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Walkers build awareness for high veteran suicide rates

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RAVENA — Each day, 22 veterans take their own lives. The statistics for active military servicemembers are just as grim — according to a report by Boston University, Army soldiers are nine times more likely to die by suicide than in combat. Military and veterans' supporters in the Ravena VFW Post 9594 are working to build awareness of the issue and on Sept. 22 held a walk called Mission 22. "Twenty-two veterans commit

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Thruway letter-writing campaign gains momentum

By **Marlene McTigue**
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RAVENA—The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (RCS) community is rallying behind a grassroots letter-writing campaign to address escalating truck traffic, which continues to disrupt daily life along state Routes 143 (Main Street, Ravena) and 144. At the center of the effort is Albany County Legislator Zach Collins, a Republican representing the 37th district, who is advocating for a new Thruway exit between exits 21B and 22 in the town of Coeymans to alleviate the burden of the excessive traffic. Collins explained that commercial vehicles, particu-

larly tractor-trailers, are causing headaches for residents on state Routes 143 and 144, impacting motorists in Coeymans and the village of Ravena. Currently, trucks must traverse these state routes to access Thruway exits 22 to the north and 21B to the south, contributing to the ongoing traffic issues in the area. "Truck traffic has become a serious problem for our community," Collins said. "These state routes are the main arteries for large commercial vehicles, which significantly impacts local drivers. We need to explore every option to improve the flow of traffic and enhance safety for our residents."

One of the primary solutions is the construction of a new Thruway exit. *See THRUWAY, page A2*



MARLENE MCTIGUE/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
Albany County Legislator Zachary Collins, R-Coeymans, and Library Director Lisa Neuman have joined forces to encourage local residents to participate in a letter-writing campaign to get a new Thruway exit constructed.

Library celebrates Banned Books Week with unique display



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The RCS Community Library celebrated Banned Books Week to honor books that have been banned or challenged over the years.

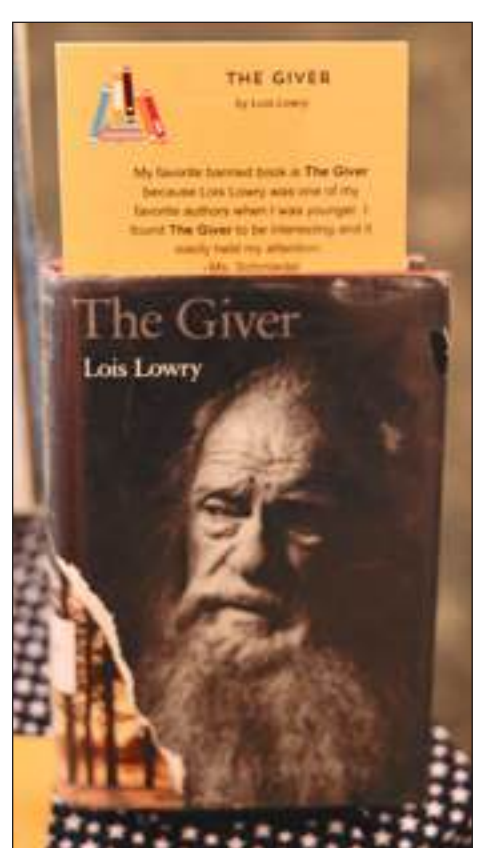
By **Marlene McTigue**
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RAVENA—The week of Sept. 22-28 marked "Banned Books Week," an annual event that underscores the importance of free and open access to information, and the RCS Community Library is joining the national conversation in a special way. In collaboration with the RCS High School English Department, the library has created a powerful display that features not just banned books, but personal reflections from community members about the significance of these challenged works.

The display, housed at the RCS Community Library, highlights favorite banned or challenged books chosen by library staff, board members and teachers from RCS High School. Alongside each book is a quote from the individual who selected it, explaining why the book holds special meaning for them. Titles include literary classics and contemporary works that have faced opposition or removal from schools and libraries at various points in time. Organizers wanted to not only showcase these books but also tell a story about why they resonate with our com-

munity. Jill Kobayashi, librarian at the RCS Community Library, explained that each book on display means something personal to the person who chose it, and their reflections are just as important as the books themselves. Books like "To Kill a Mockingbird," "1984," "The Catcher in the Rye" and "The Handmaid's Tale" are among the titles featured in the display, each of which has faced challenges for content that some have deemed controversial. Visitors to the library can read the personal reflections and learn more about

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"The Giver" by Lois Lowry was banned in some areas for a variety of reasons, from sexuality to violence to infanticide, according to The Banned Books Project.

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Some popular books have been either banned or challenged over their content or subject matter.

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why these books have been banned, while also considering their impact on readers in the RCS community.

The project is the result of a collaboration between the library and the RCS High School English Department. A complementary display has been set up in the RCS High School Library Media Center, reinforcing the shared commitment to intellectual freedom and the right

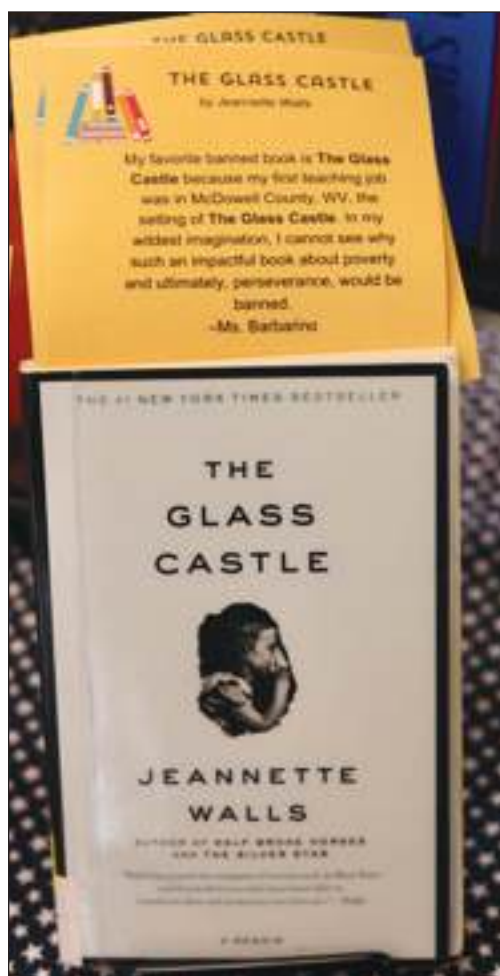
to read.

Jill Kobayashi praised the partnership, thanking the RCS High School English Department and Library Media Center for working together on this community project.

Banned Books Week serves as a reminder that the fight for intellectual freedom is ongoing, and the displays at both the RCS Community Library and the high school aim to inspire discussion and

reflection. Through this initiative, the RCS community is given the opportunity to engage with books that have sparked debate, challenged societal norms, and, in many cases, shaped readers' lives, according to organizers.

The RCS Community Library invited all members of the community to visit the display and explore the books that have impacted their neighbors and educators. The display



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"The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls is one of the books that was on display at the RCS Community Library during Banned Books Week.

remained up through the end of Banned Books Week, but the message it sends about the importance of free expression and access to diverse perspectives is sure



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The novel "Eleanor and Park" by Rainbow Rowell was one of the books selected for inclusion in the RCS Community Library's Banned Books Week display last week.

to resonate far beyond the week itself. Banned Books Week isn't just about the books that are on the list—it's about what those books represent. Organizers hope this display sparks meaningful conversations about why certain books are challenged and why it's so important to defend the right to read.

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tions Collins is advocating for is the creation of a new Thruway exit specifically for commercial vehicles, which would help reduce the burden on local roads.

"A new exit would be a game-changer, especially with the increased truck traffic related to industrial growth, such as the Port of Coeymans, Coeymans Industrial Park, and the Holcim Ravena Plant. It would give trucks direct access to the port without clogging up our small towns," Collins said.

Rebecca Flach, vice chair of the RCS Community Business Association, agrees.

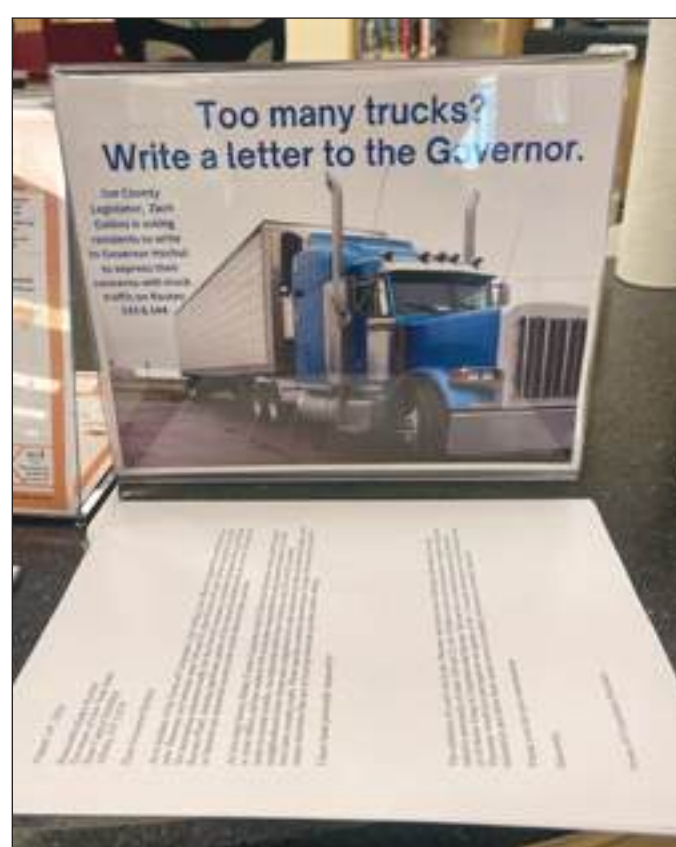
"There is no doubt that the truck traffic on Main Street is an impediment to economic development and Main Street revitalization," Flach said. "The community we envision would host sidewalk cafes and coffee shops. Getting a Thruway exit that would take the bulk

of the commercial truck traffic off main street would be a great first step toward the traffic calming we need to see our vision realized."

