance with drug addiction or treatment to call the Dutchess County HELPLINE at 845-485-9700, or walk into the Stabilization Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie (845) 486-2849. This contact is available 24/7/365 to help you get connected to the services you need. You can also visit Dutchess County Government website at [dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm](http://dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm)

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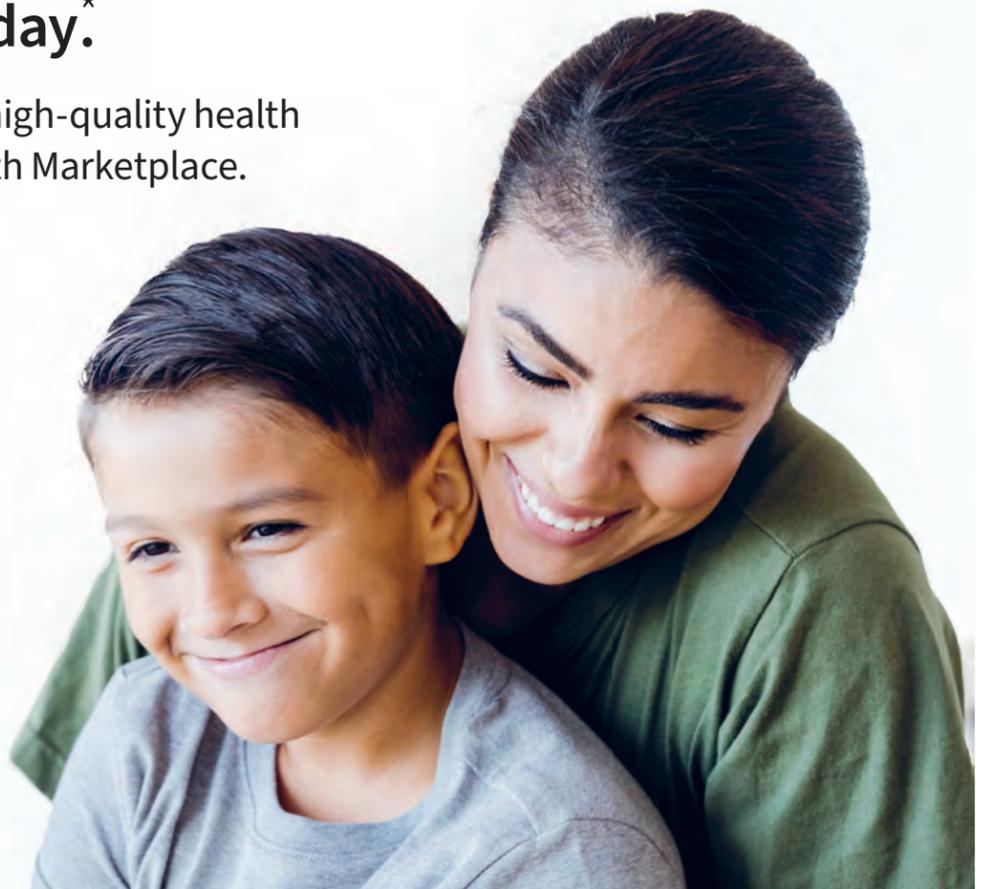
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# Serino, Hinchey face off in SD-41

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

As a result of this year's redistricting maps, two incumbent state senators are competing in the new District 41: Current SD-41 representative Sue Serino (R,

C, IND) and Michelle Hinchey (D, WOR), who currently represents the 46th District (which includes all of Greene and Montgomery counties and parts of Ulster, Schenectady and Albany counties).

The current SD-41 includes parts of Dutchess and Putnam counties. The new 41st District includes most of

Dutchess, part of Ulster and all of Columbia and Greene counties.

Candidates were asked via email to list their accomplishments, discuss pressing issues in the district and more. Their responses, submitted via email, follow.

**What are the most important issues the 41st district is facing? The state? Please be specific.**

Upstate and the Hudson Valley have faced decades of under-investment, with many of our most prominent issues being left on the table for too long. In the Senate, I've fought to address many of the issues that intersect across our SD-41 communities and NYS at large, including the dire need to make life more affordable for Hudson Valley families, defending reproductive rights and expanding access to healthcare services, and fighting both the climate crisis and the housing crisis.

While we have more to do, I've been able to deliver tangible results on all of these fronts. To lower costs for everyday New Yorkers, I cut middle-class income taxes to their lowest rate in nearly 70 years, suspended the gas tax, expanded the STAR Property Tax Rebate for middle-class homeowners, and lowered the cost of child care and fully funded our schools. As the only pro-choice candidate in this race, I've supported all legislation and funding to defend our reproductive rights and sponsored several bills to expand reproductive care and protect NY doctors and nurses from malpractice and retaliatory actions for doing their jobs and providing needed healthcare. I've led on protecting our environment by delivering clean water investments, farmland preservation, and helping our farmers join the fight against the Climate Crisis, including my bill to incentivize healthy soil practices. And, to address the housing crisis, I'm proud to have secured the single-largest state investment in rural and upstate housing that is being used right now to build more permanent, affordable homes in our communities.

**As an incumbent, what have you accomplished in the current term, and what do you hope to accomplish if re-elected? Have your goals changed based on possibly different needs of the new district? If so, how?**

I promised to be a leading voice for the Hudson Valley, and in my first term, I passed over 50 bills through the Legislature with wide bipartisan support, the most of any Senator, making me the most effective in the state. These bills cover critical issues for our region, such as expanding healthcare access and broadband services, bolstering our family farms and protecting the environment, securing a woman's right to choose, and supporting our first responders. I've also



MICHELLE HINCHEY (D, WOR)

fought to secure record funding for our region, delivering the largest investment in upstate housing, the best budget for agriculture in the state's history two years in a row, and record education and childcare investments.

Constituent services is at the heart of everything we do, and, to date, we've helped over 2,000 people get the answers they need. We've held 75 mobile office hours - bringing our constituent services directly into rural communities - and we've hosted over 50 community events, including veterans' resource fairs, clothing, food, and personal hygiene drives, forums on how to identify and protect yourself from Lyme disease, and roundtables that tackle important issues like rural EMS and water infrastructure funding. I will bring the same level of support and commitment to communities across SD-41 and will continue to fight for upstate equity for our region.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

I believe in our Democracy, and I believe in fair and free elections. I will absolutely accept the results of the election because I know the system works. From the poll workers to the election commissioners to the volunteers, everyone is working to ensure that the voices in our community are heard, and it's important that we have trust in our electoral process.

**What are the most important issues the 41st district is facing? The state? Please be specific.**

Everywhere I travel I am hearing from residents who are fed up with rising costs, rising crime and government overreach. First and foremost, we must put all of our efforts toward reducing the cost of living if we want New York State—and our community—to be a place where people want to live instead of leave. That means driving down utility costs by increasing supply, cutting taxes, and holding the line on rate increases, as well as reducing the costs of healthcare and prescription drugs, bolstering affordable housing supply and incentivizing community development that puts local employees to work. Together, we can move our community forward, but we cannot do that without first making sure our community is a safe, affordable place where all residents are empowered to thrive.

**As an incumbent, what have you accomplished in the current term, and what do you hope to accomplish if re-elected? Have your goals changed based on possibly different needs of the new district? If so, how?**

During start of this current term, we were still in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and my greatest accomplishments during that time include being a strong, independent voice for local neighbors and small businesses. We worked around the clock to address constituent issues with unemployment, state mandates that impact small businesses, schools and others, and being a voice for those impacted by the state's dangerous policies that failed to protect vulnerable nursing home residents from COVID-19.

This year, my greatest accomplishments include helping to launch a Public Service Commission investigation into Central Hudson's billing practices to better protect consumers, advancing bipartisan legislation to help increase funding for Lyme and tick-borne disease education, prevention and research, successfully pushing for a statewide expansion of the successful Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Services Program, and advancing legislation to rename the Pudding Street Overpass in honor of our first responders—a move that represents the completion of a major infrastructure project to drastically improve traffic safety in the



SUE SERINO (R, C, IND)

district that I proudly secured funds for.

I also consider the successful community events I host to be an accomplishment worth noting. This year I launched a Skilled Trades Fair initiative to help local students and families connect with opportunities in local careers in the trades. With businesses across our state facing a significant staff shortage, and the pandemic exposing extensive supply chain challenges, events like this that brought out hundreds of students and family members, play a critical role in better preparing our community for a successful future.

My number one goal moving forward is to increase affordability throughout our community. While much has changed about the district, that remains the top issue I hear about no matter where I travel, and I will do that by pushing tirelessly to hold the line on state spending, reduce taxes, and out an end to government waste.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

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#### Hinchey will work for us in NY Senate

To the editor:

I have lived in the Hudson Valley since 1965 and went to the State University of New Paltz along with Maurice Hinchey. He graduated a year ahead of me and I watched his career with a certain amount of pride and interest. So of course I watched his daughter Michele Hinchey continue to work toward the values I believe are necessary for a strong community that gives dignity, recognition, and support to all of us.

I taught in the elementary schools in the Hudson Valley, have raised children, grandchildren and now even great-grandchildren. Good local public schools and public institutions are what makes our communities strong.

As a New York State Senator, Michelle Hinchey supports reproductive choice, has led the fight against Central Hudson's unfair billing practices, worked toward clean water investments, supported farmers in their fight against the climate crisis and supported universal pre-k and other educational initiatives.

Please vote for Michelle Hinchey in the Tuesday, November 8 election. Michelle is the kind of worker we need in the State Senate. One working for people and building strong communities so it feels like "home."

Karen Cathers  
New Paltz

#### Vote with gratitude and respect

To the editor:

As Quakers, friends and neighbors, we are deeply concerned about the increasing polarization in our country. Our faith teaches us that every person is a child of God. We value respectful, equitable and honest treatment in all our relationships and non-violent resolution of our differences.

We are grateful to live in a country where we can go to the polls with our neighbors and express our preferences through casting our vote. As we go vote, let us do so with gratitude for our democracy and respect for one another.

Don Badgley  
Clerk, Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting House

#### Clinton Library is a valuable resource

To the editor:

I am a strong supporter of an increased budget for the Clinton Community Library and will be voting YES on the budget proposition on the back of the ballot in the upcoming election. The library provides a wealth of services that benefit our community, and growth in the use of the library by community members has exceeded the current budget's capacity to meet the demand.

Since the last library budget vote in 2017, five years ago, program attendance has increased 140 percent, circulation of books has increased 63 percent, and circulation of online materials has increased 139 percent. Costs for materials and staff have increased as well.

Grants and donations are not sustainable sources of library funding. The bulk of the library's budget comes from town tax monies. With an average household increase in taxes of only about \$19 a year—less than the cost of a single hardcover book—the library's new budget will allow the library to continue its many popular programs that are free to the community and to expand its collection and offerings.

The Clinton Community Library is a valuable resource and hub for Town of Clinton residents in so many ways, beyond just supplying reading materials. Please turn over your ballot and vote YES on the budget proposition to give the library the support it needs.

Kim Lewis  
Town of Clinton

#### Convinced Fieldstein will bring 'enthusiasm for position' if elected to 105th A.D.

To the editor:

I'm supporting Jill Fieldstein for New York State Assembly in District 105.

I've already witnessed Jill's zeal and enthusiasm for the position she is sure to serve honorably. Jill has supported efforts to preserve free speech and assembly on the local level. She spends much of her time listening to voters in the district with a keen perspective on how she can be of service. With backgrounds in communications and law Jill Fieldstein is uniquely qualified to communicate the needs of her constituents to the legislature, and to incorporate solutions into effective legislation.

Jill Fieldstein knows the value of firearms, and advocates for responsible ownership. Jill knows the importance of the entrepreneurial spark and the need to kindle it. She also appreciates the value of our senior citizens and the need for quality affordable housing.

I've personally seen Jill in action, and I'm firmly convinced she will be a fine legislator for both you and me. I plan to vote for Jill Fieldstein this Election Day.

Tom Rose  
Pawling

#### Do not block cannabis dispensaries in Stanford

To the editor:

On November 8, voters can choose to turn the page on their ballots to vote NO on a proposition that seeks to block cannabis dispensaries in the Town of Stanford. It also means turning the page on outdated thinking.

When recreational cannabis was legalized in March 2021, NYS communities gained the right to open dispensaries. In Stanford, a proposition has been put on the ballot to OPT OUT of that right, meaning that despite its legality in our state, no one could open a cannabis dispensary.

Voters have the right to understand the consequences of such a decision. The Stanford Cannabis Advocacy Group, a nonpartisan collection of Stanford residents, collected signatures to get the law onto the ballot as a referendum. If they hadn't, the proposal would become law without voters chiming in.

