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



Pat Ryan



Colin Schmitt

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.

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Rolison, Shiroishi vie for 39th Senate seat



Rob Rolison



Julie Shiroishi

Compiled by Kristine Coulter
The candidates seeking the 39th District seat in the State Senate are Rob Rolison, the current mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie, and Julie Shiroishi, who has worked as chief of staff for Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson. Rolison is on the Republican line. Shiroishi is on the Democratic and Working Families lines. The district covers the Dutchess County towns of Beekman, East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange, Pawling, Poughkeepsie,

Union Vale, Wappinger, the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie and the village of Pawling. The District also includes portions of Putnam and Orange counties. The two candidates were asked the same questions by Southern Dutchess News via email and their replies follow, which were answered by email, follow.
ROB ROLISON
What are the most important issues the district is facing? The state? Please be specific.

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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



Kirk Imperati

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.



Jillian Hanlon

"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.

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Our district's challenges are a microcosm of the state's. Albany is a mess. Out-of-touch politicians in the state capital are making us less safe with their dangerous bail laws while people and businesses flee for more welcoming environments. This unfolding disaster can only be arrested with better collaborative leadership focused on solutions and an end to one-party rule.

What are your specific goals if elected?

Reduce the high cost of living and address the quality-of-life crisis for working families and taxpayers. Confront the growing crime problem in New York. Bring honesty, integrity, and bipartisan leadership back to state government.

What in your experience will help you attain these goals?

I've served the public as mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie since 2016. Prior to that I was a member of the Dutchess County Legislature for 12 years, including its chairman six years in a row. I spent a nearly 30-year career in law enforcement protecting our community. I'm ready to take this leadership with real results to Albany starting on day one.

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 believe in the peaceful transfer of power as part and parcel of the American way.

JULIE SHIROISHI

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

During the pandemic, the Hudson Valley has seen a huge influx of new residents. This has sent housing prices skyrocketing and that's on top of the record inflation we've all experienced this year. We need to make sure that residents who are living here now can afford to stay here. That means building more affordable housing, including for families and seniors.

We are also facing a crisis in teaching and healthcare, both in-home and at healthcare facilities. Both were already struggling with recruitment and the pandemic just accelerated the crisis. We need to provide incentives such as free tuition or stipends for those interested in entering these fields before it's too late. We must also enforce the state's new safe staffing laws at hospitals and nursing homes.

On a broader level, New York needs to ensure that our residents' rights and freedoms are protected whatever the Supreme Court decides. At a moment when more and more decisions are being rolled back to the states, we can't afford to take what happens in New York for granted. Choice, gun safety, marriage equality—all of things and more are on the ballot.

What are your specific goals if elected?

When President Biden was at IBM earlier this month, he announced a \$20 billion investment in semi-conductor manufacturing that will revitalize this area. I want to ensure that it's members of our

local workforce that are filling these jobs as well as the good-paying jobs that are already here in skilled manufacturing, the building trades, the booming film and television industry, and the growing wave of green infrastructure jobs we'll need to transition away from our dependency on fossil fuels.

For too long, we've followed a one-size-fits-all educational model where the end goal is college immediately after high school. Now, we are at a moment where we have college grads with tens of thousands of dollars or more in debt and no way to pay it off. At the same time, local employers and unions are struggling to recruit for good-paying jobs that can't be outsourced or replaced by technology. We need to make sure we are providing robust career and technical training as well as apprenticeship opportunities to keep kids engaged in school and to set them on pathways for future success.

What in your experience will help

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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.

you attain these goals?

I have worked in the state legislature as chief of staff to Assemblymember Jacobson, so I already know how state government is structured and how to navigate it. Our office helped many constituents with issues relating to unemployment, Central Hudson billing, and many other issues. I've also worked on legislation and to help secure grants for organizations and local governments.

Prior to that, I worked in the private sector in publishing and as a writer and editor. That experience has taught me that clear communication is critical to success in any endeavor.

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

Of course. I will accept the results whatever they are. I believe in American democracy and in our free and fair elections.

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"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."

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Jacobson opponent-free as he seeks re-election in 104th A.D.

Compiled by Kristine Coulter
Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson is running for re-election for the 104th Assembly District. Jacobson, who is running on the Democratic line, has no opponent. In Dutchess County, the 104th District includes the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie.

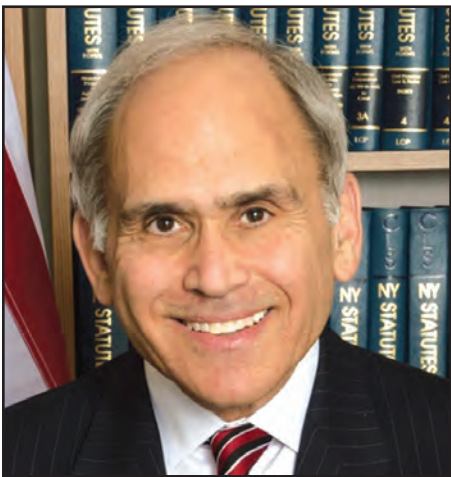
Questions were sent from Southern Dutchess News to Jacobson. The following are his responses.

Asked what the most important issues facing the district and state are, Jacobson replied gun violence, reproductive rights, education, workforce development and “the Central Hudson billing-fiasco.”

