Businesses make changes during COVID-19 outbreak

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon businesses are among small businesses around the world having to think about the way they do business in the current COVID-19 crisis.

One Nature — doing its best with the team it has now

Asked to explain what his business, One Nature in Beacon, does, Bryan Quinn replied, “We are an interdisciplinary company at the intersection of different industries: landscape construction, scientific consulting, and horticulture. We are able to do this by employing staff that can operate in different capacities, as needed. This means we have to be very collaborative groups of people, and that has historically meant in-person meetings and assigning staff to different field crews and projects on an almost daily basis. I would not say we are growing at the moment. We are just treading water this week. Normally at this time of year we are hiring for seasonal positions, but for now we are trying to do our best with the team we have.” Quinn said, via email, “Since COVID-19, we have assigned one person per vehicle, shifted our meetings to virtual, asked employees to bring lunches, and are in the process of converting our garden center to an online store. We were stalled a few days as a result of the Governor’s executive order but this past Sunday received an official letter deeming us an essential business. That was a relief because about half our workforce can’t work remotely due to the unique nature of their roles and responsibilities. In addition, I have been working really hard to get an SBA (Small Business Association) Disaster Assistance Loan while staying up to date on what benefits are available to my employees in case we need to furlough people (such as COVID-related paid family leave and rapid unemployment).” Quinn noted that his customers have been supportive. “I think everyone is confused to some extent about how to deal with this rapidly changing situation. There’s a consensus among our customers about how to act and be socially distant, but everyone is concerned and wants to do the right thing,” he said.

As for advice for other business owners, Quinn responded, “Ask me in a couple months... For now, I would say get your books in order so you know your exact financial positions and do the best you can for your employees.”

The Pandorica — Going ‘back to its roots’

Shirley Hot is owner of the tourist destination The Pandorica, which based on the series “Dr. Who.” “I had to reduce staff to a skeleton crew,” she remarked via email. Hot explained, “On March 17 we transitioned to take out with curbside pick-up, which we started doing daily from 4-8 p.m., we were previously closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Due to lack of response, we’re going back to our roots as a tearoom, starting April 2 and we will also be offering our Afternoon Tea service to go.” The new hours are set as Thursdays through Sundays 3-8 p.m.

“As a destination restaurant which brought in thousands of unique tourists yearly, we started to feel the impact of the COVID-19 virus in early February, as business declined about 25%, although we didn’t realize it was that at the time,” said Hot. “We postponed two events scheduled for late March and early April resulting in financial losses.”

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Efforts to mitigate transmission accelerate; support for public, businesses expands

By Kate Goldsmith

COUNTY

County Executive Marc Molinaro held a virtual Town Hall on Facebook on March 25. A summary of points:

- The county has established “Dutchess Responds,” an online portal through the county’s website, www.dutchessny.gov/dutchessresponds with information for residents who want to offer assistance through volunteering, monetary donations or other efforts to help in the fight against coronavirus. Additionally, the new site provides a one-stop connection for those residents who need assistance with food delivery, prescriptions and household essentials during the pandemic.

- Also on March 25, Dutchess County confirmed its second death related to COVID-19. The individual, a 71-year-old male died at St. Luke’s Hospital in Newburgh. The patient was admitted to the hospital for cardiac arrest and respiratory distress, and was swabbed for COVID-19, which was confirmed positive. The individual had not been known to DBCH until his hospitalization. The death of a 61-year-old male, the third death due to COVID-19 in the county, was announced on March 30.

- As of March 28, Dutchess County currently had 262 positive cases of COVID-19, and the numbers are expected to increase as testing expanded locally earlier last week.

- Molinaro continued to encourage social distancing, using his preferred term, “physical distancing,” making the distinction between staying at least 6 feet away from others (“physical distancing”) and keeping in touch with family and friends through volunteering, monetary donations or other efforts to help in the fight against coronavirus.

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- Dutchess County's Department of Behavioral and Community Health has a Helpline, (845) 485-9700, for those trying to cope with mental health stress in these difficult times. The county is also expanding access to those dealing with drug issues.

- Molinaro also announced that April 2 is Autism Awareness Day. During the Telephone/Facebook Town Hall scheduled for that day, the county executive will discuss resources for those on the autism spectrum.

