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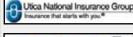
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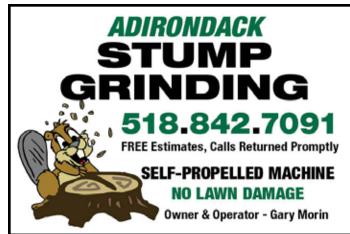
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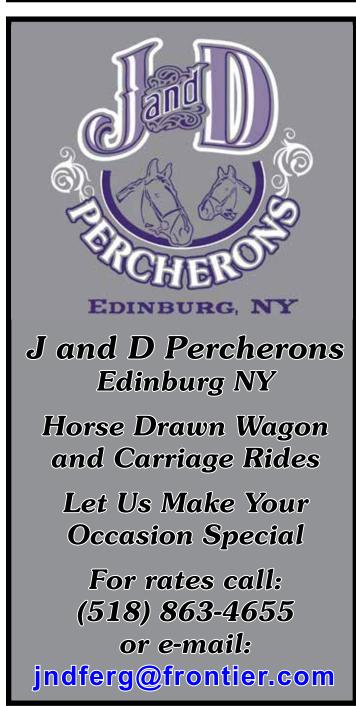
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(written by Debra Gabel)

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by Jean Raymond



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Nature Trail Expansion

The Highway Department has removed the trees for the expansion of the Nature Trail in the spring. We were able to sell some of the wood and received approximately \$3200.00 in revenue. The balance of the trees the Highway department had cut into lumber. They then used the lumber to construct a shed at the Recycling Center to store recycled tires and a second storage shed at the Highway Garage for tires. There is still enough lumber to construct a 2 car garage at the town hall next year for the pickup truck and other items. They did a great job and finished less than a week

before the GIANT snow storm.

Bridge Replacement over Little Hans Creek

The bridge on Fox Hill Road over Little Hans Creek in nearing completion of the design phase and is scheduled to go out to bid in the spring. It will take several months to remove the old bridge and complete the new bridge. Fox Hill Road will be closed to traffic during the construction. Anyone who uses the road on a regular basis should plan their choice of alternate route and determine how much additional time they will have to allow. The current bridge has been red flagged several times in the

past few years and is now downgraded to an 8 ton weight load. The new bridge is being 95% paid for from the New York State BridgeNY grant program. The grant is in the amount of \$712,747.00

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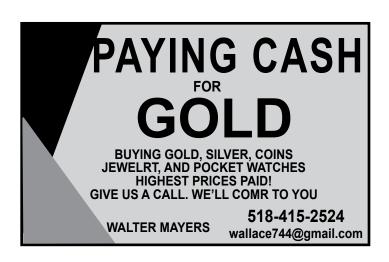
Any homeowner who has not signed up for the SENIOR STAR (low income) program to receive a reduction in their home's assessment and a reduced school tax bill should do so before the end of February. Seniors who are eligible for SENIOR STAR will receive a larger assessment reduction but MUST sign up each year before the end of February. Please contact the Town Assessors office for information on how to submit your paperwork or to answer any questions. This can all be done by mail or drop box.



The Assessor office is 518-863-2034, extension 12. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

REMINDER

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The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan 12 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Washburn will lead a discussion of Martha Hall Kelly's "Lilac Girls". New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is

drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences. For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out

of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power. The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

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by Brian De Feo

Reporting for duty - 2021

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11/15 CO2 Detector Activation, South Shore Rd.

11/15 MVA Hadley Hill Road

11/21 Fire Alarm Activation, South Shore Rd.

11/25 Mutual Aid to Northville

11/26 Mutual Aid to Northville

11/27 Mutual Aid to Providence

11/29 Mutual Aid to Northville

11/30 CO2 Detector Activation, South Shore Rd.

12/12 Mutual Aid to Broadalbin

12/15 Mutual Aid to Northville

Each January it is important to take time to acknowledge the members of your all volunteer department. Members come and go over the course of the year, however the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company continues to serve as it has since 1957. With a commitment to our community to provide for the safety of all in their time of need. We have seen a lot this past year of the type of person who puts sacrifice above self. They are in the news each day, putting in the hard work in order to make a difference. We need to make sure we take the time to recognize that our lives are better because others have stepped forward, and will continue to do so in 2021.

Below is a list of your friends and neighbors, those willing to come forward at three in the morning on a cold Winter's night. Or give up part of their family holiday to put out a Christmas Day chimney fire. They ask for nothing in return. And they would say, it is our pleasure and honor to be of service to you.

David Rockwell, Leland Robinson, John Olmstead, Wayne Seelow, Michele Seelow, Catlin Vandenburg, Alex Rockwell, Courtney Seelow,

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As the result of a recent fire call, and the fact that we currently have more people residing here this winter than in times past, I have been asked to write regarding the storage and disposal of ashes from your wood stove. Before I do so full confession up front. Several years ago I did exactly what I am going to caution you not to do. I threw out four day old ashes and set my entire brush pile on fire! My Wife had gone out of her way to convince the State Trooper that this could not possibly be the case as I was after all a volunteer fire fighter. But of course, it was my own stupidity which had set things in motion.

So here are some things to remember regarding ashes from your wood stove. First, ashes insulate hot coals. Hot coals can remain so for several days (see above). Never store your ashes in anything but a metal bucket with a tight lid. There are several products on the market designed specifically as ash buckets. Heat from the coals will melt your

plastic bucket and set on fire whatever was under your bucket. Never put your ashes out in the trash. Garbage trucks are rather pricey to replace, not to mention the crew.

Having a mental bucket with no lid is not a good idea. In a recent fire call the home the CO2 detector was activated from gasses escaping from the ash bucket, no doubt the result of hot coals. This is the same reason you don't barbecue within vour home.