“As we all are aware, our nation is suffering through a plague of gun violence which, unfortunately, affects us here in the Hudson Valley,” said Jacobson. Too many illegal guns. Too many guns, both legal and illegal, in the hands of those who are mentally ill or who are likely to cause harm to themselves or others.”

Jacobson said, “This is why we strengthened the “Red Flag Laws” to get guns out of the hands of those who are likely to cause harm to themselves or others. This is a strict court process that law enforcement, school administrators and family members can bring.”

He said, “I have long advocated in closing the iron pipeline – I-95 – along which guns are funneled to New York. This is key and we must work with the other



Jonathan Jacobson

states to stop the flow of illegal guns which are not manufactured here in the Hudson Valley.” He noted he has also supported the elimination of “ghost guns” which are made on 3-D Printers and are undetectable since they are not made of metal.

Regarding reproductive right, Jacobson said, “New York must continue to protect our reproductive freedoms. A woman’s decision to have an abortion should be made by that woman. Period. I was proud to co-sponsor the Reproductive Health Act which codifying Roe v. Wade into New York law. We must also pass the



Equality Amendment which would safeguard reproductive rights in our State Constitution”

The Assemblyman remarked he is “proud that the State now fund our school districts at 100% of Foundation Aid or greater. We also now fund Pre-K outside of New York City so that school districts I represent can expand or implement Pre-K for the first time. We need to end the reliance on the local property tax to fund our schools. We must also require courses in financial literacy in our high schools.”

Jacobson stated about workforce development, “Just as we can’t build a bridge to nowhere, we must make sure that we have accountability in our workforce development programs to make sure that workers are place in productive and good-paying jobs. There are thousands of machinists and other high-paying blue-collar jobs that go unfilled due to lack of training. We need to correct that.”

Regarding Central Hudson billing, Jacobson said, “I have been working hard to get Central Hudson to bill properly on a regular basis without the use of estimated billing. I have a bill to address that.”

Jacobson replied about his accomplishments while in office, “I am proud to have passed a law to require the Public Service Commission to study the feasibility of burying power and transmission lines, so we don’t have to live in fear of outages every time there is a windstorm.”

He also noted, “I also passed a bill to prevent conflicts at the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). No one who is working for the on the IDA Board or working for the IDA, can take a position with an entity applying or receiving IDA benefits.” Jacobson noted, “If a person violates this law and gets paid, the person would pay a penalty of five times the amount received. A prohibition without a penalty is not a deterrent. This bill has a strong deterrent.”

As for the future, Jacobson said, “I would like to continue the progress on voting reforms. I passed a law requiring the Board of Elections, when a polling site is moved, to place a notice on yellow paper at the old site notifying voters where the new polling place is. The notice is required to be posted before the start of early voting through Election or Primary Day.”

He said, “I want us to pass an amendment to the State constitution for no-reason absentee voting.”

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“Frontline healthcare workers can’t even afford to live in our community. (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 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.”

Early voting starts Oct. 29

Early voting for the 2022 General Election will be offered from Oct. 29 to Nov. 6 at the following locations throughout Dutchess County:

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East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction;
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Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

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Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 1: Noon-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 3: Noon-8 p.m.
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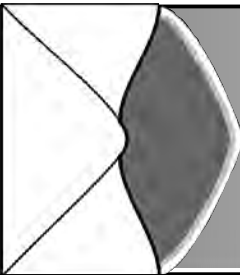
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EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

Vote with gratitude for democracy

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 nonviolent 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

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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

Former Beacon councilman supports Shiroishi for NYS Senate

To the Editor:

I am Terry Nelson, former two-term councilmember for the City of Beacon, and I’m writing to voice my support for Julie Shiroishi, candidate for the New York State Senate District 39. Julie is a dear friend of mine who has always been very active in our community especially when it comes to improving our school district and advocating growing our economy in the City of Beacon. As State Senator, she will take that kind of fierce advocacy and bring it to the 39th Senate district of New York State. Like myself, Julie is a strong advocate for protecting a woman’s right to choose as well as sensible gun reform legislation. She will bring her experience in the private sector and as a working mother to the table as well. Julie is one of us. Her determination and grit are assets that will only help our district and give us the representation in the state senate that we crave and deserve. Julie understands that now is not the time for politics as usual. We need someone in the state senate that can display empathy while fighting the good fight for us in Albany.

Julie is thoughtful, deliberative, and worthy of our trust. I urge you to vote for her.

Terry Nelson
Beacon

New York needs a change - vote Zeldin

To the Editor:

The average New Yorker is struggling with high food prices, oil prices, gas prices, over doses due to illegal drugs, a border crisis which is causing havoc on the New York state economy, increase in crime due to NY's policies and the need for parental rights.

Recently there was a shooting at Newburgh Free Academy in Orange County, another at Antonella’s Italian Restaurant in Fishkill, and on Sunday morning, October 2, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in the Town of Poughkeepsie, where 53-year-old Paul Kutz of Long Island was killed in crossfire.

On Oct. 14 local John Jay High School was closed because of a threat of violence.

This is credited to the insane policy of Defund the Police. We lost many great officers and more criminals out because of no cash bail. There is no regard for the victim.