Despite the logistical challenges involved in creating a new exit, Collins has taken proactive steps by meeting with local and state officials, as well as representatives from Holcim, owner of the nearby quarry that generates significant truck traffic. These discussions have underscored the complexity of the issue, from securing Department of Environmental Conservation permits for a suggested new road through Holcim property to addressing road infrastructure improvements.

Nonetheless, Collins remains committed to pushing for a solution that would benefit both residents and local industries.

In mid-August, he launched a communitywide letter-writing campaign aimed at drawing state-level attention to the issue. The



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A display at the RCS Community Library assists patrons in participating in the letter-writing campaign.

campaign encourages residents to send letters directly to Gov. Kathy Hochul, requesting immediate action

and the construction of a new Thruway exit.

Lisa Neuman, director of the RCS Community Library, sees a worthy cause.

"We're providing residents with everything they need to participate—whether they need to print, sign, or mail letters. This is an opportunity for the community to make their voices heard on an issue that impacts their daily lives," Neuman said.

The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. Tara Van Der Heide, a part-time resident of the area, expressed her concerns about the increasing truck traffic.

"This town used to be so quiet, but the truck traffic has gotten out of control. It's a real safety concern. The letter-writing campaign is a brilliant idea, and I'm happy to support it," she said.

As the campaign continues to gain momentum, Collins is determined to keep the pressure on state officials.

"We're not stopping until we see real action," Collins said. "A new Thruway exit would go a long way in reducing the truck traffic burden on our community, and with enough support, we can make it happen."

The letter-writing campaign began just before the Friendship Festival in mid-August and has no set end date. Residents are encouraged to visit the RCS Community Library to participate, or they can contact Collins' office for more information on how to get involved or visit the link at <https://shorturl.at/U141c>.

Collins is hopeful that the community's unified voice will result in meaningful action from state officials, bringing relief to the impacted areas.

"This is about more than just traffic," Collins said. "It's about ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents by finding long-term solutions to the challenges our community faces every day."

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Families are invited to enjoy a day of fun and educational activities, including:

- Enchanting Forest Experiences: Explore the beauty of the Siuslaw Model Forest.
- Live Open Fire Pit Cooking: Chef Tom Ellis will be preparing delicious grilled cheese, s'mores, and a savory fall soup.
- Nature-Based Activities: Create natural crowns with 4-H, participate in a Trick or Treating adventure, and embark on a Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt with prizes.
- Face painting and temporary tattoos!
- Woodland Creature Costume Competition at 3:00 pm: Children 12 and under can enter for best woodland creature costume.

Costumes are encouraged for this woodland adventure.

Registration and Fee: To register for the Fall Family Fun Afternoon, please visit our website at CceColumbiaGreene.org/family-fun-afternoon.

The fee is as follows:

- Adult: \$18 in advance (\$22 day of)
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- "Please join us in helping to build the ROC in honor of Eric Rasmussen and his over 60 years of dedicated service to Greene County".

— Lisa Gallina, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties

- Location: Siuslaw Model Forest 6055 Route 23, Acra, New York 12405.

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News from the Past in Memory of Harry A. Sturges



IN MEMORY OF Harry A. Sturges

News Herald – September 26, 1924 – F.E. Bleezarde, Publisher Coeymans: The appearance of the homestead on the Blaisdell farm is being improved by a

fresh coat of white paint. The faculty of the high school and several friends enjoyed a beef steak and corn roast on the rocks at Dean's Mill on Wednesday afternoon. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will hold their annual meeting and election of officers in the home of Mrs. G. Coddington on Church Street this (Friday) afternoon. The Banner girls of the M.E. church held their annual meeting in the chapel on Friday evening last week: President Dorothy Minkler; secretary Etta Mizener; treasurer, Sylvia Smith. After the transaction of business,

games were played and refreshments were served. Workmen are making repairs to the middle ground dyke. It is reported that the dyke is to be replaced by a concrete one later on. **Ravena:** A large oil truck broke through the bridge near the foot of the hill near Day's filling station on Friday past and closed the detour. The traffic then had one other way to go, which was through Whitbeck Road. Ten young girlfriends attended a surprise birthday party in honor of Miss Beatrice Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tompkins of Central Avenue last Sat-

urday evening. The guests included Selma Rockefeller, Edith Starr, Minnie Powell, Margaret Sayers, Irene and Merle Gedney, Elizabeth Dyke, Elizabeth Bailey and Harriet DeFriest. The Saturday game on the Mosher Park diamond in Ravena was a one-sided big score game that was won by the local team. The score was 17 to 8. The only time that the NY Centrals of Albany showed any pep was in the sixth inning. Mrs. Dominic Caraccio passed away at her home on lower Main Street on Sunday night at the age of 52. She is survived by her husband, who conducts the store

on the south side of Main Street, and was formerly a resident of South Bethlehem. **Coeymans Herald – September 25, 1889 - S.H. & E.J. Sherman, Proprietors** Mr. Jas. McNamara has greatly improved his property on Main St. by putting a gravel walk in front. Large consignments of timber and lumber are being delivered, which is an indi-

cation that the building activity is to continue. Capt. Charles Zeigler is delivering building sand at this place with his vessel. Mr. Marvin Sutton will have a new residence built during the fall. Mr. John VanHoesen's house presents a neat appearance in its fresh coat of paint. When you get ready to set up your stove this fall, mix a little salt and vinegar and clean the mica. Corn husks, walnut shucks and chestnut burrs are all unusually thick this fall. This is said to augur an unusually cold winter.

Historic tax credit for newspaper and broadcast media spurs resurgence of local journalism

Earlier this year, Capital Region Independent Media—which publishes the Ravena News-Herald, The Columbia Paper and the Greenville Pioneer—joined over 200 other local newspapers in New York state to launch the Empire State Local News Coalition, which successfully advocated for a state tax credit to support jobs in local newsrooms across the state.

Now, the fruits of this effort are paying off.

Spurred by the Newspaper and Broadcast Media Jobs Program – the nation's first tax credit incentivizing hiring at local media outlets – three new local newspapers launched earlier this month in areas previously impacted by newsroom closures in Westchester and on Long Island.

Two of the three Westchester communities that lost their newspapers earlier this year saw the founding of the Rivertowns Dispatch (Ardsley, Hastings-On-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington) and The Recorder (Bedford, Lewisboro, Pound Ridge). A third newspaper, the Floral Park Villager, debuted on Long Island in a community that lost its own weekly paper during the COVID-19 pandemic, further demonstrating the program's ability to revive local journalism and reestablish connec-

tions within these communities.

"I've been doing this media thing for over 30 years and one of the things that I enjoy is that no matter where I moved around the country to grow my career, when I got to these places in Asheville, North Carolina, in Roanoke, Virginia, I worked for the product that was in the lives of these people for their entire lives," Capital Region Independent Media's Publisher and Vice President Warren Dews Jr. said.

The state tax credit helps local newspapers stay afloat and grow.

"This tax credit allows me to continue doing what I do. I love this game of media. I love this game of keeping communities together. I love doing what I do and for years, I thought I was going to have to leave this, but this tax credit helps me and Capital Region Independent Media do what we do and that's bringing people together, connecting communities, making sure people understand and believe the things they are reading and not just be somebody's opinion, and do the work of journalism, so I'm happy that this tax credit is alive and well," Dews continued. "It's going to allow us to do the work that we do and keep people connected."

Advocates of the legislation

say it benefits not only journalism, but the community as a whole.

"When we support local journalism, our communities win," said Zachary Richner, founder of the Empire State Local News Coalition and director of Richner Communications. "The launch of new local, independent news outlets in Westchester and Long Island is a testament to the momentum created by New York's passage of the nation's first tax credit for hiring at local media outlets. We started the Empire State Local News Coalition after some of these very communities lost vital news sources earlier this year and are thrilled by this resurgence in a shockingly short amount of time."

The Empire State Local News Coalition, which represents over 200 New York newspapers, was instrumental in advocating for the program's inclusion in the state budget, which offers a 50% refundable tax credit on the first \$50,000 of each employee's salary, with a cap of \$300,000 per business over three years. The passage of this bill aims to help combat the state's rapid decline in local journalism in New York. The state has lost nearly half of its newspapers and thousands of media jobs over the past two decades.

Publishers of the new news-

papers shared their optimism and positive outlook for their industry in light of the Newspaper and Broadcast Media Jobs program. Allison Schulte, publisher of the Rivertowns Dispatch stated, "We launched the Rivertowns Dispatch to bring back local news to the communities of Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Ardsley & Dobbs Ferry, New York after our old local newspaper closed earlier this year. We launched the Rivertowns Dispatch because we believe starting with a shared set of facts makes for richer community life, and that newspapers can be fun as well as useful. We are thrilled for the passage of the New York Newspaper and Broadcast Media Jobs Program because it makes it easier for us to hire full-time, quality journalists to share the news and information our communities want and need. We are so grateful to the Empire State Local News Coalition for its advocacy in bringing urgency to the challenges facing New York's local media industry."

Lloyd Trufelman, co-founder and publisher of The Recorder, highlighted the critical role of local news in preserving democracy.

"The launch of The Recorder, a nonprofit, nonpartisan newsroom, shows New Yorkers recognize that a healthy democracy depends on

access to reliable, quality news sources to stay informed," he said.

Trufelman expressed hope that similar policies would continue to bolster nonprofit news outlets and support a diversified local news ecosystem.

On Long Island, Meg Morgan Norris, publisher of the Floral Park Villager, emphasized the program's importance in the decision to launch the new paper.

"The loss of Floral Park's longtime newspaper, the Gateway Bulletin, during the COVID-19 pandemic was devastating for this tight-knit community. With the tax credit, there is a path to long-term fiscal stability for outlets like ours," Norris said.

As local journalism continues to face evolving challenges, the Empire State Local News Coalition and Capital Region Independent Media remain committed to advocating for long-term sustainability in the industry so that communities in places like Albany, Columbia and Greene counties have trusted local news sources. These new publications mark a hopeful step forward in the resurgence of local media across New York, with the coalition pushing for continued legislative support to ensure the long-term sustainability of local journalism.

