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# EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

SNOWMOBILERS AND PEOPLE ICE FISHING OR ON THE LAKE, PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL THIS YEAR. THE WATER WAS HIGH WHEN THE LAKE FROZE AND IT DID NOT FREEZE IN SOME PLACES UNTIL MID JANUARY AND WARMER WEATHER AND POSSIBLE RAIN IS PREDICTED. BE AWARE THAT AS THE WATER IS LOWERED THERE WILL BE POTENTIAL ICE HEAVES. THERE ARE ALSO OBSTACLES FROZEN IN THE ICE. GO SLOWLY TO AVOID ACCIDENTS ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT AND DO NOT RIDE ALONE.

### Zoning and Land Use Update

The Town has hired CT Male Associates to work with the town to update our current zoning, land use and subdivision regulations. There will be a moratorium on applications to the Planning Board

and Zoning Board for up to 6 months. There is a provision for hard ship waiver requests within that period. Projects currently approved and permitted will continue as usual, but we request that you contact the town hall for appointments for inspections. Residents will be asked for input as the update gets underway and we anticipate there will be ample opportunities for public involvements.

### Town Hall Roof Replacement

The roof on the town hall is being replaced with metal roofing and the job will be started in the next few weeks and be completed within 6 to 8 weeks. Please be aware of any temporary barricades in the parking lot and follow signage.

### Broad Band Survey

The broadband survey has been completed and we expect to have the report soon. There was an excellent response received.

### Town Web Site

The town web site is down and is being redone and updated. We received a grant from the Saratoga County Planning and Economic Development Department to cover the update costs. We expect the new site to be done in the spring and it will provide the ability for the town to add and change items as needed. The old site required that we send changes to the host company and pay for changes as needed.

### REMINDERS:

Monday, February 19th is Presidents Day. The Town Hall will be closed and garbage will be collected on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

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# FEBRUARY 2024 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- Thurs 1 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Tues 13 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Wed 14 Valentine's Day**
- Thurs 18 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Mon 19 Presidents' Day**
- Tues 20 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 22 4:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting

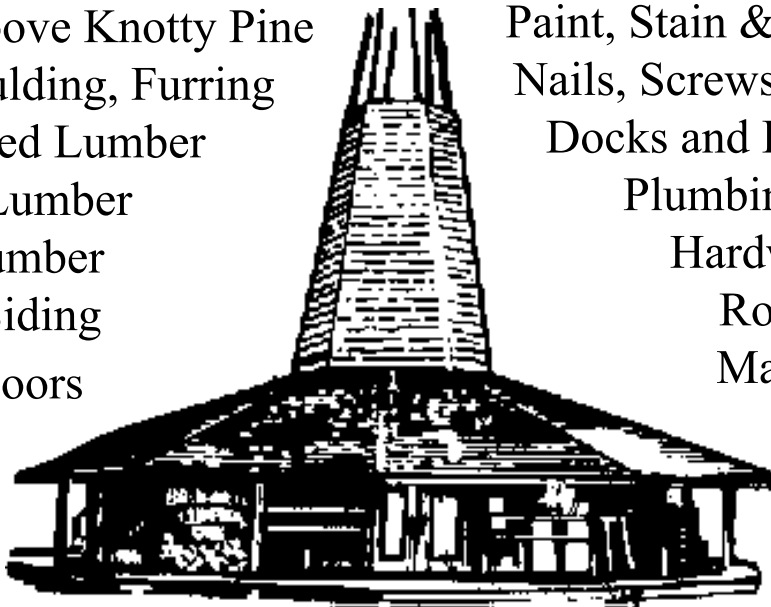


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# DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

Foundation and Building of the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Co., Conclusion—

At the annual meeting of the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company on February 24, 1959 the president and secretary were authorized to borrow \$2500. from the Fulton County National Bank to make their first major purchase—a 1946 Ford truck with a Coleman pumper. It was agreed to pay the bank back at least \$1,000. annually.

A resolution was also passed for the Saratoga County Fire Mutual Aid Plan.

In March the Building Committee was authorized to finish the second floor of the firehouse so that their April meeting could be held there.

Finally after holding their meetings first at Lakeland House and then at the Edinburg School on Sinclair Road for almost two years, the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. held the first meeting in their new firehouse on April 28, 1959. The first fire police were appointed with Captain

Harold Whitney; Asst. Captain, Fred Walton Jr.; 1st. Lieut., Leland Robinson and 2nd. Lieut. Ralph Seelow. Each man had to be bonded for \$1000. at a cost of \$3. per man per year.

During the summer of 1959 Cliff Canfield was appointed Chaplain of the fire company and a picnic was also held for the firemen and their families who had helped with the Field Days.

That fall Herbie Jensen was hired to face the front of the second story with brick. Left-over bricks were to be sold for the benefit of the fire company.

In late October Ed Seelow was authorized to purchase entrance cable (in preparation to hooking up electricity) and the men moved to purchase some chairs at \$1. each.

In 1971 it was decided an addition to the present firehouse was needed. This would allow space for fund-raising events, a place to hold training courses and a social room to rent out to the community. Again Vic and Beth Brownell came to the rescue by donating another piece of land-100'x 145'-adjacent to the firehouse lot.

At a special meeting on November 7, 1971 it was moved to build an addition 28'x30', two stories high and made of cement blocks. George Jensen was to come up with a price within a few days.

Construction was started the following year.

Richard "Red" Lawrence painted the first "Edinburg Vol. Fire Co." sign (red on white) on the front of the building above the double doors. The next sign (yellow on red) which read "Edinburg Vol. Fire Co., Inc." was done by Conrad Johnson.

Fireman Delano "Duddy" Canfield helped build the retaining wall c. 1960 while employed by Paul Bradt Contractors of Northville.



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Here we see some of the activities of the fire company in its first fifteen years of growth. Routine life has continued in the ensuing years. New members joined, old members resigned or passed away; older or busier ones became associate or honorary members. The average active membership held at about 40 members at any given time for many years. The members-men and women- have continued with advanced training, equipment has been up-dated and building improvements made. Field days and raffles have come and gone and by-laws revised. Unfortunately membership now holds at an average of about 20 members but most importantly the townspeople still have a sense of security knowing that Edinburg has a caring, dedicated, and hard-working fire company.

**Early Equipment**

1932 - CD pump on a trailer.

1939 - Mack tanker (had on-board oil pump to transfer water)

1949 - John Bean pumper on Ford chassis ( taken out of service in 1969)

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1941 - Mack

1946 - Ford Coleman pumper

Fire Siren (yellow) - donated by Civil Defense

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EDINBURG—The newly-formed Edinburg volunteer fire department answered its first fire call Saturday at 11:30 a.m. when it was summoned to quench a fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Canfield, Tennantville road, four miles north of Edinburg.

MRS. CANFIELD had to walk quite a distance to a neighbor to report the fire. Mrs. George Jensen, wife of the chief, telephoned for the siren to blow, which it did for fifteen minutes. Mrs. Jensen also used her telephone to round up the members and non-members, about 20, who hastened to the fire.

Heber Jensen drove the 600-gallon water tank truck which, with the aid of a well, was sufficient to quench the blaze that was confined to the kitchen. Most of the kitchen was destroyed. The damage will be about \$1,000.