The proposition seems to be based in poor understanding of and implicit bias against cannabis. It also ignores the many benefits of a dispensary to the Stanford community:

- Increase in revenue (to support schools, infrastructure, and more)
- Economic growth and increased employment opportunities
- Reduction in crime (information based on studies conducted in Colorado)
- Access to regulated, safe, therapeutic products for adults 21 and over (with tax dollars benefiting our community, rather than other towns or states)

The proposal asks voters to make a decision about whether we keep the town's prohibition law that rejects the possibility of having a cannabis store in our community.

A NO vote means no to cannabis prohibition. It means the Stanford community regains the freedom to have a dispensary in a state where cannabis is legal.

A YES vote means supporting prohibition of legal cannabis sales in Stanford.

The public has a right to know that November 8 is their chance to vote on a decision that could benefit many.

Anthony Sarnicola  
Town of Stanford

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# No incumbent in AD-103 race

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

With the longtime representative for the 103rd Assembly District, Kevin Cahill, losing his primary in August, the contest for the seat is between Sarahana Shrestha, winner of that primary, and



PATRICK SHEEHAN (R, C)

Republican challenger Patrick Sheehan.

AD-103 includes the towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck along with parts of Ulster County.

A first-generation Nepali-American climate organizer and a life-long advocate for the working class, Shrestha says she is running for New York State Assembly “to change the culture of Albany and fight for the future Hudson Valley deserves.” Shrestha lives in Esopus with her husband, their dog Seaweed and “several free-spirited chickens.” She is the Ulster County co-chair for the Mid-Hudson Valley

chapter of Democratic Socialists of America, helping to organize efforts for healthcare, housing, and the environment.

Sheehan did not respond to this paper’s request to participate in the article.

According to his campaign website, Sheehan (R, C) resides in Ruby, a hamlet in Ulster County, with his wife, Caroline, and their three children. He also has a step-daughter who is a sophomore at the Catholic University of America.

Sheehan has been a volunteer firefighter in Rhinebeck, where he grew up, as well as in Ruby. He is a founding member of the Ulster County Criminal Justice Council, and also served as Director of Business Development for the Ulster County Development Corporation in 2008. Currently, he work as a Realtor with Win Morrison in Ulster County and with Dan Staley in Dutchess County. He also owns and operates a marina on the Rondout Creek in Kingston.

His website lists his campaign issues as rent control, vacation rentals, bail reform and the opioid crisis, but doesn’t include further information about his stances on these issues.

Shrestha responded to the following questions via email, detailing her accomplishments, the pressing issues in the district and more.

**What are the most important issues AD103 is facing? The state? Please be specific.**

The private housing market has failed at providing homes to those who need it, both in AD103 and elsewhere. While there are small landlords who are good landlords, there is outsized influence from corporate landlords and those who own multiple properties for profit. People who grew up here can’t afford to continue living here because there’s no end to how much rents and property values can increase.

We need to pass statewide Good Cause Eviction and give tenants the right to renew their lease unless there’s a “good cause.” This legislation would not only stabilize rents, but also the housing market in general and indirectly help small homeowners. There are lots of other initiatives that would tackle other aspects of housing, such as conversion of existing housing stock into social housing, as well as ways to increase affordable housing stock.

We need universal healthcare that provides coverage to all, regardless of circumstances. We also need to invest in care workers, including nurses and home care workers. Care jobs are green jobs because they are both essential and sustainable. Finally, we need to stand up to the insurance industry and pass all available intermediate measures, such as lowering costs of insulin and prescription drugs.

The climate crisis is not just about the environment. It’s also about supply chains, healthcare, jobs, food supply, utility bills, migration, housing, and the overall well-being of people. Most voters want to talk to us about their Central Hudson bills. We cannot stall action on getting off fossil fuel and in the meantime allow rate hikes to be forced on customers because the oil and gas industry is too volatile. Fossil fuel will never be a reliable and cheap source of energy at this point. Instead, we should build our own publicly-generated renewable energy like wind, solar, and geothermal, which will be cheaper, healthier, and more reliable for everyone. Energy prices are also always at the root of inflation, so it’s time we start thinking of energy as a public good.



SARAHANA SHRESTHA (D, WOR)

**What are your specific goals if elected? What in your background/experience will help you attain these goals?**

I don’t believe that issues are siloed. Whether it’s housing insecurity, lack of access to healthcare, climate change, lack of good jobs, underfunded public education, or struggling hospitals and care workers, these are all connected to an economy that prioritizes profits over people.

In New York, there are already a lot of existing initiatives that would provide a stable home and decent quality of life to New Yorkers. These types of bills struggle to pass because of the corporate money that dominates our politics, and because organizing the Assembly around specific issues needs strategy and effort. I’m an organizer who does not take money from corporations, corporate lobbyists, as well as CEOs in fossil fuel, real estate, and insurance. I will stand up to those special interests, and use my organizing skills to rally support for priorities that people are desperate for.

After talking to over 14,000 people in the district since we launched our campaign last year, we’ve heard too many stories of struggle and systemic failure. We need to act with urgency.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

Yes I will accept the results of this election. That said, every vote must be counted, and we must do away with forms of voter suppression that make it challenging for people to vote.

## Economy, abortion major issues for Ryan, Schmitt in District 18

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(That) we need more housing, federal money and resources is a major priority of mine,” Ryan said.

Ryan has spent more – and raised more – than Schmitt, especially of late. According to the publication City & State, Ryan raised \$2.25 million in the third quarter of this year from July through September, though his campaign spent about \$1.6 million of that on the special election when he defeated Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro.

Schmitt’s representatives told the media outlet that the Republican Assemblyman raised more than a half-million dollars during that same period but, without having had to spend money like Ryan in a special election, still has a war chest comparable to Ryan as we close in on the November 8 election.

“Our campaign has the funding to get Rep. Ryan’s story out to voters with Election Day five weeks away, and this fundraising haul is just one piece of evidence that the Congressman has the momentum to win in November,” Ryan Campaign Manager Chris Walsh told City & State. “The response Pat receives on the campaign trail and in the polls shows the resonance of his message and ability to take on right-wing extremism at the ballot box.”

Not so fast, says Schmitt Campaign Manager Taylor Weyeneth.

“Despite the unprecedented spending on negative advertising funded by both Pat Ryan and (House Speaker) Nancy Pelosi’s political operation, their barrage of deceitful attacks have barely moved the needle, and the race is a dead heat

coming down the homestretch,” Weyeneth responded. “Every day, we are experiencing growing momentum and enthusiasm, which demonstrates why Joe Biden is coming to the district to try to prop up Pat Ryan’s floundering campaign,” a reference to Biden’s visit earlier this month to the IBM plant in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Spending money on ads is nice, of course, but it still comes down to voter issues. And one of the biggest is the ongoing national debate on abortion rights, a particular topic of contention between Ryan and Schmitt. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling from more than 50 years ago, returning the decision on abortions to the individual states.

During the recent debate at Marist, Schmitt said he is against late-term abortions and anyone other than doctors performing the procedure. Ryan said the SCOTUS decision is not in line with how the most of the country now feels about abortions more than half-a-century after the initial decision.

At a monthly meeting of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce in September, both men were invited to speak and went at it over abortion rights, according to the Kingston Daily Freeman. Ryan said the decision should not be taken out of the hands of women.

“I feel pretty strongly this goes squarely against who we are as a country, who we are as a nation,” Ryan said.

Schmitt countered by saying that “Eighty-one percent of Americans disagree with my opponent’s extreme position.”



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# Beephan, Fieldstein seek 105th A.D. seat

compiled by Kristine Coulter

For the 105th Assembly District seat, it will be two newcomers vying for the seat. Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor, who is the current incumbent, said he would run for only a certain number of terms and is not

seeking reelection. Voters in the towns of Amenia, Beekman, Dover, East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange, Pawling, Union Vale, Wappinger and the Village of Pawling will choose between Anil Beephan Jr., a councilman for the Town of East Fishkill, and Jill Fieldstein, a business manager for a non-profit agency.

Beephan is running on the Republican and Conservative lines. Fieldstein is on the Democratic and Working Families lines. The two candidates were asked the same questions by Southern Dutchess News via email and their replies follow, which were sent by email.

**What are the most important issues the district is facing? The state? Be specific.**

- Rising Inflation
- Cost of Energy
- Uncontrolled Crime Due to NYS Policies
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**What are your specific goals if elected?**

Work with colleagues and members of the Public Service Commission to hold public utility companies accountable for poor service, inaccurate billing practices, and control rate increases.

- Support policies to make New York State energy independent and lobby for increased domestic production.
- Advocate for the repeal of Cashless Bail Reform and place decision-making ability in the hands of our judges.
- Closely review the State budget to reduce wasteful spending and ease the tax burden for our residents/businesses.
- Advocate for additional funding for our schools, infrastructure, law enforcement, and emergency services.

**What in your experience will help you attain these goals?**

As a Town Councilman, I have proven my ability to provide transparent and accessible services to our residents. Each year I review and vote on one of the largest municipal budgets in Dutchess County. Lastly, I oversee one of the largest police departments in Dutchess County, giving me the insights and knowledge needed to combat Cashless Bail Reform and advocate for public safety initiatives.

- As a community advocate, I have proudly fought Central Hudson and



ANIL BEEPHAN JR. (R, C)

Cablevision for inaccurate billing practices and for providing inadequate services to our community.

- As a former Staffer for the New York State Senate, I have first-hand knowledge of how to be an effective legislator in Albany and the contacts to ensure our voices are heard.
- As a former volunteer firefighter, I understand the needs of our first responder community.
- As a private sector Technology Specialist, I have worked for and understand the struggles of owning a small business in New York.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

Yes, I will accept the results of the election.

**What are the most important issues the district is facing? The state? Be specific.**

The most immediate problem for this district and for the state is that wages, although on the rise, are not keeping pace with the rising costs of goods and services. Most critically for many, the cost of home heating oil is set to soar this winter due to the war in Ukraine and other international pressures. Thankfully, on October 11th, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced that she had secured \$1 billion in funding to help low-income families with their energy bills. But Washington and Albany must also be prepared to help the many average-income Americans who will struggle to keep their homes warm while trying to provide for their families.

Climate change is one of the most critical issues for this district, the state and, indeed, the whole country. We must act now to protect our homes, businesses and infrastructure from the impacts of storms like Sandy and Irene that devastated so many communities.

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**What are your specific goals if elected?**

My overarching goal is to make District 105 an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

- I will work to attract more innovative industries into our district and with them, better paying, greener jobs.
- Like most areas of this country, our district needs affordable housing that will allow our seniors to age in their beloved communities and encourage young people to come work in our towns. I will work with our town supervisors to devise plans for housing options that will address the unique needs of each community.
- I am going to work to make sure that our public schools remain strong and that all our children are prepared for the changing future. This includes helping schools move away from a one size fits all approach to education and allowing for non-traditional pathways to graduation.
- I will also fight to make sure that our privacy rights remain protected – not only the right to choose how and when we start to grow our families, but the right to love and marry who we choose, and to identify as we are. After the Dobbs decision, these rights are all at risk. We must shore up New York's laws protecting reproductive and other individual rights with a constitutional amendment.



JILL FIELDSTEIN (D, WOR)

**What in your experience will help you attain these goals?**

Being an effective legislator means working hard and solving problems for your constituents and being able to get things done. Getting things done in Albany means finding common ground with other legislators to produce good legislation.

I have spent more than forty years working in demanding industries that not only required collaboration and cooperation to accomplish one's goals, but also the ability to understand and learn complex subjects, often very quickly. As a television news producer, I had to become somewhat of an expert on a topic, often at a moment's notice, and then work closely with the on-air talent, the camera people and the editors to create punchy and informative news stories. As an attorney, I worked closely with my clients to understand the issues they were facing so that I could effectively advocate for their position. It was also important to maintain good relations with opposing counsel to bring about favorable settlements for my clients. I am now the business manager for a non-profit organization, working closely with the executive director and the Board of Directors to devise a reasonable budget and keep our operations working within that budget.

I have never shied away from hard work, and I am ready to use my background and experience to accomplish as much as possible for District 105.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

I do not accept the premise of the question because it gives life to the lie that election results are not trustworthy. As a former employee of the Dutchess County Board of Elections, I can attest that our election process is free and fair and run with integrity, and that election results, for contests at all levels of government, accurately reflect the will of the people.

