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Dutchess County takes steps to eliminate fourth floors as ‘matter of right’ on Main St.

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City Council unanimously passed changes to enact limits to fourth floors on Main Street and Central Avenue in the City of Beacon.

The City Council took the unprecedented step of eliminating fourth floors on Main Street, which would allow a mix of compatible commercial, residential and parking uses.

A Comprehensive rewrite of uses permitted in each residential and commercial zone, as well as the dimensional and setback requirements in each zone;

Increasing commercial space requirements in the area between Main Street and the train station, to encourage job-creating commercial businesses and;

Reconnecting Main Street to the Hudson River.

“I’m glad to see us get to this point,” stated Council member Amber Grant. “Council member Jodi McCredo remarked the comments the community made were very helpful. George Mansfield, council member, noted that the council could be setting precedent. Air Rhodes, council member, stated the council does not take this lightly and will consider proposals on what the community wants. Kyriacou said, “While COVID-19 is far and away the most pressing challenge facing us right now, the City has continued to advance our planning for the future, and in particular for better managing development while addressing its repercussions. These zoning changes should both limit excessive height and lay a path for public benefit improvements on Main Street.”

Cheers abound as 90-year-olds discharged after battling COVID-19

By Rich Thomasell

At hospitals, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes across the Hudson Valley, the discharge of a patient with the coronavirus has been cause for celebration. Medical personnel of all kinds have lined hallways that lead to the exits of these facilities, all cheering and waving as the patient is wheeled out.

But there was one celebration that was extra special last week at the Fiskhill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Beacon. A pair of 90-year-old patients, Andrew Macenka and Betty Barclay, were discharged after five weeks of successfully battling the virus - first when they initially got sick at an assisted living facility, the New Windsor Country Inn; then at Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, where they were diagnosed; and then to the Fiskhill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing.

The moment was not lost on, well, any body. Nurses, administrators, food service, kitchen and cleaning staff, and the patients’ families and friends, all cheered and clapped and screamed and, yes, cried.

“By Rich Thomasell

Director of Nursing Johana Gonzales stands behind recovered COVID-19 patient Betty Barclay at the Fiskhill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Beacon. Director of Rehabilitation Tracey Caswell-Dowertly assists recovered patient Andrew Macenka on May 6.

Zyskind said his facility was more than ready for COVID-19 patients. “We set up a dedicated wing for COVID patients, with a dedicated and consistent staff who work only with these COVID-19 related deaths of Dutchess County residents.

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Cuomo: New York is now ‘ahead of this virus’

State COVID-19 update

Governor gives indicators for reopening

By Kate Goldsmith

Last week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo had some good news for New Yorkers.

“We are finally ahead of this virus, and we are in control of our destiny,” he said at his May 8 press conference held at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. However, he warned that the state’s reopening will not be based on emotions but on seven indicators that a region is ready to move forward.

Cuomo said, “New York State has flattened the curve and key metrics such as new hospitalizations and deaths have come down, they aren’t decreasing as much as originally expected.”

“We hoped to see a steady, sharp decline [of the curve] . . . that’s not what’s happening — it’s flattening out,” he said, adding that “it’s flattening out, not a blip.”

In brief:

- A disturbing new development is a serious illness affecting children, known as multi-system inflammatory syndrome. The illness is potentially linked with COVID-19, and the state has reported 85 cases in New York, as well as three deaths as of this writing. The State Department of Health is investigating.

- New Yorkers should seek immediate care if a child has difficulty breathing (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids;
- Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to eat;
- Newborns with skin color - becoming pale, patches or blue;
- Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly;
- Racing heart or chest pain;
- Decreased amount of frequency in urine; Lethargy, irritability or confusion;
- A special considers an ill patient for a period of health insurance will remain open through June 15. New York’s Department of Health requires residents to apply for a plan through NY State of Health. Beyond June 15, more than 85,000 New Yorkers have been tested for COVID-19, more than any other state or country.

- New York State’s collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a vaccine in re-imagine education in the new normal. As New York begins to develop plans to reopen K-12 schools and colleges, the state and the Gates Foundation will consider what

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The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has authority and oversight over many of the facilities reporting case data, including hospitals and nursing homes. These facilities are not required to report to local health departments, including the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health. The NYSDOH and the Department of Health (DCH) communicates regularly with each of the individual facilities and has been getting some of the data from them, it is difficult to make a report on a daily basis with the state data and creates confusion for the public. Additionally, state data can include presumed positive cases in facilities, unlike the data reported by local health departments.

