By Kristine Coulter

Stony Kill Foundation was one of 29 State parks, historic sites and public lands to receive a grant recently. “The grants announced today will help bolster efforts to keep New York’s open spaces beautiful and pristine at a time when more New Yorkers than ever are turning to nature for refuge and relaxation,” Governor Andrew Cuomo said recently in a release. “New York is thankful for this dedicated group of people who provide invaluable support to our park system by devoting their time to help make improvements that all of us can enjoy.”

Stony Kill received a $90,000 grant. The grant will be used to hire an executive director and go towards programs. “The Executive Director will bring the Stony Kill Foundation our first full-time staff member who is the chief administra- tor who will coordinate the day-to-day management of the organization, continue to grow and improve the organization according to the plan outlined in our strategic plan,” said Tim Stanley, President of the Stony Kill Foundation.

Stanley noted the position will be posted on some common job search engines like idealist.org and will also be posted on the Foundation website at www.stonykill.org.

“COVID-19 is showing us that local foods and connections to local farms is increasingly important for our food security. Stony Kill education and public programs are focused on developing an appreciation and connection to local agri- culture. As we emerge in a COVID-19 world we need to reenvision how people will interact with the farm including ways we can share our mission through virtual platforms. It is essential to adapt our programs for the health and safety of the public and how they engage and interact with the farm,” stated Stanley.

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said in a release, “Friends groups are on the front lines of supporting our facilities and key programming. We are grateful for all these groups provide and these grants help them provide it.”

Stanley remarked, “The Stony Kill Foundation is here to serve the communi- ty. The farm remains operational and is open sunrise to sunset daily. Families following social distance guidelines can enjoy the trails, fish in the ponds, and see deer grazing in the pastures. We are making plans for how we will resume programming and how we can engage with the public. Our staff are developing creative ideas to create virtual camp. We have revamped our member-

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Central Hudson crews restore power after tropical storm

One of the largest repair forces assem- bled by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., nearly 730 electric line and tree-clearing personnel together with a support staff of hundreds, worked to restore elec- tric service in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isias last week.

In total, power was interrupted on Tuesday to nearly 117,000 of the homes and businesses served by the utility, and as of 6 p.m. on Friday, service had been restored to more than 112,000 homes since the start of the storm.

“We thank our customers for their patience and understanding as we work to repair and restore electric service,” said Ryan Hawthorne, assistant vice president of electric engineering and operations. “We fully understand the necessity of electric service and the importance of safe and efficient power restorations on behalf our customers. We also thank the emergency respon- ders and our municipal, county and state leaders for their continued support, and

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for working with us hand-in-hand in clearing roads, repairing storm damage and serving the residents of our communities.”

Hawthorne stressed the need for continued safety and vigilance in addressing any remaining storm damage. “As a safety reminder, please continue to keep at least 30 feet away from downed power lines, and remember that lines may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees and limbs,” said Hawthorne. “Assume all downed lines are live, and maintain a wide distance from fallen trees and limbs.”

He said Central Hudson also follows New York State and CDC guidelines for the safety of the public and utility personnel by practicing social distancing when addressing emergencies. “We kindly ask that our customers, too, maintain social distancing with one another and our field personnel as they repair storm damage and restore power.”

Hawthorne urged customers to always keep safety in mind during any storm situation:

- Never use outdoor gas or charcoal grills indoors, as they pose a fire hazard and over time can give off carbon monoxide gas;
- Beware of fallen trees and limbs, and use caution or traveling;
- Avoid the use of candles for illumination due to fire hazards;
- Promote the tourism and economic development benefits of outdoor recreation through the growth and expansion of a connected statewide network of parks, trails and greenways.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said in the release, “New York’s amazing State Forests, State Parks, historic sites, and open spaces offer unrivaled beauty and unlimited activities for nature lovers and outdoor adventurers of all ages and abilities. This critical funding supports the State’s many not-for-profit partners who form the backbone of the New York’s Park and Trail Partnership Program and are an example of the power of the State’s $300 million Environmental Protection Fund.”