I had a friend who cleaned his stove, put the ashes in a mental bucket (no lid) and left it on his wooden deck attached to the house. By the time he arrived home it was a total loss. The wind had tipped the bucket over and the rest is history.

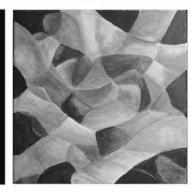
So take your metal ash bucket with the lockable Iid and place it away from the house. Eventually you'll need a place to empty the ask bucket. After about a week+ of sitting there, I take my ashes and dump them in a three sided enclosure I have made with old cinder blocks. I made sure the location could not readily leech into my drinking water supply.

By taking a few minutes and considering a simple task from a safety perspective, you can help to ensure the safety yourself and others.

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Flower Talk Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

The Kalanchoe plant

Some folks may feel that The Kalanchoe plant is out of this world. Well, they may not be too far off. It was one of the first plants to be sent into space. It was sent on a resupply to the Soviet Salyut 1 space station in 1971.

It is also one of the most mispronounced plant names, the correct pronunciation is; kal-an-ko-ee. The word "Kalanchoe" is a latinised corruption of the Chinese word 'Kalan Chau', which means "that which falls and grows", in reference to its asexual reproduction. Because no males have been found, this is why this plant is commonly called the mother of thousands.

The plant's botanical name, Kalanchoe Blossfeldiana is a tribute to German seed merchant and hybridiser, Robert Blossfeld, who discovered the plant in Madagascar and later introduced it to Potsdam, Germany in 1932. From there, its uses exploded in popularity in Europe and Kalanchoe became a staple feature in folk medicine and home gardens. As a result of the plant's extensive breeding in the 1960s and 1970s, Kalanchoe became available in many more cultivars of differing colors with a genus of about 125 species of tropical, succulent flower plants. Today, it serves a favored houseplant. because as a succulent, it thrives with little care. Just a little water (let the soil dry before watering), bright light and well-drained soil, but not too big a pot. It is especially sought after during the winter season. If you miss your window flower boxes from the summer, never fear, this will give you amazing flowers in the cold months and kick away those winter blues. It looks great as an indoor window box with it's festive flower lasting eight weeks. This explains the plant's common names of Christmas Kalanchoe.

Many varieties have also become traditional in Chinese New Year celebrations, given that the Kalanchoe is universally symbolic of wealth, prosperity and persistence. This article is as simple as the flowering plant for which I write. Enjoy this beauty year round, inside and out.

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Tales of the Sacandaga Valley

Many years ago we had a column titled Don Bowman Remembers. It was written by a gentleman who lived in this area for many years, and worked on the dam and bridge. He lived in a bygone era of simpler times and strong resourceful people. We have access to many stories of the time and have decided to start printing them in our publication again.

I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.



Please Move My Parent's Remains

Near Daley Creek at the river there was a glassless stony, only partially fenced field of the dead. There was no caretaker, no building, no sign of life or death. Only a large boulder marking two grave sites as a natural headstone for the two graves.

"That's where my folks are buried," said Hattie Mae Roberts. "Will you please have some one in authority made aware of the fact? Tell them I shall pay personally for the relocation of the remains of my parents."

I assured the lady that I would go from there to the foreman and tell him. She thanked me, insisted that I take a twenty dollar bill as a tip.

Mrs. Roberts had come by car to where our



bone yard gang was working in the churchyard at Osborn Bridge Village, sent there by someone at the time office. She called me over, explained that she read in a Utica newspaper about the dam being built on the Sacandaga River. Also, that many above graveyards were being dug up to remove the remains above where the impounded waters

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would flood the valley.

So Mrs. Roberts had come to the valley to have her folks remains removed to a final resting place. They had both died of flu when she was a little girl and had been buried on the farm at a large boulder on which a cross had been chipped.

At the time of the deaths she had been taken to live with an aunt out at Utica. As she grew up she sometimes visited the graved at the peaceful site at the foot of the boulder with the cross. Now she wanted her parents to rest in a real cemetery, not at the bottom of a water filled reservoir.

The lady had gotten me to go with her to Don Dailey Creek to show the grave sits. I made a note on my pad and put down her address and told her that I would enter the location of the list of graves. I also told her that all cost would be taken care of by the project. No cost to her. That over 20 known grave yards were being taken care of with now and then any private graves we became aware of.

The lady thanked me and blessed me and that with other blessings on me, have helped along the trail of life.

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by 7own of Edinburg Historian, Priscilla L. Edwards

Sounds! Conclusion

Last month I wrote about some of the different sounds I've heard over the years from my home or on my walks. This month I'll wrap it up.

When my late husband started his trucking company his first purchase was a blue Ford tandem log truck. We had a beagle/mix dog, "Joe" at the time who was great at running rabbits but never barked at them and was frightened of a gun. Joe knew the sound of that Ford and every night as Jay came past his folks' farm-a half mile away-Joe would start barking. Our girls would run to the window to watch for their dad while Joe continued his barking until the truck pulled into our yard.

Vehicles all have a sound of their own-much depending on the engine, tires and muffler-even the driver. One can recognize the sound of a Harley motorcycle going by without seeing it. Even large trucks have a sound of their own. Living on a town



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road one pays more attention to traffic and sounds than if you lived on a county or state highway. When certain vehicles go by your home almost daily you get used to the sound. I recognize the sound of some of my nephews' vehicles including the log truck and some of the neighbors. One morning as I walked the dog I listened as my grandson left his home 3 miles away on his way to my house.

Horns also have a sound of their own. Often when someone goes by the house they blow their horn and one learns the sound. A horn being blown as the vehicle goes by brings a smile. It's a friend or family member saying "Hi, hope you're doing OK"

During maple syrup season one can hear the tractor heading for the Grandad Place to gather sap from the large holding tank. The sound of the skidder tells me where in the bush they might also be gathering sap.