*First Year Edinburg Fire Co Open Summer 1957*



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## EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

### Neighbors helping Neighbors

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12/13 South Shore, Service Call (smell of propane)  
 12/13 Degolia Road, Service Call  
 12/16 Mutual Aid to Northville  
 12/17 North Shore, EMS Assistance, driver  
 12/28 Motor Vehicle Accident, Military Road  
 12/31 Mutual Aid to Northville  
 01/01 Tennantville Road, CO2 Alarm  
 01/01 Tange Road, EMS Assistance, driver  
 01/03 EMS Assistance, Driver  
 1/11 Mutual Aid to Northville

Each year about this time, I take an opportunity to recognize the individuals that make up the Edinburg Fire Company. Also to acknowledge the critical support provided by neighboring Fire Departments. In particular, our fellow fire fighters who come to our aid regularly from Northville.

The Edinburg Fire Company currently has twenty one members and one junior member. That might sound like a lot of people but the reality is that folks have other lives, we are all volunteers, and not always available to make every call. We are very fortunate to have a few members who

work locally and can be released from their jobs in an emergency. This has made a tremendous difference over the years, vs not responding at all to a call for help during the work week. We have a fair amount of more recent members who were members of other departments, relocated to the Edinburg area, then opted to join our Company. We have some younger members in their twenties and thirties, but not nearly enough of them. During a weekday - day time call, the average age of our responders probably goes up by twenty years. But that goodness for the silver backs, (a group which I am a part of), and the soon to be.

Let's be honest here, being a member of any fire company is not always an easy row to hoe. Yet, the work could not be more rewarding. Last year I believe was our busiest on record. And it will only continue to be so, as more homes are being constructed in the community. It is crucial that citizens step up assisting in filling in the voids, as others need to at last step back. As I have expressed many times in this column, the Fire Company has a variety of needs; from traditional business responsibilities of any organization (treasurer, secretary), to supervising the improvements and overall maintenance of the building. Maybe your thinking, what can I do that is new for 2024? How can I serve my community in a meaningful way? Why not give us a look see? We are generally at the Fire House every Tuesday, from about 6:30. And if we are not, contact one of your neighbors you know to be a member.

David Rockwell, Leland Robinson, John Olmstead, Wayne Seelow, Michele Seelow, Catlin Vandenburg, Alex Rockwell, Courtney Sloan, Brant Robinson, Garret Metzler, Justin Sloan, Kirstie Metzler, Brian DeFeo, Robert Barber, Thomas Murphy, Carl Quaglino, Josh Bedell, Christian Bills, Amy Robinson, Todd Kedik, Adam Kedik, Kebin Ostrander

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The Edinburg Historical Society board is working on selecting speakers and putting together meeting dates, festivals, and special events.

We need volunteers to help paint the new Rural Museum's doors that enclose the lumber

exhibit. Volunteers are needed to open the Rural and Nellie Tyrrell museums during the summer. Just being able to help one day during the summer would be appreciated. In the spring the museums are cleaned, and the exhibit items put on display by volunteers. Come join your neighbors and friends for a fun workday. Any questions contact President George Blackwood 863-6772.

Mark your calendars for the two EHS festivals: Historic Edinburg Day - July 13, 10 am to 3 pm; the Edinburg Fall Festival on September 28, 10 am to 3 pm; Holiday Bazaar, November 2 10 am to 3 pm.

## Congratulations Norma!

Norma Porteus celebrated her 105th birthday with a luncheon given by her family at the home of Chuck and Dorothy Porteus. In attendance were numerous friends and community organizations in which she has been a member. She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Norma continues to live independently in her own home and takes daily walks along trails of the Sacandaga Lake. She attributes her longevity to good friends and staying active in the community. We are blessed to have her continue to be an important part of our lives and would like to thank all those in the community who generously act as her extended family making sure she has transportation to events, daily newspapers, books to read and lots of cookies.





If you have a birthday that you would like to put in the Edinburg Newsletter, please email it to: [edinburgnews2023@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgnews2023@gmail.com)

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## FRAXTURED FACTS

*Brian DeFeo*

**Do we trust in Google, more than we “Trust in God”? Is Google our next God?**

Can Google actually be, what is referred to in the Second Commandment? “You shall not make any Idols...” or “... worship a graven image”, should you be an old King James fan. Is, Google our next God? We used to be concerned over the love for money, and power. Perhaps what we now crave is information, and all that comes with it. The danger is that information can masquerade as knowledge. However it is not wisdom, which can only come from God.

Google offers some real advantages over God however. Feedback is practically instantaneous! In this day and age of instant gratification and a total lack of patience for almost any situation. Who better than Google to school us on the intricacies of life. I mean, who wants to pray every day and then wait around for a response. One which we may not even understand until years later, if at all.

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Sitting around a morning coffee group in Las Cruces, New Mexico, it was interesting to observe that if the morning discussion ever entered into a topic of which additional information was required, rather than debate possible answers, working the problem through as a group, one person would invariably whip out their cell phone and within seconds, settle the dispute with a call into Google central. The group would accept these findings, as they were after all from Google, and move on to another topic.

A secondary bonus of accessing Google is that you no longer need an actual memory, as Google will perform this function for you. It will remind you of your grandchildren's birthdays, when your bills are due, and even make the actual contacts for you, should you choose. While I am referring to Google in this article, there are many other search engines and social media platforms, that actually carry on a host of functions to include the above, even if Google doesn't. Google is just the technical equivalent of low hanging fruit, as Google is quickly approaching the same iconic status that Kleenex has in the facial tissue industry. And that's nothing to sneeze at.

Why is it that people are so willing to believe in Google, yet struggle mightily to believe in God? Aside from the instantaneous response as noted above. Google is very visual, in your face, right on the screen in your study, or any place your phone happens to be. Very crudely put, you can literally have information coming out of your \_\_\_\_.

God is, well, cosmic in nature. When God does get visual; look out. As noted in many passages throughout the Bible. You can't help but be impressed. Yet that has not occurred in a very long time, and we are a forgetful people. With a "what have you done for me lately" mentality. Google on the other hand puts our minds at ease with quick solutions to everyday problems. Like, how long do you cook pork chops? Well that depends how you intend to cook them, but Google will help you figure that out. Google is not so good with issues like; I have terminal cancer, and I am afraid of dying.

Google is apparently on a Cloud somewhere, yet God is in the Clouds somewhere. Why is it so hard to accept one and not accept the other? Again, I think it goes back to knowledge and the confusion one has, when you think you have it. I recall Jesse (The Body) Ventura, former professional wrestler and one time Governor of Minnesota, referring to

religious people as "weak minded". And I suppose that is how we must seem to many folks. Because, faith trumps logic every time. To some that makes us look unintelligent. Yet, if you have been blessed with faith you understand that some how, everything seems to fall into place, including you.

Not that you won't suffer, as likely you will. Either now, or at the end of your time on this cold orb. For you are not exempt from the pangs of this life. However your God, is an awesome God. One even greater than the god of Google. So, ignore the man behind the curtain, the great and powerful Oz, and let your heart and soul find peace with the Living God.



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The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Feb 13 at 10 am in the library's program room. Wendy Haugh will lead a discussion of Robert Galbraith's

(J.K. Rowling) "The Cuckoo's Calling". Summary: After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, creditors are calling, and after a breakup with his longtime girlfriend, he's living in his office. Then John Bristow walks through his door with a shocking story: His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry -- known to her friends as the Cuckoo -- famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that. The case plunges Strike into the world of multimillionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers, and it introduces him to every variety of pleasure, enticement, seduction, and delusion known to man. You may think you know detectives, but you've never met one quite like Strike. You may think you know about the wealthy and famous, but you've never seen them under an investigation like this.