OTHER COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Dutchess County Clerk’s Office is closed to the public due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The clerk’s office will continue to receive allowable court filings through the NYSCFE filing system (https://ecourts.courts.state.ny.us/nyscfe/Horn ePage) as well as through the mail. Land records can also be accepted through the mail or via the Clerk’s electronic portal on the county website. For questions or an emergency, dial (845) 486-2131.

- The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, with Epic Alien Workforce Solutions and Mackey, Butts & Wise LLP Attorneys at Law, hosted a webinar last week to provide local businesses with an educational overview of changes in employment law as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Dutchess County Government www.dutchessny.gov/coronavirus Coronavirus Hotline, (845) 486-3555. Also on Facebook and Twitter @DutchessCoGov

STATE

- As of Sunday night, New York had 59,515 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Dutchess County had 320 confirmed cases.

- The PAUSE initiative has been extended through April 15. That means the non-essential workforce is directed to continue to work from home until at least April 15; the situation will be re-evaluated at that time.

- Major pharmacy chains will now offer free home delivery to New Yorkers to help reduce long lines for prescriptions at their facilities.

- The USNS Comfort, a Navy hospital ship, was expected to arrive in New York Harbor Monday, staffed with 1,200 medical professionals.

- The State Wadsworth Lab has developed a less invasive COVID-19 test that will begin within a week. The new test is done through a saliva sample and a self-administered short nasal swab in the presence of a healthcare professional. The test will help conserve personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers, reduce potential exposure of the virus and allow the state to continue to test as many individuals as possible.

- Statewide school closures are extended by two weeks until April 15. The Governor also issued an executive order allowing essential workers to have the flexibility to work from home, even if their employer is not an essential employer.

- The first 1,000-bed temporary hospital is now complete at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

- New York has designated specific hospital facilities as COVID-patient only. Three sites—South Beach Psychiatric Facility in Staten Island, Westminster Square in the Bronx and SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn—will provide more than 600 beds specifically for COVID-19 patients.

- The federal government approved four new sites for temporary hospitals to be built by the Army Corps of Engineers. The sites—the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, the Aqueduct Racetrack facility in Queens, CUNY Staten Island and the New York Expo Center in the Bronx—will add an additional 4,000 beds to the state’s capacity.

- The governor issued an Executive Order that would enlist all registered nurses in New York to assist health centers during the crisis, including any nurse currently working at an insurance firm.

- All non-essential construction must be suspended. Essential construction, for example construction on roads, bridges, transit projects, affordable homes, homeless shelters and health care facilities, may continue.

- 100% of the workforce must stay home, excluding essential services.

- All non-essential gatherings of individuals for any reason are temporarily banned.

- Department of Motor Vehicles offices are temporarily closed for in-office visits. Online transactions, including for license renewal, are all available. Office and permit expirations will be extended.

Businesses making changes

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Burgde added, “And, of course, the most important thing anyone can mention when discussing this situation is: we are all in this together. Each of us has their own dreams and capabilities, and it is during this time of need that those characteristics of the individual should be presented as a tool to help the greater community. We are all in this together to try to spread some love and hope. Some of us have a little more time to do some things. We can all look to our immediate community and consider what we can do to make things better for one person, then two people, then four, then eight, and so on going from there. This can spread to disease or hardship, or we only need to want to help.”

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Local company DocuWare helping work-from-home effort, introduces plan to integrate teaching plan in area schools

By Rich Thomaselli

Jim Roberts said he’s been working from home for about two weeks now, or ever since a national emergency over the spread of the coronavirus was declared and people were asked not to go into their business or place of employment if it was deemed non-essential.

“Like everything,” he said, “it has its positives and its negatives.”

One positive for Roberts? He works for a company that makes all this telecommuting easier.

Roberts is the president of Hudson Valley-based DocuWare, a company with long roots and great success that is suddenly finding itself more popular than ever, given the global circumstances of the restrictions in place due to the virus.

DocuWare delivers document management and workflow automation software that enables businesses to digitize and optimize the processes that power the core of your business - on-site or remotely. By removing the tedious, manual tasks that drain your team's energy, your knowledge workers are free to focus on the projects that drive productivity and profit.

Available as both a cloud and on-premise solution with feature and design parity, DocuWare not only flexes to fit unique business processes, but also complies with your regulatory requirements and securely and seamlessly integrates with existing business applications.