VFW/AMVET monthly meetings

RAVENA — VFW/AMVET Post 9594 meets the second Thursday of every month with a social hours at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Oct. 10.

All veterans are welcome.

The post is located at 13 Whitbeck St. in Ravena, next to Mosher Park. Call 518-756-9594 for more information.

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In the Rayburn hallway, gathering strength and resolve before the next meeting to advocate for the protection of America's horses.



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Keith Dane, senior director on Equine Protection for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and Susan Kayne, founder of Unbridled Sanctuary.

NY rescues, sanctuaries unite in Washington to lobby for equine protections

Horses of Unbridled



SUSAN KAYNE

In a powerful demonstration of unity, representatives from New York's equine rescues and sanctuaries recently converged on Washington D.C. to advocate for stronger nationwide protections for horses. Our mission was clear: to elevate New York's groundbreaking equine welfare laws to the federal level, ensuring that all of America's horses receive the care and respect they deserve.

As the founder of Unbridled Sanctuary, I was joined by the founders of Begin Again Rescue, Equine Rescue Resources, and Mustang Valley Sanctuary in this crucial endeavor. Together, we represented the voices of thousands of horses across our state and the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to protect them.

New York is a pioneer in equine protection, enacting legislation that sets a gold standard for horse welfare. In 2021, our state became the first to pass a law to criminalize the sale of Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds for slaughter. In 2023, this groundbreaking legislation extended its protection to include mules, donkeys, ponies, and all breeds of horses.

However, as we've learned through our work, these state-level protections can be easily circumvented by transporting horses across state lines. This loophole underscores the urgent need for federal action to ensure consistent, nationwide safeguards for all equines.

During our visit to Capitol Hill, we met with numerous legislative aides and correspondents, including Mason May from U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik's office and Darien Harbeck from U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko's team; Mitchell Lee from Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's office and Savannah Shore from Sen. Chuck Schumer's office; and Finn Donahue from U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan's office. These meetings provided invaluable opportunities to share our firsthand experiences and advocate for critical legislation that could transform the lives of horses across the country.

At the heart of our lobbying efforts was the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3475/S. 2037). This bipartisan bill, which has garnered support from over 80% of Americans, would permanently



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Rescue and Sanctuary leaders from New York state stand united on the Capitol steps, prepared to bring the voices of America's equines to the nation's leaders, urging for lasting change.

end commercial horse slaughter nationwide. We urged our representatives to prioritize and fast-track their support for this crucial legislation, emphasizing the importance of including its language in the upcoming Farm Bill.

The SAFE Act addresses a grim reality that many Americans are unaware of: despite there being no active horse slaughterhouses in the U.S., tens of thousands of American horses are shipped to Canada and Mexico each year for slaughter. This practice not only subjects horses to inhumane treatment but also poses risks to human health, as horses are not raised for human consumption and may contain substances prohibited in food animals.

In addition to the SAFE Act, we advocated for several other critical pieces of legislation:

- 1) The Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act (H.R. 3656): This bill aims to end the cruel practice of helicopter roundups used to gather wild horses and burros on public lands. These roundups cause immense stress, injury, and a violent death to these majestic creatures, often tearing apart family bands and robbing them of their freedom.
- 2) The Ejiao Act (H.R. 6021): This legislation would prohibit the sale and trade of ejiao, a gelatin derived from donkey hides. The growing demand for ejiao has led to the brutal slaughter of millions of donkeys worldwide, threatening global donkey populations and the livelihoods of communities that depend on them.
- 3) The Horse Transportation Safety Act (H.R. 2441):

This act would ban the use of double-decker trailers for horse transport. These trailers, designed for shorter animals like cattle and pigs, do not provide adequate headroom for horses, leading to injuries and sometimes fatal accidents.

At Unbridled Sanctuary, we provide a forever home to 65 equine residents, including horses, donkeys and mules. Each of these animals represents thousands more who are in desperate need of protection. During our meetings in Washington, we emphasized that while sanctuaries like ours play a crucial role, they cannot solve the systemic issues facing equines in America. Only strong, comprehensive federal legislation can ensure the safety and well-being of all horses, donkeys and mules across the nation.

The response we received from legislative offices was largely positive, with many expressing genuine interest in the issues we presented. However, the reality of Washington politics means that turning this interest into concrete action will require sustained effort and public support.

This is where you, our fellow New Yorkers and horse lovers across the country, come in. Your voices are crucial in this fight for equine welfare. We urge you to contact your representatives and senators, expressing your support for the SAFE Act and other equine protection legislation. Share the stories of rescued horses in your communities and help educate others about the challenges facing America's equines.

The unity and strength demonstrated by New York's equine welfare community in this lobbying effort is truly inspiring. It serves as a powerful reminder that when we come together for a common cause, we can make a real difference. Our state's leadership in equine protection has set a high bar, and now it's time to ensure that these standards are adopted nationwide.

As we continue this important work, we invite you to stay informed and involved. Follow the progress of these bills, attend local events supporting equine welfare, and consider supporting your local rescues and sanctuaries. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

- 1) Contact your representatives: Call or write to your local congressman and senators, urging them to support the SAFE Act and other equine protection legislation.
 - 2) Educate others: Share information about horse slaughter and other equine welfare issues on social media or in your community.
 - 3) Support local rescues: Volunteer, donate or sponsor a horse at a local equine rescue or sanctuary.
 - 4) Adopt, don't shop: If you're considering adding a horse to your family, adopt from a rescue rather than purchasing from a breeder or auction.
 - 5) Report abuse: If you suspect horse abuse or neglect, report it to your local animal control or law enforcement agency.
- The path to nationwide equine protection may be long, but with continued effort and



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Susan Kayne, founder of Unbridled Sanctuary, at the annual Homes for Horses Coalition conference in Washington, D.C., advocating for equine protection and the abolition of horse slaughter.



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New Yorkers united outside U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko's office, standing with a true champion for America's equines, whose unwavering support is driving the fight for their protection.

the support of compassionate citizens like you, we believe it is achievable. The horses, donkeys and mules who share our lives and our landscapes deserve nothing less than our fullest commitment to their well-being.

Our recent trip to Washington D.C. was just the beginning. We will continue to work, both in New York and on the national stage, to ensure that the spirit of our state's groundbreaking equine protection laws spreads across the nation. Together, we can create a safer, more humane world for all equines.

As we reflect on our time in Washington, we are filled with both hope and determination. The solidarity displayed by New York's equine advocates

sends a powerful message: we are stronger together, and we will not rest until every horse in America is protected from cruelty and exploitation.

The journey ahead may be challenging, but with your support and the continued dedication of our rescue and sanctuary community, we are confident that we can bring about meaningful change. Let's work together to make New York's vision of comprehensive equine protection a reality for horses nationwide.

Susan Kayne is the founder and president of Unbridled Sanctuary, an equine rescue on the border of Albany County and Greenville.

Peace Pilgrim

Positively Speaking



TOBY MOORE

It's easy to feel like everything is falling apart these days. The economy is uncertain, with prices climbing and jobs becoming more unstable. We hear endless news about war and global unrest, and as elections approach, the sense of instability only grows.

Many of us lie awake at night, wondering how we'll make it through these difficult times.

Wouldn't it be nice to let go and trust that everything

will be OK?

That's precisely how Peace Pilgrim lived her life. In 1953, she set out on a mysterious journey that would last nearly 30 years, walking over 25,000 miles zig zagging across the United States.

She gave up her name, her possessions and her home, choosing to live with nothing but the clothes on her back, a comb, a pen, and a few small pieces of paper. She had no money, no food, and no specific destination, yet she walked without fear, relying on the kindness of others for food and shelter.

Her mission was to spread a message of peace, and through her unwavering faith, she trusted that everything she needed would be provided.

Peace Pilgrim lived in simplicity. "Unnecessary

possessions are unnecessary burdens. If you have them,

you have to take care of them!" she would often say.

Her life was proof that there is great freedom in simplicity.

She believed that "those who have enough but not too much are the happiest." With nothing but her faith and her message, she showed that peace and contentment come from within, not from material things.

Throughout her journey, she encountered challenges that would have caused most people to lose hope, but her trust never wavered. She believed that "a pilgrim is a wanderer with a purpose." Her purpose was to spread peace, and she trusted that life would support her in that mission. And time after time, the help she needed arrived—often in mysterious ways.

Once, while walking through the Rocky Mountains, she was caught in a

fierce snowstorm with no shelter in sight. It seemed impossible that she could make it through the night. But instead of panicking, she kept walking, trusting that something would come. Sure enough, just as the storm became unbearable, a stranger appeared, offering her a warm coat and a place to stay. The stranger had no reason to be there but had felt an inexplicable urge to drive down that road.

Another time, while walking through the Mojave desert, she went days without food. Hunger gnawed at her, but she remained calm. She knew that help would arrive when she needed it. And sure enough, a man driving down that empty road stopped to offer her food and water. He had felt a nudge to take a detour, not knowing why, but was surprised to find her there.

She once said, "For light,

I go directly to the source of light, not to any of the reflections." She trusted not in the material world but in a deeper, spiritual source. She showed that peace comes from within, which can produce a knowing that everything will be taken care of.

The true mystery of Peace Pilgrim wasn't just how she survived physically, but how she radiated such calm and positivity in every situation.

"When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others," she said.

And indeed, wherever she went, people felt drawn to her message of peace.

Her calm, centered presence inspired thousands of people.

Though her identity remained unknown for many years, it wasn't until after her death in 1981 that people

learned she had been born Mildred Lisette Norman. She had lived a normal life before experiencing a spiritual awakening that led her to dedicate her life to peace.

Despite her hardships, she always remained positive, saying, "Keep your feet on the ground and your thoughts at lofty heights."

The secret may be found in trusting the journey and believing in the goodness of others and the world. By following the example of Peace Pilgrim, we can learn to embrace uncertainty, knowing that even in the most trying times, life provides exactly what we need.

Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy-nominated "A Separate Peace," and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Walkers make their way around the VFW Post as part of Mission 22, a walk to raise awareness of the high rates of military veteran suicides.

WALKERS, from page A1

suicide every day," event organizer Mary Ellen Rosato said. "When their tour is over, the mission begins to help our veterans."

Mission 22, the first event of its kind in Ravena, was held at the VFW Post in the village and drew walkers both from the VFW Auxiliary and from the community. Information was made available to walkers and those who might need support or

assistance, and whatever information was not distributed at the walk is now available at the town and village offices, and at the library.

For Rosato, the issue of military and veteran suicides hit close to home when a colleague of her son took her own life after returning state-side.

"My son came home on the USS Reagan and when he came home, there was a young girl who hung herself," Rosato said. "I'm also

a Blue Star Mother and we send boxes overseas to let our veterans know that we care. We get a lot of letters back saying no one cared about them. That's where a lot of the suicide issues come from — they don't think anyone cares, so we have to make sure that they know."

Mission 22 was designed to make people aware of the high rates of suicide among veterans and how they can help.

"Our goal is to build

awareness of suicide, see if there is anyone who needs information, and people are also giving donations," Rosato said. "We will send a box from the auxiliary overseas to people who might need a little something special."

Rosato also worked with a colleague who died by suicide. Too often, she said, suicide is driven by temporary situations.

"It is a permanent solution to a temporary problem," she said.

Deputy Mayor Nancy Warner participated in the walk to show support for anyone who is considering suicide. September was Suicide Awareness Month.

"This is a very important event — we want to be supportive of [people considering] suicide, but for the military, all the more," Warner said. "I never realized it was that big of an issue and I think a lot of other people don't know either, so this is a very enlightening event."

Town Highway Superintendent Daniel Baker brought his two children to participate in the walk to show support for veterans.

"I wanted to show them the significance and the importance of our veterans in this great country that we live in," Baker said. "In my mind, there is nothing more important than veterans who served."



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Walkers gathered at the VFW Post in the village to show support for veterans and to make people aware of suicide rates among veterans after they have returned home.

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Letters to the Editor

Stolen lawn sign

To the Editor:
Shame on you. No respect for a veteran? Return the lawn sign that was taken on or about September 21st.
You trespassed and stole private property. Maybe you did

not know that theft or vandalizing yard signs is considered a crime New York.

Christine Primomo
Coeymans

Cameras

Whittling Away



DICK BROOKS

I was going through my desk the other day and came across a packet of negatives. The long strips that had five or six negative images of pictures I had had printed back in the ancient days of cameras that used film brought back distant memories.

Almost everybody today carries a camera with them all the time. The smartphone has singlehandedly killed off the camera and film industry.

I'm always pulling mine out and taking pictures of everything I find interesting or useful. I took a picture the other day of the mouthwash The Queen wanted. At the

drugstore, I pulled out my phone, looked at the picture and was able to come home with the very product she wanted. After the drugstore, I stopped at a local thrift shop and saw something I thought she might be interested in so I took a picture of it and texted it to her.

I always have hundreds of pictures in my phone that I can call up at a moment's notice. Back in the day (a useful phrase I find I'm using more and more), you needed to have a camera and film to take a picture. Most folks had a basic point-and-shoot camera that you could purchase at most drugstores or at one of the "Big Box" stores of the time—Newberry's, Woolworth's, Montgomery Ward's or Sears.

Next you needed film to fit the camera you bought. Most of the cameras I had used Kodak 126 film. You chose color or black and white and the number of pictures you wanted, usually 12 or 24 pictures per roll.

If you were going to take pictures inside, you needed

a flash attachment and flash bulbs or flash cubes, which plugged into the camera top. If you got serious about taking pictures, you bought a 35 mm camera with an adjustable lens, a light meter, a telescopic lens, a close-up lens, a flash gun and a tripod. You needed a bag about the size of a small suitcase to carry all this junk around.

No matter what kind of camera you used, when you had taken the number of pictures on the roll of film in your camera, you had to open the camera, take out the roll of film, reload the camera with a fresh roll, then take your film to the drugstore or mail it to Kodak to have it developed. There were even little booths in parking lots where you could drive up to and drop your film off.

In a week or so your pictures were ready, and you went and picked up the fat envelope, opened it and got to see your masterpieces for the first time. The envelope contained your pictures and negatives so if you liked a particular picture, you could

take the negative of that picture to the drugstore and get another print of that picture made.

When you got your pictures home, you supposedly put them in photo albums. Most of mine wound up in shoeboxes in the closet. Despite my best intentions to write information about who was in the picture or where it was taken, very few of them got the who, what and where written on them, so now on the very rare occasions that I thumb through a box of them, I have no idea who the people or places are.

Such are the things memories are made of.

Thought for the week — "A lot of people don't recognize opportunity because usually it goes around wearing overalls and looking like hard work." ~ Thomas Edison

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

Reach columnist Dick Brooks at Whittle12124@yahoo.com.



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The Heritage Craft Fair is coming to the Bronck Museum in Coxsackie on Oct. 6, from 12-4.

Bronck Museum's Heritage Craft Fair

COXSACKIE — On Sunday, Oct. 6, celebrate the fall season in the Hudson Valley at the Bronck Museum's Heritage Craft Fair from 12-4 p.m.

On porches, nestled beside the barns and spread across the lawns, crafters will be offering for sale all manner of traditional handmade goods including a variety of hand-knitted, hand-sewn, and quilted goods, hand-spun knitting wool, spicy candles, handmade teddy bears, pottery and more.

Buy local maple syrup, honey products and homemade jams. Purchase wonderful things for your home or unique Christmas presents. Stop under the oak trees on the south lawn to chat with Pieter Bronck himself and try the potent drink he concocted over 300 years ago.

Stroll along the old King's Road to visit the farm's unusual 13-sided hay barn and exhibits in the Bronck Barracks. Then rest awhile and enjoy American bluegrass and country music performed by Running the River.

Make the trip to the Bronck Museum Heritage Craft Fair and celebrate for one early autumn afternoon the rural heritage of America.

Admission to this event is free, and it takes place in fair or foul weather. The Bronck Museum is located at 90 County Route 42 in Coxsackie.

For additional information, contact the Bronck Museum at 518-731-6490 or visit gchistory.org. This event is made possible with funds from the Greene County Legislature.

Riverhawk Fitness Center open to public with free registration

COXSACKIE — The Coxsackie-Athens Central School District announced the Riverhawk Fitness Center, located at Coxsackie-Athens High School, is open for community members free of charge.

The fitness center is open Monday through Friday from 4-7 p.m. (except holidays and snow days). Individuals can register to use the fitness center by visiting the District Office at 24 Sunset Boulevard, Coxsackie, NY, 12051,

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register for the program, individuals will need to complete and sign a release form that can be accessed on the district's website or can be picked

up in each school office. The registration form must be dropped off at the district office where individuals, with a valid form of ID, will be provided an access swipe badge to be used to enter the building.

The Fitness Center's website page can be accessed at cacsd.org/page/riverhawk-fitness-center.

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Lunch was provided by Smokin' Pig Deli. Vendors brought samples of their safety equipment and products and talked with employees about their day-to-day needs.

Safety Day was the kick-off to Holcim's global health, safety, and environmental (HSE) days, which will occur through next month. This year's theme is "You are my HSE Hero". The plant will have safety stand-downs during which employees will pause to talk about safe work policies and practices.

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Garden of the Month

The Clematis Garden Club has chosen as Garden of the Month, the expansive gardens of Donald and Pamela Otten, who have lived in the Greenville area for the past 25 years on Kudlack Lane.

They built their beautiful home on 160 acres of woods and open fields. Their gardens have grown over the years and they have enjoyed adding arbors, hardscape, plantings and

mulching around their house to form a beautiful garden setting for both summer and winter.

The perennial and annual flowers, trees and shrubs attract beautiful birds and butterflies so Donald and Pamela truly enjoy watching wildlife (also the pesky deer) from their wraparound porch along with the gorgeous weather scenes.

The Clematis Garden Club meets at the American Legion

Hall on 54 Maple Ave. it Greenville on the Third Friday of the month at 1 p.m. Club members come from Greene, Albany and Schoharie counties, and guests are welcomed to listen to speakers covering outside gardening, how to design with houseplants, cooking with healthy plants, making wreaths to take home and more.

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Greenville Day draws visitors from Coeymans, Ravena



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
Families could pick up and pet turtles, snakes and other animals during Greenville Days at Vanderbilt Town Park.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
Benjamin Holdridge, 4, of Ravena, pets a giant snake at the reptile exhibit at Greenville Days on Saturday.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
There was plenty of fun for all ages at Saturday's festivities in the town park.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
A hawk wowed the crowd at the Birds of Prey exhibit Saturday during Greenville Days.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
Maverick Dunckle, 6, paints pumpkins in the expo tent.



MELANIE LEKOCEVIC/CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA
Gared Wilkie and Diane Weisbeck, from Community Partners of Greenville, shared information on how residents can help their community.

By Melanie Lekocevic
Capital Region Independent Media

GREENVILLE — By 2 p.m., a line of cars was waiting patiently to get into Vanderbilt Park on Saturday for the 18th annual Greenville Day celebration.

Some visitors made the trek from Ravena and Coeymans to join in the festivities.

Held over the course of two days — Friday and Saturday — the celebration saw everything from games and bounce houses to reptile exhibitions, a birds of prey display, sheriff's K9 demonstrations, pony rides, vendors, food and more.

"This is about giving back — it's a great way to end the summer," Deputy Town Supervisor and Town Councilman Paul Macko said. "We've had really good weather this year and people have come out."

The festivities began Friday evening, with plenty of games and vendors, and as he does every year, Macko handed out free hot dogs, bottled water and Halloween candy.

"We grilled about 350 hot dogs," Macko said. "Everyone had a good time and the kids had a blast with the 'foam party.' Last year it was in the parking lot and this year we did it on the ballfield, and the kids had a fantastic time."