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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

In the midst of all the excitement and romance for February 14, very few know of the flower or the saint who started it all: the Violet and the martyred youth, Valentine. St Valentine, persecuted by a Roman emperor, was in prison when he continued his good works by encouraging other believers with messages of friendship and love. According to legend, Valentine crushed the violet flowers growing outside his cell, making an ink to write with and delivered them via dove. It is also said that this priest maintained a friendship with his jailer's blind daughter, who he wrote to daily and cured her of ailment. He was executed on February 14, 269 A.D. This coincided with the pagan festivals of Lupercalia, held in honor of the goddess Juno, who favored women and marriage. Thanks to Valentine, this festival was now associated with romantic love, fertility rites and the coming of spring. Violets, linked to faithfulness or the "I return your love" sentiment, were a symbol as well as a popular offering between lovers. Because of this, violets are the original Valentine Flower.

Viola plants from the family of Violacea consist of Violets and Pansies and have been cultivated by the ancient Greeks since 500 BC or earlier. The name 'pansy' is derived from the French word pensee meaning 'thought'; the way the flower bends, it looks like the face of a

man in thought. The pansy is a hybrid of three species of wild violets. . There are around 500 types of violets in the world. These, however, do not include the African Violet, which is a different genus altogether. One quirk of some Violets is their elusive scent. This is because of a component of the scent (a ketone) which dull the sensory receptors in the nose preventing any further scent being detected from the flower until the nerves recover. Yet the Sweet Violet has a distinguishable sweet scent.

Sweet Violet are edible and are used to decorate meals and desserts or flavor desserts with essence of Violet flowers. The young leaves are edible raw or cooked as a somewhat bland leaf vegetable. The entire plant has been said to have medicinal properties and its tea has large amounts of vitamins A & C. Violets contain substances which act like antioxidants and show antimicrobial and antiviral properties. Ancient Greeks, Romans and Chinese medicine

use violets for herbal remedies, wine and in cough syrup as a chest congestion relief. The Greeks also used violets in love potions because it was considered a symbol of fertility and love.

In Central Russia, violets may have helped the bands of invading Tartars as they moved across the plains. Always on the move, they were often forced to live off the land. An account by the 17th century Russian traveler Gmelin, who was the first to travel as far as Siberia, claims that among tubers in the ground, the Tartars ate the roots of violets which were cooked down into a pasty soup which aided in keeping them full as they migrated westward. In France, Napoleon Bonaparte declared Violets his signature flower, and used the blooms to cover his wife Josephine's grave when she died in 1814. In fact, he was called Corporal Violet by friends, after promising them he would return from his exile on Elba before violet season.

The first Violet Day was held on July 2, 1915 in Australia. Violets were sent from as far away as Melbourne and the western district of Victoria. Tiny bouquets of violets with purple ribbons printed with the words "In Memory" were sold in the streets of Adelaide.



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The US has embraced the Violet, making it the state flower for New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island.

For a nice tribute to the Violet & Valentine’s Day, I found it fitting to share this poem:

The story of Saint Valentine Is a legend, it is true.  
 But legends are delightful and very lovely, too.  
 The legend says Saint Valentine, imprisoned in a cell,  
 Was thinking of his little flock he had always loved so well.  
 He wanted to assure them of his friendship and his love,  
 So he picked a bunch of violets and sent them by a dove.  
 And on the violet’s velvet leaves he pierced these lines divine...  
 They simply said “I LOVE YOU and I’m your Valentine.”  
 So through the years that followed from that day unto this,  
 Folks still send messages of love and seal them with a kiss.  
 Because a Saint in prison Reached outside his bars one day  
 And picked a bunch of violets and sent them out to say  
 That Faith and Love can triumph no matter where you are,  
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author ~ Helen Steiner Rice.



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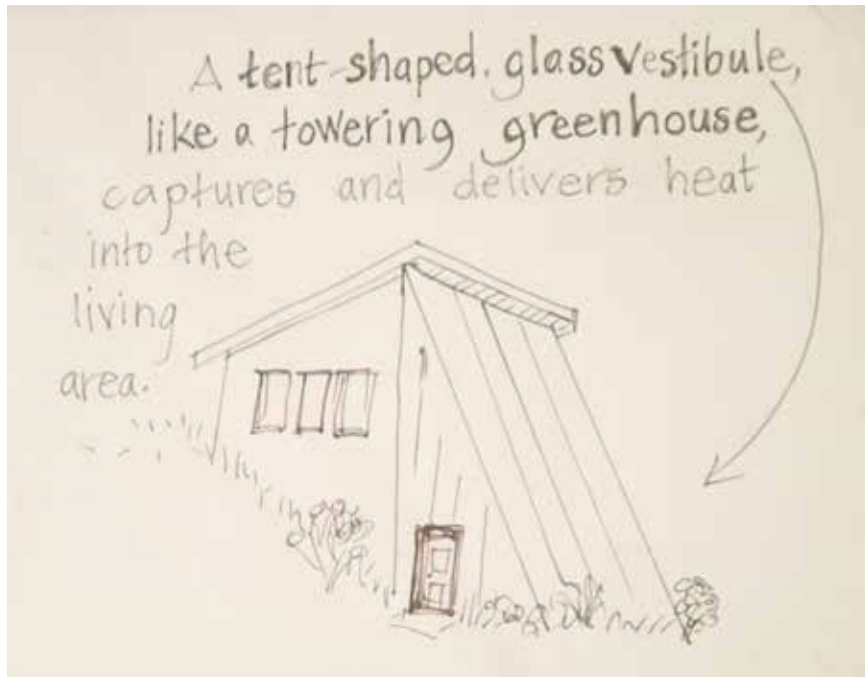
## Sufficiency

*Shellie Kovaleski*

If Fred Flintstone and George Jetson agreed to get together by time travel for a home design session, they might just converge right here in the Adirondacks at Jim and Laurie's place in Mayfield.

Fred would be right at home with the rugged and substantial timber and stone structure, plus, the radiant heat emanating from the flagstone flooring would so agree with his bare toes.

George would approve of the smart design, the way the building works for him automatically,



programmed by the laws of physics to do just what he needs. It offers a relatively cool retreat in hot weather and during the chilly months pulls enough winter sun in to shorten the heating season.

The most noticeable feature is the large, glass-walled enclosure embracing the entire front side of the house. Actually it didn't look like a house to me when I first saw it but once I stepped inside I didn't want to leave. The glass looks futuristic, a good detail for Mr. Jetson, but the solid rustic interior seems timeless.

The task of warming the house in the shoulder seasons of spring and fall is much like opening a door to let the dog out when you get up, except

that they don't pull it closed again. The steep glass walls enclosing the south-facing side of the house capture a substantial amount of heat. (You may have even contributed to this project if you ever left a cast-off window or glass by the roadside. The re-purpose ethic was strongly embedded in this work.) The master bedroom on the top floor features French doors opening onto a balcony inside the glass room. An agreeable 75 to 85° is the usual temperature range down at ground level but as the heat rises into the narrow peak it becomes concentrated and may get up to around 120°. When those doors are swung open in the morning, then throughout the day the rising warm air flows into the room, naturally expanding into that adjoining space. As the heat disperses it gently settles into the rooms below. Meanwhile, all during the daylight hours, the sun keeps contributing heat energy through the glass, continuously renewing the supply of warmth.

There is an opposite effect on the northern side of the home which is set into a hillside. Those closed off pantry spaces hover around 55° year round, just perfect for holding produce, a bumper crop of apples or potatoes, and other food that benefits from cool storage but doesn't require actual refrigeration.

This house is off the grid which means a couple things. First, things usually keep working about the same regardless of storms or power outages that can totally disrupt ordinary power systems. Secondly, there's a mindfulness that accompanies off the grid living.