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# Barrett and Gaylord vie for 106th Assembly seat

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

Didi Barrett (D), longtime representative for Assembly District 106, is facing challenger Brandon Gaylord (R, C), a Chatham resident and member of that town's planning board. AD-106 includes parts of Dutchess County and all of Columbia County.

Barrett was elected to the Assembly in a special election in March 2012 and is now in her fifth full term in office. A resident of the Hudson Valley for more than 30 years, she came to elected office after a career as a

writer, museum professional and longtime leader of not-for-profit organizations. She is Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veteran's Affairs and also serves on the Committees on Agriculture; Environmental Conservation, Mental Health and Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development.

According to his campaign website, Gaylord lives in Chatham with his wife, Jenelle, and son Martin. He grew up in Arizona and moved to New York in 2013 to attend

SUNY Geneseo, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in history. Afterward, he moved to Boston, Mass., to pursue his master's in education from Harvard University. He is a history teacher at Green Tech Charter School, a volunteer firefighter, and a member of the planning board in Chatham.

Candidates were asked via email to list their accomplishments, discuss pressing issues in the district and more. Their responses, submitted via email, follow.

**What are the most important issues the district is facing? The state? Please be specific.**

This one is easy - bringing down the cost of living and out of control taxation. We don't have a state if we can't afford to live here. That can be home heating costs in Columbia County or electric bills in Dutchess County - if people cannot afford to live in New York State, the rest is just academic. That's number one. Number two is public safety. Repealing and replacing "bail reform" is the central issue to public safety, and it is a disaster. We need to adequately equip our law enforcement, not make their job harder by releasing people who should not be released. Additionally, the HALT act needs to be repealed. Our society will continue to disintegrate if we don't place an emphasis on public safety.

**What are your goals if elected? What in your background/experience will help you attain these goals?**

I plan on fighting for the people of this district by pushing back against all new spending that doesn't reduce the budget at the same time. We collect so much from our citizens but provide so little to various groups - veterans and those with mental health issues, to list a couple of examples. We need to allocate funding to those groups without raising the budget. Additionally, we need to equip law enforcement with the funding it needs along with first responders in general while finding ways to reduce the budget. Those are my goals.

I have a history of working with various groups of people all with their own interests and achieving results despite the odds. I have no doubt I will do the same



BRANDON GAYLORD (R, C)

in Albany.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

*Editor's note:* Gaylord declined to answer this question, saying "I haven't had one voter ask me anything related to this." In his response, he instead accused Barrett of disrespecting veterans in Columbia County by not attending their monthly Honor-a-Vet ceremony or a recent Honor Flight. (Barrett chairs the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs.) He said that in his conversations with veterans, they have complained about a "lack of representation."

He added, "It's time we listen to those who made the tremendous sacrifice of serving our country [about] their thoughts on someone who ostensibly represents them. If elected, I will work tirelessly for veterans and will do them proud with my tenacity, humility, and work-ethic."

**What are the most important issues AD106 is facing? The state? Please be specific.**

The Hudson Valley is a unique region with particular challenges — we are not New York City or its suburbs, and we are not exactly Upstate New York either. While we face many of the same issues — workforce, housing shortages, diminishing healthcare services, climate change, etc — the impact and the scale are very different in our towns, villages, farms and small businesses in the Hudson Valley. My district has an increasingly aging population and our public schools, community colleges, and volunteer fire departments are all losing numbers. We are not retaining or attracting young families to the region. This has to do with jobs as well as the high cost of housing, but reversing this trend is essential for a vibrant future.

**As an incumbent, what have you accomplished in the current term, and what do you hope to accomplish if re-elected?**

For the past four years I have been honored to chair the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs. I'm very proud of what we accomplished this past session, including the establishment of the first New York State Department of Veterans Services - the first newly created state department in over 50 years. It will be a game changer for our veteran community, a one stop shop for services that are currently scattered across many separate state offices.

I have especially focused on mental health, as COVID made everyone much more aware of that crisis. I sponsored and passed in the Assembly a constitutional amendment to create parity between physical and mental health. I have worked to destigmatize veteran mental health so we can help the broader population understand these issues. To that end we provided record funding for vet-to-vet counseling and support programs and passed the pioneering Outdoor Rx Act to reduce barriers that have prevented our veterans and their families from accessing the healing benefits of the great outdoors. Our legislation has led to the federal government looking at creating a similar program.



DIDI BARRETT (D)

I will continue to work on mental health issues — we have a true crisis and a real shortage of medical professionals of all kinds to meet healthcare needs — and I will work to pass the Mental Health Parity constitutional amendment in both houses in the new session.

I will continue to work with local and state partners — as I have for several years — to find affordable, energy efficient housing solutions that fit the scale and needs of our rural Dutchess and Columbia county towns, farms and workforce. Because we are the Hudson Valley and not upstate or downstate, we often need to look for outside the box solutions. I have been and will continue to be fully engaged in that process.

Our region is rich in history, agriculture, culture and natural beauty and, of course, tourism is a big economic driver. I was pleased to secure a \$1 million grant for Olana and will continue to work with state partners to support and showcase Hudson Valley cultural and agritourism efforts.

**Will you accept the results of the election, even if you/your party does not win? What would prompt you to challenge the results?**

While some states have worked to restrict voting access, New York State has led the effort to encourage greater participation in the electoral process, and I have been proud to support our legislation to do that. Preserving and protecting the democratic process has never been more important, and I will accept the results of this election regardless of its outcome.

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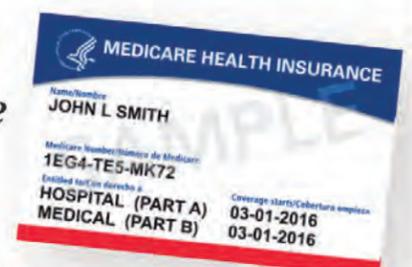
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# County hopes to open first section of Urban Trail Network by year's end

If delivery schedules hold true and the weather cooperates, rail trail lovers could soon have a new trail connection to explore as construction continues along Dutchess County's urban trail project, which has been officially dubbed the "Northside Line." Early in October, Department of Public Works Engineering Division staff led several Dutchess County Legislators on a tour of the first section of trail, which, once complete, will be a 22-foot-wide dual-lane pathway for pedestrians and cyclists stretching more than a half-mile from West Cedar Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie to Parker Avenue (State Route 9G) in the City of Poughkeepsie.

If lighting equipment arrives in a timely fashion and can be installed without weather interruptions, this first section of the trail is hoped to be available for use by the end of the year.

The Northside Line is being built on former CSX rail property that was purchased by Scenic Hudson in 2019 and transferred to Dutchess County to

develop an urban trail system. The project is being built in phases and once complete, the Northside Line trail network will span 2.7 miles, connecting many community assets within the city and town of Poughkeepsie, providing easy access between housing, jobs, schools, businesses, hospitals, and parks, including the Walkway Over the Hudson, Quiet Cove Riverfront Park, Pulaski Park, and the Poughkeepsie Waterfront.

Work began on the first section of trail in June and crews tackled the challenge of clearing the former CSX rail corridor of trees, brush and significant debris that had accumulated over several decades. Trail grading, light pole foundations, drainage features, and underground conduit for lights and security features have all been installed. Placement of subbase and installation of pavement are slated in the coming weeks. The trail, however, will not be open for public use until light poles are installed and are fully operational. Lighting is one of the key security features for the 24/7 trail and was the

most prioritized feature identified during public outreach sessions held throughout 2021. Light poles will be installed as they are delivered, which is expected to begin in the coming weeks, but delivery schedules are subject to change depending on supply chain availability.

In addition to lighting and other security features, the Northside Line will feature secure bike parking, bench seating as well as other amenities. The trail will be

maintained for year-round transportation use, including plowing in the winter season. The remainder of Phase I construction, the 1.4-mile section from the Hudson Heritage development site in the Town of Poughkeepsie – including easy connection to Quiet Cove Riverfront Park – to Parker Avenue, is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2023, with the full project expected to be complete by the end of 2024.

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## Imperati faces challenge from Hanlon for County Sheriff

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"I have been responsible for a number of policies," Hanlon said. "Here's a great example of why people should vote for me. In December of 2019, I was assigned to identify threats to the completion of the (county jail) project and I was very interested in the trade war going on with China and it deeply affected the use of steel. I noted that the Chinese were building a lot of hospitals, and also quarantining people at the same time. I relayed my concerns to the previous sheriff's office administration and they were all about COVID-denials and I was told to stand down. When the virus hit (the U.S. in early 2020), we did not have a full complement of N-95 respiratory masks. In less than a day I was able to produce a full load of OSHA-compliant masks. That's the kind of foresight voters need to see."

As Undersheriff, Imperati has been in that decision-making position for some time. Anderson relied heavily on Imperati during his 14 years as the county's No. 2 in the department. He ran the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office, oversaw and implemented the county's School Resource Officer (SRO) Program some 21 years ago, and was architect of the department's police modernization program that was approved last year. That includes the implementation of body cameras.

Imperati is well-respected in the department, in the county, and in the state for many years of behind-the-scenes work that now has put him the spotlight for the last 13 months and, he hopes, for years to come starting on November 8.

"I'm proud to say that the SRO program has become one of the best in the state," Imperati said. "Your home should be the safest place you can be and our schools should be the second-safest place for our children. It's all about public safety. You and your family's safety and security is my priority."

Though Hanlon has brought politics into question during the campaign, questioning staffing shortages at the new County Jail as well as expenses, Imperati has tried to stay above the fray of party lines when it comes to policing. There is only so much he can do due to county and state budgets, he noted, and did say that corrections officers at the jail are overworked at the moment.

But he also said there have been 38 new hires this year as he and his staff continue to work hard on recruitment, as well as keeping open dialogue with labor management and union leaders. He said he believes the staffing situation "will be vastly improved" going forward.

"To me, the position (of Dutchess

County Sheriff) is not a political office," he said. "It doesn't matter to me when you call for help. Whoever you are, we're going to jump to help. We're here to protect everybody."

Imperati said he also believes he has an advantage having served as Anderson's right-hand man.

"I've watched from the sidelines and I am very prepared," he said. "It's been a seamless transition from Undersheriff to [Acting] Sheriff. I've been proactive, and not reactive. We've worked hard to share information with other local law enforcement units. Our administrative staff is amazing."

As for the hot-button issue of bail reform, Imperati said it's been difficult to conduct the business of law enforcement of late, but is keeping an open mind and working to try to help resolve issues among the political parties.

"It's difficult because we investigate, we make an arrest, we process them, and then that individual in some cases is out on the street committing the same crime," Imperati said. "We have approached our state senators, other people in government, and asked them to hard a long look into bail reform and to allow our judges to post bail at their discretion. If it's a high-risk offender, a judge should be able to set bail."

Hanlon, who agreed with Imperati on the urgency of school violence, said that the Sheriff's Office needs to take it a step further and become a national leader for reformative measures and to reduce the amount of recidivism.

"People have spoken to me about street violence, gun violence, but school violence is one of my specialties," Hanlon said. "If there's one thing that ties rampage shootings together, it's not racism, not mental illness, it's a profound sense of disconnection. Uvalde is literally like a case history on what not to do. This child had a very chaotic homelife, did not have a lot of emotional support, did not receive any attention at school, and nobody followed up on why he was truant. ... So is the SRO going to prevent a tragedy? Absolutely not. But it's not so much the physical presence of the SRO as a deterrent but rather the deep personal relationship the SRO makes with students that can provide an early intervention."

Imperati said the county SROs already do that.

Asked for his final message, Imperati again stressed that "I am not a political person; I am working in a position that needs to be elected. My bottom line is, I am everyone's Sheriff. I will help everyone."



Early this month, Department of Public Works Engineering Division staff led several Dutchess County Legislators on a tour of the first section of the Northside Line urban trail network under construction in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie. From left: Dutchess County Legislator Michael Polasek, Legislature staff Jack Burke, Legislator Randy Johnson, DPW Commissioner Bob Balkind, Legislator Craig Brendli, Legislature Majority Leader Will Truitt, Legislator Ed Hauser, Legislator Tony D'Aquanni, Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, Assistant County Executive Chris Baiano, DPW Director of Engineering Matt Dutcavich, PE. *Courtesy photo*

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## Annual Coat Drive runs throughout October

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For additional information, contact: Mary Dynes, Coat Drive Volunteer Manager at (845) 758-9063 or marydynes@hriyc.org; or Nyhisha T. Gibbs, Manager of Volunteers at (845) 454-3792 or nyhisha@dutchessoutreach.org.