“Our sweet spot,” Roberts says, “is small and medium-sized businesses.

To that end, DocuWare has been working with plenty of local companies, including stalwarts like Adams's Fairacre Farms, which has locations in Wappingers Falls, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Kingston. What DocuWare did was digitize and sync all the locations.

“Every store manager can see what price was negotiated with what customer,” Roberts said. “It let’s them buy at the same rate the other stores are buying at. DocuWare also has a terrific plan in place with the Newburgh school district and the Newburgh Armory to bring in and teach students how the process works and to have them learn the system and the software.

This plan has become more popular than DocuWare co-founder and past president Thomas Schneck could have imagined.

“The first class had 15 students,” Schneck said. “Initially what we have done with the Newburgh Armory was we went to the parents, then community leaders who were able to post that information. We went to coffee shops, churches. It was a very traditional way of getting the message out. We’ve been overwhelmed by the response.”

So overwhelmed, in fact, that Schneck wants to replicate the program with other school districts, including Beacon - where Docuware is relocating after having been in New Windsor for more than 20 years - and Wappingers Falls.

The idea of working from home is going to grow exponentially after this experience, Schneck believes.

Local officials taking steps taking steps to protect first responders, public and municipal employees

By Kristine Coulter

Local officials are taking steps to keep first responders, employees and the public safe during the COVID-19 crisis.

City of Beacon

Mayor of Beacon Gary Van Voortis said “We have our procedures. We stepped them up.” They are wearing face and eye protection.

Volunteers are keeping equipment at home.

Beacon firefighters who were out of the country self-isolated, he said. They had no sign or symptoms. No one tested positive for COVID-19, he remarked.

His message to resident was “stay home and keep your distance.”

On its Facebook page, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps posted reminders. One such reminder is was to remember hand hygiene. Another was to keep hands away from one’s mouth. For one expert of the coronavirus, a man could be his primary caregiver.

“We at headquarters are doing well-check screenings on volunteers and employees prior to shifts,” posted Deborah Cortes, EMT-B Vice President. “We are continuously decontaminating our building, ambulances and equipment.” They are not receiving visitors at the headquarters.

Town of Fishkill

“We are following state and county directives in keeping our employees safe. If they feel sick we ask that they stay home. Lt. Dworkin, the OIC (Officer-in-Charge) is making sure our police officers remain safe and they are taking every precaution necessary to safely protect the public in these troubling times,” said Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Alber.

The Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, is closed. Paperwork and bill payments should be placed in the silver mailbox in the vestibule after the first set of entry doors in the town hall, according to town officials.

Town of Fishkill Court, according to the town’s website, “All matters are administratively adjourned until further notice,” by Order of the Administrative Judges of the New York State 9th Judicial District.

The Fishkill Town Board is holding Public Hearings on April 1. The public hearings are:

- Introductory Local Law No. C-v1 of 2020 Adding Article III - Police Commissioner to Chapter 29 of the Town Code;
- Petition to create Blodgett Sewer/Water District Extension
- Comments on the proposed Police Commissioner and on water/sewer only may be submitted via email to the Town Clerk at btompkins@fishkill-ny.gov before 4 p.m. on April 1.

According to the town’s website, one may “attend the meeting if you choose.” There will be a phone number to call during the public hearings if you wish to comment over the phone. That phone number will be posted on-screen during the television broadcast of the meeting at 7 p.m. on April 1.

The Town of Fishkill April 9 Planning Board Meeting and the April 21 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting are canceled. The Van Wyck Village Hall in the Village of Fishkill, 1095 Main St., is closed to the public.

“We have closed the Village hall to the public.

The “IT’s Your Future” class at Newburgh Armory Unity Center is pictured with DocuWare’s Thomas Schneck, Samina Salo & Vanessa Quiriong along with teacher Ricky Gonzalez and community leader Earl Miller at the right.

“I personally think so, yes. People will have more contingency plans in place,” he said. “In general, companies will rethink what kind of programs they have, how they are set up, how they should be set up at home so it’s not so much of a scramble. That’s going to have a lasting effect.”

