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## DECEMBER 2015 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

THURS 26 Happy Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

THURS 3 Edinburg Zoning Board 7pm  
 SAT 5 Edinburg Tree Lighting 2-4 pm. 11  
 Fri 11 SACANDAGA SENIORS 1:30  
 TUES 15 Edinburg Historical Society 7pm  
 THURS 17 Edinburg Town Board 6:30  
 SUN 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



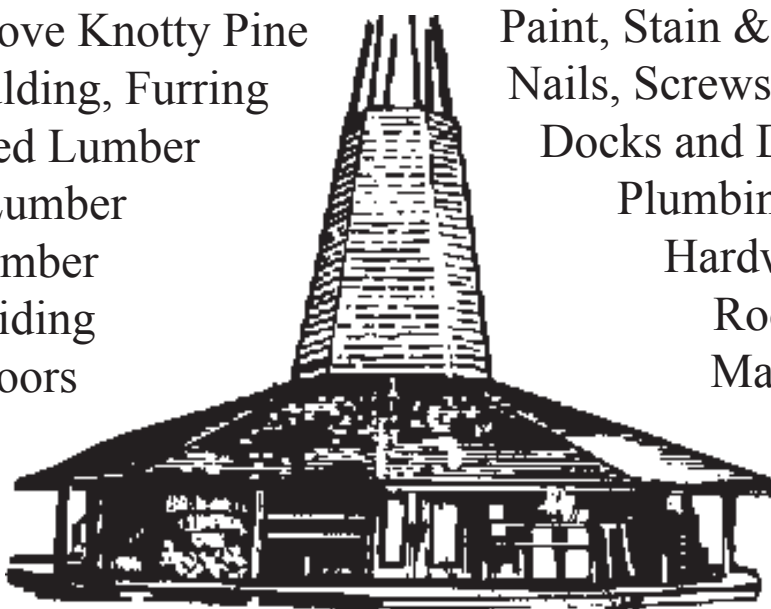
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## Birthdays - Anniversaries & Other



### December Birthdays

Kayla M.  
Lauren M.  
Deborah R.  
Butch D.  
Laurie D.  
Amanda E.  
Karen Gill  
Katie Bradt  
Holly Bradt  
Cate Weaver  
Debbie Bills

### Happy Anniversary

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our community, our friends, our family and even to the strangers that have been there for us in our time of tragedy. Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped with the benefit. It was a huge success.

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**Santa Arrives - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Tree Lighting – 4:30 p.m.**  
 There will be face  
 painting and raffles  
 (must be present to win).  
 We hope to see you there.



## Thank You

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of the people who offered kindness, support, and words of sympathy and comfort in my time of bereavement. Thank you to all of those who attended the service of Elwyn Olmstead on October 18th, 2015 and donated food for everyone who attended. A special thanks to all of the people who's prayers and support helped Elwin and myself during the last difficult year of Elwyn's illness.

I'm so grateful to have been married to Elwyn Olmstead my best friend for over 57 years. He brought joy and love to all who knew him. He will be missed by us forever but he will live on in the hearts of all of us who were touched by his love and caring.

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## Northville Central School Chorus to Perform at 12:30 on December 3rd

The Northville Central School Chorus will be performing at the Red Rooster on Thursday, December 3rd at 12:30. The chorus of approximately 60 students from grades 1 through 12 will primarily be singing holiday music. Their performance will begin at 12:30.

"We are delighted that the NCS chorus will be performing for us," said Jim Conkling, President of the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living. "Some seniors are normally not able to hear the chorus because they no longer drive at night. This will give them a chance to hear the children of their friends, neighbors, and relatives."

The Red Rooster (sometimes called the Pink Chicken) is located at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets in Northville. The concert is free and open to the public. Seniors who wish to come for lunch at 12:00 are welcome to bring a sack lunch or order a hot lunch by calling the Fulton County Office for Aging at 736-5650 no later than Wednesday December 2nd at 4:00.

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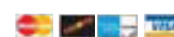
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December 3rd OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Turkey Tetrazzini, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Oat Bread, Brownie, We will celebrate all November birthdays with a cake provided by Marion Balch Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Larry Cramer will present, "Uncle Josh"

December 10th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Country Blend Vegetables, Pudding

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Michael Thompson State Forest Ranger will discuss Forest Ranger Careers.