## Grief Support Group

On the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley hosts a Grief Support Group facilitated by The Rev. Heather Sisk, Episcopal Priest and Spiritual Director with Liz Whitman, MSW. We offer a brief healing service beforehand at 6:45. Come to either or both. (You are not alone; Many of us are hurting; Everyone is welcome.) For more information, call (845) 635-2854, email stpaulspv@gmail.com or visit www.stpaulspv.org. Accessible facilities.

## Lyll Church in Millbrook offers programs

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyll are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

## Virtual conversation

### around food insecurity set Oct. 26

The United Way Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will host a virtual Community

Conversation about food insecurity on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, via Zoom.

Speakers will include Jeannie Montano, UWDOR President & CEO; Susan Zimet, NYS Food & Anti-Hunger Policy Coordinator; Cristin McPeake, Vice President, Programs, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley; Colin Jarvis, Executive Director, Newburgh Ministry; Gabriela Vega-Matthews, Casa Comunitaria de Recursos Dutchess; Christine Sergent, Executive Director, Northeast Community Council; Sara Gunn, Director, Food Bank of the Hudson Valley; and Melissa Clark, Vice President of Community Impact.

There will also be a community input session.

This is a free event, but registration is required. Visit <http://www.uwdor.org/communityconversation> to register and for more information.

## Morton Memorial Library to host event on 'green economy'

Morton Memorial Library will host "Divest from Fossil Fuels! Invest in a Green Economy to Protect Our Future" on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. Michael Richardson from Rivers and Mountains Green Faith Circle will lead the conversation. The event is free and open to the public. Morton Memorial Library is at 82 Kelly St in Rhinecliff.

Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

## Lagrangeville church to hold flea market and more

The Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church (1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville) will hold its biannual Flea Market, Rummage Sale, Lunch and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Items include adult and children's clothing, shoes, coats, children's toys, books, linens, jewelry, household items, pictures, tools, furniture and more. A \$5 bag sale begins at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the youth Appalachian Service Project mission trip this summer.

Call (845) 452-0684 for more information.

## Free pumpkin carving event at Big Rock Market

Big Rock Market, at 6031 Route 82 in

Stanfordville, will hold its annual free pumpkin carving event on Oct. 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Carvers supplied with apple cider, donuts, knives and a pre-gutted pumpkin to add to the market's display that will be lit Sunday at 6 p.m. The market will feature a huge pumpkin maze on its front lawn with pumpkins and mums available to purchase all of October.

## Pleasant Valley church sets free lecture

ANGELS & DEMONS: "Medieval Visions in Word, Art & Icon" is a free evening lecture taking place 7-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 808 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley. The Rev. Dr. Clair W. McPherson is a renowned scholar in Early Medieval Studies whose books include Understanding Faith, Grace at This Time, Keeping Silence, and the forthcoming Introduction to Hrabanus Maurus and Nilus of Ancyra: a Fifth Century Ascetic. He has taught at NYU, Fordham, and The General Theological Seminary.

For more information, call (845) 635-2854.

## Elks to sponsor Halloween blood drive in Poughkeepsie

A blood drive will be held at the Elks Lodge 275, 29 Overocker Road, in Poughkeepsie on October 31, from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. One can schedule to donate blood at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: Elks275. New donors are needed. One's donation can help save up to three lives. Come to give blood in October and get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of one's choice. Terms apply, see [rcblood.org/boo](http://rcblood.org/boo).

## Molinaro to deliver Budget overview Nov. 1

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro invites the public to his 2023 Executive Budget Address on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie.

RSVP by Friday, Oct. 28, to county [budget@dutchessny.gov](mailto:budget@dutchessny.gov) or call (845) 486-2000.

## Penny Social to benefit Pomona Grange

Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host a Penny Social on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny items, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale. Total proceeds benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange's "Kids Helping Kids" Projects. For more information, contact Marilyn Brands at (845) 223-5717 or Melissa Traver at (845) 891-9779.

## Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales

The Rhinebeck Grange sponsors Rhinecliff's Fall Soup Sales on the third Thursday of the month: Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Soups are sold by the quart, \$10/quart, take-out only.

The Soup Sale is at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard in

Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard Street.

Email [JoBaer2@gmail.com](mailto:JoBaer2@gmail.com) to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

## Abilities First event set Nov. 29

Join Abilities First & the Foundation for Abilities First NY as it kicks off a year of joy and gratitude to its community partners who have made and continue to make its mission possible. The 60th Anniversary Community Partners Celebration will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie.

Contact JoAnn Parker at [joannparker@abilitiesfirstny.org](mailto:joannparker@abilitiesfirstny.org) for more information.

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Arlington Farmers Market:** Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 27. [www.arlingtonhasit.org](http://www.arlingtonhasit.org)

**Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market,** Roeliff Jansen Park, Hillsdale. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 19. (518) 929-3255

**Germantown Farmers Market:** Palatine Park, Germantown. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 29. [germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

**Hudson Farmers Market,** City Lot on Columbia St. between 5th and 6th. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 19. (518) 300-3496

**Hudson Wednesday Market,** 7th Street Park. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. [upstreet-market@gmail.com](mailto:upstreet-market@gmail.com)

**Millbrook Farmers Market:** Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 29. [millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com)

**Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market:** Across from Hyde Park Town Hall on Route 9. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October.

## ONGOING

**The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association** is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail [info@vanderbiltgarden.org](mailto:info@vanderbiltgarden.org), visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

## Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You"

Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).



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# Hyde Park resident enjoys improvising Halloween decorations



Each year for Halloween, Bob Messerich of Hyde Park creates a sweeping landscape of goblins, ghouls and imaginative ghosties, which he builds himself. The public is invited to explore the display during designated visiting hours. *Photo by Jim Donick*

by Jim Donick

Halloween traditions at many homes likely began with a simple Jack-O'-Lantern glowing on the front porch. Often that grew over the years to two Jack-O'-Lanterns and maybe a mannequin of a witch or scarecrow. For many families that is where the decorating stops. For others, though, the project sort

of continues to grow until Halloween decorating becomes a major annual event.

For Bob Messerich that has certainly become the case. In fact, it has become a bit of a passion.

Over the last many years during the Halloween season his home in Hyde Park has become an ever expanding center of goblins, ghouls and imaginative ghosties

that may not have a rival anywhere in the county.

"I usually add a bit to it every year," said Messerich. He spends a great deal of each year building additional exhibition characters with glowing eyes and moving parts. "Moving the arms or getting them to jump up was a challenge," he said.

He's also a car restorer, though, so he is used to improvising. For most of the

movements of the hundreds of characters, Messerich recycles windshield wiper motors from junked cars.

"I've got an agreement with the junkyard," he said. "Most cars get junked with things like that still in place, and the junkyard lets me take them out for nothing. I run then off of transformers."

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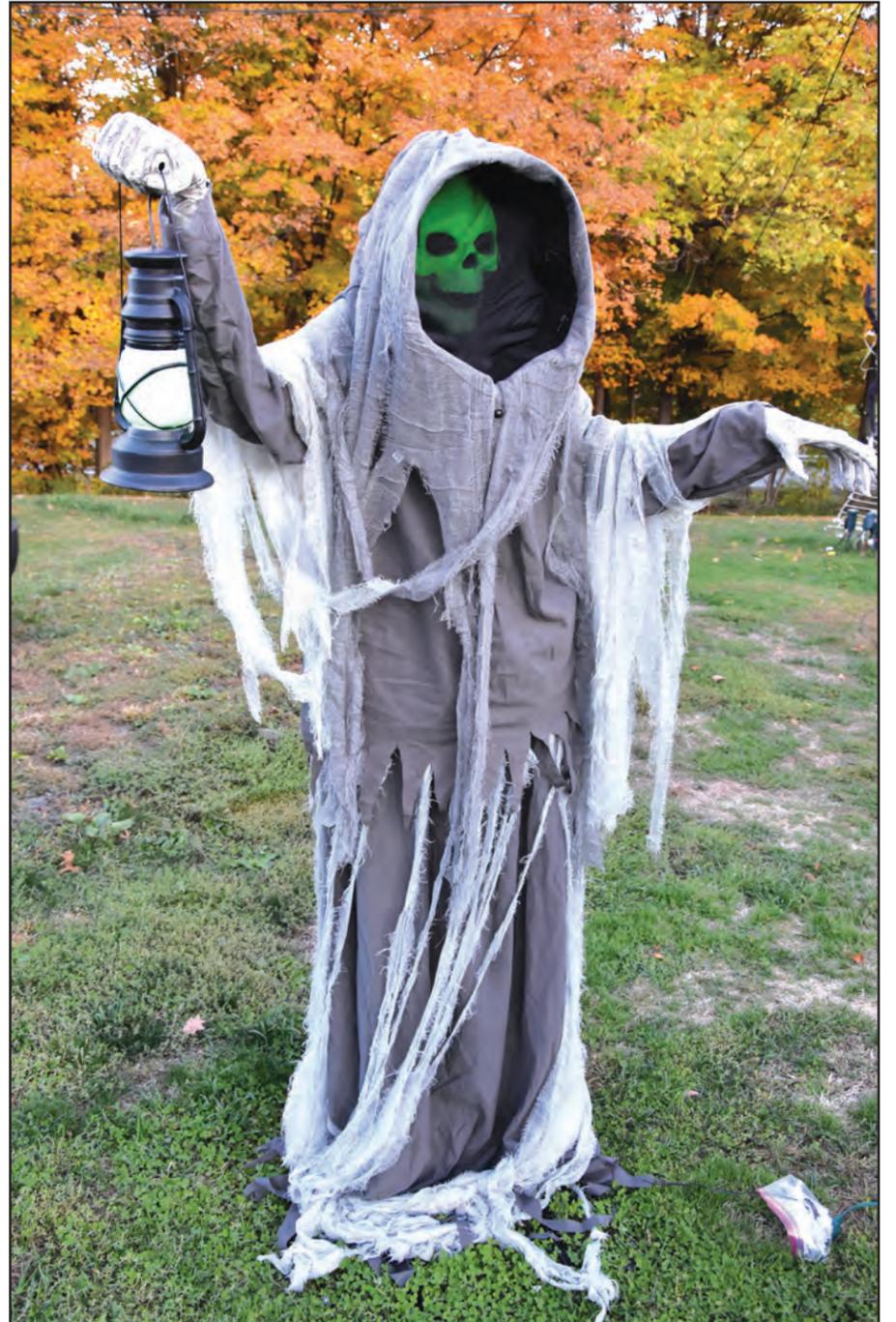
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The results vary from a skeleton pedaling a bicycle to a zombie girl chopping an axe into another. There are sword-fighting pirates and bodies rising out of coffins. That sort of stuff is only the beginning. A tour through his fog-shrouded Halloween world of tombstones and coffins includes switches that one can step on that activate even more action. One takes a tall threatening looking ghoul and has him jump up to a height of just over eight feet. He's the stuff Halloween imaginations are made of.

Messerich welcomes visitors during the Halloween season. The display is located at 1021 Netherwood Road in Hyde Park. He offers tours on the weekend between 1-9 p.m. and daily from 5-9 p.m. People are welcome to drive by at any time. There is no cost, but he does have a can out for contributions for those so inclined.

"I leave it up 'til just after Halloween," he said. "Then by Thanksgiving I try to have the Christmas display set up. It takes up as much space."



Bob Messerich offers tours of his Halloween landscape. Photos by Jim Donick

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## Rhinebeck HS Drama Club presents 'Arsenic and Old Lace' Nov. 12-13

Two murderous old ladies, a Theodore Roosevelt impersonator, a Boris Karloff look-alike and a theater critic in love. The Rhinebeck Drama Club presents the infectiously funny black comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace," a Play in 3 Acts, by Joseph Kesselring. There will be performances on Saturday, Nov. 12 and Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Joseph L. Phelan Auditorium at Rhinebeck High School, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

E. Jeffrey, plays Mortimer, the drama critic who hates theater, and Sadie Traudt is the girl he wants to marry. But just as Mortimer ventures to share their good news with his seemingly harmless little-old-lady aunts, Abby Brewster (Chloe Moor) and Martha Brewster (Josie

Rourke), he discovers the sisters' hobby for murdering lonely old men as an act of charity. Add Mortimer's crazy brothers Teddy (Oleszewski), who thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt, and homicidal maniac Jonathan (Nathan D-Ordine, who looks like Boris Karloff thanks to phony plastic surgeon Dr. Einstein (MacKenzie Massarone) — and the result is a mix of laugh-out-loud hilarity and macabre mayhem.

Included in the ensemble are Elliot Van Steenburg, Anna Quattrone, Hannah Sharp, Sarah Coggeshall, Cheyanne McNamara, and Trayse Kasnia-Herman.