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Local first responders, like City of Beacon firefighters, are being extra precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Central Hudson to offer $1 million in economic development grants, expands Good Neighbor Fund

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. will provide regional organizations financing to support their COVID-19 campaigns and missions, and will offer $1 million in economic development grants to assist local small businesses, many of which are impacted by the pandemic. This is Central Hudson’s second round of economic development grants since expanding its Good Neighbor Fund, a program that provides last resort grants toward utility bills for qualified house- holds, funded by customers and matched by Central Hudson. This program is doubling in matching funds this year.

We are in an unprecedented environ- ment, and many community organizations are struggling to provide normal services for impacted residents in our region,” said Christine A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. “In this extraordinary time, it is so critically needed assistance during this emergency.”

Central Hudson is offering this funding leading to the following organizations and initia- tives:

$25,000 to Ulster County Project Resiliency – a county-wide partnership to provide funding for small businesses and other support to those in need throughout the county for the duration of the outbreak of COVID-19. Funds raised will be used to provide meals, supplies, medical necessities and not-for-profit organizations, helping to keep dollars circulating in the local food economy. This effort is being administered by the United Way of Ulster County.

$5,000 to the Dutchess County COVID-19 Response Fund – an established fund providing resources that can include, but are not limited to, food, medications and household essentials to individuals experiencing bill hardships or quarantine restrictions as a result of COVID-19.

$25,000 to Orange & Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund - The Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley, the fund provides funding for residents, including, but not limited to, food, medications and household essentials to individuals experiencing bill hardships or quarantine restrictions as a result of COVID-19.

In addition, our local businesses and low-income households are especially impacted. Working with our community partners, Central Hudson strives to provide assistance during this emergency.”

Mayor Lee, who was approached by a private entity with about $1 million in economic development funds donation by private entity

I was approached by a private entity with about $1 million in economic development funds that they want to put to use in the greater Dutchess County area. They are looking for ideas where this grant money would do the most good for small businesses with 50 employees or less or potentially small businesses with few (<10 employees). Part of the goal would be to leverage their dollars and get other entities to match the effort. I thought it would be useful to get as much input as possible from the community.

What could be done with about $1 million dollars in our region that would do the most good for small business and their employees in this extraordinary situation? Please reply to the Facebook post, https://www.facebook.com/kieranmlalor/, or via email with your best ideas. Serious ideas only.

While we are working on legislation to ease the crushing burden coronavirus has put on our local employers and employees (see proposals below) we can literally invest in our local economy by buying gift certificates from local businesses. Operation Gift Certificate provides revenue to businesses impacted while allowing us to stop the spread of coronavirus. By a gift certificate from a local business today which will help them survive this unprecedented challenge. Then you can enjoy what the local businesses offer. Help us succeed,” he remarked. One bill electronically or by check – so please remember to complete one’s household’s census survey by April 1st – at my2020census.gov.

Kieran Lalor
NYS Assemblyman

Lalor announces Operation Gift Certificates, $1 million in economic development funds donation by private entity
Jean Ann Osoba

On March 24, 2020, a sunny and quiet Tuesday, Jean Ann Osoba passed away at her home, comforted by the presence and love of her husband, children and family. Jean was born June 9, 1929 to William Lewis and Angelena Rossi Bump in Beacon, NY. She graduated from Beacon High School and was employed by Texaco, Inc. and Depew and Schetter Insurance Agency for many years. Jean lived a full, happy and interesting life and will be deeply missed.