In the design phase of this home, Laurie and Jim made the unconventional decision to put the refrigerator in the 55° zone a few steps away from the kitchen instead of close to the stove and sink. This trade-off involves walking a few extra steps in exchange for a lower energy requirement.

Instead of forcing the fridge to cool food from a 75° or 80° room temp down to 40°, it only has to bring the temperature down from 55° to 40°, thus saving energy that can be used elsewhere. This appliance does rely on electricity but from the familiar solar panels that most people equate with solar power.





Now, back to that toasty warm floor. Although harnessing heat from the tall glass vestibule, it would use solar-powered electric fans to push the hot air down through ductwork to the channels under the flagstone floors. Those channels were built by simply lining up cinder blocks on their sides. (Update: in the final call, this feature took too big a bite out of the energy budget and was not utilized.)

Actually, like Solviva, referred to in January, a book could be written about all the planning and decisions and features that make this space wonderful, attractive, and energy efficient.

Yet however wonderful or exciting these ideas may be, the fact remains that most of us already have houses to live in and it's unrealistic to just throw them away and make new ones. So the question is, What kind of retrofits are possible?

My friend CW knows one answer that question. When heating her trailer home got too expensive she made it bigger! She proved how a well insulated addition - and seasonal adaptations - can save money.

She now has more space year round and easier bills in the cold months. She hunkers down in the wood-warmed den, sleeps there and makes it her winter headquarters while the trailer itself is barely heated and just visited for supplies.

If you have any inclination to invest in your home's energy efficiency you're in for some fun brainstorming possibilities.

One last thing. If you happen to see Fred and George in Stewart's getting a cone you'll probably be surprised. But at least you'll know why they're here.

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## “Nuggets and News” from the Town of Lake Luzerne

Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184

### It's February and the heart knows “Love is Forever”

The term “Romance at the Ranch” was coined by our one and only Earl Woodward, the cigar smoking wheelin’ dealin’ realtor and business entrepreneur of the late 20’s to the 50’s. He used the term to market and promote the “Dude Ranch Era Getaway” to singles from the tri state metropolitan area. Even our past Town Historian, Bea Gaskill-Evans, a New Jersey gal traveled here with her girlfriends in 1945 for a ranch vacation at the Rocky Ridge Dude Ranch. Here she met, and fell in love with our local POW WWII Veteran, George Evens. They married in 1946 and settled here in Lake Luzerne. You know the rest of that story and hundreds more followed.

And then there is the LOVE of a little girl for her family ranch as told by Debby. “In 1957 my parents, Fred and Fran Fiero, both born in Brooklyn, NY, married and moved to Long Island. Then this beautiful family of 5 purchased property in Lake Luzerne and named the business, the Sundance Ranch that included 100 gorgeous acres. My mom, Frances, was 36 years young and my dad, Fredrico was 33 and were both looking for many of their ideas to come true. The property already had a man-made lake and pool. The huge lake could clearly be seen as folks drove up and down Route 9N. Dad would fill the lake every spring with fish so the guests could enjoy the sport as well as boating.

Long before the Northway was built, in the late 50’s, my dad built the motel, the corral for

the horses and a 9-hole miniature golf course by himself. As my sister filled me in, my dad also built our home, which was from a small shed. We were so happy for many, many years.

Mom was a fabulous cook and shared meal preparations for the guests with Dad. We would have so many happy families that returned year after year. We even had a family that would land their helicopter on the front lawn. A few of the local ranch hands were Larry Bennett, Joe Hanlon and Jim Gorham.

Because of our age and how close we were to Rout 9N we were not allowed to have bikes. At that time, I was 3, sister Barbara was 8 and Penny had just turned 10. However, we were allowed



to have a beautiful, kind and wonderful collie dog named Prince that we loved dearly.

My love for the ranch and community is in my heart forever and inspiring me to continue to research more history of the Sundance Ranch. I have so many more stories but very few pictures. Your comments or recollections would be welcome”  
- Debby Fiero Izzo

FYI: Look for the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Memories Project on Facebook with 2 half hour passionate interviews of Lake Luzerne, family and ranch stories. PS: Eventually the Sundance was sold and is now known as the ½ Mile Ranch and currently undergoing much land clearing and attractive upgrades.



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# Northville Rotary Grows

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## Northville Rotary Assists Troop 55 in Purchasing a New Trailer

Northville Boy Scouts Troop 55 approached the Northville Rotary Club for help in replacing their aging trailer. This trailer was used by the Troop for all outings such as recent scout outings at the Sabattis Scouting Reservation and their trip to Three Rivers Rafting in Millinocket, Maine. In many of these scout outings, the trailer is of great use to them for storing the troop's property with items such as kayaks, tents, chairs, and cooking equipment. However, the age of the trailer has begun to show after many years of use and is not safe.

The Scouts submitted a grant request and followed it with a presentation they created at an end of summer Rotary Meeting, emphasizing what Scouting means to them and how the trailer helps them. Their proposal was to ask for a matching grant of \$5,500 for a new trailer. They had already approached local businesses, raised money on bottle drives and individual donations.

With the Rotary matching grant they were able to continue their fundraising and donations to reach their goal of \$5500 in December

and were presented a matching check for \$5500 from Northville Rotary.

During the winter, Rotary meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Sport Island Pub.

Sometimes the meeting venue is changed, so if you would like to join us, text or call our secretary Cliff Parker at 518 331- 6439 first. All are welcome at our meetings.



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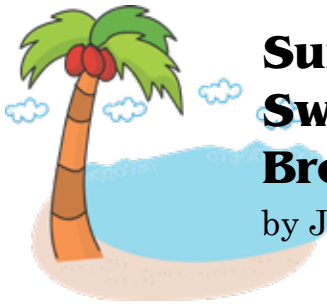
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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Our air conditioning broke down for three weeks in December. Fortunately we were having “winter weather” and would be spending a week in New York for the holidays. Every day we had the windows open and the house fan on. We quickly learned how relatively sound proof , our house is. We could hear every sound made in the neighborhood. Neighbors talking, dogs barking, every single car that drove by, kids laughing and every blasted “cock a doodle doo” that our resident rooster could make. Dang it, those roosters are noisy. The cool breezes wafting through our house, however, made it all bearable.

It made me think about life. I told you about my volunteer job last month. I have been glued to this computer for three months, several days a week. I have asked myself over and over, why did I take on this responsibility? It reminded me of my work days. I blocked out many things just to get the job done. I did not notice all of the blessings around me. That is very sad and I found myself doing it once again, in retirement life.

Losing our air conditioning was a wake up call to me. I missed my time in the yard with Big Hoss and I realized how patient my husband has been with me. I gave up exercising because I literally had no time for it. I am now paying for that. I have two more busy weeks and things will hopefully calm down. Sometimes it is the simple things that remind us there is more to life than work.

I know many of you are like me. I am asking you to take a step back and look around. What are you missing in life ? When you are older and you think back, you will want to think about happy memories not about all of the things that you missed

Living on the Great Sacandaga is a true blessing. There is so much beauty to be seen in every season. Get outside and feel the cool air. Take that snowmobile ride. Build a snowman. Have a snow ball fight. Bring your kids skiing. Go out and make some memories that will last a lifetime. You will never regret it. If you ever need a wake up call I can send a rooster your way.