Dutchess County’s COVID-19 Community Impact Data Dashboard will continue to be updated daily, following NYSDOH data updates. Molinari on Monday held a press conference to discuss the outbreak.

In brief:

-Citing the Governor Cuomo's Executive Order No. 26-O, the Dutchess County Legislature was expected to vote on April 14 on the first of two local legislation to take advantage of federal funds for protective equipment (PPE) in partnership with the other counties in the Hudson Valley

- Although the state regulates nursing home acquired COVID-19 cases, we have no nursing home acquired COVID-19 cases.

-Members of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health are developing guidance to ensure that every resident and staff member is going to get tested and that all testing is done with the goal of enabling camps to open by July 1 (and based on state guidance/approval).

-On Friday, May 8, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinari announced that Dutchess County residents can sign up to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the region, as well the workgroups will be moving forward. Courtesy the Dutchess County Government Facebook page

State to monitor core factors to determine if a region can reopen

As part of the New York Forward initiative, Governor Andrew Cuomo outlined seven metrics that will determine the ability of a region to reopen:

-14-day decline in hospitalizations or less than 15 new hospitalizations (3-day average);
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-More than 80 percent of ICU beds and more than 70 percent of total beds available (threshold of 30 percent);
-Share of ICU beds available (threshold of 30 percent);
-Share of all beds available (threshold of 30 percent);
-Share of deaths increasing from the last 7 days to the last 14 days (3-day average);
-Share of new hospitalizations or less than 15 new hospitalizations (3-day average).

Live stream storytelling event May 20

Join Master storyteller, Diane Edgecombe, and Celtic harp player, Maigot Chamberlain, for a special one-time streaming event on May 20 at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Listen to their historic tales, stories and music, that have been celebrated throughout the region. To register, go to the Dutchess Library’s website at adults@beaconlibrary.org for the link information to join. The Howland Public Library Adult Services Librarian, Alison Herters, at adults@beaconlibrary.org for more information.

Open Mic will be held at the Towne Crier Cafe on Main St. in Beacon on May 14.

Towne Crier to hold virtual Open Mic starting May 14

By Kate Goldsmith

After a hiatus prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Towne Crier’s Virtual Open Mic will resume – virtually – its Open Mic Night on Thursdays at 7 p.m., starting May 14.

In an effort to kindle musical creativity while still maintaining social distancing, Walker May will be hosting and MCing the weekly Open Mic online via Zoom.

“The something is new for us, but we think it’s a great way to keep our award-winning Open Mic going until we can all get together again,” said Philip Ciganer, owner of the Towne Crier.

The sign-up to perform is first-come, first-served, and the first virtual Open Mic is May 14. Due to Zoom’s capacity limits, only 12 people may sign up to be an audience member. In order to participate, or tune in as an audience member, you must contact Walker May at walker@townecrier.com before Thursday the 14th at 7 p.m. to find out whether you would like to be a performer or an audience member, and provide your email. Participants will receive an invitation in their email.

Plus, the Towne Crier kitchen will be open for pick-up and delivery, so grab your favorite menu item or family platter and tune in. See the Crier’s Facebook page and the Governor Cuomo’s page for more information.

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Fairgrounds has tough road with pandemic

By Curtis Schmidt

When it comes to the COVID-19 outbreak, sites that thrive on mass gatherings - like the Dutchess County Fairgrounds - are facing a tough road.

Restrictions on mass gatherings are one of the key factors in any modification to the guidelines put forth by medical and governmental officials in slowing the spread of the virus. Andy Imperati, CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, which operates the Dutchess County Fair and Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, said that all events for April, May and June have been canceled.

The Dutchess fairgrounds had 47 days scheduled this season for activities, 30 of which would have been open gate admission. The other 17 days are a combination of community events and concerts. Venues like the fairgrounds face a tough challenge because of the guidelines for outdoor mass gatherings. The Dutchess County Fair has a long history of support to the NYSAAF. Imperati served as president in 2016 and currently serves as the President of Directors.