The teachers union has fired 800 teachers in NY for not getting vaccinated. The majority of New Yorkers have had it and there is mounting evidence it’s ineffectual (Joe Biden vaccinated/boosted 4 times and got Covid 2x) not to mention the pandemic is over. Janine Small, Pfizer's president of international developed markets admitted that the vaccine had never been tested on its ability to prevent transmission. So how can we fire people?

Inflation up the highest in 40 years. Groceries are so high we have to make the choice between heating or eating. And we ARE in a recession.

WE need a change in New York so we can feel safe, afford food, afford heat, stop the increase of drugs, end discriminatory vax mandates, allow parents rights in education.

I am voting for Lee Zeldin. New York needs a change!

Ariana Dingman
Wappinger

Shiroishi will get area ‘resources it needs’

To the Editor:

Julie Shiroishi is the state senator we need in Albany. Compassionate and hard-working, Julie has common sense ideas to develop good-paying jobs in the area for our families and to protect our rights. I have known Julie less than a year, but I have been impressed with her drive and creativity. She has already reached out to Hudson Valley employers and asked them what kind of training they would like to see happen so that they can hire locally. She has identified ways to give young people an option to train for these jobs, whether they want to go to college or not. With housing costs in our area rising rapidly, she also wants to enable investment in affordable housing and protect renters.

Julie will defend our civil rights and our safety here in New York despite what happens at the federal level. She believes in reproductive autonomy for everyone, the right to feel safe from mass shootings, and government accountability. She wants to strengthen our schools and our infrastructure and protect the environment.

I believe in Julie’s ideas, her strength, and her ability to work in Albany to get our area the resources we need. I hope everyone will join me in voting for Julie on November 8.

Susan Hamel
Beacon

State grant, community donations support Putnam Hospital’s Birthing Center reopening

State grant monies and generous community donations of \$1 million have breathed new life into Putnam Hospital’s Birthing Center.

Following the temporary suspension of delivery services in the Birthing Center in March, renovations to the unit recently began in preparation for a reopening sometime in the next few months.

The upgrades are being partially subsidized through three major sources totaling \$1 million. These include a \$500,000 state grant secured by New York State Sen. Peter Harkham, \$250,000 from the Kearney Realty and Development Group and \$250,000 from the Putnam Community Foundation.

The \$500,000 state appropriation, funded through the Community Local Community Assistance Program (CLCAP), will help ensure continued access to maternity care for thousands of greater Putnam County residents while also offsetting roughly 25 percent of the renovation’s projected cost.

“This community hospital is one of the most important assets in Putnam County, but without a Birthing Center it cannot be viable,” said Harkham. “The newly renovated Birthing Center will allow for new revenue streams to help the hospital financially, and also create new memories for countless families.”

“Putnam Hospital is the only hospital in Putnam County, and it is so important to our community,” developer Ken Kearney

said. “The renovation of the Birthing Center is a first step toward a new future for Putnam Hospital — and an impactful one. Throughout people’s lives, they will be asked, ‘Where were you born?’ and I want members of our community to be able to say they were born in Putnam County.”

In addition, the Putnam Community Foundation committed \$250,000. The foundation’s chairman, Joseph DiVestea, and his family have been longtime supporters of Putnam Hospital.

“Putnam Hospital has always provided quality care for our family and that started with the birth of both of our children at the Birthing Center,” both DiVestea and his wife, Corrinne, said. “We felt with the recent temporary closing of the Birthing Center, we were happy to help bring back the care our community deserves.”

Harkham, Kearney and the DiVesteas recently joined Putnam Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko for a tour of the Birthing Center to check out the renovations underway. Some refurbishments include dimmable LED light fixtures and new procedure lights in the Labor, Delivery and Recovery rooms, HVAC system upgrades, as well as décor and ambience improvements throughout the unit.

The 12,000-square-foot Birthing Center will feature seven patient rooms, two on-call suites, operating room, scrub room, nurse station, waiting area, well baby nursery, conference room, staff lounge



From left to right, Barbara Brangan, treasurer, Putnam Community Foundation, Corrinne DiVestea, executive director of Putnam Community Foundation, Joseph DiVestea, chair of the Putnam Community Foundation, Dr. Mark Hirko, President of Putnam Hospital, Sen. Peter Harkham and Ken Kearney, developer, Kearney Realty and Development Group.

-Courtesy photo

and medication room. Estimated costs for the renovations are between \$1 million and \$2 million.

“We are so grateful for the support of our community partners in helping to bring back a vital service in Putnam

County,” Dr. Hirko said. “This is an invigorating start to the future growth and success of maternal care in our region.”

To learn more about Putnam Hospital, visit <https://www.nuvancehealth.org/locations/putnam-hospital>.

High schoolers to present ‘She Kills Monsters’ in November

By Emily Paino
Masque & Mime member

Are you a “Dungeons and Dragons” fan? In need of something fun to do? Looking for the perfect way to spend a weekend? Well, you’re in luck! The Masque & Mime Society of Roy C. Ketcham High School is proud to present “She Kills Monsters” this coming November!

A little about “She Kills Monsters,” written by Qui Nguyen, the dramatic-comedy centers around Agnes Evans, a teenage girl trying to cope with the loss of her sister, Tilly. She soon discovers her sister’s “Dungeons and Dragons” journal and is catapulted into the imaginary world that was Tilly’s safe place. As she ventures through a life of unpleasant ogres, distasteful fairies, and much more, Agnes learns more about her sister than she could have expected.