Many years ago there were a couple of summers when a very loud motorboat was on the lake. The driver usually started his nightly travels as working folks were headed for bed. Not many people had air conditioners back then thus slept with their windows open. I always felt sorry for the working folks than lived on roads along the lake. I still hear the boats-but not quite as loud-sometimes making a stop at the Edinburg Marina.

When the winter snow melts in the spring combined with heavy rains the waters of Beecher Creek rise and become very loud. The section that we call the "big creek" runs through the woods between Tennantville and Military roads. It's some distance below my house but in the spring time of the year it roars. I can hear it while I'm lying in bed at night on its way to the lake. Beautiful Beecher Falls down by the Copeland Covered Bridge also roars during high water and one hears it if living in the Hollow. I've often thought that was one of the reasons John W. Latcher enjoyed living in Beecher Hollow so much.

In the late 1960's into the 1970's we could hear the Go Karts at the Go Kart track near the Plateau Sky Ranch Airport. A project of Bruce Brownell's the go karts entertained young and old alike for several years. The Corvette Club took over the track many years ago using the track to have car races there once or twice a year. When not in use by the Corvettes the track makes a great spot for

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people to walk and exercise away from traffic.

The airport is busy at times. I've heard the medical rescue helicopters land and take-off transporting someone to a more distant hospital. On occasion I've watched Bill Wade fly and do some fancy moves with his Russian fighter plane. Pretty entertaining!

Inside in the winter one can hear the snow slowly creeping off the metal roof or hear the house and deck crack and snap on a below zero night.

My neighbors' teenage boys all play basketball at NCS and I know immediately what they're doing when I hear the "thump" of the ball on the backboards. "Practice makes perfect".

By the time the garbage or recycle trucks reach my house John and Bruce are almost finished for the day with just a few stops left. I can hear them pulling into the town barn yard at the end of their run.

One thing I no longer hear is the wonderful night sound of a whip- o-will. A strange looking bird that sings at night, "whip-o-will" over and over. When I was a kid we heard them every summer-all summer. They enjoyed dusting themselves in our dirt driveways.

I've noticed in the past several months that more folks are walking and bicycling. That's great! However I've also noticed that many are wearing ear buds. WHY? Think what things you could learn about nature and your town if you just listened to the sounds—not to mention how much safer you would be if you were more aware of your surroundings!

How many sounds do you hear on your daily travels? Try keeping a list for a week-it might surprise you—

Happy New Year Everyone!

Let's hope and pray that 2021 will be a much better year than the one we've just gone through.



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by Brian De Feo

James Brown, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, and Ozzie? The first three recording artists all had an obvious and significant impact on the history of "rock n roll" but what about Ozzie? No not Ozzie Osborne, Ozzie Nelson! Yes that's right, Ozzie of "Ozzie and Harriet" fame. The original G-rated 1950's - 60's TV show about an average American Family. Unknown to most people Oswald George Nelson turned out to be a bit of a musical visionary, whose foresight is still with us today.

Ozzie went to college to become a lawyer, but because of the Great Depression he was destined to become a musician. The fact that he looked remarkably like the very popular Rudy Vallee and sang like him too, certainly did not hurt. Ozzie was always a very goal directed individual, earning his Eagle Scout badge by age thirteen. Ozzie was a very effective self promoter. By the 1930's he was leading his own orchestra and was the primary singer. Having married Harriet one of the female vocalists, Ozzie moved successfully into radio. By1944 he had developed his own radio program "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet." Initially using his own young sons David and Eric (Ricky) as voice actors, the program was a success. The Nelson family with their All American family looks were a good fit for television. After making a movie which ended up being their pilot vehicle, the Nelson family appeared in 435 TV episodes over a fourteen year period.

It was Ozzie who first recognized the power of television in the marketing of popular music. Occassionally Ozzie, who produced, directed, and often wrote for the show"Ozzie & Harriet" would have Ricky sing his most recent single. Ozzie was quick to notice that the following week records sales would take off. After that Ozzie did everything possible to weave Ricky's latest single into the plot line of that episode.

In 1961 Ricky Nelson introduced his latest single "Travelin Man" to the TV audience. Ozzie superimposed travelogue scenes in the background as Ricky sang

about his many stops all over the world. Some folks believe this was the first look at what would become the father of the music video. Ozzie quickly forged a relationship between this new video medium TV and rock n roll. Via his television show Ozzie Nelson would introduce "rock n roll" each week into the homes of millions of middle class Americans. Ozzie and Harriet would be on camera nodding with approval to the beat of Ricky's latest song. Ozzie Nelson did more at that time to advance rock n roll onto main street America than any recording artist could, by giving it a sense of legitimacy. If Ozzie and Harriet liked Rock n Roll. how bad could it be?

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Essential Oil Spotlight by April Hannah of Hannah's Healing

In recent years, essential oils have become incredibly popular in large part because of the many potential benefits they offer a person's body, mind, and emotional well-being. But what exactly are essential oils and how are they used?

Essential oils are basically plant extracts. They're made by steaming or pressing various parts of a plant (flowers, bark, leaves or fruit) to capture the compounds that produce fragrance. It can take several pounds of a plant to produce a single bottle of essential oil.

People use essential oils in a variety of ways, including in aromatherapy for their therapeutic benefits. There are dozens of essential oils, all with different fragrances and chemical makeups. Which essential oils are best depends on what symptoms you're looking to ease or fragrances you prefer. In this edition of Essential Oil Spotlight, we'll focus on Thieves®, an oil essential produced by Young Living, a highly respected manufacturer whose products we carry exclusively at Hannah's Healing.