Awardees for the Mid-Hudson area also include:

- Banman’s Castle Trust ($63,000) - To replace broken sidewalks around the residence and the North Trail.
- Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks ($7,286) - To build a overnight trail shelter along the Appalachian Trail within the parks.
- Friends of Rockland Lake and Hook Mountain ($45,000) - To connect public schools with Hook Mountain, Rockland Lake, Nyack Beach State Park, Haverstraw Beach State Park and the Hudson River by expanding the “Learning in the Park” program.
- New York-New Jersey Trail Conference ($32,400) - To provide trail stewards at Minnewaska State Park Preserve.
- The Little Stony Point Citizens Association Inc. ($6,640) - For media equipment and new ceiling fans at the new Volunteer Center.
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It was removed, so Serino underwent radiation treatments five days per week for four weeks that began on Monday, July 13 and ran until Friday, Aug. 7. Serino has maintained her public schedule as she underwent the radiation treatment, but she wants others to know that personal health comes first saying, “Many of us—women especially—often think we have to ‘do it all.’ I was very fortunate that my early diagnosis allowed me to undergo a very manageable form of treatment that allowed me to keep most of my schedule intact, but I made it a point to listen to my body, rest when I needed to, and give myself time to heal. You cannot take care of others until you take care of yourself, especially when it comes to your physical or mental health. Getting that message out is especially important during this trying time, is critically important.”

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Fall high school sports still in limbo

By Rich Thomaselli

When New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Friday approved the reopening of all schools across the entire state, it provided a small measure of hope that fall high school sports would also be on the agenda.

The forever optimists figure that if schools can reopen, if summer travel ball can be played as it currently is, then fall sports can return.

Only, it’s not that easy.

The coronavirus pandemic already ended the 2020 winter season short of the state playoffs in most sports, and completely eliminated the spring season, as well as proms and graduations.

Fall sports have already been delayed by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) from an Aug. 24 start to Sept. 21, and previous guidelines put out by the National Federation of State High Associations (NFHS) on how to resume playing will prove to be difficult.

The guidelines for football, for instance, include no more than one player handling the ball on one play, making it more or less impossible.

Obviously, numerous challenges remain, such as the aforementioned question about football, or how social distancing on school buses will work when many local districts are already cutting capacity from 68 students on a bus to 22. And it’s unlikely that even a large school has enough financial resources to send multiple buses filled with football players and equipment and coaches to games.

NYSPHSAA executive director Robert Zayas said the association’s coronavirus task force committee will meet again soon and will work with the Gov.’s office on how to safely bring back sports.

“(The school reopening) announcement is a positive one for our association and the student-athletes. We can continue to work toward getting them back to practice,” he said.

With precedents set, however, it’s going to be difficult.

And while professional sports leagues have returned to play, we are witnessing the problems associated with not being in a so-called bubble. The National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League are both utilizing the bubbles and have avoided infections; Major League Baseball is not and already there has been an outbreak of 18 confirmed cases with the Miami Marlins and nine with the St. Louis Cardinals.

And that fact remains that, as of this moment, interscholastic sports are not permitted as per the Governor’s office.

And another season of no sports – or any extracurricular activity for that matter – would be devastating to students.

While there are seemingly many factors against bringing back fall sports, one thing in its favor is that student-athletes all over New York have been playing summer travel sports or going to camps – soccer, baseball, basketball, softball, field hockey and more – and there have been few, if any, reports of coronavirus infections.

The flip side is that off-season workouts for high school teams have been banned, so while some players have been able to engage in competition this summer, many have not. And they haven’t been able to work out with teammates.

It’s important to note that fall sports would not be canceled, but shifted. If the Sept. 21 start date is not approved and the fall sports season is lost, the NYSPHSAA has a contingency plan that calls for all three seasons to be condensed into 10-week seasons starting in January with winter sports. That would be followed by fall sports, and then spring sports would be played at its traditional time.

The problem is, each season overlaps the next one. While the dates are tentative, the NYSPHSAA will have to address a 28-day overlap between fall and spring, an overlap that would force many multi-sport athletes to choose between one season or the other.

In short, there seem to be too many factors on the negative side and not enough positives.

“Even with Cuomo giving the green light for kids to return to schools, unfortunately I don’t see any fall sports, especially football, happening,” Millbrook football coach Lou Portaro said. “Colleges are beginning to cancel their seasons, so I don’t see how high schools can play. There are still too many unknowns. I am hopeful for a season in the spring, but even the logistics of that will be tough to pull off.”
Vassar College closes campus to public for at least one month

By Rich Thomaselli

Janine and Patrick Lopez admitted that, “lately, we really don’t read the papers much or watch the news on TV or even listen to the radio in the car. With the [coronavirus], it seems like you hear nothing but bad news now for months,” Patrick said.

So imagine the Fishkill couple’s shock when they were told that, after transitioning from the Collegeview Avenue side of Vassar College in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Friday, this would be the last time that they would be able to walk on one of the most picturesque campuses in the country for at least the next three to four months.