A little about Masque & Mime; the RCK Masque & Mime Society was founded in 1964 and has produced many extraordinary plays and musicals. From each and every talented cast member, to the diligent crew members working behind the scenes, to the outstanding advisors who dedicate so much in order to accomplish everything, Masque & Mime is not just a theatre program- it’s a family. If you would like to support Masque & Mime, come see “She Kills Monsters”!

Show information- RCK Masque & Mime will be performing “She Kills Monsters”, written by Qui Nguyen on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold online at rcktix.com. Ticket prices are as follows; Adults \$12, Students/Seniors \$10. Tickets will also be sold at the door, at the following prices; Adults \$14, Students/Seniors \$12. Location is RCK’s Bove Theatre, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls. Concessions will be sold before and after the show, as well as during intermission.

We hope to see you there!

Partnership offers free online classes for older adults and to bridge social isolation

Adults 50+ are welcome to join thousands of their New York peers who have already explored GetSetUp for health and wellness, skills-training, and more.

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY) have expanded their partnership with GetSetUp to continue offering free online classes for hundreds of thousands of older adults in New York State.

NYSOFA and AgingNY began their partnership with GetSetUp during the pandemic as a solution to combat social isolation and bridge the digital divide for older New Yorkers. New Yorkers have since flocked to it in droves, with over 122,000 New York learners taking 169,000 classes in the first year and expanding rapidly.

GetSetUp was designed by and for people who are 50 and older to learn new skills, connect with others, and unlock new life experiences. Users can browse and enroll in courses at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/NYSTATE> or refer a friend at <https://dost.gsu.development.com>.

NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen said: “GetSetUp has far exceeded our expectations in helping to combat social isolation, foster mental and physical well-being, and bridge the digital divide for older adults. The numbers speak for themselves: nearly 200,000 users have been empowered by this user-friendly platform to learn new technologies, improve their health, engage their intellect, connect

with others, and share their unique talents, skills, and expertise.”

In a January 2022 survey of GetSetUp users in New York, 94% said they consider the platform a reliable source to learn about advances in health technology. New York users also rate mental engagement, physical fitness, and social engagement as the areas where they saw the most improvement thanks to GetSetUp classes, giving the classes an average 4.6 out of 5-star rating.

Physical exercise, balance, and agility classes rank among the most popular offerings for New York users, including classes on morning fitness, Tai Chi-Shibashi, and Stretch and Destress Yoga. The platform also offers practical skills-training classes with an emphasis on reskilling and upskilling curriculum for older New Yorkers to access new economic opportunities.

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) works to help the state’s 4.6 million older adults be as independent as possible for as long as possible through advocacy, development and delivery of person-centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs, and services that support and empower older adults and their families, in partnership with the network of public and private organizations that serve them. Stay connected—visit the NYSOFA Facebook page; follow @NYSAGING on Twitter and NYSaging on Instagram; or visit aging.ny.gov.

Dance set Oct. 29 in Poughkeepsie

On October 29, a dance and lessons will take place at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd. in Poughkeepsie. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., lessons 7:15 p.m., dance 7:30 – 10:30

p.m. There is a vaccination and mask required dance. No partner is needed. Bring own water and snack.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

3		5	9	1			8	
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Suguru

	5				
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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 applicers

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. Siate

56. Toy with a string and a tail

57. Suffix for mob or gang

58. ABC and May

59. Mr. Linkletter

60. Actress Charlotte

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Citizens Preparedness Training in Fishkill October 27

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response has scheduled its next Citizens Preparedness Training. The free session will be held in partnership with the Town Fishkill on October 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fishkill Town Hall, at 807 Route 52, in Fishkill. During the training, participants will learn resources and skills necessary to better prepare for any type of disaster. No registration required; walk-ins are welcome.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “Emergency situations are inherently stressful, but having a plan and a kit of supplies ready can make a lot of difference to you and your family’s response. We encourage everyone to attend one of

our free Citizens Preparedness trainings and learn how to keep you and your family safe when an emergency or disaster strikes.”

Participants will learn how to respond accordingly in a disaster and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Each family will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Response Starter Kit. Dutchess County’s Medical Reserve Corps and the Dutchess County Animal Response Team will be present with more information on how to become involved.

Additional trainings will be scheduled at various locations throughout the County in the coming months. For information, visit www.dutchessny.gov.

Gretchen Washalski promoted to branch manager at Rhinebeck Bank

Rhinebeck Bank has promoted Gretchen Washalski to Branch Manager at its Middletown branch.

Washalski joined Rhinebeck Bank in January 2022 as Branch Team Leader at the Middletown branch. Prior to joining the Bank, she served in supervisory and administrator roles at multiple Orange County-based financial institutions.

“I love working for a community-minded organization like Rhinebeck Bank. It’s an opportunity to build customer relationships and provide service you won’t get at commercial banks,” said Washalski.

“Gretchen’s understanding of the needs of Orange County individuals, families and businesses have been incredibly helpful,” noted Nicole Tompkins, vice president, area retail leader at Rhinebeck Bank. “We’re excited to have her move into this new role and lead our Middletown branch.”



Gretchen Washalski

When not working, she and her husband enjoy watching their son and daughter at their sporting events, spending time at the beach whenever possible, and the company of family and friends.