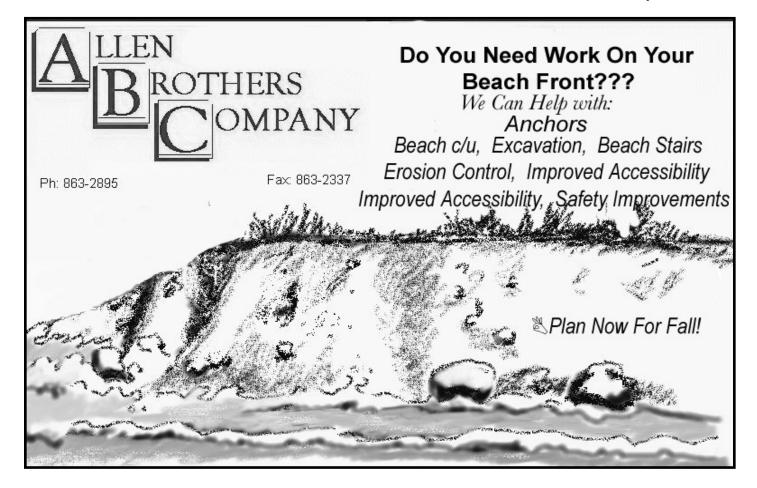
The roots of Thieves essential oil can be traced

back hundreds of years. In France during the 15th century, thieves would sneak into graveyards to rob from the dead and dying. Legend says they protected themselves by creating a special aromatic combination composed of clove, rosemary, and other botanicals. Today Thieves essential oil blend is inspired by those tales of old. Combining Clove, Cinnamon Bark, Lemon oil, Eucalyptus Radiata, and Rosemary essential oils, this blend is one of our most popular products at Hannah's Healing Gift Shop.

Thieves is an essential oil I cannot go without during the winter months. I diffuse it at home and in the office, make myself a Thieves tea with lemon, and place on the bottoms of my feet to help support a healthy immune system throughout the cold and flu season. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and finding hand sanitizer became difficult, I turned to my bottle of Thieves, placing a few drops on my hands, which left my skin feeling clean and refreshed.

Other benefits of using Thieves essential oil include: fighting nasal and sinus congestion, promoting respiratory and cardiovascular health, and energizing or uplifting mood.

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Healing home cleaning and personal care products. It is a key ingredient in Thieves Household Cleaner, Thieves Waterless Hand Purifier, Thieves Wipes, and Thieves Foaming Hand Soap. You can find all of these products in our gift shop.

Thieves' aroma is so yummy, you'll want to taste it—and you can! Thieves Vitality™ essential oil blend is specifically labeled for using in foods, teas, and as a supplement. Here a few fun ways you can use Thieves Vitality to enhance your everyday life:

Spice up your herbal tea by adding a few drops of Thieves Vitality for a warm and tangy flavor. You can also make your own Thieves tea by heating up water, adding some organic honey and lemon juice, and topping it off with a few drops of Thieves Vitality. Refresh musty carpets by adding 5 drops of Thieves to a cup of baking soda; combine well and let sit overnight until the oil is absorbed. Sprinkle over carpets and vacuum thoroughly. Diffuse 6–8 drops of Thieves to help create an environment of peace and security. Customize your Thieves experience by adding a few drops of Orange, Tangerine, or Nutmeg essential oil. Put a few drops of Thieves essential oil blend in a capsule and swallow with water to support your immune system. Put in a few drops of Thieves essential oil blend in your dishwater or dishwasher to thoroughly clean dishes and eliminate odor

The Thieves products we carry at Hannah's Healing Gift Shop include: 5ml and 15ml bottles of essential oil lozenges, cleaning spray, room spray, hand sanitizer, Laundry detergent, Foaming hand soap, toothpaste, and mints.

One final thing to keep in mind is that not all essential oils are created the same and you don't want to purchase them from just anywhere, because purity matters when it comes to essential oils. At Hannah's Healing Gift Shop, we offer oils that are 100% therapeutic grade and free from harmful synthetics. We can also create customized essential oil blends to meet your needs and order any oils that aren't already in stock, so please stop by to see us today! The gift shop is located at 2474 NY 30 in Mayfield, NY. You can also visit our website, www.HannahsHealing.com, to see a full list of the products and services we offer.



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NAV-ED Lake Safety:

Lake Safety: Keep Informed!

by Captain Peter M. Byron, NAV-ED SERVICES GROUP

Happy New Year Happy 2021

It is mid-December and it appears as if the snow fell out of the sky! We toyed with warm temperatures until we thought that winter was not on its way. Then, we received news that the Mid-December 2020 nor'easter was on its way. Of course, the first reports described the snow as 'fluffy' which it certainly was not! Saratoga Springs registered 35", Glens Falls measured 33.8" and Clifton Park clocked in at 27" from December 16 to December 17! SPECTRUM NEWS is quoted as saying that "... snow on parts of the Capital Region paralyzed most travel and shut down



schools and places of work on Thursday." Get prepared! As a matter of fact, we moved onto the snowmobile topic last month when we introduced information and website addresses for snowmobile informtion at New York State Parks and Recreation and the New York State Snowmobile Association!

SNOWMOBILE TIME! The warm weather is over so let's set our sights on the winter season! Of course, we are not going out on a limb making a statement about changing weather. As a matter of fact on December 15, 2020, The TIMES UNION reported a tremendous amount of activity under the heading: "Snowmobiles provide escape from pandemic". Dominic Jacangelo, Executive Director of the snowmobile assocation reported that: "Club memberships are running ahead by a few thousand," he said of the 200 local snowmobile clubs across the state. Registrations of snowmobiles in the state have hovered around 100,000 for the past few winters but are on track to exceed that number. All of this is happening even as the season hasn't really started due to the lack of consistent snowfall so far."

The TIMES UNION proclaimed before our latest snowfall that: "Now, snowmobile and ATV dealers are getting cleaned out as folks seek to take advantage of winter, once the snow gets here, that is. Along with rising demand for the motorized sleds, consumers are also scooping up the accessories."