"The combination of the sweetness of the aunts' characters and the outrageousness of actions is what tickles me," says

Director Cynthia Baer. "It's a very funny play. Although it is a 3 Act Play, the plot unfolds swiftly and the characters are interesting."

The show runs two hours; there will be two intermissions with concessions available.

The Rhinebeck HS Fall Drama Club is student-driven. The show is directed by Cynthia Baer. The creative team includes set and lighting designer Joe Baer, costume designer and club V.P., Margaux Krembs-Epter and stage managers Kaylani Kasnia-Herman and Vanessa Lucas-Pablo. The Tech Crew includes sound designer, Seth Hoag, audio op,

Fisher Mundigo, and lighting ops. Madison White and Anna Engel. Stage crew includes Alison Hewitt, Jayden Pastran, Adrielle Whidbee, Angie Lucas Garcia, and Francisca Dickens.

Performances of Arsenic and Old Lace take place on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Nov. 12 and 13 only. Advanced tickets are \$12, \$10 for Students and Seniors. There is an upcharge of \$2 at the door. General seating only. Masks are optional. Call 845-876-5738 for group rates of 15 or more.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on-line only: <https://onthestage.tickets/rhinebeck-hs-drama-club>.

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# Lessons learned

Words of wisdom from a seasoned gardener.

Thomas Jefferson had 15 years to live when he wrote, at age 68, "Though an old man, I am but a young gardener." What I think he meant was that you're never too old to learn, especially when it comes to gardening. For example, this year, I learned:

• **Goats eat gaura** – Google says, "Gaura blooms all summer long, producing graceful wands of nectar rich flowers that butterflies love. The deer resistant plants grow two to three feet tall." I always figured that if deer won't eat a

certain flower (unless they're hungry, of course) then goats won't either. So I didn't spray the gaura in the cut flower garden. Our goat ate it right to the ground, along with a few herbs, like sage and parsley which are supposed to be deer proof.

• **Gardens need water in dry weather** – What a challenge this summer! Summers were much cooler in Jefferson's day. 1816 was the coldest on record, with six inches of snow in June. Our (Sue and my) gardens were almost impossible to keep wet. But if you can provide the ideal one inch of "rainfall" every week, flowers and vegetables will thrive, even in the heat, with very little leaching of nutrients and less disease. Ideally, water should be provided via soaker hose or drip irrigation. I learned that my overhead sprinklers just don't do the job.

• **Grafted tomatoes are reliable** – In a tough summer, my single tomato specimen of "Dixie Golden Giant" tomato, grafted onto a "Beaufort" rootstock, produced dozens of big tasty fruits, and was still going strong as of Oct. 14. On the other hand, the variety "Rutgers" was a bust. I have to apologize to the folks who

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Gaura at Marist College on Oct. 14. Photo by Sue Adams. Left: Tomato Dixie Golden Giant. Photo by Mark Adams

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# 'Second Chances: Shakespeare and Freud' to be held at Bard in November

This November, Bard College presents renowned scholars Stephen Greenblatt and Adam Phillips delivering the Anthony Hecht Lectures in the Humanities in honor of preeminent poet, alumnus, and former Bard faculty member Anthony Hecht '44. Greenblatt, who is the John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University, and Phillips, who is a visiting professor in the Department of English at the University of York, will present the lecture series, "Second Chances: Shakespeare and Freud." Yale University Press will publish the lectures.

The lecture series includes "Shakespeare's First Chance" by Stephen Greenblatt and "Freud's First Chance," by Adam Phillips on Thursday, November 10, at 5 p.m.; "Second Chances: For and Against" by Adam Phillips on Friday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Free and open to the public, these lectures will take place in Weis Cinema of the Bertelsmann Campus Center at Bard College. A reception precedes each lecture. For more information about this lecture series, please call (845) 758-7405.

The final lecture in the series, "Shakespeare's Second Chances" by Stephen Greenblatt will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. at The Morgan Library & Museum in New York City. Tickets for the Morgan Library

lecture are \$25; \$20 for Morgan Members and Bard College affiliates; and free for students with a valid ID. Reserve tickets by calling (212) 685-0008, ext. 560.

Stephen Greenblatt, Shakespearean scholar, literary historian, and author, is Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University. He is the author of 14 books, including *Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics*; *The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve*; *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*; *Shakespeare's Freedom*; *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*; *Hamlet in Purgatory*; *Marvelous Possessions*; and *Renaissance Self-Fashioning*. He is General Editor of *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* and of *The Norton Shakespeare*, has edited seven collections of criticism, and is a founding editor of the journal *Representations*. His honors include the 2016 Holberg Prize from the Norwegian Parliament, the 2012 Pulitzer Prize and the 2011 National Book Award for *The Swerve*, MLA's James Russell Lowell Prize (twice), among many others.

Adam Phillips, psychoanalyst and writer, was formerly Principal Child Psychotherapist at Charing Cross Hospital in London. He is a Visiting Professor in the Department of English at



Stephen Greenblatt (left) and Adam Phillips. Photos by Jerry Bauer

the University of York, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He is the author of many books of psychoanalysis and literary criticism, most recently *On Wanting To Change* and *On Getting Better*.

The Anthony Hecht Lectures in the Humanities at Bard College were established in 2007 to honor the memory of this preeminent poet by reflecting his lifelong interest in literature, music, the visual arts, and our cultural history. Anthony Hecht graduated from Bard in 1944 and taught at the College from 1952-55 and 1962-66. Every two years a distinguished scholar delivers a series of lectures at Bard College and in New York City that addresses works close to

Hecht's own imagination and sympathies. Each lecture series is published by Yale University Press. Previous Hecht Lecture Series speakers include literary scholar and author Christopher Ricks; historian, critic, author, and broadcaster Simon Schama; renowned historian Garry Wills; classics scholar Mary Beard; literary critic and musicologist Daniel Albright; and artist and designer Maya Lin.

"It is a great honor that Anthony Hecht chose Bard as his home, both as a student and a faculty member, and we are delighted to recognize his extraordinary achievements through this important lecture series," said Bard College President Leon Botstein.

## Saturday Morning Family Series returns to The Center

The Center's Saturday Morning Family Series returns with the Spooky Magic of Disney on October 29 at 11 a.m. All tickets are \$10.

That morning will be filled with songs and dances from Disney shows. The audience is invited to wear their Halloween

costumes and be prepared to sing.

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck is at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.centerforperformingarts.org>.

## Get Growing!

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bought Rutgers transplants over the years. I grew it for the first time this season, and despite its pedigree – developed at New Jersey's Rutgers University and at one time the world's most popular tomato – it came out small and stiff. Maybe I mislabeled it. I should try Rutgers again next year. Stay tuned.

• **Soft neck garlic stores longer** – By the month of March, my home grown garlic dries up, especially in a cool, dark place. The hard neck garlic variety "Music" is always recommended for the Hudson Valley, but I've heard that soft neck varieties, the ones you see braided together in the windows of an Italian bottega, keep longer. So this year I grew the soft neck variety "Inchelium Red." Planted last October like the hard neck types, it overwintered just fine, even though it is supposedly less winter hardy. The cloves are smaller, with about a dozen per "head." It tastes like garlic, although I'm not a connoisseur. Does my soft neck garlic keep longer than the hard neck kind? Ask me in March.

• **The fragrance is back** – For years, flower breeders were looking for color, disease resistance, hardiness, anything but fragrance. Now we're finally getting flowers that smell like a flower. And this year I discovered one of the most deliciously fragrant varieties – *Nemesia Aromance* from Proven Winners.

*Nemesia* is a frost tolerant native of South Africa, recently gaining traction in the Hudson Valley. I would recommend growing *Aromance* in a container on the patio, where it should blossom all summer, oozing its delicious scent.

• **Fig trees are easy to grow, and the fruit is delicious** – I've heard stories about the Italian gardeners in Brooklyn who grow figs – the trees have to be bent over and buried in the ground to survive the winter. Everything about growing figs seemed complicated, until my friend Craig Demonkos – he owns the Hobby House in Poughkeepsie, where he sells model airplanes and fig trees – gifted me with a fig tree in a 16 inch wide pot. I put it inside the pool fence where the deer couldn't reach it, threw on a little slow release fertilizer and watered it regularly. To my surprise, I was rewarded with a nice crop of tasty figs. All I need to do when the weather turns frosty is to carry the pot into the garage where it will overwinter in a semi dormant state until next May.

• **Woodchucks climb up fences** – But I already knew that. I just keep forgetting.

*Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.*

### HALLOWEEN FUN AT MORTON LIBRARY

Morton Memorial Library will host a reading Halloween stories event on October 28, from 4 – 5 p.m. There will also be time to decorate Halloween cookies. Costumes are encouraged.

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			6					3
5		7			6			
		3					9	
	2			3	9	8		1

## Suguru

	5							
								2
			5					
		3						5

The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

### ACROSS

1. Terrible tyke
5. Tempted one
9. Spud
14. Carry on deliriously
15. Sand mound
16. Humorous twist
17. \_\_\_ Age
18. Use one  
of the senses
19. Audacity
20. Taper holders
23. Cochlea's place
24. Word in the title of  
our national anthem
25. Fool
28. Patch applicators
32. Red and yellow
34. Sharp weapon
35. Barn fare
37. Dull speaker
38. Prefix for  
thesis or toxin
39. Rajah's lady
40. \_\_\_ Fox of fiction
41. Oliver's request
42. Opening bet
43. Liberates
44. Adjusted beforehand
46. Worshippers
48. 90° from ENE
49. Shameful grade
51. Sagebrush State: abbr.
52. "Nonsense!"
58. Jeweler's weight
61. Was generous
62. Dismounted
63. Preach
64. Give off
65. Bear
66. Spirited horse
67. Cath. and Episc.
68. Watcher

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_-a-brac
2. \_\_\_ avis; unique person
3. Cosmetics company
4. Inclinations
5. Cling
6. Members' charges
7. Study of the body's  
structure: abbr.
8. Worthiness
9. \_\_\_ Bell; Disney character
10. War deity
11. Rocky hill
12. Letter container: abbr.
13. Deli loaf
21. Serve chowder
22. Picked
25. Disturbing roommate
26. Concurs
27. Equals
28. Fine homes
29. Main course
30. Horse's color
31. Annual visitor
33. Shorten
34. Light sources
36. \_\_\_ off; angry
39. X-\_\_\_; obscene
43. Banjo ridge
45. Corrected a  
written work
47. Initial stages
50. Item in a garden shed
52. Lot
53. Ineffectual
54. Wicked
55. Sate
56. Toy with a  
string and a tail
57. Suffix for mob or gang
58. ABC and May
59. Mr. Linkletter
60. Actress Charlotte

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
17					18					19				
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	28	29				30	31		32		33			
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63						64					65			
66						67					68			

The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18

# A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

*Note: Please check with event venues for any guidelines related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.*

## Ongoing

**Mansion & Landscape Tours**, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Wilderstein is a not-for-profit house museum. The estate was the home of Margaret (Daisy) Suckley, a distant cousin and confidante of Franklin Roosevelt. With its exquisite Queen Anne mansion and Calvert Vaux designed landscape, Wilderstein is widely regarded as the Hudson Valley's most important example of Victorian architecture. Guided tour includes the exterior architecture and first floor of the mansion, the landscape, and history of the Suckley family. Sat. & Sun., noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Tickets \$12. Advance online registration encouraged, but walk-ins welcome if space is available. Buy tickets at <http://wilderstein.org/calendar/>

## Through Oct. 30

**Harvest Hunt**, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. A very special story walk-scavenger hunt for kids and families. Come find over two dozen decorated pumpkins hidden among the flowers and trees on the historic estate. Map provided. Costumes encouraged. Sat. & Sun. in October, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets \$10/person. Children under 4 are free; everyone else needs a ticket. [www.lgny.org/calendar](http://www.lgny.org/calendar) or (845) 454-4500

**Haunted Fortress**, 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Haunted experience is run under the auspices of the Town of Stanford Recreation Department by a committee of talented local residents. A trail leads you into a maze of haunted structures with

characters ranging from a little strange to really really creepy. There are eerie effects and scary skits that change a little each night. Open Fri. & Sat, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 ages 12 & younger, \$10 seniors. Cash only. [townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress](http://townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress) or (845) 868-7782

## Through Oct. 31

**Irving's 'Legend,'** Washington Irving's Sunnyside, W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. Performing amid the lush landscape of Washington Irving's estate, master storyteller Jonathan Kruk, accompanied by live music by Jim Keyes, brings to life the story of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" in this outdoor, evening event. Oct. 28-31. Online tickets start at \$30 for adults and \$24 for children. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount on tickets. Buy tickets online at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org) or by calling 914-366-6900 (\$2.50 per ticket surcharge for phone orders).