Inaugural bonfire set for November 4, 5 in Beacon

Be in Beacon on November 4 + 5 for the inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival. Venues and found spaces from the Beacon Metro North Station to “Around the Bend” on Beacon’s Mile

Long Main Street celebrate the creativity that lives, works and plays in Beacon.

Time are November 4, from 5 – 9 p.m. and November 5, from noon – 9 p.m. at Veterans Place on Main St. in Beacon.

Women’s Parish Club to host annual garage and rummage sale

The Women's Parish Club of the Church of St. Joachim/St. John the Evangelist in Beacon will be holding its Annual Fall Garage and Rummage Sale. The sale will be held on Thursday,

October 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, October 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 29th from 9 am to noon in St. Joachim's gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

‘All-star’ comedy at Elks in Beacon November 5

The Beacon Elks Lodge and Crazy Gene’s Comedy presents “All-Star Stand Up Comedy Night” on November 5 at the Beacon Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave. in Beacon. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Tickets for appetizers and show are \$30 (21 and older).

For tickets visit the Beacon Elks or call Terry at 914-204-2300. Proceeds to benefit Elks local charities

Hudson River Housing's Wind Chill event to underscore homelessness issue

Hudson River Housing will host its 16th Annual Wind Chill event to mark the start of Homelessness Awareness Month on November 11, from 2 -5 p.m. This year's event is free to attend, open to the public, and will take place in the Villard Room and Parlors of the Main Building at Vassar College, located at 124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie. Hudson River Housing invites community members to gather to learn more about their programs combating homelessness, take part in hands-on activities, and join together as neighbors and activists dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in the region.

The event featured speaker will be David Ambroz, a national poverty and child welfare expert and advocate. He was recognized by President Obama as an American Champion of Change. After growing up homeless and then in foster care, he graduated from Vassar and later from UCLA School of Law (J.D.). His newly released memoir “A Place Called Home” is a heart-wrenching yet inspiring story, depicting childhood poverty and homelessness as it is experienced by so many young people. It’s at once a gripping personal account of deprivation—how one boy survived it, and ultimately thrived—and a resounding call from the grown-up David, now a nationally recognized child welfare advocate, for us all to move from empathy to action.

Other event activities that attendees of all ages and abilities can participate in include writing an uplifting note with care package for shelter guests, creating personalized welcome gifts for residents

moving into permanent housing, decorating cookies for the nightly shelter meal, and exploring an interactive art exhibit that shares stories of homelessness and inspires viewers to take action.

Attendees will receive a meaningful gift, and refreshments will be provided by Heroes Making Heroes, Hudson River Housing’s vocational training program for local veterans that face housing or employment insecurity.

2022 also marks Hudson River Housing’s 40th Anniversary. In that time they have advocated tirelessly for the people who come to them looking for housing and hope, providing services 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, whenever and wherever they are needed. They are the largest provider of housing and services for those experiencing homelessness, and the largest nonprofit developer of affordable housing in Dutchess County.

It costs about \$65 per day per person to provide emergency services for all the individuals they serve in a year, including a warm bed, nutritious meals, and access to a compassionate team of care managers, counselors, and advocates. In 2021, Hudson River Housing provided emergency housing for over 210 people a day, every day. Despite the provision of government resources to house those in need, they still face a budget deficit of \$70,000 to provide emergency shelter services.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in sponsoring this event and Hudson River Housing’s important work are strongly encouraged to email Kristine Kortright at kkortright@hudson-riverhousing.org for more information.

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Obituaries

Mark Anthony Policella



FORMERLY OF BEACON - Mark Anthony Policella, formerly of Beacon, NY; recent years a resident of the New Hope Community Home in Loch Sheldrake, NY, passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the Garnet Health Medical Center in Monticello, NY; he was 57 years old. Mark was born on February 4, 1965 in Beacon, NY, son of the late Donato & Harriet A. (Leavitt) Policella. Sadly he was predeceased by both his parents. Mark had a love for baseball, collecting baseball cards, country music, and being around people who loved him. Mark is survived by his aunt, Sheila Weyant and his nieces & nephews. He is also survived by his many friends and caregivers at the New Hope Community Home in Loch Sheldrake, NY. His Family & Close Friends will gather for a private graveside service at the St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Diane Louise Long



BEACON - Diane Louise Long, a life-long Beacon resident, passed away on October 16, 2022, at the Montgomery Nursing Home in Montgomery, NY; she was 78 years old. She was born on September 21, 1944, in Beacon, daughter of the late Gerald & Louise (Harrison) Adams. On July 11, 1965, at the First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, she married Thomas James Long, who survives at home. Diane worked as an office manager for over 50 years at the Tennier Industries Inc. in Pomona, NY, until she recently retired. Along with her husband of 57-years, Diane is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Amber Long. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Ty and Jordyn Long; her sister Sandra Annetts. Along with her parents, Diane was predeceased by her brother Gerald Adams. Her Family will gather privately for an entombment at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery Mausoleum, Fishkill, NY. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Robert Van Tassel