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Although we can proclaim the end of 'snowless' conditions and share the excitement of open trails, it is important to bring it back into the context of our COVID crisis. Parks and Recreation provides information on



COVID and camp restrictions at: https://parks.ny.gov/covid19/ Any update on information must also include keeping an eye on restrictions for travel between states and the requirements for quarantines for inter-state travelers.

Congratulations for hitting the trail and enjoying nature but be sure to remember to be careful, not only for yourself but also your entire family. Hopefully, your time on the trails will be fun-filled and memorable for all the right reasons!

CAUTION ON THE TRAIL: Our main source for information, which we consult, is NYS Parks and Recreation because they operate a comprehensive website with regulations and safety tips. Their access point is: https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/

One of the problems of teaching safe practices is that our students don't pay too much attention in the good times but have an immediate flashback when confronted with problems! This is not unexpected but the great part about this is that we can always take the opportunity to share some information and hope that YOU take a moment to reflect on it and avoid accidents and fatalities.

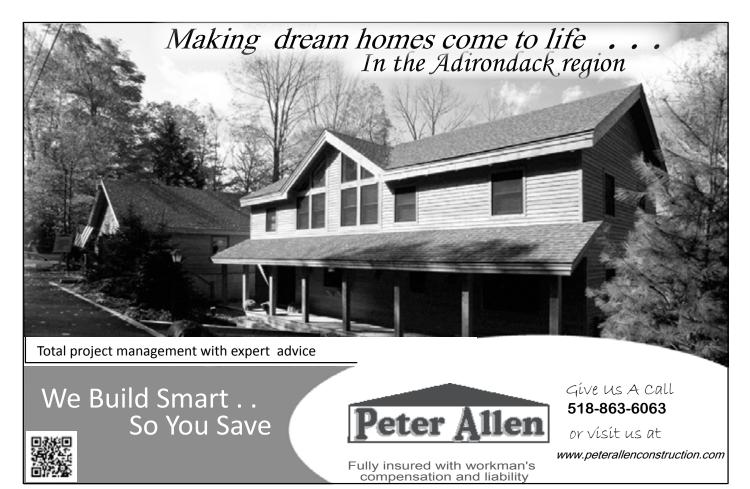
Our data on snowmobile accidents are taken from the NYS Parks and Recreation 2018-19 fatality report from their website. It is difficult to summarize because some of the accidents have multiple causes. Overall, seven fatalities were recorded for both January and March. Ten of the fatalities were caused by a 'collision with a tree' and 12 were caused by ejection from the snowmobile. Fifteen of the fatalities were the result of unsafe speed and 6 were caused by alcohol usage. The total number of fatalities was 21. It would appear that 'unsafe speed' should be considered a most likely cause!

SNOWMOBILER'S GUIDE: Last month, we mentioned that NYS Parks and Recreation provides a document which collects a treasure trove of information for anyone who either is beginning the snowmobile adventure or who wants to update on safe practices and equipment maintenance. It is worth an additional citation as the information is still relevant. The access point is: https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/

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snowmobiles/SnowmobilersGuide.pdf This is the type of document which you should immediately download and share with your friends and family, if you have not already done so!

The document includes legal requirements for snowmobile operation, trail maps and weather forecasts but also rider preparation, trail etiquette, apparel and post-season storage among other topics including use of alcohol and drugs. Bookmark the document and take a look! For those who enjoy apps, it might be useful to

download the NYS Parks and Recreation app. The State Parks Explorer mobile app is available at no cost for download for iOS and Android devices. To download, visit:

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NEW YORK STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION:

I mentioned earlier that the TIMES UNION interviewed the Executive Director for the

New York State Snowmobile Association. The Association website which can be found at: https://www.nysnowmobiler. com/ How about a source for snowmobile rentals, an interactive trail map, guidelines for responsible snowmobiling as well as the NEW YORK SNOWMOBILER ONLINE! Keep up-to-date on all of the issues and action including the local businesses serving the snowmobile community. (May have a slow upload but worth it!) Take it easy and enjoy the outdoors.

Peter M. Byron, PhD has taught NYS Boater Safety Classes on the Great Sacandaga and the Capital District for many years. He and his son, Captain Kevin Byron, are owners of NAV-ED Services Group and developed training programs approved by the United States Coast Guard for the following U.S. Coast Guard commercial licenses: Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV), Master, Assistance Towing, Auxiliary Sail and License Renewal for Inland and Near Coastal waters.

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Baskets to receive the donated items are placed at the various locations in Northville. Participating stores will have a silver mitten in their windows.

The Northville Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, or Holiness Mission churches have baskets also.

Baskets will be collected by Jan 1st, and the items will be distributed to Northville and Edinburg schools.

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Northville Baptist Church

by Barbara Klueg

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Welcome 2021!

This last year has been quite the year! COVID19 made 2020 turn into a year full of fear. At our house we finally had to stop watching the news 24/7 as they seem to thrive on the negative and fear. We needed to focus on God's love instead and serve Him, our great God and creator. After all. He's the one who is in control . . . and He is STILL on the throne! We had to be reminded of what the Bible says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18) We have to use common sense when it comes to COVID19, but we need to NOT live in fear of it too. We are all in God's hands. Isaiah 8:13 says, "But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holv. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." It puts things into perspective, doesn't it?

There is a time to be born and a time to die the Bible says. Then we face the Lord. We need to love and fear God and make sure we are ready to meet our Maker, whenever that time will happen . . . and we all know someday it will happen. Instead of living in fear . . . fix your eyes on the truth of what our mighty God did for us! Our Heavenly Father sent His son Jesus down to earth to be born as a baby. Jesus, who is totally God, also became totally human, yet is without sin. (I know, it blows our minds!) While on earth He performed miracles and preached salvation to the masses. Then Jesus died and rose again to pay the price for the sins of those who will repent and believe on him! WOW - this is what is really important! Life is short . . . but eternity is forever!