“We felt broken and hurt,” Janine said. “We love coming here. We drive up here with the plan in mind to walk the campus and then do whatever errands we have in Poughkeepsie.”

She paused for a moment and said, “Is this true?”

Really.

And this was announced last week it would close its campus to the public starting Saturday, Aug. 8, until at least Sept. 7, when it will revisit the situation in consultation with Dutchess County health officials.

Saturday, Aug. 8 was the date that students began arriving in a staggered start to the fall semester at Vassar. President Elizabeth Bradley said students must submit a COVID-19 test before arriving and be subject to two on-site tests for the virus before classes begin. Any student coming from one of the 34 states on New York’s travel advisory list must quarantine for 14 days before attending classes.

“We have formulated this plan in consultation with county health officials, who believe it is best for the safety of both the community, Vassar students and employees,” Bradley said.

It is not known if other local colleges plan on doing the same.

“We know the campus is an important community resource and want that to be true in the future,” Anthony Frisic, chair of the Vassar College Board of Trustees, said. “But for the time being it is required by local public health officials that we close to non-essential visitors in order to continue the place on September 12 and 13.”

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“The safety of our guests is of top priority and as difficult as it is to have to wait another year, we feel it’s in everyone’s best interest,” added event coordinator Jennifer Cristaldi.

Cristaldi stated, “However, all is not lost! We will be holding a virtual event in its place on September 12 and 13.”

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“While we are unable to host our event live-streaming throughout the weekend. The Virtual 2020 Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival will be made accessible via email and social media channels by the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Fest team. The two-day event expanded on-campus restaurant presence and its place on September 12 and 13.”

Further details and a comprehensive schedule of programming to take place during the virtual event will be made available soon. Although tickets purchased for the 19th Annual Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival are nonrefundable, all patrons are advised to keep them in a safe place, as they will be honored for entry into the 2021 event.

Groupon voucher holders will have their voucher expiration date automatically extended through the 2021 event and should receive notification directly from Groupon.

This event takes place every year on the weekend following Labor Day, and will return to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in beautiful Rhinebeck, when the threshold for the continued health and well-being of the community is more certain.

For more information, please visit HudsonValleyWineFest.com or call 845-658-7181.

Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival canceled for 2020; Virtual event set

Following months of evaluation, consultation and discussion, the 19th Annual Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival slated to be held Sept. 12 and 13 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, has been canceled by the event’s governing body. Presented annually by WineRacks.com, the 2020 festival is the latest event canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is with great disappointment to announce that the annual in-person event will be canceled out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19,” said event coordinator Jennifer Cristaldi.

“We have formulated this plan in consultation with county health officials, who believe it is best for the safety of both the community, Vassar students and employees,” Bradley said.

She added that students would continue to work remotely with their professors and with the Hudson Valley and Albert Haiter Community College, and that Vassar’s Nursing School and Albert Haiter Center will open to enrolled families at the end of August as planned.

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HV Hospice announces formation of new Palliative Care affiliate Hudson Valley Health Choices, P.C.

Michael Kaminski, President and CEO of Hudson Valley Hospice and Albert Riddle, M.D., Chief Medical Officer at Hudson Valley Hospice, have announced the formation of a new palliative care affiliate, Hudson Valley Medical Health Choices, P.C. The practice is staffed by board certified physicians, nurse practitioners, and other health professionals who will provide palliative care consultative services under the leadership of Dr. Riddle. Hudson Valley Medical Health Choices, P.C., a community-based palliative care practice, which provides specialized medical care for patients with serious or life limiting illnesses.

Coordinated with the patient’s primary care physician(s), palliative care is based on the needs of the patient, not on the patient’s prognosis and is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of an illness. Referrals can be made by calling 845-297-0787.

One of Hudson Valley Hospice and Hudson Valley Medical Health Choices, P.C.’s main goals is to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family. While many patients with life limiting conditions or chronic, debilitative diseases, may not need or meet the clinical guidelines for admission to hospice, there are patients who often have unique symptom management needs, and most importantly, have the ability to make choices for their health care.

Dr. Riddle indicated that, “We have created Hudson Valley Medical Health Choices to meet this critical need in our community for patients who don’t need hospice care, but do need help dealing with a chronic condition or disease or a serious illness, and we are excited to be able to offer patients access to this type of care.”

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He made the purchase and on October 18, 1837 he married Elizabeth Nichols in Poughkeepsie and they proceeded the following year to relocate to the Dutchess County farm and establish a nursery and orchard that would become one of the finest apple-growing operations in the Hudson Valley for over the next hundred plus years. The house remains in the family.