Robert Van Tassel, 64, died unexpectedly on October 20, 2022. He was surrounded by his family. "Bobby," "Bob," "Bob Bob," "Rob," and very lovingly, "Pooh," was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and Papa. Bobby was born October 11, 1958 in Cold Spring, NY to parents Robert and Carolyn. He grew up in Beacon and graduated from Beacon High in 1977. In 1979, Bobby joined the Army and served until 1982 as an M.P. In 1978, he joined Chelsea Fire Company. Here he made friends that became family. He held the positions of firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Chief, and Commissioner. In 1984, he started work at Emergency Control/Global Foundries. At E.C./G.F. he considered his team as "his kids." In 1999, he married the love of his life and soul mate Georgeann. They spent the last 23 years loving each other and supporting their family as it grew. They kept the family close with hosting parties every Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and any reason in between. Bobby was an avid Runner with Grassroot Running. He enjoyed golfing with margaritas, concerts with parking lot parties, and spending time with his family. Bobby leaves behind his mom, Carolyn Muller; his devoted wife Georgeann; children: Trisha Van Tassel Betley (Jason), Timothy McDougall (Sarah), Brittany Nawrocki (James) and Amber McDougall; grandchildren: R.J. "Robert", Christopher, JamieLee, Sophia, and Henry. He also leaves behind his loving sister Karen Powles (Bill) and brother Michael Slinskey; his nieces and nephews: K.C., Billy, Meghan, Autumn, and Zackary. He is predeceased by his father Robert Van Tassel; brother William Van Tassel; dad Herbert Muller; maternal and paternal grandparents. Calling hours were held on Monday October 24th at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc. 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY. A firematic funeral service was held. Family and friends joined in the Celebration of his Life at Hidden Rose Catering Hall following the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for 2 organizations near and dear to Bobby. Wounded Warriors (woundedwarriorproject.org) and Tunnels to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

Edward Francis Winters

Edward Francis Winters, 85, an area resident for 50 years and formerly of the Bronx, died on October 19, 2022 following a long illness. Born in the Bronx on December 23, 1936, he was the son of Lawrence and Anna (Wilson) Winters. Ed had been a dispatcher for the NYC Transit Authority and a part time school bus driver in Wappingers Central School District, retiring from both after thirty years. He was a parishioner of St. Columba Church for fifty years. Ed was a great father and friend, who loved to golf, dance, travel, ride his motorcycle, spending time with family, and sharing laughs with his friends. On June 27, 1959 at Holy Family Church in the Bronx, Edward married the love of his life, Regina Murphy, who survives at home. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Denise Winters-McCauley and her husband Richard McCauley, Keith and Mary Winters, Renee and Jeff Thalrose, Valerie and George McDonald, William and Lupita Winters, and Craig and Shelly Winters; his son-in-law, Joe Carozza; 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Andrea Carozza. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial in St. Denis Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Edward's name to the Alzheimer's Association or EWTN.

Drug Task Force issues warning on 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 of 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 the following web address: 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 the following web address: dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm.

Edgar Allen Poe readings at HCC October 29

An Evening of Macabre: Readings from Edgar Allan Poe will be held on at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 main St., in Beacon on October 29 at 8 p.m. Readings will be from "The Raven," "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Cask of Amontillado," with Dimitri Archip, Twinkle Burke (courtesy of Actor's Equity Association), Ryan Dunn, Annalyse McCoy, Elizabeth Murphy, Gail Wauford and Frits Zernike.

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For tickets, visit howlandculturalcenter.org.

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Beacon Players to perfrom new show about Wicked Witch of the West, written by local author

By Paige McCredo
Beacon High School Sophomore

“Green With Hunger” is a 45-minute play, written by Meghan Arcuri, directed and performed by members of the Beacon Players, the theater group at Beacon High School. This comedic play features the Wicked Witch of the West before the “Wizard of Oz,” with a creative twist that you don’t want to miss! This play was written by Hudson Valley local Arcuri, who is a Bram Stoker Award-nominated author. Her work can be found in various anthologies, including Borderlands 7 and other great horror books.

“Green with Hunger” “is a dark comedy about a beloved villain: the Wicked Witch of the West. She’s been infected with a disease known as “the taste,” and she’s hungry. Hungry for people,” explained Arcuri.

One can see this show at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, in Beacon on October 28th at 7:30 p.m., 29th at 7:30 p.m., and 20th at 2 p.m. Seating is limited to 200 seats per performance. All tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at beacon-players.com.

“Green with Hunger” was originally a short story, noted Arcuri, “it took me about a week or two to write. Since I hardly ever write plays, adapting it for the stage took a little longer; I had to figure out formatting, as well as how to work without a narrative.”

The play is directed by Beacon High School senior Jonah Mensch. When asked about what inspired him, he responded, “I’ve choreographed small musical numbers, small scenes, but never an entire

show from beginning to end, so that challenge was very enticing to me.” He was also inspired by a book he read from the writer of “Into The Woods,” James Lapine.

As a senior at Beacon High School, Mensch had to balance both getting-ready to graduate and directing the play. His excitement about directing motivates him to get his schoolwork done. He feels that this is a great fit for the successful Beacon Players because “we’ve done a lot of shows in recent years that are well known and grandiose, this has never been done before, it’s relatively short, and it’s a surprise! We have the creative control to make it whatever we want.”

“Other than some ideas we discussed at an initial meeting with [Anthony] Scarrone (Beacon Players director) and Jonah Mensch – as well as seeing Nico McKibble’s awesome poster – I don’t know exactly what the Beacon Players are cooking up. I will be as surprised as the other audience members.