The Dutchess County Fair is one of the events at the Fairgrounds and COVID-19 restrictions, Imperati said they will have a challenge to meet guidelines for safety protocols. NYSAAF will communicate with fair industry members about the protocols and how to ensure that group gatherings will have to meet the same challenge. How do we maintain a safe environment for the public?

He added, “In the end, we will follow theproto line to the Governor, the Executive and the Health Department. We will look into the future and look forward to getting past this and back to our normal lives where we can have the fairground atmosphere for all those who visit our facility.”

The Howland Public Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Wednesday, May 6 to hold its budget vote via absentee ballot in conjunction with the school district’s rescheduled absentee ballot process. This is in accordance with the Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 220.26, stated Howland Public Library Director Karen L. Dressen.

The budget information is posted on the library’s website, https://beaconlibrary.org, under the “About” tab. The library looks to the community for election, two are for the full five year terms, and the other three are to fill unexpired terms of one year. One is to fill the unexpired term that ends on June 30, the last is to fill the unexpired term that ends on June 30, 2021.

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HPL announces decision on when to hold board vote

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NY hospitals need help from federal government

To the Editor:

Hospitals are as eager as any other business in the region to resume normal operations. This will be significantly difficult with the state facing a $15 billion deficit and growing. The governor has proposed cuts to localities, education, and healthcare totaling $8.2 billion, which could mean reductions in Medicaid reimbursements of as much as 20 percent. However, these are all sectors that will lead us back to business as usual. If there is to be a recovery, the federal government has to assure the financial health of our hospitals in tandem with the financial health of our local communities and businesses.

As Congress debates the next relief package, COVID 4.0, hospitals emphasize once again the billions in lost revenue and billions spent on unanticipated supply, equipment, and workforce expenses in just the past eight weeks. The financial distress to the region's hospitals is inarguable and unimaginable. New York's congressional delegation recognizes this, and hospitals thank them, especially Senator Chuck Schumer, for securing the $100 billion in the initial CARES Act and another $75 billion in the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act to help hospitals and other healthcare providers handle the staggering financial damage to their institutions. The additional $12 billion in funding to hot spot areas and $10 billion to rural hospitals is also a welcome relief.

We all know this pandemic will continue into the near future, as will the economic distress to our hospitals, local businesses, and communities. Without federal assistance, the governor will be forced to implement cuts, making a bad situation even worse. The ripple effect throughout our region's economy will result in more unemployed, more uninsured, and the closing of small businesses. There will be no economic recovery. Medicaid cuts to hospitals will cripple their ability to care for not only COVID-19 patients but all patients.

About $72 billion from the initial $100 billion CARES Act funds have been distributed thus far. Of the initial $50 billion distributed nationwide, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released five percent of the funds to New York's hospitals, while acknowledging that New York's hospitals saw 28 percent of the nation's cases. Our region remains the hot spot area, and we continue to need as much help as possible from the federal government. We are counting on New York's congressional delegation members to drive that point home once again.

Kevin Dhilli,
President/CEO
Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (part of the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State)
Hauppauge

Community Foundations appoints Cross new CEO

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley has announced the appointment of its new Chief Executive Officer, Sally J. Cross. MPA, CFRE, will become the next CEO of the regional grantmaker effective June 1.

"After a nationwide search, the Community Foundations selected Sally J. Cross, Cross currently serves as the Vice President of Philanthropy at the 50 year old foundation. In that role for the past six years, Cross worked with donors, professional advisors, and nonprofits as an expert on philanthropy, planned giving, and nonprofit management. "The Board and staff are pleased to name Sally Cross as the next President & CEO of the Community Foundations," said Jeffrey D. Wood, Board Chair at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. "Sally's unique background was led by a highly regarded search firm, and supported by the recommendation of our search committee and community leaders. While candidates came from across the country, Sally's experience and knowledge distinguished her among the applicants. Her keen understanding of philanthropy and years at the Community Foundations will serve to lead our growth and expand our community impact. I am honored to be the next President & CEO of the Community Foundations," Cross said. "It has been my pleasure to serve this institution and the caring community of generous neighbors who make our work possible. I am excited each day by the goodwill of people in the Hudson Valley and look forward to serving them in this new capacity. Together, we can build a brighter future - and I will bring my background to bear for the ben- efit of all."" Sally Cross holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Portland State University, a bachelor's degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, as well as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential. In addition to her work at the Community Foundations, she serves as an adjunct instructor in Bay Path University's graduate Nonprofit Fundraising Management program and volunteers locally, currently on the boards of the Hudson Valley Economic Council and the Wallkill Valley Land Trust. She previously worked as the Executive Director of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation and was among the founders of the Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

"On behalf of the board and staff, I want to acknowledge and thank Pam Smythe, who served as the Interim President & CEO," Wood said. Smythe stepped in for nearly a full year.