There were no carnival rides this year due to the high cost of the rides and the insurance, but there were plenty of bounce houses, games and other activities for the children.

Town Councilman and Community Partners member Richard Bear said there were about 45 vendors at this year's Greenville Day.

"The event is great for the community — it's great for the kids and a great way to bring families out," Bear said. "You can even see some senior citizens running

around. They all enjoy it."

Greenville Day has always been held at Vanderbilt Park but got its start as a chili cook-off and parade.

"Then we changed it up to do an event like this to bring in more people," Bear recalled.

Under the expo tent at the park's entrance there were dozens of community groups showing off what they do and encouraging others to get involved.

"It showcases different events and organizations in our community," Macko said.

Maverick Dunckle, 6, painted pumpkins under the expo tent.

"My favorite thing was throwing the axes," Maverick said, referring to inflatable toy axes that visitors could throw at an inflatable bullseye. "I also liked petting the snake — it's a really long one."

There were a couple of animal exhibits, including a birds of prey tent and a reptile display. Benjamin Holdridge, 4, of Ravena, showed no fear when he handled a giant yellow snake. Ember Lang, 6, loved seeing the birds of prey and the snake, too.

"My favorite thing was seeing the owls," Ember said. "I loved the big yellow snake, too. I held it last year — and I wasn't scared."

Greenville Day is an annual tradition that draws visitors from the local area but also from beyond.

"This is a great thing for the community," Greene County Legislator Greg Davis, R-Greenville, said. "It brings people together and they get to celebrate the community that they live in and a lot of people come from other towns, too, to enjoy the day with us. It's a beautiful day and people are having fun."

Greenville Day concluded Saturday with a fireworks show at nightfall.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius & Heard, with local musician Brian Melick, will open the concert series Oct. 3 at noon.



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The Mariachi band Fiesta del Norte will be the featured musical performer at the second in the concert series on Oct. 10.

HVCC's Noon Concert Series begins October 3

TROY—Hudson Valley Community College's Cultural Affairs Program resumes its popular noontime concert series for the fall 2024 semester with four varied events, beginning on Oct. 3 with Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius & Heard, who will perform with two dancers.

All four concerts run from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium on the Troy campus, and are open free to the public. No reservations or tickets are needed to attend.

• Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius & Heard

Thursday, Oct. 3 at noon

With a passion for jazz and improvisation, Heard's versatile musicians — who've performed together for nearly 20 years — create a rich sonic tapestry of music with influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean and beyond. Composer Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius, keyboards; Jonathan Greene, clarinet; Bobby Kendall, bass; Brian Melick, drums; Zorkie Nelson, drums, and dancers Augustina and Felix Nelson, enthusiastically share their music and talents at every opportunity. The group's recent trip to the Republic of Ghana brings new inspiration and energy to this performance.

• Fiesta del Norte

Thursday, Oct. 10, at noon



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The band Amauta will perform tradition music form the Andes in South America, including folk music from Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Fiesta del Norte is an authentic Mariachi band that performs traditional Mexican folk and popular music dressed in traditional sombreros and "charro" outfits. The multi-talented musicians/singers perform Mariachis of Jalisco, Nortenas of Chihuahua and Marimba music of Chiapas with guitar, violin, trumpet, plus the stringed vihuela and guitarron. The lively program is enhanced with stories and cultural insights shared by Dave Giardina, director, who

welcomes audience members to dance. The Connecticut-based ensemble's encore performance complements HVCC's annual Día de los Muertos exhibit held in the Marvin Library.

• Amauta: Traditional music of the Andes

Thursday, Nov. 14, at noon

Amauta travels from the lower Hudson Valley to bring its music to HVCC. Andean music styles originated in the Pre-Colum-

bian mountain regions of South America inhabited by Quechuas, Aymaras and other tribes. It includes folk music from Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. The masterful musicians in Amauta, a title reserved for teachers in the Inca empire, are dedicated to keeping this ancient music alive with performances that showcase their incredible talent playing an array of hand-crafted instruments, including panpipes, quenás flutes, stringed instruments and drums.

• The McKrells

Thursday, Nov. 21, at noon

The McKrells return to HVCC by popular demand with a rousing and heart-warming concert of Celtic-infused bluegrass music. The band has performed original and traditional songs for countless audiences around the world, and maintains a dedicated following in the Capital Region and the Northeast. Guitarist Kevin McKrell, founder, singer, songwriter and storyteller, is joined by longtime band mates Arlin Greene, bass; Scott Hopkins, banjo; Brian Melick, drums; Frank Orsini, fiddle, and Peter Pashoukos, guitar.

All events are offered free by HVCC's Cultural Affairs Program. For additional information, contact Debby Gardner at d.gardner@hvcc.edu or 518-629-8071.

Community Calendar

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Community Bulletin Board

OCTOBER 2024

- 10 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 13 - History Program: "The 1906 Coeymans Brickyard Riot," 2 p.m., at Ravena Coeymans Historical Society, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. Free admission.
- 14 - Town and village offices closed for Columbus Day.
- 15 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 15 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 22 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 23 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 24 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.

NOVEMBER 2024

- 5 - Election Day. Town and village offices closed.
- 11 - Veterans Day. Town and village offices closed.
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- 14 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 19 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 25 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 26 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 26 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 28 - Thanksgiving. Town and village offices closed.

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THIS WEEK IN... HISTORY



1789: George Washington proclaims Thursday, November 26, 1789 a Thanksgiving day.

1919: Cincinnati Reds Pitcher Adolfo Luque becomes the first Latin American player to appear in a World Series.

1985: The shuttle Atlantis makes its maiden flight.

World FACT:

Despite its name, this German festival begins near the end of September.

Answer: Oktoberfest

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Sauerkrout and sausages

NEW WORD

FESTIVE

cheerful and celebratory

How they say that in...

- English: Tent (circus)
- Spanish: Carpa
- Italian: Tendone
- French: Chapiteau
- German: Zirkuszelt

Did You Know?

Bavarian pretzels are typically enjoyed at Oktoberfest celebrations, in addition to other traditional German foods.



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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CLUES ACROSS

- Separate with an instrument
- State clearly
- One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- Broad in scope
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Caps
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Checked
- One-sided
- Having an extreme greed for wealth
- Potted plants
- We all have one
- Lake north of the Kalahari
- Unidentified flying object

- Aging persons
- Small amount
- Mother of Perseus
- Ornamental waist box
- Officials
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Extensive, treeless plains
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Consumer advocate Ralph
- Notable Spanish sports club
- Body part
- One's responsiveness
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught
- Muslim ruler title
- Unhappy
- Gradually disappeared
- Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- Brushed
- Water sprite
- Ones to look up to
- Monetary units
- We all have one
- Marine invertebrate
- One who institutes a legal proceeding
- Outer
- Parallelograms
- Uncomfortable feelings
- Cross to form an X
- Remove
- Some pages are dog-__
- Capital of Ukraine
- A citizen of Denmark
- Eighth month (abbr.)
- Hindu queens
- Acids structurally related to amino acids
- Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
- Wet dirt
- Russian city
- Observed
- Irate
- Travelers need them
- Musical composition
- Auction
- Form of "to be"
- Women
- Inspire with love
- Think Japanese ankle sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- The lead dancer: __ ballerina
- Protein involved in motion
- Rosalind Franklin biographer
- Popular 1920s style art __
- __ Blyton, children's author
- Abnormal breathing
- A place to rest

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Quarterback Austin Burns takes the snap.

It takes two Patriots defensive players to tackle RCS's Ta'rae Green.

Ethan Green picks up yardage while his teammates clear the way.

Ravens win blowout homecoming game

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA - COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — The Ravens won a blowout 42-8 in Friday night's homecoming game against the Broadalbin-Perth Patriots.

The win brings the team's season record to 3-1.

RCS took an early first quarter lead in the game when Gavin Lochner had a 56-yard punt return for the first touchdown of the game with 11 minutes to go in the stanza. A rushing touchdown five minutes later gave the team a 14-0 lead and they never looked back.

The Ravens got into the end-zone less than 1 minute into the second quarter on a 25-yard pass from Mason Carkner to Ta'rae Makhi Green and the extra point kick by Cameron D'Ambrosio was good, to pull out on top at 21-0.

A big second quarter saw the team score four touchdowns to put 28 points on the board, including a 41-yard pass from Carkner to Joseph Foy for a touchdown and in the closing minute of the half, Carkner completed a 15-yard pass to Green for the team's sixth TD of the game and the Ravens headed into the locker room with a 42-0 lead.

During halftime the school celebrated homecoming, inviting the players and coaches from all the fall teams onto the field to celebrate.

The Patriots put 8 points onto the board in the third quarter and that's where the game would end, with the Ravens up 42-8.

The victory was the team's third in a row. The Ravens now have a 3-1 season record, with their only loss coming in the opening matchup.

The Ravens will next face off against the Fonda-Fultonville Valley Hawks in a home game Oct. 4, beginning at 7 p.m. The Valley Hawks have a 2-1 record.



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The RCS football team bursts onto the field for Friday night's homecoming game.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER KENNEDY

In heavy traffic, the Ravens' Ethan Green carries the ball into the end zone.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER KENNEDY

Teammates celebrate at the homecoming game. The Ravens came away with a 42-8 victory.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER KENNEDY

RCS teams from all fall sports were honored during the halftime show at Friday's homecoming football game.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER KENNEDY

Cameron D'Ambrosio kicks another successful extra point for the Ravens.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER KENNEDY

The stands were packed and full of Ravens' pride for Friday night's homecoming game.

There are some things God cannot do

Living on Purpose



DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND

When we think about God being The Almighty, we see Him as having infinite power and authority in heaven and earth, and this is certainly true.

Remember the passage in Matthew 19:26 where Jesus is explaining to His disciples about how difficult it is for a wealthy person to enter into

heaven, Christ is quoted, "But Jesus beheld them (He was saying listen carefully), and said to them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Who else in the universe can make a statement like this and back it up? To know God personally, we study and pray that we might understand more about who He is.