When we start a new year we often hear . . . out with the OLD and in with the NEW. Well, I for one am so completely ready to hit the reset button . . . in America . . . and around the world . . . and say, 'SO LONG OLD . . . HELLO NEW!'. . . and . . . Welcome 2021. We need a fresh start in our schools, our churches, businesses and our lives! Let's greet 2021 with open arms of love, and no longer fear and have a Happy New Year!

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service due to health concerns you may watch our live-feed on Facebook or on our church website (bconny.org). We presently have no nursery provided during our services. Check our website or Facebook page (Northville Baptist Church, Northville NY) for updates. Feel free to call Pastor Larson at 518.863.8001 if you need prayer or spiritual counsel, or have questions regarding any of our church ministries.

Our church's weekly schedule is:
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Bible Study at church (10:30 & 6:30 p.m.) Youth
Ministries: Bible Club (2:45-4:00 cancelled till Jan.
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Girls Bible Study (8 p.m. at church) Wednesdays:
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High (6 p.m. BCON Corner) Thursdays: Prayer
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Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Bill and I have been retired for three months now. It is

something that we have wanted for a long time but now that it is here, I have to admit it is different than what we expected. We have lived and breathed Hawk Drilling Company for many years (44 for Bill and 26.8 for me). When you own a business it is your entire life and you have a hard time separating it, from your personal life. Bill and I are completely out of it. It is owned by our son Jeremy, who is the fifth generation owner and has worked there since 1996. He is running the company with his wife Sandra, as the business manager. It is exciting when a new generation takes over. I know they will continue to offer quality service and value to all of their customers. In light of this, I will no longer be writing on behalf of the company. I have been fortunate to have been asked by Doug and Judy Sterling to continue to write in the newsletter. My focus is going to

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be about observations, in life in general. Things that have happened in our past, what is going on currently and what may happen in the future. Thank you to those of you who reached out and said they missed me last month. I appreciate that! Now you know I am back!

Life is strange isn't it. When we were younger, we wished we were older. We wanted to learn to drive, finish school, go to college, have a boyfriend or girlfriend, get married, have children, buy a house, get a job and so on. Then when we had those things we wanted better houses, better jobs and in general just more things! We have all worked hard for the things that we wanted. The real question is, at the end of the day, what was the actual cost? What are the things that we have missed along the way? Bill and I have worked our entire life, with retirement the end goal. Be careful what you wish for, it is not as easy as it seems. I have heard people talk about the initial separation anxiety from their job and quite frankly I never understood it. I do now . Our lives are no longer focused mostly on work. We have a lot of time during the day. My identity is no longer associated with a business and a job title. I am now just Janice Baldwin. There is no Vice President written behind my name. I am a wife, a mother and a friend, who happens to be retired. It has taken me some time to adjust to that. Work should not define who we are. I always understood that in my head but living it, quite frankly, feels strange. Last week a colleague, Jeff Smith and I were presented with a Special Recognition Award by the National Ground Water Association. The award recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated dedication, service and commitment to the groundwater industry and achievement on a local or regional level. Thanks to COVID the national conference was virtual. I am sure that only a hand full of people, actually watched the awards ceremony. I admit I wish that things were different and we could have received our award at the national convention in Las Vegas. It would have been nice to celebrate with our friends and colleagues. A lot of time, preparation and planning went into the interview. It was actually very thought provoking. Answering questions, finding pictures and coordinating with Jeff brought back a lot of memories, for both of us. I really appreciated the outcome of the interview as the focus was on us individually, not our titles or our company names. It was just about our accomplishments. It also tied in my retirement and was accentuated by pictures of me, Bill and Big Hoss in the Keys. It was tastefully done and I

realize that this came at a time, when I needed it the most. I am the person who really needed to see the interview and hear the message.

Don't worry, I am enjoying not going into work everyday. I like sleeping in until seven in the morning. Daily snuggle time and long walks with Big Hoss are mandatory. I love sitting in our tiny backyard with our friends, going out to dinner, meeting new people and, especially, spending time on the water.

Every day I see something new just like I always did when I took the time to look on the lake. The list is long and I will have adventures to share with you each month. Our accomplishments are based on who we are and not what we do! I have talked the talk for years and now I finally get to walk the walk. Bill and I are figuring it out. It is not the things in life that make us happy. Everyone has to understood this themselves. No one else can do it for us. Embrace the important moments in your life. Slow down and make that your goal in 2021.

Happy New Year from Janice, Bill & Big Hoss!

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Northville United Presbyterian Church News

A New Year

January marks more than the beginning of a new year. It marks a transition from the past to the future. Janus was one of the earliest of Roman deities. Although a pagan "god," Janus represented a useful philosophical, if not religious metaphor. Janus was typically illustrated in art and sculpture as having two separate faces: one facing forward, the other facing backward. He is also associated with doorways and portals, which people must pass through. Often, when transitioning or passing through new doors, new life-periods, new calendar years, or challenges, we mostly do not know what to expect. Yet, we certainly know what we've been through!

We all have been through so much this past year, and have so many unknowns in the upcoming year... a devastating pandemic looking backward, a hopeful array of vaccines looking forward. God DOES work in strange, yet wondrous, yet usually inexplicable ways.

The past: a challenging four years of neighbor versus neighbor, divided over secular politics. Looking forward: we pray for reconciliation, compromise, and a joining of hearts and hands in recognition of what unites us: love of God, of Country, and of our neighbors, although often differing drastically over the means to achieve a common end. I recently posted a quite similar sentiment on Facebook, and included a reminder to all that the Beatitudes were, or should be our guide. I was roundly attacked, called a hypocrite

and worse, although I was speaking from the viewpoint of an independent voter, and as a Christian, not as a secular advocate or partisan critic. I was devastated by the response, and asked the Lord that night to help bring us together, whatever the perceived enmities. Please pray with me for individual guidance, forgiveness, love and togetherness in what God's words proclaims.