Remember those who made the 'supreme sacrifice'

To the Editor:

The veterans of Beacon and the Hudson Valley are asking all our residents to remember those soldiers, sailors, Marines, and Air Force personnel who have paid the supreme sacrifice; by their wounds and their lives in the defense of freedom and the democratic way of life.

It might be an uncle, aunt, brother, sister, mom or dad; or grandparent whose sacrifice is so near or far away our hearts, or even the image of someone who was lost in action, or the image of one who is still missing.

Memorial Day is a day of reflection for all of us who served in an Armed Forces uniform, for others, it's the sense of loss for someone they miss on birthdays, graduations, and other memorable occasions.

So this Memorial Day; as a matter of fact for the month of May, thanks someone you know who served or is serving in the Armed forces; Armed Forces Day is celebrated each May.

Continue to recognize our men and women who served or his or her tour of duty. Take a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on May 25th to memorialize America's deceased heroes.

The American Legion, V.F.W., Marine Corps League, and Disabled American Veterans appreciate your support understanding, and recognition of the 1% who serve for 99%. It's a selfless, critical service experience.

Thank you & God Bless America.

Daniel A Morea
Army Veteran
City of Beacon

May is National Doula Month

To the Editor:

They aren't midwives. And just because you have a midwife doesn't mean you won't benefit from having a doula, too. Whether you're planning to deliver in a birthing cen-
Buying a home right now: Easy? No. Smart? Yes.

By Alan Arnfield
Chairperson, Communications Committee Dutchess County Association of REALTORS®

The Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee of the Dutchess County Legislature, advanced a proposal from the Dutchess County Association of REALTORS (DCAR) to allocate up to $100,000 to support food pantries and community agencies providing emergency food to county residents during the COVID-19 crisis.

Supporters of the proposal noted that organizations such as Dutchess Outreach, Meals on Wheels, and Community Action Agencies are seeing a dramatic increase in the demand for food aid, particularly for those who are not usually eligible for food assistance. "Our local agencies are doing an amazing job under very difficult circumstances," said Legislator Kris Munn (D-Red Hook, Tivoli).

Some people need to move. Whether because of a death in the family, a new birth, divorce, financial hardship, or a job transfer, some families need to make a move as quickly as possible.

Real estate agents across the country have become very innovative, utilizing technology that allows purchasers to view homes virtually. "Agencies like CAP appear to be in a position to meet children's summer meal needs, if they get this emergency funding," said Legislator Munn. During the discussion, legislators clarified that "Dutchess Responds," created by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley in cooperation with the county, does not have sufficient funds to meet long-term need. At current levels of demand the fund anticipates being depleted by late June, unless major new donations arrive.

Bottom Line

The Dutchess County Association of REALTORS® serves, supports and inspires excellence in the real estate community. Their mission is to provide programs and services to support and enhance their members' ability to excel and to better serve the communities in which they work and live.

Emergency food aid proposal for County gains unanimous support in Legislature

The Dutchess County Association of REALTORS (DCAR) is presenting articles on home-buying and selling trends and services provided by local DCAR member agents. The articles will appear on the second and fourth weeks of the month.

By Alan Arnfield
Chairperson, Communications Committee Dutchess County Association of REALTORS®

Many individuals have decided to move forward with their search for a new home despite the volatility in the economy right now. According to "Savvy Times," sellers in these communities have been leading showing management technology provider, buyers have started to reappear over the last several weeks. In the latest report, they revealed:

"The March ShowingTime Index® recorded the first nationwide drop in showing traffic in eight months as communities responded to COVID-19. Early April data show signs of an upswing, however. Why would people be setting appointmentstowards to prospective homes when the process of purchasing a home has become much more difficult with shelter-in-place orders throughout the country? Here are reasons why they are not putting their homes on hold:

1. Some people need to move. Whether because of a death in the family, a new birth, divorce, financial hardship, or a job transfer, some families need to make a move as quickly as possible.