Since childhood, we've learned there is nothing He cannot do, as Jeremiah 32:7 reminds us, "Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too difficult for Thee."

The greatest title and attribute that is reserved only for the God of the Bible is omnipotent, which means He has unlimited authority and control. Along with being omniscient (knowing everything), He is omnipresent (being everywhere

at once) and omnibenevolent (perfect love and justice). It's clear there is no one that can be compared to His supremacy the same as darkness can never overcome the light, but you may be surprised to know there are several things that God absolutely cannot do.

Let's begin with the fact that God cannot lie. He is perfect truth and has never said anything that was not true. His word is His oath, which means if He says something, He promises He will make it happen one way or the other. When God made His promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and multiply your descendants." And so Abraham, after waiting patiently, obtained the promise.

Today, we embrace His promises and receive them by faith. To know that God never fails gives us hope and securi-

ty beyond measure. "In hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time." Titus 1:2.

Our next attribute is that God cannot change. He cannot contradict himself: His word and actions must align, meaning He cannot speak or act in ways that go against his own established principles. God is from the beginning and we cannot fathom what the Alpha and Omega means with our mortal minds, but in all that time He has remained "perfectly" the same. He is eternal truth and a trillion years from now he will still represent what He has always declared.

Malachi 3:6 says, "I am the Lord, I change not," which is very good news if you are His child. Heaven is forever and we certainly would not want Him to change His plans later down the road. This divine consistency is another characteristic that

is unique to God alone.

There are actually several more things that we add to the list, such as God cannot allow the lost into heaven. John 3:3 says, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

We also realize that God will never break a promise, no one can stop His decisions, His truth can never pass away, His laws and commandments cannot be negotiated, He cannot compromise with sin, and He cannot be tempted by evil.

James 1:13 declares, "Let no person say when they are tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt anyone."

God lives up to His standards and principles. He is the ultimate example of how we are also to walk in the integrity and essence of His wisdom. This is

how abiding in His Spirit and being aware of His constant presence is the most important aspect of our relationship with Him.

We often hear comments about how no one is perfect and we all sin when discussing manifesting His nature and being holy as He is holy. Nonetheless, could these statements simply be defensive excuses for remaining the same and not giving more effort to be like Him? His perfection should inspire and increase our desire to demonstrate being a reflection of Jesus.

The convicting truth is that we can be as determined to be filled with Him as we want to be.

Dr. William Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhol-landministries.com.

Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation News

• Craft fair and open house scheduled for Oct. 5:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will be hosting an open house and craft/vendor fair on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Coeymans Hollow firehouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts, refreshments and firefighting demonstrations will all be happening. Come out and enjoy the day and support the volunteers of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation.

• 9th annual Horror in the Hollow Hayride returns:

The return of the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company's 9th annual Horror in the Hollow Hayride will be here in two more weeks. The Horror in the Hollow will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 5-9:30 p.m. at Joralemon Park, 148 Starr Road in Coeymans Hollow. Screams, thrills and chills will be provided by the scary and deceased members of the CHVFC who reside in the Joralemon Park Cemetery. For those riders who are faint of heart or for small children, a non-scary ride will also be offered. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied

by an adult. Food and beverages can be purchased from New Baltimore Fire, Albany County Sheriff's Office will have their K9 unit present, and the Coeymans Hollow Trinity United Methodist Church will be holding a bake sale. Other activities will include raffles, music, a bounce house and more. Please mark your calendar with this very important date. To order discounted tickets and to pre-order, please visit CoeymansHollowFire.org/hayride. The cost of tickets will be \$12 per person. You can also follow online at: [Facebook.com/CoeymansHollowFire](https://www.facebook.com/CoeymansHollowFire).

• Fire Prevention Week:

Fire Prevention week is Sunday, Oct. 6 to Saturday, Oct. 12. Practice fire safety all year long.

• Paid firefighting training now available:

New York state and Homeland Security are now compensating volunteer firefighters for taking Basic Exterior Fire Fighting Operations (\$750), Interior Firefighting Operations (\$1,250), and Fire Officer Training (\$1,000) when you successfully complete a course. For more information, please

contact and join your local volunteer fire company. All local volunteer fire companies need you help.

• Recruitment and retention:

Fall is here and the winter months will not be far behind. There is a desperate need for new volunteers to help protect the community. The number of members in the volunteer fire service are dwindling not only in local volunteer fire departments but nationwide and they need your help! Active interior and exterior firefighters, EMS personnel, fire police, ladies auxiliary members and associate members are needed to assist with many committees. There is a job for everyone. These are volunteers here to protect lives and property in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District. They will provide all the equipment and training for you to become a member of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18 and are interested in being a junior volunteer in the fire service please give us a call or stop by the firehouse. For junior firefighters, remember — volunteering for your community looks good on your college

or work application. Think about it — if you don't volunteer, who will? For more information or to obtain an application, call 518-756-6310 or stop by and check it out on Tuesdays on drill nights beginning at 7 p.m. The life and property you save by becoming a volunteer may be within your own family.

• Events scheduled by neighboring fire companies and community groups:

- Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will hold a Vendor/Craft Fair/Open House on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Coeymans Hollow firehouse.

- Fire Prevention Week is Sunday, Oct. 6 to Saturday, Oct. 12. Make fire safety an everyday event.

- Coeymans Hollow Fire District #3 will hold a public budget hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- New Baltimore Fire will host its Pizza & Wing Night on Friday, Oct. 18, from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Please call 518-756-8222 after 3 p.m. to order.

- Coeymans Hollow Fire presents the 9th annual Horror in the Hollow

Hayride on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 5-9:30 p.m. at Joralemon Park on Starr Road in Coeymans Hollow.

- Ravena Grange will hold a roast pork dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Take-out or eat-in. To reserve your dinner, please call 518-756-8228 by Wednesday, Oct. 16.

- Coeymans Fire Ladies Auxiliary will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- St. Patrick's Church of Ravena will hold a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, Oct. 27. Drive-thru only at Frese's Bakery. Tickets are available at the Rectory, and after Sunday Mass. For more information, please call 518-756-3145.

• Safety tip:

Never remove a patient from a car after an accident. Keep the patient calm and keep them talking and wait for professional help. If the patient is in immediate danger, remove the patient very carefully.

• Fire and EMS report:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation responded to three EMS calls in the past week.

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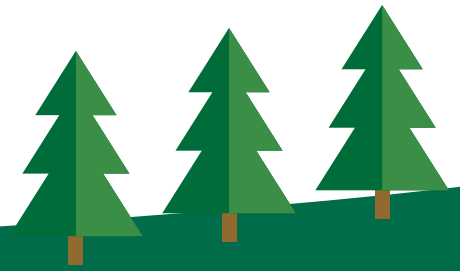
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Near-peak foliage arriving in the Adirondacks

ALBANY — Beautiful near-peak fall foliage arrived in many parts of the Adirondacks this weekend, with most other parts of the region at midpoint of change.

Foliage in most of The Catskills will be at midpoint of change, while leaves in other regions will still be in the early stages of transition.

This is according to the field reports from more than 85 volunteer observers for the Empire State Development Division of Tourism's I LOVE NY program.

Looking for the best color? Check out the higher elevations of the Adirondacks, which should showcase plenty of gorgeous fall hues near the peak of progression. Destinations including Wilmington, Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, Newcomb, Long Lake, Lake Pleasant, and Old Forge should offer the perfect backdrop for this weekend's fall adventures. Travelers will also find

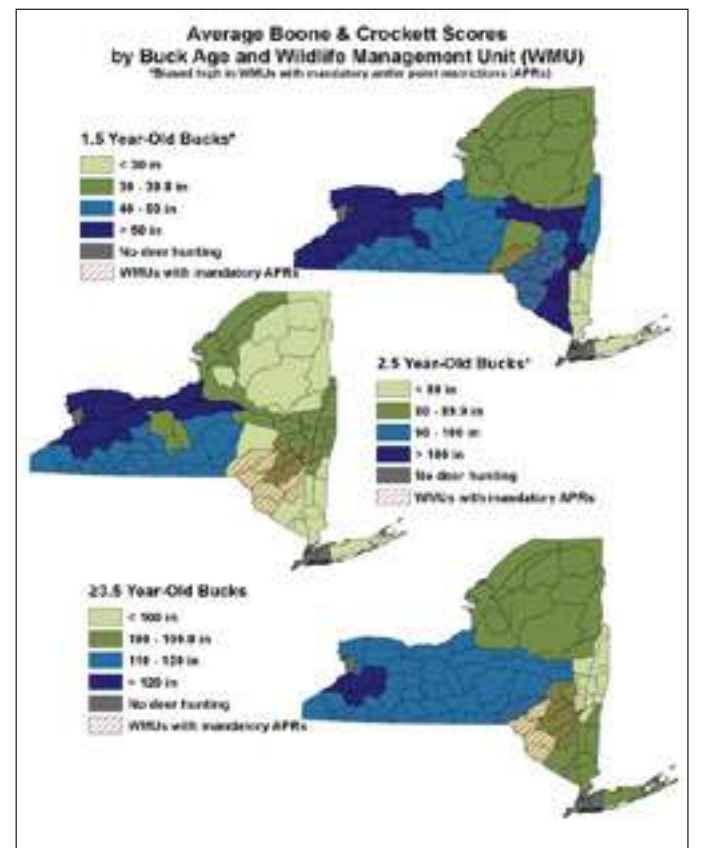


The local area has still not reached peak fall foliage color, but the Adirondacks are getting close. COURTESY OF PEXELS

near-peak foliage in a small portion of the northwest Catskills, while most other parts of the region experience leaves at midpoint of change.

Foliage is now transitioning across the state, with the most minimal changes in the lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and on Long Island.

For this week's full I LOVE NY Fall Foliage Report, please visit www.iloveny.com/foliage.



Setting realistic expectations for harvesting a buck with 'large' antlers

Across New York state, whitetail bucks have begun shedding the velvet that has covered their growing antlers, revealing the hardened antlers that they will use for sparring, sign marking, and attracting the attention of does throughout the fall breeding season.