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# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

Winter has finally arrived in the Village. Highway Superintendent Reidell and his crew have flooded the skating rink in the Waterfront Park and it is ready for use. As weather conditions change, and if there is a warm up, notices will be posted at the rink if it needs to be closed for a period of time. Dan has set up some additional picnic tables near the rink for the public to use. It is the perfect place to sit and eat take out from one of your favorite dining establishments while watching your family enjoying the rink.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for December 2023 was 85 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYS when NPD Officers were not on duty). Chief Richardson is working with Northville Central School on the reunification plan for the District.

Northville Central School has asked us to share that they have created a new notifications group for community members who would like to keep up with events happening at NCS! If you know someone who is not a parent/guardian who would like to receive notice of the following week's events via email and/or text, please share this link with them and they can join the NCS Events Group in ParentSquare.

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The Village of Northville Republican Party conducted their caucus on January 23, 2024, at the Bradt Building. Current Trustees, John Markiewicz and Sue Sedon, were nominated and approved by the caucus to be placed on the ballot for the March election. The Village election will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, in the conference room of the Bradt Building, from noon to 9 p.m. The term of office for the Trustees will be four years.

I know it is only February, but May will be here

before you know it and I like to plan ahead, so let's talk about May! We kick off May with Garage Sale weekend, the first full weekend of May. This year it will be May 4th and 5th. Also in May, the Village of Northville Memorial Day parade/ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27th at 6 p.m. We will be reaching out to volunteers and participants over the next month. Please mark your calendar and join us for this solemn event.

We are continuing to work on a National Trails Day event, which will be held May 31, 2024 through June 2, 2024 in the Waterfront Park and various spots around the Village of Northville. We continue to take applications for vendors for the event. Please email [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com) to add your special Trails Day event/promotion to our schedule of events. It is a great opportunity to plan a fund raiser or host an activity station as outreach for your group or organization.

While it seems like we are really looking ahead, it will be here before we know it....The DOINS! As July 4th falls on a Thursday this year, we are looking at a three day event, July 4th, 5th, and 6th. We are in discussion to have the fireworks on July 4th at dusk, and the parade on July 6th at 1 p.m. We want you to be part of the fun....Please help us with a theme for the Parade!! Please

email your ideas to [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com). We are also looking for suggestions for a Grand Marshal for the parade. Who would you like to see that honor bestowed upon? Send us your ideas!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



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# BACKYARD WILDLIFE

*Roberta MacIntyre Games*

“Be My Valentine” the phrase we use to express affection to another on Valentine’s Day. Cards in shops often depict images of bears hugging, rabbits smooching and owls snuggling together on a branch. With the exception of our domestic animals most wild animals look alike. It makes me think about us as humans. Could you imagine if we all looked alike, guys and gals.

How would we choose another? How do wild animals choose? That’s a column for another time.

Many years ago we had heard of eagle sightings in our area. “They” told us, “Late afternoon is when they appear flying right about there” fingers pointing skyward. So we waited along with a



*Photo by Lisa Young*

dozen others their spotting scopes, tripods and telephotos on the ready. I had my best binoculars. Sure enough the waiting paid off and there they were soaring in broad circles occasionally performing the mating ritual “sky dance” dipping, swirling and somersaulting through the air talons interlocked. (Although eagles can live to 30 years they are not ready for breeding until 4-5 years old.)

After choosing their mate, they remain monogamous. They nest in a tall tree preferably near open water and reuse that nest renovating as needed every year. The nests are quite huge to support these large birds of prey and their

eaglets and over the years eagles have settled here nesting in the Sacandaga region.

Historically Bald Eagles were prolific and common in North America, the only continent they are resident. Because they are birds of prey and will take ducks and small animals as well as their preferred fish, pioneers considered them negatively and overhunting nearly exterminated them. More recently the effects of DDT caused reproductive failure again influencing their numbers. They disappeared in the Adirondacks by the 60’s but conservation efforts in the 60’s and 70’s through transporting and releasing eagles from Alaska into New York has seen a major reestablishment of the Bald Eagle here. They are no longer considered endangered. (Today a concern for them, as well as other raptors and some fish eating ducks, is lead poisoning from ammo and lead sinkers.)

Last winter when the ice finally came on the lake road kill deer carcasses were placed out for wintering eagles. Eagles are considered partial migrants and may stay in their territory near rivers and hydro plants with open water. I counted 11 at one time both mature and immature dining communally. A few sat in the trees on one side of the lake waiting their turn and a few more on the other

side. One would land and “walk” hesitatingly to the carcass. Occasional scuffles would break out and one would do the “Native Dance” wings half open hopping from one foot to the other as if the ice was too cold on his talons. I imagine that long ago indigenous peoples also observed this behavior and mimicked it during their dance rituals.

My favorite sighting happened by chance on a warm winter day. I had been hiking and took a rest in the sun on the shore of the lake. There was an area of open water. Suddenly to my right an adult eagle appeared about 20 feet away soaring over the water head sweeping back and forth in search of a meal. That was when it was pretty rare



to see one. I now look forward every year while kayaking locally to visit our resident eagle family watching them on their nest, resting in the trees, and listening to the eaglet's cries echoing over the lake, no longer a rarity but always exciting.

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## Sacandaga Protection Committee

### Protecting My Lake Life

Growing up, I just assumed that every home had a lake in front of it. Not a day went by in my 1950's household without mention of the lake;

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"The ice is still too thin, you'll drown"

"They are really drawing her down this year!"


The Brownell's immigrated from England to Connecticut in the 17th century, and continued moving northwest to the Hudson River Valley. These poor, hard-working loggers and farmers were seeking to control their own destinies. Shortly after the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, my direct ancestral family settled in the Sacandaga Valley, while other Brownell's kept going to western New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and further west. Residing in the towns of Edinburg and Day, they became laborers, loggers, farmers, and teachers, thriving in their new home.

Around 1927, all this prosperity began to unravel. The Sacandaga Valley inhabitants became aware that the State of New York was planning to create a dam downstream from their lands and flood the Sacandaga River valley all way back to Northville. After over a century of making this valley their home, the same government

that they had fought to put in place during the war was now taking it from them. Residents were told that it was necessary for flood control in the Albany area downstream from them. The state politicians and lawyers used eminent domain laws and state-affiliated companies such as the Indian River Company to offer far below market price to purchase the land. In 1930, much to everyone's disbelief, the inhabitants of the valley had no choice but to take whatever they were offered and rush to move to higher ground.


The water was rising, and the homes were burning. The valley settlers who had built their homes and businesses were forced to abandon all that they had sacrificed and fought for. My father remembers loggers, soldiers, and farmers crying in the streets of West Day near his childhood home. The sight of these desperate men is one my father never forgot, and it is imperative to empathize with these settlers, broken both in spirit and materially, who had literally been sold down the river.

My immediate family comprehended what was happening, and quickly rebuilt. The business my father began, and my family carried on, slowly grew. We were able to make our living and build our homes largely because of the exclusive use clause that was granted to those displaced by the flooding. Despite the pain and deception caused by powerful county and state leaders under the guidance of large utility companies, the residents

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found a way to coexist with the newly-formed lake.

In 2009, area residents caught wind that NYS was considering eliminating the exclusive use clause for Great Sacandaga Lake permit holders. The permit that is leased each year from the state comprises up to 75% of the value of the real estate held by home and landowners that border the lake, as well as the surrounding areas. Without the exclusive use provision, real estate values would likely plummet, and the surrounding businesses and towns would correspondingly decline. The lower property taxes that all these property owners pay to the schools and municipalities around the lake due to the lower valuations would cause all the non-lake property owners' taxes to increase to make up the shortfall. As I grappled with what this could mean to my life, my home, my business, I almost could hear my grandfather whisper in my ear "Brace yourself, boy – here we go again..."