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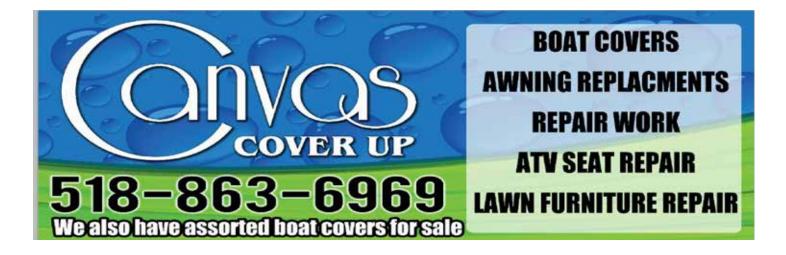
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January Reminders

Do not forget the message of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr., on the day set aside for the celebration of his



homilies of Peace, Non-Violence, Social Justice, Racial Equality and Christian Values.

Also, do not forget to assert and follow through on one life-affirming resolution this New Year. Pick a Bible verse and read it and live by it EVERY day in 2021.

And finally, as something special was brought to my attention quite recently, I would like to recognize a local business for their caring initiatives for our community. Specifically, I am told, the folks at Klippel's Kozy Korner restaurant and café donated turkey dinner suppers with trimmings to people in the local community who could use a free dinner: shut-ins, low income folks, and other needy and appreciative folks. Some of

our congregational persons received them, but more importantly, the Sacandaga community as a whole benefitted. THANK YOU Klippels, for digging deep, when all local businesses are stressed by the Covid restrictions!

Annual Meeting of our Congregation

Tentatively, the NUPC Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 31st. Meeting packets will be sent by regular mail beforehand, and the details of voting procedures for members will be then outlined (i.e., via Zoom, Phone, Acclimation, or other arrangements.) Stay tuned to the mailing and/or our website and Facebook page.

Sunday Services

Due to the ongoing, increasingly dangerous Covid situation, members of our NUPC governing Session voted to revert to Sunday services through streaming media only, until further notice. Phone: (518)863-9151, or Email: northvillepres@hotmail.com.

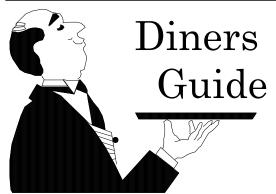
The streaming service will be accessible via our Facebook page, at: (htpps://www.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch)
Until next month, remember again that God created humankind in God's own image... all of us! So I just wish you all WELLNESS, PEACE, LOVE, BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD, OTHERHOOD, AND GOD's BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS!

Note: these are the views of Frank Ralbovsky, Congregant & Elder of the Northville United Presbyterian Church)



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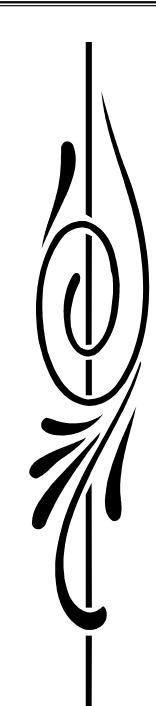
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Our Church is dimmer this season with the sudden passing of our Paster Gary Diallo. Here are some of Gary's messages he left us with. God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely. We thank God who trust us and pours abundant love on us.

God of love fills us with peace and hope. God is with us in good times and in the hard times.

Great is his Faithfulness.

God will hear our prayers.

Under God's hope you will find shelter.

We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our Lives in service.

God hear our Cries and our wounded souls.

Our Church family will miss Paster Gary's Guiding light. The Church will continue Sunday service with Certified Lay Teachers. We will continue to follow the Methodist Church guidelines for safety.

We place our trust in God's promise and let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing peace and hope. Our motto is Open Doors Open Minds and Open Hearts.



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Greetings and Happy New Year from the members and friends of First UMC. What a strange year we have left behind! It is our hope that you were able to find joy in the 2020 holiday season and that your celebrations, while smaller and different than usual, brought you happiness and peace. January 6 ushers in the season of Epiphany, a celebration of the Magi and the gifts they brought to the Christ Child. They traveled a long way guided only by a star that shone brightly in the skies and, when they arrived, bowed on bent knee before the child. Where will you find your Epiphany? Where will you find your guiding star? Will you find it in the face of a stranger; in the giving of items to the food pantry; in the donation of money to a local restaurant to feed someone else; in the kindness you extend to someone who is hurting or grieving? Will you find it on bent knee in prayer, by faith?

Sadly, the pandemic continues and with the uptick in COVID cases in our area, it has been decided to close our church building for the safety of our parishioners. There will be no worship services or building use until at least the end of January. At that time, the feasibility of returning to in-house worship will be evaluated. Please check our Facebook page for updated information.

Our Thrift Store remains closed at this time with no anticipated opening date. We did attempt to open in early November but extenuating circumstances did not allow this to happen. This is an important ministry for our church and community and we ask you to keep us in prayer as we continue to find a way to open again safely. We are not accepting any additional clothing. Any questions may be directed to the church.

Peace and blessings to all as we venture into the year 2021.



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Adirondack Folk School Schedule for January 2021 51 Main Street, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 (518) 696-2400 www.adirondackfolkschool.org

All classes are held at the Adirondack Folk School unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY

Saturday & Sunday, January 9&10 Birch Bark Picture Frames and Mirrors with Jim Schreiner. #1781-0109. 2 Days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210. Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$30.

Saturday & Sunday, January 9&10 Introduction to Chip Carving with Dennis Wilson. #1789-0109. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210. Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$25. NOTE: Chip carving knives will be supplied by the school. Students wishing to purchase a chip carving knife should do so from either mychipcarving.com or chipcarving.com. An Introductory Chip Carving book may be helpful as well.

Saturday January 16

Introduction to Woodturning with John Kingsley. #1793-0116. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$15. NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes,



hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended.

Friday January 22

Stained Glass for Beginners with John Vaughn. #1836-0122. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$25.