On January 30, 1949, Jean was united in marriage to Francis Joseph (Joe) Osoba in Beacon, where they raised their three children, Francena (Justin) Resnick, Nancy (Mark) Giordano, and Vincent (Charlanna Limicino) Osoba, before moving to Fishkill in 1971; Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; and back to Fishkill in 1997. She loved her sons-in-law and daughter-in-law like her own. A beautiful, warm smile was always present to welcome her family and friends and will forever be a cornerstone for their love for her loving grandchildren: Reene (Ian) MacDonald; Mark A. Giordano; Julian Seabrooks; Megan (Robert) Stendahl-Brod (Adrienne) Osoba; and Corey (Rob) Gilmore. Also left to cherish her memory are her seven great grandchildren, her nieces and nephews (Sandy) Petrie; Buddy (Jill) Petrie; her brother, William (Sue) Petrie; and Rob (Carolyn) Gilber; and good friends. In addition to her parents and her husband, Jean was preceeded in death by her brother William Bump; her sister-in-law and her husband, Louise (William) Bump; her brother and his wife, William (Suzie) Bump; her niece Susie Gilbert; and several special friends. Always ready for the next adventure, Jean enjoyed living life to its fullest and moved to Jacksonville, FL where she made new friends with whom she enjoyed learning to play golf, walking, playing bingo; watching old movies; listening to music; and just gabbing with her three girls at dinner. Jean was an active “exter” and was never far from her phone. She loved getting messages from her grand children with photos, videos, and funny stories that kept her involved in their lives and enabled her to watch her great grand children grow! It made her so happy to know three more generations of kids will be added to her family in the coming months. Jean’s family was most important to her and she would wish that they all know how much she loved them, celebrated all their achievements, and took pride in who they are and the goodness in each of them. We are all greatly affected and we will forever be grateful to the Wappingers Central School District. Jean’s maternal grandfather, immigrants Francesco and Josephina Panetta; her father and mother-in-law, Antonio and Maria Greto; her uncles, Robert, Anthony and Robert; her aunts, Joseph and Lucia Greco; her aunt, Natalina Panetta; her father and mother-in-law, Robert J. and Mary Ann Decker; and parents, Margaret and Joseph Urbanak Sr. predeceased her in 2012. Irene worked as an Office Manager at Texaco Research and Development as a Sr. Technician for Rotron Mnf. and had a long distinguished career with IBM Research and Development as a Sr. Technician in 1961. Irene retired in 1981 and was able to influence countless lives, and enabled her to watch her great grandchildren. Elmer was a Electrical Engineer at IBM and the Renaissance Rehabilitation Center. Elmer was a Electrical Engineer at IBM and the Renaissance Rehabilitation Center. Elmer was a Electrical Engineer at IBM and the Renaissance Rehabilitation Center.

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Robert W. Scott

Barbara J. Fischbach

Barbara J. Fischbach, 88, a retired resident of Wappingers Falls passed away at home on March 17, 2020 at MidHudson Regional Hospital. Born on August 10, 1931, in New York City, she was the daughter of Edward and Hilda (Huber) Fischbach. She was the wife of Henry Fischbach who predeceased her in 2011. Barbara was raised in New Rochelle, NY and graduated from New Rochelle Academy. During World War II, Barbara served as a Nurse at the Freedman’s Hospital in Washington, D.C. After the war, Barbara moved to Rochester, NY and worked as a Registered Nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital. In 1952, Barbara married Henry Fischbach. In addition to her son, John, Barbara is survived by her daughter, Maryann DosSantos, Jax Fogel, Drew Fogel, and Kimberly and Robert Foster of Charlestown, RI. She is also survived by her grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Elmer Lengyel, Robert Lengyel of Poughkeepsie, NY, and Rosemarie E. Zglinski. Elmer is survived by his wife Pat of Cumberland R.I. Dennis Lengyel and his wife Kelly of Rochester, NY, Susan Ardianin and husband Gary of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Robert Kenneth and his sister Anna Marie Grice, 16 grand children, 10 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. She is predeceased by her son Peter Lengyel and a niece, Margaret Lengyel, brother, Gary and Pamela Barrack. Christine was a parishioner of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, 2 Onek Street, Beacon, New York 12508. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Barbara J. Fischbach

Joseph P. Urbank Jr.

Joseph P. Urbank Jr., a resident of Wappingers Falls, passed away at home on March 16, 2020 due to complications of COVID-19. Joseph was born on February 25, 1936, the son of the late Joseph P. Urbanak, Sr. and Maria (Strega) Urbanak. Joseph was preceded in death by his brother William Urbanak. Joseph is survived by his beloved brother, Paul (Amy) Urbanak; his sister, JoAnn (Thomas) Benson and Lilian (Joseph) Urbanak; his nieces and nephews. You will be missed. Rest in peace brother Joe. Funeral services will be privately held in the convenience of the family. To send a personal condolence please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com. All Memorial arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey Family.

Joseph P. Urbank Jr.

Irene Domenico

Irene Domenico Prentiss, 98, died on March 21, 2020 at home in Cranston, RI. Born on February 14, 1922, Irene was the daughter of the late Joseph and Lena (Russo) Domenico. Irene was a parishioner of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, 2 Onek Street, Beacon, New York 12508. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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Christine Barrack

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the year 2020-2021:**

To be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 30, 2020, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

Proposition #1

" Shall the sum of $1,174,400.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to meet such appropriation?"