This exclusive rights clause is an important part of your Hudson River Agency's permit process when you buy property adjacent to the lake. Owning and paying taxes on a lakefront property that anyone can come and use for free is not sustainable. What makes this area desirable to so many, including those families whose ancestors had already endured the flooding that had upended their lives, would disappear with the swipe of a downstate politician's pen.

Luckily, history provided a lesson for how to handle this imminent threat. Together with other long-time residents, business owners, and concerned property owners, we formed the all-volunteer Sacandaga Protection Committee. We've built a coalition of specialized legal consultants and lobbyists to stave off legislation and political maneuvers. We've used PR firms to get the word out to the affected landowners, business stakeholders, and towns.

We were able to successfully thwart the initial attempt to remove the exclusive use clause. However, I can still hear my grandfather whispering in my ear "Be careful, they are not done with you yet. They will try to spank you just like they did me."

This whisper is why the Sacandaga Protection Committee

needs to continue utilizing our legal teams and lobbyists to prepare us for proposed legislation and coordinating with our elected officials, and we need your support and funding. Your lakefront investment and life's dream are in the hands of Albany and Washington now more than ever, and our coalition is our best means to prevent that.

To learn more about the SPC and how we protect your lake access and the way of life in our lake communities or to donate to support our mission, please visit our website [www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com](http://www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com). You may also contact us at [SPCGSL@gmail.com](mailto:SPCGSL@gmail.com).

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James and John saw Jesus “trans-figured” before them. The message of the Transfiguration is that you can lean on Jesus and trust in Him.






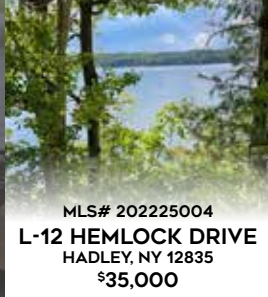
February 14th is Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. There are 2 things we focus on: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. Throughout the Scriptures ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sins.

February 14th is also Valentine’s Day. This day is not just about romance, it’s a day to remember the spiritual side of love. 1 John 4:9-12 tells us: “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

February 18th is the 1st Sunday in Lent, an observance in the liturgical year commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring the temptations of Satan. It is a period of preparing to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. Lent is a season of Spiritual reflection and sacrifice. Please feel free to join us as we embark on our Lenten journey.


If you are new to the area or do not have a home church please come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Our

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service is a traditional service with messages based on the Scriptures as written. Please like and follow our church Facebook page to see our past events and what is coming up in the future.

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*by Barbara Klueg*

### Love . . . It's a Wonderful Thing!

Ah . . . Love! It's a wonderful thing, isn't it? I recently congratulated a newly engaged couple. They had stars in their eyes and looked beyond HAPPY! It's awesome to watch young love bloom. Love is something we all desperately crave and need, but it is also VERY complex. Marriage gets a

bad rap these days. Don't fall for today's definition of love and marriage, but rather cling to what God says about it. After all, He invented it! The Bible describes marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman. "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

Marriage is GREAT, but it takes TIME and WORK. Anything worth anything takes effort. Things don't just happen on their own. Here are some ways to help build a strong marriage and loving home. 1.) Pray together. You know, it's hard to stay upset and angry with someone when you pray together. Prayer changes things! 2.) Forgive one another. We all sin in thought, word, and deed. Admit when you're wrong and say those 3 little words – I am sorry (and mean it). And it doesn't hurt to say, "You were right, right, right and I was wrong, wrong, wrong." Swallowing our

pride is always the beginning of forgiveness. 3.) Eat and have fun together. Mealtimes are the perfect time for a couple (and family) to discuss their day. One of my favorite childhood memories is when Dad came in from milking the cows. (Yes, I grew up on a dairy farm.) We would all sit down at the dinner table and enjoy Mom's homemade cooking. It was noisy,



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but we loved it. After, we would pull out the cards or table games. (We were very competitive!) These family fun times are so very important in building love into your home. 4.) Encourage each other. You get to be your spouse's biggest cheerleader! And, when you're having a rough day, you'll appreciate their encouraging words and thoughtfulness for you too. This goes for your kids too. Be their Biggest Fan! Correct them when needed, but also lavish them with tons of encouragement, love, and praise. 5.) Most importantly! Keep God the center of your home. Worship and serve Him together. Going to church brings you closer to God. Be active in your church and use your God-given talents to encourage others. You can make a difference in this world. Hebrews 10 says, "Let us draw near to God . . . Let us hold unswervingly . . . Let us consider how we can spur one another on . . . Let us not neglect meeting together as a church family as some people do, but . . . Let us encourage and warn each other, especially since the day when Jesus is coming back is getting closer."

God cares about everything in your life. He longs for you to know, love, and follow Him willingly. If you haven't already, give your life completely over to Jesus today. Pray this simple prayer: "Father, I am sorry for my sins and confess my need for your forgiveness. Thank you for giving your only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. I am placing my trust in You alone. Please give the wisdom and discernment we need to raise our children to love and follow you. Show us where to use our time and gifts, and to embrace our roles as man and woman, husband and wife. Please forgive us when we fall short. Lead us by your Holy Spirit. Lastly Lord, I long to be an example and reflect your unfailing love to our loved ones and others. Help me to share the good news of Jesus Christ and His Amazing Love and Grace. I Love You! In Jesus wonderful name I pray. Amen."

If you have said this simple prayer, please contact us so we can help you in your spiritual journey of loving and living your life for Jesus. Contact Pastor Larson at church (518.863.8001). He has a heart for God, will pray with you and share more of God's Word with you.

Come and join us in worshipping our Great God! Check out our Sunday

services on our church website: [bconny.org](http://bconny.org).

Our weekly schedule is:

- Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 11:30 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth 7 p.m. @ BCON Corner
- 1st Sun. of the month: Family Night: 6 p.m. with refreshments & service following.
- Monday: Bible Club (K-5th) after school – 4 p.m. @ church. Sr. High Girls Bible Study @ 7 p.m. Man Up Bible Study @ BCON Corner 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m. BCON Corner. Moms & Tots: 2nd Wed. of the month @ 9:30 a.m. (Call church for location)
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Worship Choir Practice: 8 p.m.
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Northampton United Methodist at Fish House invites you to join us as we seek to share God's love as revealed through Jesus Christ. We welcome all to join us for a time of hearing God's word, singing the hymns of faith, and having fellowship with one another. We are a historic congregation located on the shore of Great Sacandaga Lake.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM  
Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM  
Discussion Group Monday at 6:00 PM &  
Wednesday at 10:00 AM

### SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS

2/13 SHROVE TUESDAY  
4-6 PM – Pancake Breakfast – Mayfield United  
Methodist Church  
2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY  
6:00 PM – Service with Imposition of Ashes

### UPCOMING SERMONS

2/4 Luke 2:22-40  
Promises  
2/11 Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39  
Help is Here  
2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6:00 PM  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Prepare the Way  
2/18 Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:17-22; Mark 1:9-15  
Cleansed  
2/25 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25;  
Mark 8:31-38  
Follow Me

The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

## Clergy Column

### Reflection

Historians, Religious Leaders, Politicians, Counselors, and Scientists all seem to agree that it is beneficial to our mental and physical health to periodically take time to reflect upon our life. A time to identify problems and to plot a productive course for the days ahead. A time to consider our place in this home that we share with the 8 billion people who live with us on planet earth.

For Christians this month is a time of such reflection as we remember the teachings and example of Jesus. The one who we call God's beloved son wandered from place-to-place proclaiming God's love and ultimately sacrificing his very life for the redemption of this troubled world of ours. In his final days he called upon us to remember his sacrifice and follow his example of love for our world that is so great that we like him are willing to sacrifice everything for it.