Back to the handbill

So, what does this have to do with the handbill and why does it matter today?

It can be assumed that the handbill was Benjamin’s. As it turns out, it was likely something every sailor was required to be familiar with as they sailed in and out of New York Harbor. Containing 16 “Rules,” it details what protocols were to be observed on board all vessels detained at the Quarantine Ground, Staten Island, and issued by William Rockwell, who was Health Officer of the Port of New York between 1836 and 1840.

While today’s pandemic has made us aware of the 1918 Spanish Flu, it was the yellow fever epidemic of 1793 that struck Philadelphia and left 5,000 people dead out of a population of 50,000 that began a near-century long wave of recurring yellow fever epidemics that impacted other major cities such as Boston and New York City.

At the time, Philadelphia was the nation’s capital and the epidemic forced President Washington and the national government to relocate out of the city. Two years later during the hot and muggy summer of 1795, yellow fever arrived in New York City. New York merchants tried to deny the problem fearing that even a rumor of the spread of the disease could harm trading, but as news spread, many New York City residents relocated to the bucolic Greenwich Village north of the city.

New York City physicians formed a Citizen’s Health Commission that demanded the quarantine of all vessels arriving from Philadelphia and residents were cysterned not to invite strangers into their homes. In 1799, in response to the epidemic, New York State established a Quarantine Law that provided funding for the New York Marine Hospital and the creation of the Quarantine Ground, 30 acres of land formerly owned by St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

The Quarantine Ground could hold 1,000 patients and at its peak in the 1840s it was treating 8,000 people annually. Health inspectors like William Rockwell, in addition to their annual salary, were paid an additional sum for each incoming vessel they inspected.

Never popular with the neighbors, resentment over the Quarantine Ground grew throughout the years until arsonists set fire to the buildings in September of 1858.

Comparisons to 2020

For the past five months, the residents of Dutchess County have been called upon to respond to an infectious disease that seems at times to be uncontrollable. So were the residents of New York City from the 1790s through the 19th century until what is believed to be the last major epidemic of the yellow fever in 1905.

The handbill owned by Benjamin Hart that guided the operation of the “South American” as it came into New York Harbor in the 1830s tells us that folks then were called upon to do many of the same things that are being advocated and practiced today.

Rule #1 – Universal cleanliness must be maintained on board. (Wash your hands frequently.)

Rule #2 – All persons whatever, belonging to a vessel at Quarantine, are strictly prohibited from going on shore, except at the Health Office, unless by permission of the Health Officer.

Rule #3 – All personswhatever, belonging to a vessel at Quarantine, are forbidden to take on board with them any person who did not arrive in such vessel; and all passengers, or other persons who are suspected of having sailed from or on board of any vessel, except at the Health Office, unless by permission of the Health Officer.

Rule #4 – All communication between vessels put under Quarantine, is expressly prohibited.

A handbill issued by the Health Officer of the Port of New York sometime between 1836 and 1840, among the correspondence of LeCrone’s Capt. Benjamin Hart, outlining quarantine rules, some of which have a familiar, contemporary “ring.” DCHS, Hart-Hubbard Collection.

By Melodye Moore

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Alan Duane Johnson

Alan Duane Johnson, 60, of Ulster Park, New York, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, July 25th at the Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, with his beloved family by his side. He was born on March 23, 1960 in Montclair, NJ and was the son of C. Douglas Johnson and Sally Ann (Kynor) Johnson of Town of Poughkeepsie. Alan was married to Elizabeth Ann (Freeman) Johnson of Kingston, NY, daughter of Eugene and Selenia M. Freeman. Married June 7, 1980 and together they enjoyed 33 years of marriage. Mrs. Johnson passed away Jan 21, 2023 in a peaceful sleep surrounded by her loving family and friends.

After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1982, Alan worked as a computer field, always improving his knowledge and skills with IBM. From 1982 to 2002, he worked at the computer field. Alan's favorite place of employment was with Fleet Bank in Kingston, NY. His motto was, "never stop learning" and he made lasting and treasured friendships there. Alan's latest employment was with IBM of Southbury, CT as an Information Technology specialist. Alan was a member of St. Mary's Reformed Church, Kingston, NY, and was a member of the American Legion. He attended reunions periodically during the last 26 years with his Army Cavalry Brothers who shared the experience of living on the edge at the Guadalcanal fighting fields during World War II in the early 80s. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Danielle Connor (Zach Hart) of Kingston, NY and Michael Michael (Michael) of Glouceo, NY; and his mother, Sally Ann Johnson of Town of Poughkeepsie, NY also was survived. He was predeceased by his father, C. Douglas Johnson.