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the same time and place a vote to elect five (5) members of the Board of Trustees, two for a term of five (5) years, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of one (1) year will also occur.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the 20th day of April 2020. Petition forms are available at the Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Any person not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 6-2404 of the Education Law. Application must be personally presented to the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the 20th day of April 2020. Application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the 20th day of April 2020. Application forms may be obtained at the Library or received by mail at the Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. 

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Hudson Valley Public Library will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Howland Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive bids for the construction of a new library building on the site of the current library building. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021, at the Howland Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. The library will then open for public use.

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things still up in the air," but good food available -- entertainment will eventually make its way back
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.
The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.
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.

ACROSS
1. Henpeck
4. Andy’s partner
8. Wooden container
13. Mr. Reiner
14. Like a poor excuse
15. One of the Deadly Sins
16. Highest point
17. Bator
18. Nasal passages
19. Tolerant of the viewpoints of others
22. 90° from NNW
23. Sunday talk
24. Night sound
26. Word that means nothing in Mexico
29. Goodies
32. Wooden shoe
36. Oddball
38. Black, in poetry
39. Man’s name
40. Analyze ore
41. Plum variety
42. Patrick’s land
43. Mediocre grades
44. Golfer Calvin __
45. Edit
47. Change the decor
49. Nose, humorously
51. In the center of
56. Suffix for meteor or social
58. Wedding rehearsal participants
61. Scissor blade
63. Woman’s name
64. Additional amount
65. TV and newspapers
66. Lab burner
67. Featherly scarves
68. Respiratory and circulatory abbr.
69. “Fiddleticks!”
70. “I__”: old Culp/Cosby series

DOWN
1. Oyster’s lining
2. Protective coating
3. Sparkle
4. Class reunion attendee
5. African nation
6. Asian nation
7. Uses the post office
8. Frankness
9. Genetic matter
10. Easy to get along with
11. Ending for four, six or nine
12. Celtic language
13. Hired vehicles
20. Word of caution
21. Gate
25. Della __
27. Medicinal amount
29. Goose genus
30. Sound a horn
31. Dagger
32. Prophet
33. Parisian confidante
34. Bit of food for a canary
35. City in New York
37. Alleviate
40. Oscar winner
44. Ostentatious display
46. Reptiles
48. 1978-91 TV drama
50. Feline
52. Poetic feet
53. Hang down
54. Wander
55. Nautical ropes
56. Beliefs: suf.
57. Pronoun
59. Facts and figures
60. __ Misbehavin’
62. Island

The finished puzzle should be filled with Xs and Os.
Horizontally and vertically, there should never be a continuous run of the same symbol longer than 2.
There are an equal number of Xs and Os in each row and column.
All rows are unique.
All columns are unique, too.

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Binox can be found on page 5
Special Olympics Summer Games canceled

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County was supposed to host the Special Olympics New York State Summer Games in June. It has been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Special Olympics NY is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Dutchess County hosted the Summer Games in 2019 and the Winter Games in 2016 and 2017.

“Summer Games is our largest annual competition for athletes, one that was on track to be bigger and better than ever before as 2020 is our 50th anniversary year. It’s absolutely devastating to remove Summer Games from our calendar,” said Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman, in a press release.

“We are not willing to compromise the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, volunteers and fans – and that is something I know the entire Special Olympics New York family will understand. We are in this together and we will come out of this together.”

Mary Kay Vrba, President and CEO of Dutchess Tourism via email. “The Opening Ceremony for the Special Olympics Games was held at Vassar College on June 14, 2019. The Olympic torch was carried by police force members from around New York State.”

Vrba noted, “This is not about the economic impact but about the opportunity for Dutchess County to welcome athletes from across the state to our home and show them how great this place is to live, work and play and have our residence and visitors cheer them on. "We wish the athletes our best and encourage them to stay in good health and build their strength for the next competition," Vrba added.

For additional information about Special Olympics New York, to learn more about getting involved, or to make a donation, visit www.specialolympicsNY.org.

Nuvance Health offers virtual doctors’ appointments

To make medical providers readily available in our communities, Nuvance Health launched Virtual Visits for primary and specialty care, advancing access to healthcare for patients during a critical time.

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