As part of that process, during the season of Lent that begins on February 14; we are asked to engage in a time of intense reflection. A time when we are willing to give up things that we treasure for the sake of engaging in intense reflection. It

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may be skipping a meal and reflecting on the fact that hunger is a daily reality for many. It may mean spending less time watching television or on social media, so we have time to study Scripture and engage in prayer.

Lent also is an opportunity to adopt daily practices that allow us to be more deliberate in reflecting on whether our life is what it should be and expressing gratitude for the blessings that are part of everyday life. These can include keeping a journal, attending religious services each week, and engaging in a program of reading Scripture daily. Your Faith Community can help you in this process.

If you don't currently belong to a Faith Community, Northampton at Fish House welcomes you to be part of our community. We gather on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, meet on Monday evening at 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM Wednesday morning to discuss life issues and ways our faith can address them. The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

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# Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

*Linda Brown, Board Member*

Looking for Fun Things to do during our Adirondack Winter? Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) has lots of fun events for an entertaining 2024 winter! SVAN Music Committee has booked several high caliber musicians for your winter entertainment. Sunday January 21 at 3pm, come to Northville's The Local Dining and Spirits for snacks or drinks while being entertained by talented "Mark and Jill sing the Blues". And on Feb 2 and 3rd at Sport Island Pub, this year's delightful Sacandaga Musical Theater's Dinner theater show will be a Jimmy Buffett tribute - HOT NIGHTS MARGARITAVILLE. Sunday Feb 11th Michael Jerling and Orion Kribs will be entertaining from 3-5 at Northville's Methodist Church 301 S Main Street. And on Saturday April 13th 6-8pm at Sport Island Pub in Northville,



Johnny & the Triumphs with Gwen Tracey will be entertaining for dancing and dinner at "Cabin Fever Dinner Dance". For Reservations to Feb 2 and 3rd Hot Nights Dinner theater – call 518 420-9591. For reservations to the other concerts, call or text 518 863-8047.

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If you're looking to learn or improve your skills, there will be a 2nd Crochet class Jan 26, with a possible 3rd crochet class in the future. And on February 16, a paper arts workshop will teach you to create a lovely decorative paper orb.

Art Club continues twice monthly, where people can come together while they're working on art or craft projects. One of the monthly Art Club meetings is held in person at the Northville Library, and the other monthly meeting is virtual, allowing you to work on your art or craft projects from the comfort of your home while socializing with others via the computer.

All are welcome to SVAN concerts and events, but SVAN members get a discount to classes and events with fees. If you'd like to support SVAN and its 25+ year history of promoting Sacandaga Region Arts, we'd be delighted to have you join as a member. Membership fees are very reasonable (\$30 individual, \$20 Senior/65 and over) and we are very thankful for our many Contributing members whose additional gifts are very much appreciated.

Information on SVAN and all these events can be found on our website [svanarts.org](http://svanarts.org), our Facebook page SVAN Arts; or by contacting any of our board members (listed on our website).

## SVAN DATES TO REMEMBER

January 21 Concert "Mark and Jill Sing the Blues" at Local Dine & Spirits Northville 3-5PM

January 23, Virtual Art Club, 7PM – 8:30PM

January 26, Crochet Workshop Part 2, 6-8pm

February 2 & 3, Hot Night Dinner Theater, Sport Island Pub, 7-9PM

February 11, Concert Michael Jerling and Orion Kribs, Methodist Church, Northville 3-5PM

February 13, Art Club, Northville Library, 2:30-4PM

February 16, Workshop Paper Orb, SVAN Gallery 303 S Main Street Northville 6-8PM

February 27, Virtual Art Club 7pm-8:30PM

April 13, Cabin Fever Dinner Dance, Johnny & The Triumphs & Gwen Tracey at Sport Island Pub, 5—8PM

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February 1st, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Pork Chop, Sweet Potatoes, Beets, Cake. We will also celebrate all February birthdays with a cake provided by Donna Rogers. STFSL Program at 12:30: Fulton County Sheriff Richard Giardino will discuss the latest scams especially those that target seniors.

February 8th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Zita with Meatballs, Italian Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges. There will be no program this date.

February 15th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Cookie. There will be no program this date

February 22nd, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo, Green Beans, Pears. There will be no program this date. . There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic this date

February 29th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Pork Chop, Sweet Potatoes, Beets, Cake.  
STFSL Program at 12:30:  
Priscilla Edwards, local historian, will ask attendees to recount their earliest memories.

Call Fulton County OFA at 736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. . For closure information check channels 6, 10 or 13 and WENT 1340 radio. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at [STFSL.org](http://STFSL.org) For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 752-8737 and leave a message.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living will again be having their Pasta and Wine Tasting event with the proceeds to benefit our WHEELS program for Senior Transportation, which includes both medical and entertainment transport.

It will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall from 5 to 8pm. Tickets are \$20.00 if purchased or reserved in advance, or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets can be reserved by calling 518-752-8737, leaving a message with your name, contact phone number, and how many people are coming.

Details on the restaurants participating will be provided in the March issue, as well as on our website [www.stfsl.org](http://www.stfsl.org).

## Pasta & Wine Tasting

An event to benefit the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living





# Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We surely hope this newsletter finds our families and community well during these winter months! There have been a lot of great things happening at the Edinburg Common School District!

## ECS Snowshoeing Opportunities:

Students have been enjoying snowshoeing in

physical education class! Snowshoeing not only gives you physical exercise during the winter months, but gives you an opportunity for some fresh air. Students have been investigating some animal tracks and learning more about the winter habit in our region as well.





## "Stones from the Creek"

*Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron*

Ice...you can get it today from your ice maker on your refrigerator, out of the ice cube tray from the freezer, or in a bag from the local supermarket. But at one time in order to get ice...you waited for the ice man. Before the era of widespread mechanical refrigeration and air conditioning technology, ice cutting was a winter task of collecting surface ice from lakes, ponds, and rivers for storage in ice houses and use or sale as a cooling method.

We had a couple of men from our town that did that very job.

First meet Jack Baker, he started cutting ice as a young man in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at the age of 14. In those days, there were no gas engines to cut the ice with, and they plowed (or cut) the ice with horses. Up at 1 or 2 in the morning, they would go out with the markers which would cut about 3 inches deep. These cake lines were quite close together, and it was all a good horse could pull. These "markings" took 3 to 4 hours. Next they plowed, cutting it in "floats" of 24 to 30 cakes long and 4 to 6 cakes wide. Plowing cut down in about 6 inches more and was done from both directions to form the cakes and often took 8 hours. After the marking and plowing, the floats were "piked" down a canal where men "needle barred" it off into about 3 cakes. Then on to a conveyer up the ice shoots. Every bit of ice was

cut from this pond and packed in houses separated by board petitions and covered with salt hay (not sawdust).

Jack began ice cutting in Stony Creek on Wolf Pond in 1942. Jack Arehart was the boss, and Ed Krieheder and Grant Richards were employed there too. At that time trucks were used for



*Truck loads of ice waiting to be unloaded at Jack Baker's 1958*

loading and one time even with 10 to 12 inches of ice, a Dodge snub-nosed job broke thru and that truck was standing right on its nose. They used the winch on Jack's Army truck and Ted Paines tractor to get that 2 1/2 ton vehicle out. It was 9 o'clock that night before they finished.