December 17th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, White Bread, Ambrosia.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Ann Marie and Brad Johnson will discuss the Johnson Farm Business

December 24th Closed for Christmas Eve

December 31st OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Turkey Divan, Egg Noodles, Red Cabbage, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit

Red Rooster Program at 12:30


New Year's Eve Party

You may attend Red Rooster Programs without attending the meal. Feel free to come for the program, or bring a bag lunch and join us! Programs are held Thursdays at the Red Rooster Café (Pink Chicken) at the corner of Bridge and

Main Sts. Northville.

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. Chair Yoga taught by Ony Antonucci is held each Thurs. from 10:30 to 11:30. Cost of classes is \$5 per week or 6 sessions for \$25. You may join at any time.

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|--|---|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Annual Holiday Celebration</b>            | 12/2<br>2:15 – 3:30 p.m.                | Littauer's Nursing Home        | 1 session (Wednesday). <b>Join us for the annual celebration and tree lighting with our neighbors in the Nursing Home.</b> Littauer special guests will lead us with bountiful holiday spirit, song and light refreshments! <b>Freewill donation to purchase gifts for residents in need! Call 736-1120</b> |
| <b>Childbirth Preparation Class</b>          | 12/5<br>8 a.m. – 4 p.m.                 | Nathan Littauer Hospital       | 1 session (Saturday). <b>Prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for the childbirth experience.</b> Includes options for managing pain during labor and delivery. <b>\$45 fee payable in advance at HealthLink (scholarships available). Call 736-1120</b>                                       |
| <b>Cancer Support Group</b>                  | 12/8<br>5 – 6:30 p.m.                   | Nathan Littauer Hospital       | 1 session (Tuesday). <b>Monthly group meeting ...</b> For anyone dealing with cancer. <b>Topic: "Oncology Imaging"</b> Special presentation by Dr. John Mastrangelo, Radiologist of Millenium Medical Imaging At Littauer. <b>FREE! No enrollment necessary</b>   |
| <b>Infant Care &amp; Parenting</b>           | 12/8<br>6:30 – 8 p.m.                   | Nathan Littauer Hospital       | 1 session (Tuesday). <b>Babies aren't delivered with instruction manuals!</b> Come learn parenting basics including how to calm a fussy infant, sleep patterns, feeding, sick child care, keeping them safe, and much more. <b>FREE! Call 736-1120</b>  |
| <b>Power Of Positive Thinking</b>            | 12/9<br>11:30 – 12:30<br>or 6:30 – 7:30 | HealthLink<br>2 Colonial Court | 1 session each (Wednesday). <b>Learn about the relationship between stress and attitude, and what you can do to enhance yours!</b> You'll discover the power that positive thinking can have on your daily activities. <b>FREE! To attend either session, call 736-1120</b>                                 |
| <b>Better Breathers Club</b>                 | 12/10<br>1 – 3 p.m.                     | HealthLink<br>2 Colonial Court | 1 session (Thursday). <b>Monthly group meeting ...</b> For anyone with a chronic breathing condition or lung disease and their family members. <b>Topic: "Ask The Pharmacist"</b> Questions and answers with Lance Frasier RPh of Littauer's Pharmacy Services. <b>FREE! No enrollment necessary</b>        |
| <b>♥ Blood Pressure Screening</b>            | 12/18<br>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.                | HealthLink<br>2 Colonial Court | 1 session (Friday). <b>One in four people have high blood pressure, which increases their risk for heart attack and stroke!</b> Since there are usually no symptoms, this condition is often referred to as the 'Silent Killer.' <b>GET IT CHECKED...FREE! No appointments necessary</b>                    |
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| <b>Holiday "De-Stressor" Hike!</b>           | 12/19<br>Meet<br>9 a.m.                 | Pine Orchard Wells             | 1 session (Saturday). <b>Rated Easy ~ 4 Miles RT.</b> Take a break from the holiday hustle...join us as we hike (or snowshoe) to an isolated grove of enormous white pines that are 200+ years old! <b>\$6 guide fee payable in advance at HealthLink to reserve your space. Call 736-1120</b>              |