2. Real estate agents across the country have become very innovative, utilizing technology that allows purchasers to view homes virtually.

3. View homes

4. Meet with mortgage professionals

5. Consult with their agent about the mortgage process throughout the process.

All of this can happen within the required safety protocols, so real estate professionals are continuing to help families make important moves.

Buyers understand that mortgage rates are a key component when determining their monthly mortgage payments. Mortgage interest rates are very close to all-time lows and afford today's purchaser the opportunity to save tens of thousands of dollars over the lifetime of the loan.

Looking closely at the third reason, we can see that there is a big difference between purchasing a house last December and purchasing one now based on a mortgage amount of $200,000...

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"Kids across the county are going to go hungry unless we act," said Legislator Brennan Kearney (D-Rhinebeck/Clinton). "Agencies like CAP appear to be in a position to meet children's summer needs, if they get this emergency funding." During the discussion, legislators clarified that "Dutchess Responds," created by Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley in cooperation with the county, does not have sufficient funds to meet long-term need. At current levels of demand the fund anticipates being depleted by late June, unless major new donations arrive.

"The need is clear and urgent," said Legislator Hannah Black (D-Hyde Park). "We hope the federal government will eventually ease some of the pressure by expanding the SNAP program, as Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and our Congressmen Antonio Delgado and Sean Patrick Maloney, have been advocating. That would help our local businesses, too, by sending folks directly to the grocery store to get their food. We also vary much hope our federal legislators prevail in getting direct aid to counties and other local governments. But so far Republicans in Washington have blocked these measures. That leaves it to us to fill the gap." Democratic legislators originally submitted the resolution on March 17 for consideration in April, but the chair of the legislature, with the consent of the Republican majority, cancelled April's meeting in contravention of the County Charter. Democrats resubmitted the bill for May.

The vote in the committee was unanimous. The legislature met Monday, May 11 by Zoom videoconference. Members of the public can access the meeting at the internet address www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-
Betty A. McAndrew

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The Red Cross is operating a virtual office to provide comfort and support, and they have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The virtual Family Assistance Center (FAC) is available 24/7 to provide comfort and support, and referrals to local resources. They can offer emotional support, information, and referrals to help them navigate their grief and loss. They are trained to help with the emotional trauma of losing a loved one, while facing logistical challenges caused by the current health crisis. The FAC can help with immediate needs, such as providing emotional support and directing families to local resources.
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Realtor Profile
Tammy Jones of Tammy Jones Realty
For Tammy Jones, success in real estate is a blend of enjoying what you are doing and achieving a high level of quality and customer satisfaction. She has done both with flair and confidence and continues to be a top performer year after year.

She has achieved the No. 1 position in sales volume and highest number of transactions for District #9 of Tom Jones in New York State. The District includes All Hudson Valley Counties.

The latest awards continue her impressive trend that began when she formed Tammy Jones in 2002. She achieved the Chairman’s Club and Hall of Fame in just two-and-one-half years. She is listed in the Who’s Who in Real Estate of the nation and the Tammy “Bold” Jones name has become synonymous with real estate in the United States. Many individuals say “Everything she touches turns to Gold.”

For Tammy, the secret to success is to “work from the road.” She prides herself on being the most recommended realtor in the North East. “Your reputation becomes your passport to achieving great levels of business,” she said. “I am optimistic and bold thinking individual. I work hard for the people who choose me as their professional realtor. Tammy has the most listings “closed” every year and says “that is the most important statistic one can look at.”

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Who needs blood? Under normal circumstances, every two seconds some‐ one in the United States requires blood or blood products. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents, surgery, or birth complications; women with complications during childbirth, newborn babies; and patients suffering from leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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SUDOKU

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.