## Through Nov. 13

**Home of the 'Legend,'** Washington Irving's Sunnyside, W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. Sunnyside celebrates its connection to Washington Irving's classic tale, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, at this family friendly daytime event. Home of the 'Legend' includes a tour of the cottage, an original short shadow puppet film and a Legend-themed exhibit. Oct. 28-31; Nov. 4-6, 11-13. Online tickets start at \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children 3-17, and are free for those 2 and under. Held rain or shine. Buy tickets online at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org) or by calling 914-366-6900 (\$2.50 per ticket surcharge for phone orders).

## Through Nov. 20

**The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze**, Van Cortlandt Manor, 525 S. Riverside Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. Features illuminated, individually hand-carved Jack o' lanterns in elaborate displays which are professionally lit throughout the landscape of the manor in various themed areas. All admissions are by advance purchase only. Dates: Every day in October; Nov. 2-6; Nov. 9-13; Nov. 18-20. Online tickets start at \$32 for adults and \$24 for children 3-17, and are free for children 2 and under. Held rain or shine. Buy tickets online at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org) or by calling 914-366-6900 (\$2.50 per ticket surcharge for phone orders).

## Oct. 29

**Contra Dance**, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie. Dan Elias and Friends, lilting, soulful, energizing music; caller is Sue Gola. Doors open 6:45 p.m.; lesson: 7:15 p.m.; dance, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. \$10 or \$5 w/student ID. Mask & vaccination required. No partner needed; beginners and all ages welcome. Bring your own water and snack to consume outside the hall. (845) 473-7050

## Oct. 29-30

**Legends by Candlelight Ghost Encounters**, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Come sit on the lawn at Clermont surrounded by flickering Jack-o'-lanterns as ghosts from Clermont's past tell their stories. Some stories are sad, others scary and some funny, but they are all true. Visitors for the ghost encounter should wear comfortable shoes,

dress for the weather and be ready for an adventure. Encounters each night at 6, 7 & 8 p.m. Advanced tickets required; no walk-ins. Tickets \$12 adults, \$5 ages 5-12. (518) 537-4240

## Oct. 30

**"The Great Pumpkin Spice Murder,"** Le Chambord at Curry Estate, 2739 Rte. 52, Hopewell Junction. Murder Cafe presents a Halloween-themed murder mystery dinner to die for, 2 p.m. You're invited to join famed pumpkin farmer, Charles Goodman, and his wife, Annie, in celebrating their winning of the new World Record for growing the biggest pumpkin. Even Charles' former best friend and biggest competition, Sam, is in attendance. Not everyone, however, is happy for Charles. His ex-wife, Tiffany, thinks that she should share some of the spotlight. Tempers get as hot as a fresh Pumpkin Spice Latte, and someone won't be leaving this party alive. Reservations at (845) 221-1941. If you have any issues with making reservations or buying tickets, call Murder Cafe at (845) 475-7973 or email [murdercafe.ny@gmail.com](mailto:murdercafe.ny@gmail.com).

## Nov. 2

**"Need To Know: World War II and the Rise of American Intelligence,"** Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, 4079 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. Historian, author, and former CIA officer Nicholas Reynolds traces the rise of the intelligence complex from its simple beginnings to what has become a monolith of agencies, 6 p.m. Register is required at <http://fdrlibrary.org/> for in-person attendance. The event will also be streamed live on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

# Exhibitions

at galleries and museums in the Hudson Valley

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Nov. 1-Dec. 31:** Featuring the works of painter & photographer Erin Ann Koch (Hallway Art Gallery, 9 Vassar St.), mixed-media artist Marie DiPerri (Reception Gallery, 12 Vassar St.) and photographer & mixed-media artist Kat Spontak (Hancock Galleries, 12 Vassar St.). **Public Art Opening Reception:** Fri., Nov. 4, 5-7 p.m. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org)

**LAND Gallery**, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Oct. 30:** "Bannerman Island, Then and Now," photographs by Linda T Hubbard, some taken from a heli-

copter before some walls of the Castle collapsed. (845) 490-2281 or [www.landgalleryonline.com](http://www.landgalleryonline.com)

**Montgomery Row Art Exhibition Space**, 2nd Level, 6423 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Oct. 30:** "In Sync," an exhibit of avian photographs by Claudia Gorman and art of various mediums by Basha Ruth Nelson. Contact Gorman at [claudiagorman.com](http://claudiagorman.com) and Nelson at [basharuthnelson.com](http://basharuthnelson.com).

**Morton Memorial Library**, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Oct. 28:** Morton's Celebration of Fiber Arts. (845) 876-2903

**Tivoli Artists Gallery**, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Nov. 13:** "Vivid," a showcase of paintings, photographs and ceramics,

highlighting the work of abstract painter Janene Gentile, photographer Demoy Shilling, ceramicist Andrea Gentile-Shilling, and conceptual artist Cinda Sparling. [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com)

**WomensWork.art**, 4 S. Clinton Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 29:** "Unbound," works by Serena Depero. **Through Nov. 26:** "Ritual: Art and Witchcraft." (845) 293-3660 or [womenswork.art](http://womenswork.art)



"It Can't Rain All the Time" by Marie DiPerri, on view at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie through December. *Courtesy image*

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# November events at Clinton Community Library

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Monday 11/14 at 6:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting (in person)

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday October 10th at 6:30 PM in the library. The public is always welcome to attend. You may view the current board packet on our website.

Monday 11/28 at 4:00 PM- Friends Group Meeting (Zoom)

Our Friends of the Library group support the goals and programs of the Library through advocacy, hospitality & fundraising. This Fall they will be organizing our annual Election Day Raffle. In the early part of next year they will begin planning our annual Book Sale. If you love these events, come and learn how you can get involved!

## BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in-person) “The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot” by Marianne Cronin

Thu. 11/10 at 2:00 PM

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

Global Literature Book Club (in-person) “Gravel Heart” by Abdulrazak Gurnah

Mon. 11/21 at 7:00 PM

The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Thursday November 3 at 3:30 PM (in-person)

Preschool Play Hour

Did you know that imaginative play is an important early literacy skill? Come and enjoy an hour of free play and sensory fun in the children's area the first Thursday of the month! Little ones can socialize and caregivers can connect. Ages 2-5.

Registration is appreciated, but not required for this program.

Monday November 7 & Monday November 21 at 1:30 PM (in-person)

Crafts & Coffee

Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the first and third Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitch-

ery and more.

Thursday November 10 at 6:00 PM (online)

Controlling Invasives in Managed Landscapes and Beyond

Effective control of invasive plants should consider the 5 W's. Learn WHY and set goals. Determine WHERE to focus your efforts. Decide WHO will take action: you or a professional. Determine WHEN it is best to act. Consider WHAT control options are available. Then learn best practices for controlling some of the common and emerging invasives in our area.

With Joyce Tomaselli of Cornell Cooperative Extension- Dutchess County.

Sponsored by Town of Clinton - Conservation Advisory Council.

Saturday November 19 at 10:30 AM (in-person)

DIY Zine Workshop with The Art Effect

Students make and publish their own zines (mini-magazine) while gaining an understanding of zine culture and the self-publishing industry. Students generate content (fiction and nonfiction), use Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, and analyze the benefits and drawbacks of print media in the digital age. Registration is required and this workshop is intended for students grades 6th-12th and Adults

Clinton Community Library is located at 1215 Centre Road in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall. For more information, call (845) 266-5530 or visit [www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org)

# Upcoming programs at Pleasant Valley Library

All programs are free of charge. Please visit [pleasantvalleylibrary.org](http://pleasantvalleylibrary.org) to register and for more information.

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Movie Night - "Food, Inc."

Tuesday, November 1 - 6:00-8:00pm

This 2008 documentary examines how corporate farming harms animals, employees, farmers, consumers and the environment - and shows how local organic farming provides hope for the future. A discussion will follow.

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart - Community Seed Bank and More

Wednesday, November 3 6:00-8:00pm

Learn how to help in starting a community seed bank, planting now for pollinators, and starting a community garden. Bring a small container so you can take home seeds.

Face & Lymphatic Yoga with Rosalia Henry

Friday, Nov. 4 1:30-2:30pm

Monday, Nov. 14 6:30-7:30pm

Learn how to engage the muscles in the face and neck to help firm and tone, and remove toxins from your face and body by activating your natural immune support system with this yoga program.

Flex Your Memory to Master Names and Faces

Saturday, November 5 11:00AM-1:00PM

Join Brent Sverdlhoff, an expert on trained memory methods, to learn fun, imagination-based exercises that will make names and faces stick, and inspire

confidence in building personal and professional relationships.

Chair Yoga with Samantha Free

Tuesday, November 8 1:00-2:00pm

This light-hearted, enjoyable class is a combination of breath work, seated poses, and standing poses - suitable for seniors, people with disabilities or injuries, and yoga beginners. Attendees will not get down on the floor and there are modified poses for those who don't wish to stand.

All-Level Gentle Flow Yoga with Samantha Free

Wednesday, November 9 5:00-6:00pm

A floor/mat yoga that coordinates breath with movement through different variations of postures for balance and strength - modifications will be implemented if necessary.

## Children's Programs -

Black Light Bubble Bus

Friday, November 4 6:00-7:00pm

All the fun of the Bubble Bus, but in the dark! Wear your white, neon, or blacklight reactive gear and enjoy a bubble dance party under the stars! No registration required. All ages welcome.

Lego Create and Display: Giving Thanks Theme

Tuesday, November 8 11:00am OR 1:00pm

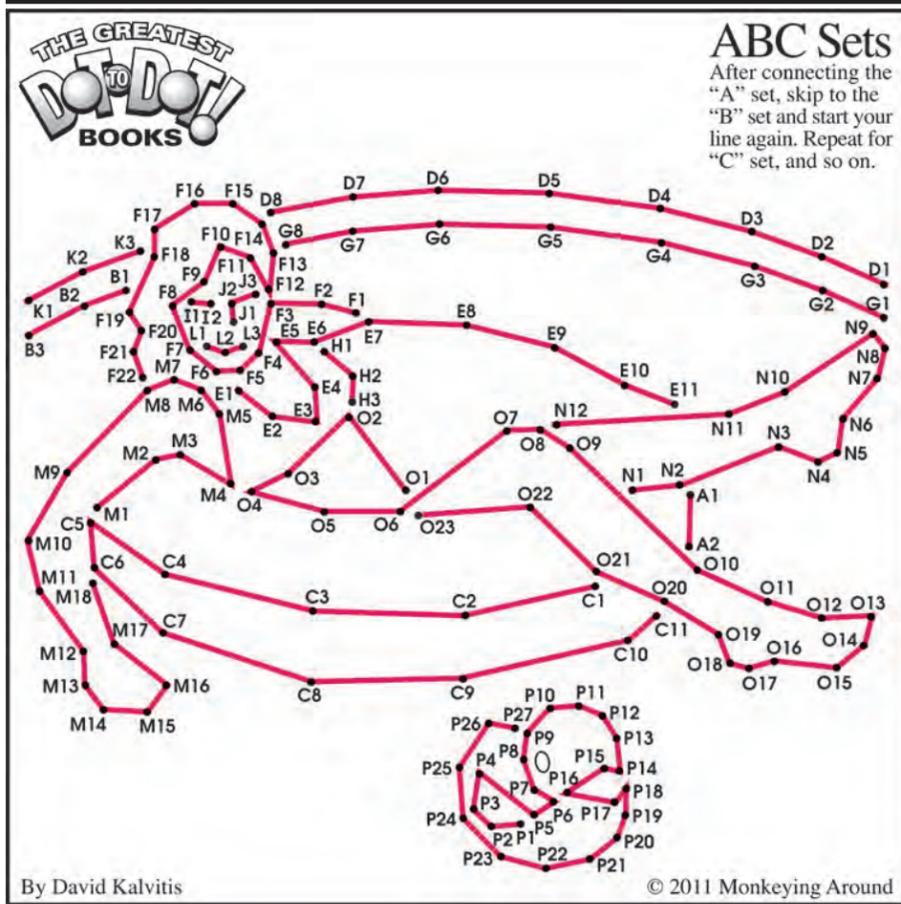
Children ages 5 to 12 years can come and make a Lego creation to put on display in the Children's Room! (Please note - you may only register for ONE class.)

Drop-In Crafts for Kids

Wednesday, November 23 2:00-4:00pm

No school? No worries! Children ages 3 to 12 years can come and make a Thanksgiving-themed project to take home! No registration required - just stop by!

## Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 13)



## Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

### Suguru solution

1	5	1	4	1	5
3	2	3	2	3	2
4	1	4	5	4	1
2	3	2	1	3	2
1	5	4	5	4	1
4	2	3	1	3	5

B	R	A	T	A	D	A	M	T	A	T	E	R
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P	R	E	S	E	T		A	D	O	R	E	R
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### SUDOKU

This week's answer

3	4	5	9	1	7	2	8	6
1	7	2	8	6	5	3	4	9
6	8	9	4	2	3	7	1	5
2	6	1	3	5	4	9	7	8
9	3	8	2	7	1	5	6	4
7	5	4	6	9	8	1	2	3
5	9	7	1	8	6	4	3	2
8	1	3	5	4	2	6	9	7
4	2	6	7	3	9	8	5	1

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# Stanford Free Library November events

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## Brain Games

Thursdays 10:30 – 12:00 pm

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

## Knitting

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

Come for knitting, tea and conversation.

All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners

Documentary Film Series: Contemplating Contemporary Art & Culture

Fourth Thursday of the month

Come at 6:45 for meet & greet. Film begins at 7:00 pm. Please join us. No registration required.

Entertaining & illuminating films on the influence of modern & contemporary art on our culture. Lively discussion post viewing. Hosted and curated by Carin Goldberg.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Fridays 10:00 - noon

Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group.

Yoga with Mia via Zoom

First Friday 10:00 am

Link sent upon registration.

Bridge

Mondays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

If you are a beginner or an experienced player looking for a partner or just curious about the games, this is for you.

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners

Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All levels welcome.

Water Color Workshop

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

Beginners Welcome!

Individuals can bring an image or work from a smart phone to paint in class or choose from ones provided. Learn how to use this medium to express your creativity with the technique that benefits you the best, wet on wet, layering, dry brush or very detailed.

Supplies are not provided; a list of needed materials is available at the library.

Fiber Arts

First and Third Tuesdays 6:00 pm

Bring your projects and work alongside others in our beautiful Community Room.

Meditation Class

Third Wednesday 10:00 am

In-Person (Masks Required) or via Zoom

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

Link sent upon registration.

Chess Club

Wednesdays 3:45 – 5:00 pm through November 16th

No session on October 26th

Third -Sixth Grade Students

Great Give Back

October 1-31

We will be joining many other libraries in NYS by participating in the The Great Give Back. We will be collecting much needed non-perishable food items and supplies for the Stanford Grange #808's Little Food Pantry.

Foreign Film Series

Starting Friday, October 21 6:00 pm

Showing the Academy Award Winner film "Antonia's Line".

Defensive Driving Class

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fee \$38.00. Must attend both sessions. For questions and registration, contact Bill Owens 845-756-2481.

Elder Law Estate Planning

Wednesday, October 26th 2:00 – 3:00 pm

With Attorney Andrew Baffi  
Bring questions about estate planning, elder law, wills, trusts, Medicare, etc.

STEAM Workshops

Wednesday, October 26 3:45 – 5:00 pm for students in grades 2-5

Thursday, October 27 from 3:30- 4:30 pm for Pre-K – 1st grade

Downsizing Dilemmas Solved

Saturday, October 29 11:00 am

Colleen Ashe from Ashe Organizing will discuss the steps to take today to make it less scary

## OBITUARIES

### Melissa A. Cutting

STAATSBURG - Melissa A. Cutting, 40, of Staatsburg, NY, passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in the Bronx, NY on August 18, 1982, she was the daughter of Manfred and Charlyne Kalkowski. She lived in Fishkill and Pleasant Valley before settling in Staatsburg 3 years ago. On August 10, 2019, she married Christian Hietanen at Arrowood Farms in Accord, NY who survives her at home. Melissa is also survived by her parents, daughter Lyla, stepchildren Larson and Annika (Hietanen), siblings Sean (Pecoroni), Matthew (Kalkowski) and wife Jackie, and Meggan (Kalkowski), and many loving aunts and uncles. Melissa radiated joy and positivity. Her smile could bring light to even the darkest of days. Despite a long battle with breast cancer, Melissa was on an eternal quest to brighten the day, lessen the burden, or improve the circumstance of everyone she met. Melissa worked as an RN at TLC Pediatrics before becoming a lead RN for NuVance Obstetrics/Gynecology in Poughkeepsie. She cherished the patients she cared for and the colleagues she worked with. But for Melissa, her greatest source of joy was her family. She showered them with love and affection in so many different ways, even in her final days. She also loved nature and the energy that it brought her. Her favorite aspects of nature were rainbows and clouds, so when you see a rainbow or an unusual cloud, that is Melissa smiling down upon you. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the Family. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at: <https://give.bcrf.org/fundraiser/3300799> "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love." ~ Mother Teresa.

### Arnold Heiser

SALT POINT - Arnold Heiser, 88, a Salt Point resident, died on October 16, 2022 at the Geer Village Nursing Home in Canaan, Connecticut. Born on April 28, 1934 in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was the son of the late George and Mabel Heiser. Arnold was educated in the Arlington School District He entered the United States Army in 1956 and graduated from the Army Aviation School. He served as a helicopter mechanic in Germany and was honorably discharged in 1958. Arnold proudly served in the Army and would always wear his Veteran Army cap when leaving home. After 27 years of service to the Arlington School District in various positions, Arnold retired in 1994. On October 26, 1956, he married the love of his life Margaret Homan. They had 66 years of love for each other. A man of few words, but a great heart for those who knew him. He had a love for automobiles, especially his 1978 blue Ford 4x4 pickup truck. Arnold was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters. Margaret would like to thank Mary Scribner and Marie Knapp for their guidance and support in taking care of Arnold. In addition to Cindy at the nursing home. In keeping with Arnold's wishes no calling hours will be observed. Services will be private. Please consider a memorial donation in his memory to the MHA Dutchess Veterans Program, 515 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, or to any American Legion Post. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, N.Y. Please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net) to leave a message of condolence for the family.

### Edward 'Ted' Johnson

POUGHQUAG - Edward "Ted" Johnson, 77, Poughquag, NY, passed away October 19, 2022. Ted was the son of the late Ernest and Marguerite Johnson of Westfield, NJ. He was a graduate of Huntington High School ('63) before earning his Bachelor's degree at Saint Michaels College in Burlington, Vermont ('67) and then his Master's degree at Notre Dame University ('68). After graduating from

Notre Dame, he served his country for 4 years in the Airforce. He was a long-time social studies teacher in the Wappingers school district and a summer school administrator in the Arlington school district. He dedicated significant time to coaching multiple youth sports in the town of Lloyd and enjoyed spending time with his extended family at lakes in New York and New Hampshire. Ted was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, New York Giants and the New York Knicks. Ted was married to Carol A. Johnson, his wife of 55 years who predeceased him on May 6, 2022. Ted is survived by his son, Richard Johnson of Marlborough, MA and his spouse Julie, daughter, Rebecca Johnson of Pine Plains, NY and daughter, Colleen Breemen of Marlborough, MA and her spouse Eric; three cherished grandchildren, Christopher Breemen, Madison Breemen and Jack Johnson; sister Judy Fitzell and her family. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial mass to be held Monday, October 24th at Holy Trinity Church, 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. A private, family burial was held. Arrangements are under the care of Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at <https://doylefuneralhome.com>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ted's name to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

### Marie Lynn Lipinski

POUGHKEEPSIE - Marie Lynn Lipinski, 75 of Poughkeepsie, died on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie. Born, October 28, 1946, in Queens, New York, she was the daughter of Paul Titko and Mary Mudry Titko. Marie worked for the Poughkeepsie City School district as a teaching assistant for over 25 years before her retirement, while there she was an active member of the Poughkeepsie paraprofessionals and was also an active Union Representative for many years. She found great joy in supporting and teaching the children in the district. On February 14th, 1969, Marie married Paul G. Lipinski. Mr. Lipinski predeceased her in 2014. In her free time Marie loved to Bake, sew, and especially loved spending time with her family. Marie is survived by her five sons; Paul S. Lipinski and wife Lisa; Jon S. Lipinski and wife Ilsa,

James C. Lipinski, and wife Sharain; Peter S. Lipinski and wife Maureen; and Stephen A. Lipinski and girlfriend Adrienne; seven grandchildren, Talyce, James, Sophia, Hannah, Christian, Zoe, and Jack. She is also survived by her siblings, Betty, Janet, and Paul. Calling hours were on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, New York. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully request memorial donations to American Heart Association 95 Gleneida Ave. Carmel, NY 10512 ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)) or the Alzheimer's Association, HV Chapter 2649 South Road, Suite 101 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

### Christine Shanley

STANFORDVILLE - Christine Shanley, 69, of Stanfordville, passed away October 7, 2022, with her family by her side. An area resident since the early 70s, she was born to the late Buddy and Franky Shanley, December 14, 1952, in Valley Stream, NY. Christine graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in 1970 and received a BA in Political Science from Vassar in 2001. Christine is survived by two children: Brandi (William) Elderkin, of Stanfordville and Jennifer Grillo-Mawson, of Phoenix. She is also survived by one grandchild, whom she adored: Eimile Mawson; and two sisters: Gale (Gary) Johnson and Susan Shanley. Christine was the owner/operator of the Gristmill Bakery & Deli on route 82 for many years. She loved to cook and bake and passed on her appreciation of good food to both of her children. Christine also loved reading, classic movies, music, impressionist art (particularly Monet) and was active in local politics. Per Christine's wishes, there will be no viewing or service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, to be announced. Because Christine was an avid supporter of local food pantries, believing that affordable, nutritious food should be available to everyone, the family asks that people make donations in support of Dutchess Outreach (<https://dutchessoutreach.org/how-you-can-help/donate/>) in lieu of sending flowers. To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net).

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**DUTCHESS COUNTY 2022 GENERAL ELECTION  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ALL POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.  
GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in Dutchess County. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
We, Erik J. Haight and Hannah R. Black, Commissioners of Elections for the County of Dutchess, State of New York, do hereby certify the following offices and propositions that may be lawfully voted for in the said election.

The offices and propositions to be voted on are listed below:

- GOVERNOR**  
(1) STATE GOVERNOR
- LT. GOVERNOR**  
(1) STATE LT. GOVERNOR
- COMPTROLLER**  
(1) STATE COMPTROLLER
- ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
(1) STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- UNITED STATES SENATOR**  
(1) UNITED STATES SENATOR
- SUPREME COURT JUSTICE- 9th DISTRICT**  
(7) SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 17th DISTRICT**  
(1) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 18th DISTRICT**  
(1) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
- NYS SENATE – 39th DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE SENATOR
- NYS SENATE – 41st DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE SENATOR
- MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY – 103rd DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE ASSEMBLYMAN
- MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY – 104th DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE ASSEMBLYMAN
- MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY – 105th DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE ASSEMBLYMAN
- MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY – 106th DISTRICT**  
(1) STATE ASSEMBLYMAN

- DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
(1) SHERIFF
- TOWN OF AMENIA**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE
- TOWN OF BEEKMAN**  
(1) TOWN BOARD MEMBER – UNEXPIRED TERM
- TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE  
(1) TOWN BOARD MEMBER – UNEXPIRED TERM
- TOWN OF LAGRANGE**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE  
(1) RECEIVER OF TAXES – UNEXPIRED TERM
- TOWN OF MILAN**  
(2) TOWN JUSTICE  
(1) ASSESSOR
- TOWN OF NORTH EAST**  
(1) TOWN CLERK – UNEXPIRED TERM
- TOWN OF PAWLING**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE
- TOWN OF PINE PLAINS**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE  
(1) TOWN CLERK – UNEXPIRED TERM  
(1) HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – UNEXPIRED TERM
- TOWN OF STANFORD**  
(1) TOWN JUSTICE
- VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK**  
(2) VILLAGE TRUSTEE
- VILLAGE OF PAWLING**  
(2) VILLAGE TRUSTEE
- TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
(1) LIBRARY TRUSTEE
- CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
(1) LIBRARY TRUSTEE

**PROPOSITIONS:**  
**PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, A PROPOSITION**  
Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 “To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the “Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022” authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?”

**BEEKMAN**  
Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Beekman for the operating budget of the Beekman Library be increased from Four Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight (\$443,848) Dollars to the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$498,500) dollars annually?

**CLINTON**  
Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Clinton for the operating budget of the Clinton Community Library be at One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$149,800) annually?

**EAST FISHKILL**  
Shall Local Law Number “C” of 2022 making the term of office of the East Fishkill Town Clerk four (4) years and limiting the number of terms that all Elected Officials can serve to four (4) consecutive terms be approved effective January 1, 2024?

**POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
Shall the 2023 Library District budget, as submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, be approved and SHALL the Board of Trustees authorize estimate expenditures of

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\$10,028,960 for Library District operations for the year January 1 – December 31, 2023, which includes \$1,338,400 of previously authorized combined debt service for the year of January 1 – December 31, 2023 and, further, SHALL the Board of Trustees be authorized to instruct the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie to collect taxes on its behalf for the financing of Library District operations and debt service as prescribed in the Library District’s special legislation as amended in 1994, 1997, 2006 and 2016?

**STANFORD**  
Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Stanford for the operating budget of the Stanford Free Library be at One Hundred Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars \$170,400.00 annually?

**STANFORD**  
Shall Local Law No. 2 of 2021 adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Stanford, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 28th day of October, 2021, opting out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries within the Town of Stanford pursuant to Section 131 of the New York Cannabis Law and Section 24 of the New York Municipal Home be approved?

**ERIK J. HAIGHT and HANNAH R. BLACK,  
Commissioners of Elections**

**DUTCHESS COUNTY EARLY VOTING FOR THE  
2022 GENERAL ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE  
POLLS ARE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

Saturday, October 29	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, October 30	9 AM – 5 PM
Monday, October 31	8 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday, November 1	Noon – 8 PM
Wednesday, November 2	9 AM – 5 PM
Thursday, November 3	Noon – 8 PM
Friday, November 4	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, November 5	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, November 6	9 AM – 5 PM

At any of the following locations:  
Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 E Market St., Rhinebeck  
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
Cornell Cooperative, 2715 US-44, Millbrook  
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Rd., Wappingers Falls  
If you cast a ballot during early voting, then you are not permitted to vote on Election Day. All poll sites are ADA compliant.  
**COMMISSIONER ERIK J. HAIGHT  
COMMISSIONER HANNAH R. BLACK**

**TRANSFER  
STATION –  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL  
PLEASE TAKE NO-  
TICE:**

The Town of Milan is considering taking over the operation of the Milan Transfer Station located on Matecki Rd. in Milan and hereby requests proposals to provide the containers necessary to collect and hold the following materials: solid waste, metal, paper and newspaper, glass and plastic, and cardboard. Containers must meet the applicable provisions of New York State law and the rules and regulations of its agencies, including, but not limited to, the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Please provide any and all costs for the above containers and for the disposition of the collected materials, as well as any rules related to the above. Also, please provide a list of materials not suitable for

collection.  
**GENERAL  
CONDITIONS:  
SUBMITTAL OF  
PROPOSALS:** All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the Town of Milan Clerk, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 and must be received no later than 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Envelopes should be identified as “Milan Town Transfer Station RFP,” and bear the name of the proposing company on the exterior.

**CERTIFICATE OF  
NON-COLLUSION:** All proposers must submit a completed and signed Non-Collusion Affidavit.

**OWNER’S RIGHTS  
RESERVED:** The Town of Milan reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or technicality in any proposal in the interest of the Town of Milan. The Town of Milan reserves the right to award the work as de-

scribed or any portion of the work, whichever best suits its needs.  
By order of the Milan Town Hall  
Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF  
SUBMISSION OF  
QUESTION TO  
VOTERS OF THE  
TOWN OF  
STANFORD AT THE  
NEXT GENERAL  
ELECTION.**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to N.Y.S. Education Law 259(1)(b), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Stanford at the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022:

**SHALL THE  
ANNUAL CONTRI-  
BUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF STAN-  
FORD FOR THE OP-  
ERATING BUDGET  
OF THE STANFORD  
FREE LIBRARY BE  
INCREASED BY  
TWENTY-EIGHT**

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**THOUSAND, FOUR  
HUNDRED  
DOLLARS (\$28,400)  
TO THE SUM OF  
ONE HUNDRED  
SEVENTY THOU-  
SAND, FOUR HUN-  
DRED DOLLARS  
(\$170,400.00)  
ANNUALLY?**

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held at the Stanford Town Hall in the Town of Stanford, on the 8th day of November, 2022, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6am to 9pm.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Blodgett Memorial Library District of Fishkill, Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess, upon receipt of a petition of registered voters of the Town and Village of Fishkill do hereby give notice that a Public Election will be held on November 9, 2022 from 10:00AM to 5:00 PM in the Blodgett Memorial Library, 37 Broad St., Fishkill, NY 12524.

Issues to be presented in this election are as follows:

a.) Whether the Budget proposed by the Board of Trustees shall be approved. Copies of the Budget are available upon request at the Blodgett Memorial Library.

b.) Election of two trustees to the Board of Trustees.

Janice Ballard  
Vice President of the Board of Trustees  
Blodgett Memorial Library

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107 Situations Wanted	221 Professional Services	404 Furnished Apartments	512 Winter Merchandise	723 Consignments
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Minimum Education and Work Experience Requirements: All candidates must have graduated high school or have a GED diploma, and a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in management or a supervisory position in the construction trades. Professional Engineering (PE) is preferred but not required, or any other public works related background or any combination of work experience and experience.



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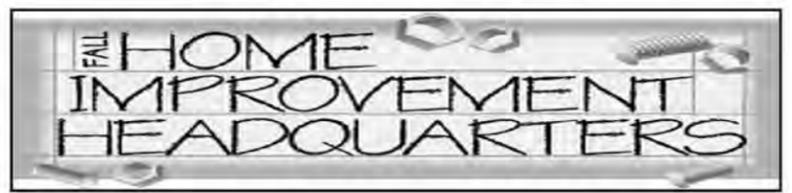
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## County health department urges residents to get flu shot, COVID-19 boosters

As the traditional flu season arrives, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) recommends residents get the flu vaccine as well as stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. It is convenient and safe to receive both the flu and Omicron booster at the same time, and both are widely available and free of charge. Residents are encouraged to talk with their healthcare providers about how these immunizations can protect them against serious illness and hospitalization.

The CDC recommends annual flu vaccinations for everyone 6 months of age and older, particularly people who are at a high risk for flu complications, such as seniors, young children and people with chronic conditions. Flu vaccines significantly lower the risk of hospitalization and death due to flu. Flu season usually runs from October through May, and typically peaks between December and February.

DBCH Commissioner Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD, FACEP said, "As the weather get colder and people are congregating indoors, it is easier for contagious respiratory illnesses like flu and COVID-19 to spread. Flu and COVID-19 vaccine are important tools, combined with smart health habits, to protect yourself and your family from serious impacts from these viruses including hospitalization."

COVID-19 vaccines are also available for everyone 6 months of age and older. The new bivalent booster, also known as the "updated booster" is also now widely available and provides better protection against the omicron variants, as well as the original strain of the virus. Bivalent boosters are currently recommended by the CDC for everyone age 5 and older. (The Pfizer booster is available for those 5 and older and the Moderna booster for those 6 and older). These are used as a single booster dose at least two months

following primary or booster vaccination.

Both COVID-19 and flu vaccine are widely available at local and retail pharmacies and through healthcare providers. Residents can visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov) to find convenient retail vaccination locations.

In addition to staying up to date on immunizations, residents are reminded to practice good health habits to prevent the spread of flu, COVID-19 and other viruses including:

- Cover your cough and sneezes;
- Wash your hands frequently;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick.

For individuals without access to a primary healthcare provider, DBCH's family health clinic offers flu as well as first, second and booster COVID vaccines, including the bivalent booster as well as other crucial immunizations. The clinic is located at the Family Partnership Center at 29 North Hamilton Street, Suite 109, in

Poughkeepsie. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 845-486-3535 or emailing [clinics@dutchessny.gov](mailto:clinics@dutchessny.gov).

To learn more about the Dutchess County Family Health Clinic and all immunizations offered, visit <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Clinical-Services.htm>.

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# GOLDEN LIVING

## 2022-2023 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE INFO

Every fall, there's an unofficial competition among households to see who can go the longest before turning on the heat when the weather gets cold – but this year there's added urgency, because of the eye-popping numbers so many of us have seen in our energy bills this year.

As winter gets closer, the Office for the Aging is ready to help qualifying older adults stay safe and warm, through the Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as HEAP. For those of you who might be learning of HEAP for the first time, Regular HEAP is a one-time payment to the fuel supplier of households who meet the eligibility requirements.

The 2022-2023 Regular HEAP season is scheduled to open on Tuesday, November 1. That's the first day new applications will be available and can be accepted. Applicants over age 60 can contact OFA's HEAP division at 845-486-2553 or [zserrano@dutchessny.gov](mailto:zserrano@dutchessny.gov). An online application option will be available at [mybenefits.ny.gov](http://mybenefits.ny.gov).

Under 60 and looking for HEAP info? Contact the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services at 845-486-3000.

If you were a HEAP beneficiary during the 2021-22 season, the routine may be familiar. You should have received your "early outreach" application in the mail earlier in the fall and should have submitted the completed application by now. Contact OFA if you need help with that.

There's some key paperwork you need to gather so that approval can be expedited:

- ID for household members.

- Proof of residency and vendor relationship (a copy of the applicant's utility bill is preferred).

- Last 30 days of wages/proof of income prior to application date.

## GET AHEAD OF EMERGENCIES

The 2022-2023 Emergency HEAP Season is due to open on Monday, January 3, 2023, and no emergency HEAP benefits will be available before that date. That's why it's crucial to ask for assistance before you are out of heating fuel or your gas/electric service has been terminated. It's particularly important for rural older adults who heat their homes with oil, who may find it difficult to get emergency deliveries from their regular supplier. Pay attention to what day of the week your deliveries take place; and keep an eye on the level of oil in your tank. The tank should be equipped with a measurement gauge, although older tanks sometimes aren't.

Some providers only deliver to rural locations once a week. From our experience with Office for the Aging HEAP clients, we generally recommend contacting another oil company that delivers to your community on a different day of the week.

## ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Remember to also discuss assistance options with your local utility company, whether it's Central Hudson ([cenhud.com](http://cenhud.com), 845-452-2700) or NYSEG ([nyseg.com](http://nyseg.com), 800-572-1111), the two utilities that serve Dutchess County.

## UPCOMING OFA MEDICARE CLASSES AND COUNSELING SESSIONS

Call 845-486-2555 during business hours to reserve a seat, unless otherwise

indicated.

- Tuesday, November 1st, 5:00 pm – Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St. (Insurance counseling)

- Wednesday, November 9th, 3 pm – Medicare 101 - Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main St.

- Thursday, November 10th, 10:30 am – Medicare 101 - Red Hook OFA Friendship Center, 59 Fisk St. (Red Hook Community Center)

- Tuesday, November 15th, 11 am – Medicare 101 - Beacon OFA Friendship Center, 1 Forrestal Heights

- Saturday, November 19th, 11 am - Medicare 101 - Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main St.

- Saturday, November 19th, 1:30 pm – Medicare 101 - Red Hook Public Library, 7444 S. Broadway (Rte. 9) – Reserve this class at 845-758-3241

## IHEALTH COVID TEST KIT BEST-BY DATE EXTENSION

If you received an iHealth brand COVID-19 test kit at an OFA event this summer or fall, don't throw it out just yet, even if the best-by date has passed.

As the Food and Drug Administration learns more about the shelf life of these new test kits, they've been able to extend the best-by dates by at least six months. For example, if you received a kit with the lot number "222CO20125" and a best-by date of July 24, 2022, its new best-by date is January 24, 2023.

You can check your iHealth kits' best-by dates at this link: <https://ihealthlabs.com/pages/news#expiration>

## COUNTY/FEDERAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE REST OF 2022

The Office for the Aging and Dutchess County Government offices will be

closed in observance of the following three holidays in November:

Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day

Friday, November 11th – Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Day

OFA will be open for regular office business on "Black Friday," Friday, November 25th; however, OFA Friendship Centers will be closed, and no Home Delivered Meals (HDM) service will be available. HDM clients will receive a meal in advance of the 25th, as they do for other holidays.

The day after Thanksgiving can be a key day for many caregiving family members, who may not get to see their older-adult relatives in person other than during holidays. Please get in touch with OFA with any concerns and observations.

If you're traveling for the holidays, keep in mind that as a rule, aging services in New York State are based on where the older adult's residence is located; for example, if you live in Beacon but your 67-year-old mother lives in Newburgh, questions about her services would be handled by Orange County's OFA. Every county in New York State outside New York City has an Office for the Aging, or an agency with a similar title. New York City and the City of Yonkers also offer OFA services to their older residents.

The Christmas and New Year's Day holidays will be observed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2 (2023), respectively.

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