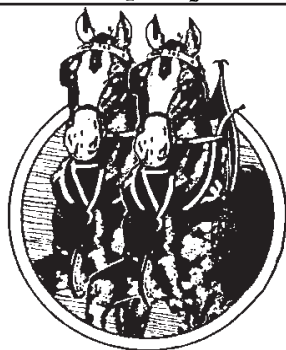
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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| → <b>Breastfeeding 12/2</b>     | Nathan Littauer 12:30 p.m. | → <b>Diabetes 12/16</b>                              | Nathan Littauer 10 a.m.   |
| → <b>Cancer 12/8</b>            | Nathan Littauer 5 p.m.     | → <b>Breastfeeding 12/21</b>                         | Nathan Littauer 6:30 p.m. |
| → <b>Better Breathers 12/10</b> | HealthLink 1 p.m.          | → <b>TOPS Wednesdays</b>                             | Nathan Littauer 5:30 p.m. |
| → <b>Alzheimers 12/10</b>       | HealthLink 4 p.m.          | → <b>For details, visit nlh.org or call 736-1120</b> |                           |

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## DON BOWMAN REMEMBERS

*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 area 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.*

### Survival

We all called Shelby a hero. Like some other happenings on the project.

Why does a man rush into a burning building to save a child who means nothing to him?

Why does another leap into the frothing river to save another from certain death?

Why did Shelby risk his own life to freely throw his arms around Alexander at his own risk - on that beam of the powerhouse when the holding chain slipped and saved Alex from the long fall?

I'll tell you why those things are done. - There's an instinct within us greater than fear or the instinct for personal survival.

The instinct to help others!

### "It was wuth it"

It took place in the store at Beechers. Ozzie stepped up to Big Elliot and said, "Elliot, I want you to leave my wife Myrna alone."

Big Elliot looked at Little Ozzie, laughed and said, "Iffen a man can't keep his wife at home I don't know why I should worry."

Ozzie, small as he was hit Big Elliot a blow to the mouth, followed with a good punch to the jaw. Then walked out of the store.

Big Elliot asked the Constable to arrest Ozzie for assault.

The Justice of the Peace asked Ozzie if he hit Elliot.

Ozzie answered the J.P., "I sure did Your Honor."

"That will be ten dollars or ten days," ruled the J.P.

"Here's the ten bucks Your Honor and it was wuth it."

### Valley Indians

Many years ago there was a small Indian camp or settlement up-river toward the Osborn Bridge. Also one near Munsonville.

I found a good-sized stone, shaped like the head of a bird of prey - eagle or a buzzard. It had a shaped beak and even had two holes bored for eyes. the neck portion had been slimed down and shaped so as to have been placed in a piece of split ash or some other hardwood, then bound with rawhide. A war club or ceremonial club.

I sold it for cash money, in those days that was hard to come by. Today it would be worth a lot of money as a collectors item.

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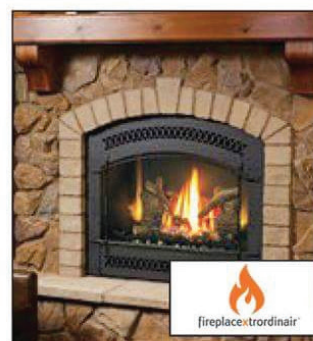
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*by Jean Raymond*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAY &  
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PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR EVERYONE**

### Edinburg Tree Lighting

The annual tree lighting will be on December 5th beginning at 2:00 pm. The town is again providing the horse and wagon rides from 2:00 to 4:00 and there will be face painting. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers led by Jackie and Sandy who put this day together for the children and their families and the entire community.

### Home Placed on Historic Register

The Lathers home on the corner of Military Road and North Shore Road has been placed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and will be eligible for placement on the National Register.

### Cemeteries Close December 1st

The Edinburg cemeteries will close December 1st for the winter (visitors may always walk in to visit graves). The week of November 23rd the highway workers will be cleaning up the cemeteries for the winter and a notice has also been placed in the Leader Herald.

### Landfill Wells

The wells at the landfill have been tested and the report is being sent to DEC. This is done annually per DEC regulations post closure for 30 years.

### Justice Court

The justice court audit is being completed by an outside auditor and we should have a written report shortly. The bail account has been reconciled and the computer entries have been corrected, the incomplete tickets have been completed and a report sent to motor vehicles so everything should have been addressed and is in order from the Comptrollers audit.

### Reminders

**Winter Recycling and Reuse Center Hours**  
The Center is now on winter hours of Friday 12:00-3:00 and Saturday 9:00-3:00.

**Winter Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule**  
In the event of bad weather and road conditions there may be a change in the roadside collection schedule by postponing collections to the following day. We will make every effort to let residents know if there is a change.