For some deer hunters the opportunity to harvest a buck with a large set of antlers is an important component of their overall satisfaction with deer hunting. However, when it comes to a buck's antlers, what should be considered "large" is relative to the buck's age and location.

To help hunters better understand the variation in buck antler sizes across New York and have more realistic expectations for the antler sizes they might encounter afield, in 2015, 2016 and 2017 DEC collected additional antler measurements from 2,932 harvested bucks across the state to calculate their Boone and Crockett antler scores. Mapping these average Boone and Crockett scores by buck age class and Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) demonstrates that there is considerable variation in antler sizes for bucks of the same age across New York. But why? The simple answer — variation in habitat productivity.

Habitat productivity is the rate of vegetation biomass that is produced in a particular ecosystem and is driven primarily by climate and soil conditions. For example, the Adirondacks has low habitat productivity because of its short growing season and rocky soils. Conversely, Western New York has higher habitat productivity because of its temperate climate and fertile soils.

Since a buck's antler development is not only driven by age but also by nutrition, it should come as no surprise that bucks that live in low productivity habitats tend to grow smaller antlers than bucks of the same age that live in high productivity habitats.

Even implementing mandatory antler point restrictions (APRs) cannot overcome the role that habitat productivity plays in a buck's antler development. For example, bucks aged at 3.5-years-old or older that were harvested in WMUs with mandatory APRs in the Catskills region still, on average, had smaller antlers than 2.5-year-old bucks harvested in Western New York.

Similarly, Midwestern states with high habitat productivity and abundant agriculture will always tend to produce bucks with larger antlers than Northeastern states with lower habitat productivity and less agriculture. There are always outliers, but on average this holds true.

Setting realistic expectations for what a large antlered buck is in the areas you hunt may improve your satisfaction with buck hunting opportunities in New York and prevent missed opportunities to harvest a buck this coming season.

For hunters interested in increasing the antler size of bucks they see and hunt, promoting early successional habitat and harvesting a sufficient number of antlerless deer each season can also help ensure that bucks are able meet their nutritional demands for antler growth all year long.

Lastly, letting young bucks go and watching them grow allows bucks to increase their antler mass as they age.

Lifesaving tips for tree stand safety

Every year, hunters are seriously injured, paralyzed, or killed falling out of tree stands, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Falls from tree stands have become a major cause of hunting-related injuries and fatalities in New York. The proper use of tree stands, full-body harnesses, and safety lines will help to prevent these injuries and fatalities.

Hunting from a tree stand is a safe and enjoyable way to hunt as long as a few basic safety principles are followed:

- Inspect your tree stand before using it. Replace any worn or broken parts.
- Wear a full-body harness, buckle it securely, and use a safety line.
- The majority of falls happen while hunters are climbing up and into their stand, or climbing down, so connect to the tree before your feet leave the ground and stay connected until you get back down.
- Let someone know where your stand is located and when you plan to be home.
- Use a haul line to raise your unloaded gun, cocked crossbow, or bow with quiver up to the stand. Never tie the haul line to the trigger guard.
- Carry emergency equipment, such as a knife, cell phone, flashlight, and whistle in your pockets at all times (not in your pack hanging in the tree).



The basics of glamping

If asked to describe a typical camping trip, many people would likely share a tale of roughing it in the woods under a starlit sky. Though that might be the traditional way to go camping, a recent trend has inspired its fair share of devotees to embrace a wholly different way to spend a night or two in the great outdoors.

The word "glamping" was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2016. There's no uniform way to go glamping, but this 21st century way to immerse oneself in nature is often billed as tradi-

tional camping with a more luxurious and glamorous twist.

Glamping devotees typically love to experience nature but want to do so with the same resort-style luxury they've grown accustomed to on more traditional vacations.

Glamping may not be for everyone, but those interested in a less traditional take on camping can give their next excursion into the great outdoors a more luxurious feel with a few tweaks.

- Bring a bed. Perhaps the most no-

table difference between camping and glamping is bedding.

- Bring some lighting.
- Furnish the campground.
- Reconsider the menu. Franks and beans may be a go-to on traditional camping trips, but glampers may want a menu that's more about gourmet than convenience.

Few outdoors experiences are as immersive as camping. But those who want to experience nature firsthand without sacrificing luxury can consider glamping.

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My economic outlook into 2025

The Retired Investor



BILL SCHMICK

On the back of the recent half-point cut in interest rates by the Federal Reserve Bank, equities and many commodities rallied anticipating continued growth in the U.S. economy. Why, therefore, did bond prices plunge?

Normally, after the Federal Reserve Bank begins an interest rate-cutting cycle, bond prices rally, and yields fall. But not this time. Economists were scratching their heads all week looking for answers. The explanation is straightforward.

For weeks before the meeting, many traders were betting the Fed would be too slow to cut interest rates. And when and if they did it would be a small cut. That delay increased the probability that the economy would dip into recession quite soon. As such, investors bought bonds, the go-to safety trade in anticipation of a hard landing. That had sent bond yields down dramatically.

The Fed's larger-than-expected 50 basis point cut surprised traders and reversed that trade. Suddenly, the possibility of a softer landing for the economy has been vastly improved, especially after the Fed clarified that it was ready to match that cut in November if necessary. Buy equities and sell bonds was the new order of the day.

Chairman Jerome Powell acknowledged that the Fed's focus has shifted from the inflation numbers to the health of the labor market and the economy. He went to great pains to convince market participants in his Q&A session after the

meeting that the economy was still strong, the inflation battle was all but over, and just about everyone was going to live happily ever after.

That may be so, but I have a different take on the Fed's actions. We are in an election year. Workers are voters and losing your job can sour one's outlook when deciding which lever to pull in November. Those in government are keenly aware of this. If given a choice between employment or inflation, what would you choose if you were the Fed?

The market's reaction to the news is understandable but remember it will be at least two years before the impact of this week's interest rate cut has an impact on the overall economy. Sure, some areas might see a boost sooner, but not much. In the meantime, what happens to the economy?

The equity market and most advisors will tell you it is up, up, and away. And they are right, at least in the short term. I expect economic growth to continue

to show decent numbers and would not be surprised to see a better-than-expected growth rate for the third quarter of this year. I also expect to see additional modest progress in reducing inflation. September and October's inflation numbers, I believe will show a cooler Consumer Price Index, Producer Price Index, and the Fed's favored index, the Personal Consumption Expenditures Index. That should bolster the Fed's confidence that they have inflation licked.

By December, however, I am concerned that things may change. I fear we could see declining economic growth. It will be the result of the cumulative impact of the last two years of abnormally high interest rates. This lag effect will outweigh the interest rate cuts of September and maybe November.

I am not predicting a recession, but only a slowdown, a "recalibration," to use the words of Fed Chairman Powell. Wall Street's interpretation of the Fed's new recalibration

policy amounts to lowering interest rates quickly (faster for shorter). If so, it will lessen the blow to growth and ease us into a soft landing. But a soft landing would still be a period of slower growth.

At the same time, while the rate of inflation is falling, inflation is still rising, just at a lower and slower rate. And in the background, while inflation still lingers, we have an enormous budget deficit and rising debt load that is now taking more than \$1 trillion a year to service. If we add on the stated intentions of both presidential candidates to increase spending by many trillions of dollars over the next four years, we have the makings of both a rekindling of inflation and a coming debt crisis.

Next week, we will examine what this could mean for the economy, inflation, the dollar, and the stock market.

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Veteran asks about special credits for military service

Social Security Matters



RUSSELL GLOOR

Dear Rusty:

I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, I could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee who calculated my benefits if I was in the military.

I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late?

**Signed: Proud Veteran
Dear Proud Veteran:**

Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud.

You likely heard about "Special Extra Credits for Military Service," which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

But the rules for getting that "extra earnings credit"

are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years you served. Here's a quick summary:

- SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.

- If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.

- If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.

- Those who served on

active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the "special extra credits" were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It's important to note that the "extra credits" are additional earnings added to your military pay record — not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits

were automatically included in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your years in the military wouldn't be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it's never "too late" to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were

included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here's a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf.

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China stimulus boosts world markets

@ the Market



BILL SCHMICK

A week after the U.S. central bank's policy shift, Chinese authorities unleashed their monetary policy dragon. The move caught world financial markets by surprise and launched the Shanghai Composite index up more than 9% in three days.

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) launched its largest stimulus package since the pandemic. The PBOC cut interest rates, reduced the reserve requirement ratio, and

introduced structural monetary policies to stabilize Chinese markets, which went straight down for months.

Wall Street analysts are overwhelmingly negative on the Chinese market. Investments in Chinese stocks by institutional investors worldwide are at multi-decade lows. China's faltering economy, the never-ending wall of American-led sanctions and tariffs by several nations, coupled with the U.S. election promises of even more to come have made the world's second-largest economy practically uninvestable.

"Doubtful at best," was the knee-jerk response to the stimulus package earlier in the week. It would not be enough to bail out the economy say the professionals (who have banked big profits on shorting Chinese financial markets). China watchers insisted that fiscal spending was required for a true turnaround.

Almost on cue, President

Xi Jinping called for even more monetary and "necessary fiscal spending" support Thursday in a meeting of the Politburo, the second-highest circle of power in the ruling Chinese Communist Party. That sent Chinese markets rocketing higher again and pulled up global markets, especially in Asia along with it.

The largest gainers have been in the commodity space, especially copper. This makes sense. A pick-up in economic growth in China, as the world's marginal buyer of commodities, will mean higher demand for everything from precious metals to soybeans, to basic materials to luxury goods.

Did last week signal just a short-term trading opportunity, or has China now made a cyclical low? If the latter, the impact (given that China is the world's second-largest economy) could galvanize growth worldwide, especially among emerging markets. It could also fuel global asset inflation. That would put a kink in the Fed's

efforts to reduce inflation in the months ahead.