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Andrea P. Medley

Andrea P. Medley, Sr. (Sammy) of Poughkeepsie, NY and Medley of Poughkeepsie, NY; two daughters of Sammy and Andrea Medley (Vern), of Georgetown, SC; two step-children Aaron Owens (Jacqueline) of Grass Valley, CA and Tasha Owens (Beverly) of Hemmingway, SC; his six grandchildren, Matthew, Navonn, Bryan, Kyla, Lee and Caden; and his great-grandchildren. He is survived by his parents Thomas and Mildred Medley, and his eldest brother, Richard Medley. He was predeceased by his 9 days of age July 25, 2020.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Libby Funeral Home, 106-110 Market Street, Teller Avenue, Beacon. A Graveside Service will be held at 12:00 PM, at Hezekiah S. Brown Cemetery, Beaverdam Road, Rural Route 1, Poughkeepsie, NY. A Graveside Service will be held at the graveside, which is located at the cemetery on Teller Avenue. Andrea P. Medley, Sr. (Sammy) of Poughkeepsie, NY and Medley of Poughkeepsie, NY; two daughters of Sammy and Andrea Medley (Vern), of Georgetown, SC; two step-children Aaron Owens (Jacqueline) of Grass Valley, CA and Tasha Owens (Beverly) of Hemmingway, SC; his six grandchildren, Matthew, Navonn, Bryan, Kyla, Lee and Caden; and his great-grandchildren. He is survived by his parents Thomas and Mildred Medley, and his eldest brother, Richard Medley. He was predeceased by his 9 days of age July 25, 2020.

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REQUEST FOR BID

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM to consider a public hearing on an application filed by the City of Beacon, seeking a modification of the current zoning designation. The meeting will be held in the City Hall, 84 East Main Street, Beacon, New York. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide comments.

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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.

ACROSS
1. Cushion
4. Coffee
8. Actor's place
13. Untrustworthy one
14. Oddball
15. Of the neighborhood
17. Common contraction
18. Game show host
19. Have excellent brakes
22. Spanish rah
23. Good-looking cab?
24. Roof features
26. Close
29. Mama bird, at times
32. Nice dishes
36. Thirteen Popes
38. Communist leader
39. Solitary
40. Hope
41. Within: pref.
42. Word of approval
43. Central European river
44. Imploded
45. Free-for-alls
47. Ooze
49. Actor Rob ____
51. Facial hair
56. Assn.
58. Gradual increases in loudness, on a piano
61. Ugly bug
63. Unhappy word
64. Pillow candy
65. Narrow boat
66. Nearly all
67. Famous pen name
68. Fed the kitty
69. Canonized miles.
70. Born

DOWN
1. Religious sculpture
2. Man's name
3. Gets rid of
4. "Won't you ___?"; inviting phrase
5. Handle
6. Peddle
7. Mr. Shaw
8. Place for an arm
9. Half of a drum?
10. Approaching intrusively
11. Scottish Highlander
12. Robert
13. Word with eye or whip
20. Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
21. Clergyman's home
25. Organic compound
27. "When I was ___"
28. Names for French boys
30. Diminutive ending
31. Crucifix
32. Hard-shelled creature
33. Dwelling
34. Cruel; coarse
35. Hawaiian geese
37. Meanie
40. Recipient of the booby prize
44. Second word in a fairy tale
46. Engraved
48. Discharges
50. Stretched joinings
52. Madison Avenue executives
53. Sheer linen
54. Choosing rhyme opener
55. This; Sp.
56. Killer whale
57. Reddish horse
59. Word with car or machine
60. Container
62. College in Iowa

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Binox can be found on page 6
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DC St. Patrick’s Parade committee awards two scholarships

The Dutchess County St. Patrick’s Parade committee recently announced the 2020 High School Shop Scholarship winners. Justin Larosa, left, a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, will be attending Penn State University and plans to major in computer engineering. Alexis Murphy, right, a graduate of Red Hook High School, will attend the University of Detroit Mercy. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

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If an artist is only registering for The Group Show and Virtual Show, list Hudson Beach Glass, 162 Main St. in Beacon, as studio address on registration form. Catalogs will still be printed and distributed for Beacon Open Studios 2020. If one has any questions or concerns, please email director@beaconopenstudios.org.

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