There will be no recycling collection on November 26th. The Recycling Center will be closed on November 27th and December 25th. Residents are reminded to move their collection bins back far enough from so they will not be damaged by snow plows and the snow itself that is being plowed off the roads.

### Town Hall Holiday Schedule

The Town Hall will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th for Thanksgiving and reopen on Monday November 30th. The Town Hall will be closing at noon on December 23rd for Christmas and will reopen Monday, January 4th. Town officials may always be reached at their homes if necessary.

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### HEALING POWER OF GRATITUDE

This is the time of year that asks us to count our blessings and to help those less fortunate. However, it is also a season which frequently brings high stress with all of the accompanying physical ailments such as headaches, fatigue, colds or even heart attacks. Those with chronic illnesses may even find their condition deteriorating under the pressures of the holidays.

There is hope for us to become happier and healthier simply by learning to have an "attitude of gratitude." Gratitude is not about "looking on the bright side" or denying reality. Gratitude goes much deeper than that, according to recent research in the emerging field of positive psychology. It's about learning from a situation, taking the good to help deal with life's challenges.

According to research at the Harvard School of Medicine, there is a very real connection between gratitude and good health. An estimated 90% of all doctor's visits are for stress-related ailments. Evidence suggests that today's biggest health challenges are heart disease, cancer and diabetes—all conditions that have

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been liked to chronic stress.

Thankfully, stress is not so much a result of what is going on in our lives as it is about how we perceive those things. The good thing is that we have some control over how we look at life's challenges. Robert Emmons PhD. of the University of California, Davis wrote the first scientific study on gratitude, its causes, and potential impact on physical health. He showed conclusively that gratitude has a positive effect on reducing pain, improving digestion and strengthening the immune system.

A related study at the University of Connecticut found that gratitude can have a protective effect against heart attack. They also found that participants who had experienced one heart attack – but who saw benefits and gains from it, such as being more appreciative of life – experience a significantly lower risk of having a second heart attack.

**To increase your level of gratitude, here are suggestions for getting started.**

Keep a gratitude journal: Set aside time daily or even weekly to record several things you are

grateful for. Typically, people list 3-5 things. This is probably the most effective strategy for improving gratitude by causing you to pay attention to the good things in your life.

Change your self-talk: Most of us are unaware of the negative things our mind focuses on each day. The first step is to pay attention to these negative thoughts and realize even if we think we are justified – the only person's health they are hurting is our own. Try reframing these thoughts by finding a more positive way to look at the situation. Instead of complaining about all the things you can no longer do, try changing that to all the things you can still do.

Gratitude will help you to be healthier and happier. It can also improve your relationships and make you feel more in control of your life. Practice being grateful, it is truly good for you!

For more information, call HealthLink Littauer at 736-1120. You can e-mail us at [healthlink@nlh.org](mailto:healthlink@nlh.org), see our website at [nlh.org](http://nlh.org), or visit our NEW wellness center at 2 Colonial Court in downtown Johnstown, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. We're your community health & wellness service of Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home.



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The library continues its annual holiday tradition, marking the month of December as a fine free month! During this period, no fines will be charged. This is a GREAT opportunity for patrons with outstanding fines and long overdue materials to come in and clear their records with **NO PENALTY!!!!**

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Borrelli will lead a discussion of "Runaway", a collection of short stories by Alice Munro. The book is filled with stories about women of all ages and circumstances, their lives made palpable by the subtlety and empathy of this incomparable writer. Throughout this compelling collection, Alice Munro's understanding of the people about whom she writes makes them as vivid as our own neighbors. Here are the infinite betrayals and surprises of love—between men and women, between friends, between parents and children—that are the stuff of all our lives.

On Thursday, Dec 10, the Friends of the Library will hold the drawing for their Annual Holiday Raffle. Four prizes will be awarded: "Holiday Decor"- ornaments, pillow, runner; "Holiday Cheer"- wine, cheese, crackers ; "Kid's Fun" –

books, snacks, games; and "Adirondack Living" – dvd, book, coffee, spirits. Get tickets at the library.

The "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" bags are available for borrowing. Each bag contains 10 books that are appropriate for most 3-5 year olds. Keep watching for our Baby Bags. Track what is read by using the app from [<http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/resources>].