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1. Saut __ Marie
2. ___ firma
3. Failed auto
4. Makes lace
5. Humiliation
6. Implied
7. Implore
8. Wet
9. Haughtiness
10. Have on
11. Sufficient
12. Handyman’s beverage?
13. Amerindian
14. Pant’s undercoat
15. Happening
16. Beauciclan, at times
17. 6 Down and others
18. Rows
19. Cooking fat
21. Orchid genus
22. Check recipient
23. Order of whales
24. Landing place
25.Shortly
26. Stitch a second time
27. Wild animal handlers
28. City on the Seward Peninsula
29. Stand
30. On the train
31. Cotton gin man
32. Athlete from the Lone Star State
33. Find a new tenant
34. 1989-91 TV sitcom
35. Island off Scotland
36. Waterbirds
37. Center
38. Call’s neighbor
39. Neatness
40. Powerful ruler of old
41. Negative in 64 Across

Down
1. Wedge of pie
2. ___ firma
3. Failed auto
4. Cheap and showy
5. Maple genus
6. Laotian’s neighbor
7. Begin a tennis game
8. Frightens
9. Enfere choice
10. Cuts off
11. Become softer
12. Famous middle initial and last name
13. Pinnochio player’s word
14. Ties the knot
15. Sidestep
16. Female relative
17. Verve
18. Synthetic fabric
19. Man’s nickname
20. Murdered
21. 30-day period: abbr.
22. Malaysian canoe
23. Sent by plane
24. Spud
25. Place to play keno
26. Out-of-date
27. Singer McEntire
28. Late actor John
29. Silas of fiction
30. On the nose
31. Potato salad ingredient
32. Socrates’ forum
33. French girl’s name
34. Boring situation
35. As a result
36. Malicious look
37. Old Testament book
38. Snakebite remedies
39. Wind dir.

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.
Franchise new car auto dealers in Dutchess County, working through the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association (GNYADA), are donating 25,000 face masks to Dutchess County frontline workers, including residential facilities, nursing homes, and others to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is part of a donation of half a million masks GNYADA is making to the 12 downstate counties.

Since Gov. Cuomo announced that New Yorkers are required to wear masks in situations where adequate social distancing is not possible, the need has become clear, and auto dealers have been eager to help. “When New Yorkers are in need, time and again, franchise new car dealers and their employees are always there for the communities where they live and work. Auto dealers are the brick-and-mortar backbones of Main Streets and neighborhoods throughout the region, supporting each other throughout this Coronavirus pandemic, proving how such generosity becomes more important than ever.”

Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association (GNYADA) President Mark Schienberg, from left, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, and General Manager of Mercedes-Benz of Wappingers Falls Joseph Giordani hold boxes of donated masks for frontline workers in Dutchess County on May 4. (Courtesy photos)

Auto dealers, which collectively throughout the downstate region contribute over $20 million annually to charitable causes, including community organizations in Dutchess County, are once again racing to the aid of their neighbors. On Monday, May 4, GNYADA delivered to the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response the supply of 3-ply paper masks. The department will then distribute them to agencies and facilities on the frontline who need them. Since Gov. Cuomo announced that New Yorkers are required to wear masks in situations where adequate social distancing is not possible, the need has become clear, and auto dealers have been eager to help.

“More than 25,000 masks were donated by auto dealers in Dutchess County for frontline workers in the county.”

“New York auto dealers stand shoulder to shoulder with their employees and communities,” said GNYADA President Mark Schienberg. “During this extremely challenging time, when so many New Yorkers are suffering, losing loved ones, losing jobs, and struggling, car dealerships are once again here to contribute.”

The Dutchess County community has supported each other throughout this Coronavirus pandemic, proving how #DutchessResponds during these difficult times,” said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. “We are grateful to the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association for donating these much-needed masks to help in our efforts to protect those on the frontline. As more communities increase their preparedness and deal with the impact of this virus, supply lines for personal protective equipment continue to grow tight and such generosity becomes more important than ever.”

April is the time of year when GNYADA and the auto industry would have been hosting the 120th annual New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, which was converted to overflow hospital space. The popular event is now rescheduled to take place in late August and early September.

Franchised new car dealers collectively are the 10th largest retail employer throughout the downstate region, helping to support 71,280 jobs, contributing $2.5 billion in local and state taxes, and supporting a total payroll of $4.5 billion, according to an economic impact survey conducted in 2019.

New car dealers have been declared essential businesses. Service departments must fix cars and perform roadside assistance not only for other essential workers like doctors and nurses, but also for ordinary people who need to go to the grocery stores, the pharmacy, and carry out the necessities of daily life.