Friday January 22

Introduction to Pyrography with Bret Collier. #1840-0122. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$30.

Saturday January 23

Hiker (Small) Adirondack Pack Basket with Linda Scherz. #1809-0123. 1 day. 9am-5pm. Tuition \$115. Member Tuition \$95. Materials fee \$76-\$95. NOTE: Materials fee for Webbing Harness - \$76. Materials fee for Leather Harness - \$95. Leather harness is dark brown. Webbing harness color choices are red, olive green, black and dark brown. Please call AFS if you would like the leather harness as it needs to be ordered a minimum of two weeks prior to the class. Students should wear comfortable clothing.





Edinburg School News



Edinburg School Happenings

by Michelle Ellis Superintendent



On Wednesday, December 16th, Edinburg Common School students, teachers, and staff participated in a virtual

taping for the annual holiday concert. Using our technology and the help from Mr. Moore and Mrs. Ferguson, we were able to capture the classic songs and sing Christmas carols for our families at home. Led by Ms. Pat Zullo, students sang traditional and new aged holiday music that spread holiday cheer throughout the gymnasium. Many of our band students also shared holiday pieces they had been practicing. We are so proud of our students and the musical talents they have. A special thank you to Ms. Zullo for her hard work and dedication to the ECS music program. Also, we would like to thank our teachers and staff for their help in making this virtual holiday concert such a success!

On Wednesday, December 23rd, students, teachers and staff enjoyed a special holiday themed day. Classrooms held holiday parties with a "special" visitor, Santa, who visited each room. Santa delivered gifts for each boy and girl in the school district. We would like to thank the Edinburg Tree Lighting Committee and the Edinburg PTO for providing gifts for our students. We would also like to thank Santa for taking time from the North Pole to come and visit our students at ECS!

I would like to thank our students and families for participating in the "Practice Distance Learning Day" on November 19th. Based on the feedback from students, parents, teachers and staff, I am beyond proud of the work put forth and the participation during the practice day. In most classes, we had 100% attendance and participation. As you are all aware, we are so lucky to be open with a regular schedule for in-person instruction. The "Practice Distance Learning Day" shed light on the practice we need moving forward in the event of a short or long term closure.

Edinburg Common School District knows the importance of being proactive and to be ready for anything that comes our way. Therefore, starting January 11th, 2021, any half days that have been identified on our school calendar will be distance learning days. These opportunities will be a great learning experience for everyone. It will provide us with monthly practice to better help students and teachers and allow us to work out some of the areas of concern with distance learning. Below are the approved half days that will be scheduled for distance learning:

Monday, January 11, 2021 Friday, February 26, 2021 Monday, March 29, 2021 Friday, April 23, 2021 Friday, May 14, 2021

As always, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

For more information please go to our school website at www.edinburgcs.org and/or like our school Facebook page.

Dates to remember:

December 24th - January 1st Holiday Break January 12th - ECS Board Meeting 6:00 PM January 11th - Half Day Dismissal at 11:30 am/11:45 am January 18th - No school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

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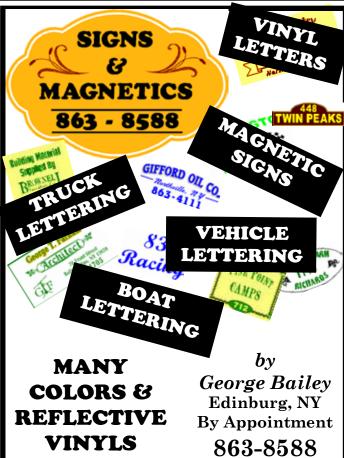
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FACT: The most common car equipment failures are due to loss of brakes, tire blowouts, thread separation and then the steering and suspension failure.

Facts provided by the NHTSA

Mother Nature is infamous for peppering December with dropping temperatures, snow, and dangerous icy road conditions. It is critical to make sure your car is prepared to take on the severe winter driving conditions bestowed upon New York during the holiday season.

"While you should keep your vehicle in top operating condition all year round, it is especially important to get it winterized to avoid dangerous situations while traveling in frigid weather," stated Allstate NY spokesperson Krista Conte.

Giving your vehicle a once-over is key to overall safety. Check your battery, engine, brakes, tire pressure, coolant, transmission and windshield washer fluids before driving. Also, make sure mirrors and seats are adjusted and seat belts are working properly. Allstate Insurance Company and the Insurance Information Institute offer the following winter driving tips:

Leave more distance than usual between your vehicle and the one just ahead of you, giving yourself at least 10 seconds to come to a complete

Be careful when driving over bridges as well as roadways rarely exposed to sunlight, as they are often icy when other areas are not.

Be sure to keep your gas tank full. A fuller gas tank also averts the potential freezing of your car's gas-line.

Do not activate your cruise control when driving on a slippery surface.

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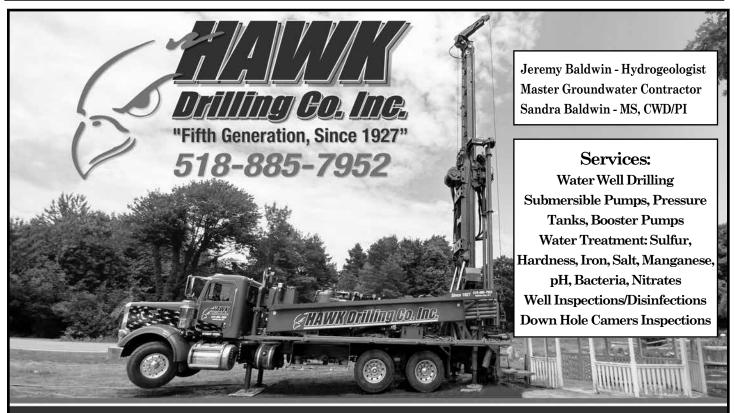
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