I suspect traders will be watching for additional moves in fiscal spending before deciding. In the short term, however, technical charts say there are more gains to come on the upside. For those who want to roll the dice, there are plenty of Chinese exchange-traded and mutual funds. One could also buy an emerging market fund that includes China.

In U.S. markets, U.S. jobless claims fell again last week but the data point of the week was Friday's Personal Consumption Expenditures Index (PCE) for August. The Fed's favorite inflation index came in cooler than expected with a gain of 0.1%, less than the forecasted 0.2% gain. That good news and the revised GDP report for the last quarter (a solid 3% growth rate) gave additional evidence of a potential soft landing for the economy.

On the political front, the presidential race is a toss-up,

but the thinking is that both the House and the Senate will surely be divided between the two parties. If so, the markets won't care who wins because nothing will get passed in the years ahead. Markets love that kind of situation. Just look at the last two years' stock market performance in the face of a dysfunctional divided Congress.

October is now here, however the seasonal factors that usually influence the performance of the stock market in September and October have been trumped by the Fed's surprise rate cut and now the potential turnaround in the Chinese market. Stocks should continue to perform with some commodities, precious metals, and emerging markets, leading gains. Overall, I see higher levels, maybe 5,900-6,000 on the S&P 500 Index as possible.

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John Bonafide

Program: The 1906 Coeymans Brickyard Riot

RAVENA—The next program of the Ravena Coeymans Historical Society, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., will feature John Bonafide who will discuss the 1906 Coeymans Brickyard Riot.

The year 1906 was a turbulent time for the labor movement and the Hudson Valley brick manufacturers. Of the multiple labor actions throughout the Hudson Valley's brickyards that spring, only one erupted in violence. This is the story

of the Battle of Suderley's Hill, an event that would place Coeymans Landing under near martial law and propel the hamlet of Coeymans into the national spotlight.

John Bonafide is a local historian and preservationist who retired from the NYS Division for Historic Preservation in 2021 where he served for more than three decades as a program director, architectural historian, and the agency's historic preservation officer.

During his tenure there he researched and wrote more than 500 nomination documents for properties and historic districts now listed in the National Register of Historic Places and oversaw the state's historic building conservation and archaeological programs. Bonafide also worked with multiple government agencies to develop and implement state and federal historic preservation legislation and programs.

He holds a B.A. in Fine Art and

an M.A. in (Public) History from the University at Albany, where he taught a graduate course in Historic Preservation for 20 years. He has been a trustee with the Ravena Coeymans Historical Society since 2013.

Join in for this program of local interest that is open to the public and held in the museum at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

Be A Better Gardener

For 'peat's' sake

By Thomas Christopher

For Capital Region Independent Media

It must be 20 years since I first encountered arguments against the use of peat by gardeners. Their point was that peat harvesting destroyed its remarkable bog habitat, and that despite the claims of the peat extraction industry, this was not a sustainable practice.

True, the Canadian producers who supply most of America's "peat moss" claim that with 294 million acres of peat bogs in the northern part of their nation, their current exploitation of 43,500 acres (with an additional 34,000 acres already strip-mined) is acceptable.

Besides, they add, the peat bogs will revive themselves, a claim undercut by the fact that on average a healthy bog adds only 1/25th of an inch or less of new peat annually. Figures from Canadian peat producers reveal that typically three inches of peat are removed from a bog for a period of 20 to 40 years, creating a barren pit that will never heal on a human time scale.

A new urgency has come to this issue as the impact of global warming worsens. Because this is driven by the release of greenhouse gases, principally carbon dioxide, into the Earth's atmosphere, authorities are calling for "carbon sequestration," the removal of carbon from the atmosphere and its long-term storage, to reduce carbon dioxide levels. That, of course, is precisely what the bogs are doing. The sphagnum moss and other plants that grow in the bog absorb carbon dioxide as they grow and when they die, they turn into peat that sequesters the carbon indefinitely. Extracting that peat for use by gardeners sets in motion its decay and the re-release of its carbon into the atmosphere.

The role of peatlands worldwide in carbon sequestration is massive.



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Environmentalists have been arguing for years against gardeners using peat because peat harvesting has destroyed the bog habitat.

Many activists have promoted tree planting as a way to absorb and sequester carbon from the atmosphere. Yet peatlands currently sequester twice as much carbon as all the world's forests. The damage we are doing by draining peat bogs, either for mining the peat or converting the land to other uses, releases huge amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, equal to about five percent of human-generated carbon emissions.

Most gardeners I know, including me, long ago stopped buying bales of sphagnum peat to dig into their garden soils as a source of organic matter. That's why I was taken aback when I learned that the consumption of peat by the American horticultural industry continues to rise

at a steady two to three percent per year. Peat continues to be a foundation of the nursery industry, a staple of seed-starting and growing mixes for plants, as well as the basis of most commercially produced potting soils.

A better way forward can be found across the Atlantic. In August of 2022, the British government announced that it was moving toward a ban on all horticultural uses of peat. Originally planned as a comprehensive ban to begin in 2024, this measure was supported by the Royal Horticultural Society but opposed by industry groups. Currently the necessary legislation is stalled and the government has announced it will delay the ban for at least some com-

mercial growers until 2030.

Still, this is a beginning, and the fact that British gardeners have, for the most part, gotten on board is admirable. When I spoke to Alex Critchley and Sarah Johnson of the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire in northwestern England about peatland preservation, I admitted that while I have given up the use of every other peat-based gardening product, I have continued using peat-lite seed starting mixes because peat's antiseptic properties banish "damping off," a fungal disease that commonly attacks and kills newly emerged seedlings grown on other types of media.

With kindness and patience, Alex and Sarah explained that finding substitutes for all peat products was

an on-going process, but that their countrymen were making progress and they were confident I would be able to bring my gardening into line with environmental best practices.

We then went on to discuss all the innovative programs The Wildlife Trust is sponsoring to protect and restore the region's remaining peatlands, and the rare wildlife that is reappearing as a result. A notable success was the successful reintroduction of the Manchester Argus Butterfly, a species once emblematic of the local fauna but which was extirpated from Lancashire 150 years ago by the draining of bogs.

To learn more about the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's programs to preserve and restore peatlands, log onto the Berkshire Botanical Garden's "Growing Greener" podcast at www.berkshirebotanical.org.

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Sharing the generational bridge

Aging with Grace



PAT LARSEN

Here we are, the generation called "Baby Boomers," still walking this earth with our families, friends and kids known as the Gen Y's or Baby Boomer "Echos," then followed by the Gen Xs, closely tailed by the Millennials and finally, the Gen Zs.

I kid you not. This is all a "thing."

Generation names are based on

when members of that particular generation became adults (ages 18-21).

Here's more interesting details that you may not have been following: Generation Jones (aka Boomers) were young enough to have missed the draft into war. It's literally staggering to try to properly label the birth year spans in each category. Please try if you thrive on those facts. I was quickly overwhelmed by the dates.

Is your head spinning now too? I just innocently thought this might be a fun topic to explore together. But alas, sharing this generational bridge is significant to the U.S. Census Bureau.

And we know that agency is definitely an important aspect of living here in this country for a whole host of economical reasons.

Let's for argument's sake just think about this topic similarly as our grandparents did, the Post Wars and or WWII generations.

What was important to my

grandparents was most likely important to yours as well.

They were the immigrants who in most cases traveled from far-off places to find a better life here in the U.S.

From my limited vantage point as a kid living in Brooklyn in the 1950s, most ethnic groups would find refuge among families who arrived earlier than they. Traditions were similarly enticing to those who made their way to areas called Little Italy, Chinatown, the Bronx, Staten Island, Central Harlem and many of the small waterfront communities in Brooklyn, where they established networks of cultural, educational, economic and political support.

I was only aware that immigrants coming to the United States landed in New York at Ellis Island. Passengers, apparently, arrived at three different ports from 1855 to 1954.

These additional ports also included Castle Garden and Barge

Office, as well as Ellis Island.

Ellis Island is a federally owned island in New York Harbor, situated within the U.S. between New Jersey and New York. It was the busiest immigrant inspection and processing station in the United States. It opened in January 1892.

My grandparents on both familial sides ALL arrived and entered this country through Ellis Island. I've actually had the opportunity to see the paperwork they carried through the gates.

I have lived in New York my entire life but never had the opportunity to actually visit Ellis Island and tour the grand Statue of Liberty.

However, I do recall one glorious occasion when I was sailing with my parents heading for the Jones Inlet on Long Island and there she was. Such an amazing sight to behold. I immediately thought about my grandparents and felt as though I was channeling their enormous joy to have landed

in their new home.

The point of this column is simply to ask you to consider tapping into a memory that could actually include a story about your family's immigration to this great land. Without their courage, this story may never have unfolded.

I think it's an important piece of our history as the Baby Boomer generation to celebrate our stories while we still are present in this life. Maybe not every piece of the puzzle will be exact as we retell what we recall, but it's definitely worth the effort.

Crossing the generational bridge may be the last gift we are able to give our family that helps us to remain relevant in the family storyline. Don't miss this opportunity.

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A piece by artist Dan Devine, whose work is on exhibit at the Hudson Valley Community College's Teaching Gallery through Oct. 26.

RIDER: Sculptures by Dan Devine at HVCC's Teaching Gallery

TROY — "RIDER," an exhibition of sculptures and drawings by Dan Devine, chair of the Sculpture Department at Hofstra University, is now open in The Teaching Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College.

The exhibit closes Saturday, Oct. 26.

Dan Devine is a contemporary artist whose sculpture, installations, drawings and photographs explore the relationship between opposites: interiors/exterior and technology/nature.

The former motocross racer combines his fascination with vehicles and machine parts with his reverence for the natural world. He works in a variety of materials including cast plaster, molded and sewn leather, ceramic and drawing, to investigate the shapes and interiors of the motorcycle and its parts, creating something more organic that evokes a tentative union of flesh and metal.

During his long tenure at Hofstra University in Nassau County, Devine served as director of its Rosenberg Gallery for more than 20 years. His artistic career spans four decades and includes numerous one-person and group exhibitions in the United States and abroad.

The artist's home and studio are in Columbia County.

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