“I am especially looking forward to how the students interpret it. While writing it, I had a clear vision about what was happening on the page. But that’s the fun thing about reading: everyone comes to a story with a unique set of life experiences that color one’s interpretation. How I see it may not be how they do. And that’s fantastic. I’m also curious about how they will handle the more speculative/supernatural parts of the story. That will require some creativity, but I am sure Jonah and his team are up to the task,” Arcuri remarked.

As for why one should come to see the



Jonah Mensch, directs Evelyn Moreno who plays “The Witch” in “Green With Hunger.”

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performances, Arcuri said, “People should come to support the students! I used to do theatre way back in the day (with Mr. Scarrone, in fact), and I remember how hard we all worked (cast and crew). I was always excited to have friends, family, faculty – anyone, really – come see the show. To see the fruit of our months-long labor. It was a rush, and I’m excited for the students to have that.

Especially since it’s student-run from top to bottom.

“I hope people walk away with a good sense of how hard the Beacon Players have been working ... and maybe a new appreciation for the color green ...,” Arcuri said.

-Kristine Coulter contributed to this report.

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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 \$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		

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	Nos. 22-3463 (Amended Site Plan) and 22-5221 (Lot Line Consolidation) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the 7th day of November, 2022, at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Sections 240-87 and 276 of the Town Law, at which time all the parties shall have an opportunity to be heard with regard to the application of 22-3463 (Site Plan) and 22-5221 (Lot Line Consolidation) Mid-Hudson Islamic Association Amended Site Plan and Lot Line Consolidation: To discuss an Amended Site Plan and Lot Line Consolidation. The applicant is proposing to consolidate four (4) parcels into one and make minor site modifications including the installation of a tent and an existing asphalt pad and a 100’ x 120’ gravel area to serve as overflow parking on an as needed basis in an R40 Zoning District. The property is located at and identified as Tax Grid Nos.: 6258-02-628535 (125 All Angels Hill Road – 4.26 acres); 6258-04-664485 (133 All Angels Hill Road – 12.07 acres); 6258-02-647552 (218 Myers Corners Road - 0.43 acres) and 6258-02-640551 – 0.116 acres) in the Town of Wappinger.	PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to The Environmental Conservation Law and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed Bruce Flower, Chairman Town of Wappinger Planning Board Date: October 18, 2022
	LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, Chelsea, New York, will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022. The meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, in the Town of Wappinger, and is open to the public. This notification is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson Fire District Secretary Chelsea Fire District	

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NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District, at a regular meeting thereof, held on October 17, 2022 duly adopted the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that a sum not to exceed \$70,000.00 be expended from the Equipment Reserve Fund of the Chelsea Fire District for the purchase of one (1) Paratech HVEK Rescue Strut Kit and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum. Dated: October 17, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHELSEA FIRE DISTRICT Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York
By: Claire Gibson Fire District Secretary
LEGAL NOTICE Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on November 10, 2022, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Dylan Aguado, owner and applicant, for property having an address of 2731 West Main Street (Route 9D), Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-13-240434), and located in the Village Mixed (VM) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking special use
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permit and site plan approvals to permit the construction of a new two-family structure on the parcel, including a ground-floor dwelling. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: October 13, 2022

TRANSFER STATION – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

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

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the interest of the Town of Milan. The Town of Milan reserves the right to award the work as described or any portion of the work, whichever best suits its needs. By order of the Milan Town Hall Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TL HOLDINGS OF NY, INC. THREE (3) LOT SUBDIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 132-12G of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Francois R. Cross meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, November 10, 2022 commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an Applicant’s request to subdivide two (2) parcels consisting of 32.18 acres and 34.21 acres into three (3) residential lots. Lot 1 shall consist of 9.97 acres; Lot 2 shall consist of 6.88 acres and Lot 3 shall consist of 49.54 acres. Lot 1 and Lot 2 are proposed to support single-family dwellings with onsite wells and septic systems. Lot 3 is proposed with a shared driveway easement, an associated maintenance agreement and is proposed as a non-realty subdivision that does not require Dutchess County Behavioral & Community Health Approval at this time. The parcels for this proposal are identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 6356-00-131080 consisting of 32.18 acres in the R-40 Zoning District and Tax Map Parcel No.: 6356-00-001095 consisting of 34.21 acres in the R-4A Zoning District and are located at 1784 NYS Route 52. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

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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 CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF STANFORD FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STANFORD FREE LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$28,400) TO THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED 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.

VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT GREENSAND FILTRATION SYSTEM

THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK IS SOLICITING REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM EQUIPMENT VENDORS FOR PROVISION OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT GREENSAND FILTRATION SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED AT THE VILLAGE’S EXISTING WATER TREATMENT FACILITY SITE LOCATED ON ROUTE 9D IN WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY. THE SYSTEM INCLUDES AN EXISTING WELL FIELD WITH A MAXIMUM FLOW CAPACITY OF 700 GPM OF RAW WATER THAT CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE TREATMENT FACILITY WHERE IT IS CURRENTLY SOFTENED; MANGANESE AND IRON WILL BE REMOVED VIA THE PROPOSED GREENSAND FILTRATION SYSTEM; AND UV TREATMENT IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR DISINFECTION BEFORE IT IS RELEASED INTO THE