Jack said the ice business was much like selling Christmas trees, you sold for what you could get. He peddled ice and wore out his '47 International truck over dirt roads, up through Lens Lake, States Road, at Thurman to Deemers, back down to Hildebrandts, Zaltzs, and Hepzibah. Filled them with ice twice a week for \$2.00. If they had a large commercial type, they paid more. Jack had electricity, but used a big icebox over the mountain at hunting camp. He used 300 lbs. a hunting season unless it was very warm weather then it might be double. He also donated ice for Mountain Days, and one year several of the firemen came in and helped cut. The last year the Jack put up ice was 1960 or '61. Up at three in the morning, sometimes 20 degrees below zero what a difficult job putting up ice must have been.

Eldon Dingman cut ice on the river flats (1000 Acres Golf Course) in front of his home, Maple Lawn. On these fields were two ponds, one



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on Leon Signor's and one on Eldon's. When the ice was 12" thick, work began. A day or two at a time was spent on the task and sometimes snow would mean starting all over again to shovel the area off. A real cold spell could increase the thickness



Anderson's camp - about 1910

of the ice from the beginning 12" to 18" and made it heavier to lift on the wagon bed and difficult to pack in the ice house. A plank was used to slide the cakes on which were cut by hand with a tee-handled saw. Eldon also helped the owners of The Central Recreation Camp (1000 Acres Ranch) put up ice for their guests. In late spring of 1926 the river was 28" thick in front of Anderson's camp. The cakes were sawed in half to make them easier to carry. Eldon told of a time when his father was on his grandfather's pond (Jason's pond) with the team when they broke thru the ice into 7ft of water. The task of getting the animals out was very hard, they removed the harnesses and after getting them free, rode them till they were dry.

Eldon remembered he was about 15 years old when his father was first persuaded to put up ice. The children loved homemade ice cream in the summertime, and his dad took a corner of the hay mow for ice storage. Eldon's family's ice cream was hand-cranked on their front porch.

Eldon continued filling the ice house until 1948 when electricity finally reached his home. His observations on the entire job of icing every winter were "I liked the job----done! That was when it was best, as you put the last bit of sawdust over the top!

Next time you are having your favorite beverage, with lots of ice, remember to give a nod to the hardy souls that had to cut theirs's.

Till next time, Cindy

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(Children 12 and under are free with any paid adult)

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3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$150

4<sup>th</sup> place - \$100

**Any tagged trout are each worth \$500 for GSLFF MEMBERS (join below if not a member) WITH PAID ENTRY for the 2/17/2024 CONTEST ONLY - TAG MUST BE ATTACHED TO FISH**

**\*FOR UPDATED RESULTS ON CONTEST DAY CALL: 518-227-8298\***

FISH MEASURING (by length) TO TAKE PLACE FROM 7AM - 4 PM ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS  
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### **\*2024 ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST APPLICATION\***

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of participating Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- Enclosed is my entry fee of \$20.00 (only current 2024 members are eligible for tagged fish prizes)
- I would like to become a 2024 GSLFF member for \$10.00 and be eligible for tagged fish prizes.
- I have enclosed a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help stock and protect the fisheries of the GSL.

**Mail completed form and entry fee to: GSLFF P.O. Box 991 Northville, NY 12134**

**\*\*We must receive mailed entries by Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>\*\***

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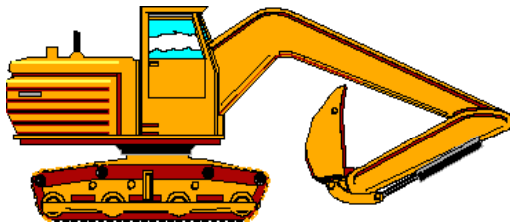
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# Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

We are supposed to be participating in the Broadalbin Rise Against Hunger project on February 4. Our meeting on February 8 is scheduled to feature a presentation from the Saratoga Springs Lions on their Camp Abilities program. Hopefully I will be able to capture some images and provide stories.

Broadalbin-Perth Lions are next scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 25; most likely at C&R's Restaurant in Galway.

Our ongoing recycling project with Pic-N-Nickel and the fundraiser with Hoffman's Car Wash are still active.

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! Brrrr Winter has finally appeared with snow and cold temperatures. Makes a lot of people in this area very happy, especially those who enjoy outdoor winter activities like skiing, skating, and snowmobiling. Then there are those of us who like looking at the beautiful, snowy landscape from inside looking out of a window! However you

deal with winter, we hope you will find enjoyment in the beautiful world God has created for us. Join us on Sunday mornings for music, prayer, and interesting sermons, including a children's time with the pastor; and, if you are really lucky, there will be refreshments after the service! Our worship services are being held in the dining room/fellowship hall during the winter months where the setting is warm and cozy.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday; service information is to be announced. Follow us on Facebook for more information when it becomes available. This is also the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for the coming season of Easter. How quickly this season has come upon us!

February 14 is also Valentine's Day, a traditional day for gifts of flowers and candy and words of love to those who mean the most to us, not only the romantic love but love for children and friends. In Let Me Be a Woman, missionary Elisabeth Elliot writes about the "ground rules" for "how this thing called love really works — in a marriage, in the world." Her list reflects many of the principles found in 1 Corinthians 13, the Bible's love chapter.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience. It looks for a way of being constructive.

Love is not possessive.

Love is not anxious to impress, nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own ideas.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage.

Love is not touchy.

Love does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad ... when truth prevails.

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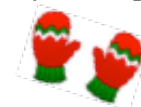
Once again this year your response to the request for my Many Mittens campaign has delivered wonderful support for our children.

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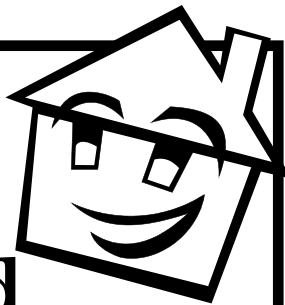
As I said, it has been nearly exclusively used in Michigan and approximately 2 of every 3 geothermal installs are Well-Connect. There are decades of data supporting its use and we can't wait to offer it to homes around the lake, as we know most of your houses are ideal set ups for these.

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If you happened to read my article from January, then you already know what I am excited to be talking about this month....drum roll... WELL-CONNECT!

Back story on this, up until April of 2023, we had never heard of a retro-fit geothermal unit. And to clarify, just in case Geothermal is new to you – in geothermal heating and cooling, groundwater is used to heat and cool your home. During the winter, the water in the ground is warmer than the air and can be compressed to give you heat. The opposite is true during the summer. It is a “green”, but often expensive (up front cost) way of keeping yourself comfortable. What I mean by retro-fit is that the unit is installed as a supplement to your current heating system and takes over approximately 90% or more of your heating costs. Back to my story – in April, we all went to the NYS Geothermal convention in Albany. I attended one of the seminars on upcoming products and was really intrigued by this one guy who presented on Well-Connect. He was only given 10 minutes as it was a panel presentation and others had to present their products. My brain went crazy during his presentation – “WHERE HAS THIS BEEN?!” –

apparently Michigan. “WHY DON’T WE HAVE IT?” – because the company is only just trying to commercialize it outside of Michigan. “HOW DO I GET THIS OUT TO PEOPLE HERE?” – Jeremy and I had to take him out to dinner.

We met Tim Shultz, the owner of Well-Connect, and he explained that this was a project of love that he and his family created about 20 years ago. Michigan has similar weather to us here in NY and fuel costs were even higher than we suffer with. He comes from a family of inventors and they wanted to create a unit that was affordable for the general public. Their plan was to create an insert that would use the customer’s current well and duct system to minimize fuel consumption...and the first version of Well-Connect was born.

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