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STORAGE/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WHICH FLOWS TO VILLAGE CUSTOMERS. THE FOLLOWING DESIGN PARAMETERS SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR THE SIZING AND SELECTION OF TREATMENT EQUIPMENT SUBMITTED: RAW WATER INFLOW: 700 GPM TREATMENT PROCESS: MEET 10 STATES STANDARD, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR IRON (<0.3 MG/L) AND MANGANESE (<0.03 MG/L) REMOVAL AND A COMBINED MANGANESE AND IRON REMOVAL (<0.05 MG/L). EACH VENDOR’S QUALIFICATION PACKAGE SHOULD BE EMAILED TO THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS WATER BOARD STAFF ASSISTANT BRENDA ALFONSO AT: BALFONSO@WAPPINGERSFALLSNY.GOV AND MARKED “VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT GREENSAND FILTRATION SYSTEM QUALIFICATION PACKAGE” BY 10:00 AM, NOVEMBER 7, 2022. QUALIFICATION PACKAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

Project Name: K - 9 Clippers, Inc. Dog Grooming
Location: 102 Chelsea Road
Application: No. 22-4104
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the **7th day of November, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Section 240-87 and of the Town Law, on the application of **22-4104 K-9 Clippers, Inc. Dog Grooming:** The Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on a Special Use Permit application. The applicant is proposing to conduct a dog grooming service in her home on 0.37 acres in an R-20 Zoning District. The property is located at

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102 Chelsea Road and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6056-03-347470** in the Town of Wappinger. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman
Town of Wappinger Planning Board
Date: October 21, 2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-05-22 Workers’ Compensation and NYS General Municipal Law 207c Claims Administration
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-70-22 Aging Health Promotion and Development Contractor
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-69-22 Legal Services for the Elderly Program
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-65-22 On-Call Professional Engineering Services
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-68-22 Child Welfare Mandated Preventive Services
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportuni-

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ties”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-71-22 On-Call As Needed Moving Services
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of November 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of Dutchess County will meet at 7:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York on the 3rd of November 2022 for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive of said county for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copies of said Tentative Budget are available at the Office of the Budget Director, Sixth Floor, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, after November 1, where they may be inspected or procured by interested persons during regular business hours.

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Hocus Pocus Parade, scavenger hunt, other events set for Oct. 28-30 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to be bringing back The Hocus Pocus Parade! The parade and a variety of special events will take place from October 28 to October 30.

“This year it will be even more eventful with an entire Halloween weekend of fun. Friday the 28th, from 3:30 to 6:30 there will be trick or treating on Main St.; Saturday the 29th at 2 p.m. is the parade with festivities following it, including School of Rock Beacon playing at The Roundhouse Patio and Studio 845 teaching a “Thriller” Dance Workshop for all to join in at the Hudson Valley Brewery,” said Charlotte Guernsey.

There is the new “Black Cat Scavenger Hunt,” which takes place Friday through Sunday.

“In each participating business, they will be hiding a black cat. You must go into the store and look hard to find it amongst all the merchandise and décor. Once you find it, present your passport and you will get it stamped. The more stamps you get, the more prizes and giveaways you receive,” explained Guernsey. The passports will be given out at participating stores along with trick or treating bags and discount cards with specials at participating stores for the weekend, she said.

“The store owners will also be judging kids costumes for all those who want to participate, so put your best foot forward!” Guernsey suggested.

Now to the parade.

“The parade is open for all who want to join! Get dressed up in a festive costume and meet at Bank Square (corner of Main St. and South Ave.) and then at 2 p.m. we’ll begin the walk down Main Street. For those who just want to watch, line up on the sidewalks and get ready for a feast for the eyes of fun. The parade will march the entire length of Main Street from Bank Square to the Dummy Light,”

said Guernsey.

As for the importance of events like this for the community, Guernsey, who is a real estate broker with The Gate House Team at Compass in Beacon, said, “This has always been a great community bonding event. It’s been super fun for the kids and families to be able to get creative with costumes and just have a great time. Parents also dress up and sometimes we see families dressed together in a theme. Dogs are welcome too!”

School of Rock Beacon and Studio 845 will entertain those in attendance, along with the Beacon High School marching band, who will participate in the parade, noted Guernsey.

“We’ve had a lot of great local businesses come out to support the event for the community. Our main sponsors are the Law Office of Dennis R. Vetrano, Jr., LLC (DRV Law) and The Gate House Team at Compass, but a full list can be found on our Facebook Event Page (Hocus Pocus Halloween Facebook Page), said Guernsey. “Thanks” was also offered to The Roundhouse for hosting music and treats, School of Rock, and the Hudson Valley Brewery for hosting the “Thriller” dance workshop, and Studio 845.

“I would also like to thank all of the participating stores and businesses that are joining in the fun of the Black Cat Scavenger Hunt and trick or treating. Thank you to the City of Beacon for letting us bring back this awesome event!” exclaimed Guernsey.

And one more Halloween thought to keep in mind from Guernsey, “Keep an eye out for spooky specials in the stores and Halloween themed cocktails and dishes all weekend in the bars and restaurants. More details can be found on our Facebook Event Page.”

For more information, go to Hocus Pocus Halloween Facebook Page.

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- Margie Smith, Former Chief of the Special Victims Bureau in the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office; Co-Chaired, alongside Rob Rolison, Crime Victims Committee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council



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