Story Time will be held on Tues, Dec 1, 15, and 29 at 945 am, coordinated by Hadley Jacobs. Bring your pre-school children for stories, snack, and craft.

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How do we prepare our hearts? We remember how Jesus came into our own lives. We celebrate the hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus has given us. We remind ourselves that Jesus will come to Earth again. The next time he comes he won't be a baby. He'll be the King over all the Earth.

Are we ready for Jesus to come? Have we cleaned out a place in our hearts where the precious Baby can live? Are we already letting him reign as King in our lives?

We invite you to take part in our Advent preparations every Sunday at 8:45AM. We also hope you'll worship with us on Christmas Eve at 6PM as we welcome Jesus into our hearts and our world.

In the midst of our Advent preparations, the People's Pastor is back! Some of you may remember that during the summer I was available every Thursday to talk with people from the community, to answer questions about God and faith, and to pray.

I'm doing this again throughout the winter. Every Thursday, beginning December 3rd, I'll be in Shelby's Four Corners Diner in Edinburg from 4 to 6PM. Look for me in the booth in the back corner. I'll welcome you with a cup of coffee (or tea), a listening ear, and a prayer. If you're in town, stop in and see me! And a big thank you to Jackie for welcoming us!

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## Mayfield Historical Society 24th Annual Christmas Open House December 5 & 6, 2015

*by Carol Johnston*

The Mayfield Historical Society's 24th annual Christmas Open House will be on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 at the Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Rd., Mayfield. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The Homestead will be decorated inside and out in the spirit of Christmas. There will be tours of the Homestead and weaving in the Loom Room. Musical entertainment will be featured on both days from 1 to 3 pm with The Harry, Barry & Bob Trio performing on Saturday and Penny Jar on Sunday from 1 to 3. Hot mulled cider and cookies will be served. Home made pies will be sold. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Call Carol Johnston at 518-332-0538 for additional information.



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November 17, 2015

The ever popular "Pie and Reminiscences Meeting" this November was another successful event.

Our program season has come to an end and the schedule for 2016 is filling up with fun programs about local history, artists, authors, and so much more.

What a great season we have had this year. Over 1,000 people have come to visit the Copeland Covered Bridge, we have given another Nellie Tyrrell Award to two deserving fourth graders, and we have had wonderful festivals this year. The Edinburg Historical Society helps preserve local history for generations to come.

The Edinburg Historical Society is a growing, evolving and progressive organization. The Society maintains two museums and promotes local history, culture and traditions of Edinburg. The Board under the leadership of President Maria Spaeth, will meet during the winter months to organize their July and September festivals and finalize the programs for 2016. Monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Edinburg Community Center, 47 Military Road the third Tuesday of the month March through November. If you are interested in becoming a member, please send a check (\$5 per person or \$10 for a family) to Edinburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 801 Edinburg, NY 12134. Please visit our website at [www.EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org) for more information.

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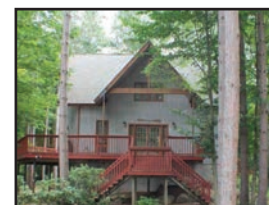
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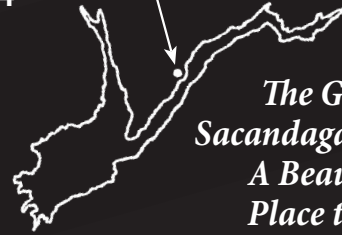
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## Northville Rotary Grows "Service Above Self"

### Northville Rotary Announces December 12th Community Christmas Party

The Annual Northville Rotary Community Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12th at the Sport Island Pub in Northville. The party will begin at 6:00 with a social hour and include a prime rib buffet dinner for \$40 per person. A complimentary drink will be included in the ticket price at the upstairs event bar. The evening will include entertainment by Mitch Fraser.

Other entertainment will include a Silent Auction and a raffle of a large "Basket of Spirits". Raffle tickets for the Spirits Basket are presently on sale at the Pub. The winners of these raffles will be drawn that evening.

Proceeds will go to local community organizations as well as Rotary International projects. To purchase dinner tickets contact Chas Owens at 883-3338 or email [chasowens86@gmail.com](mailto:chasowens86@gmail.com). Pre-sale tickets only. Space is limited. The Northville Rotary Club invites all community members to join this festive holiday celebration!

The Northville Rotary Club meets at 5:30PM on most Thursdays at the Sport Island Pub, 108 Riverside

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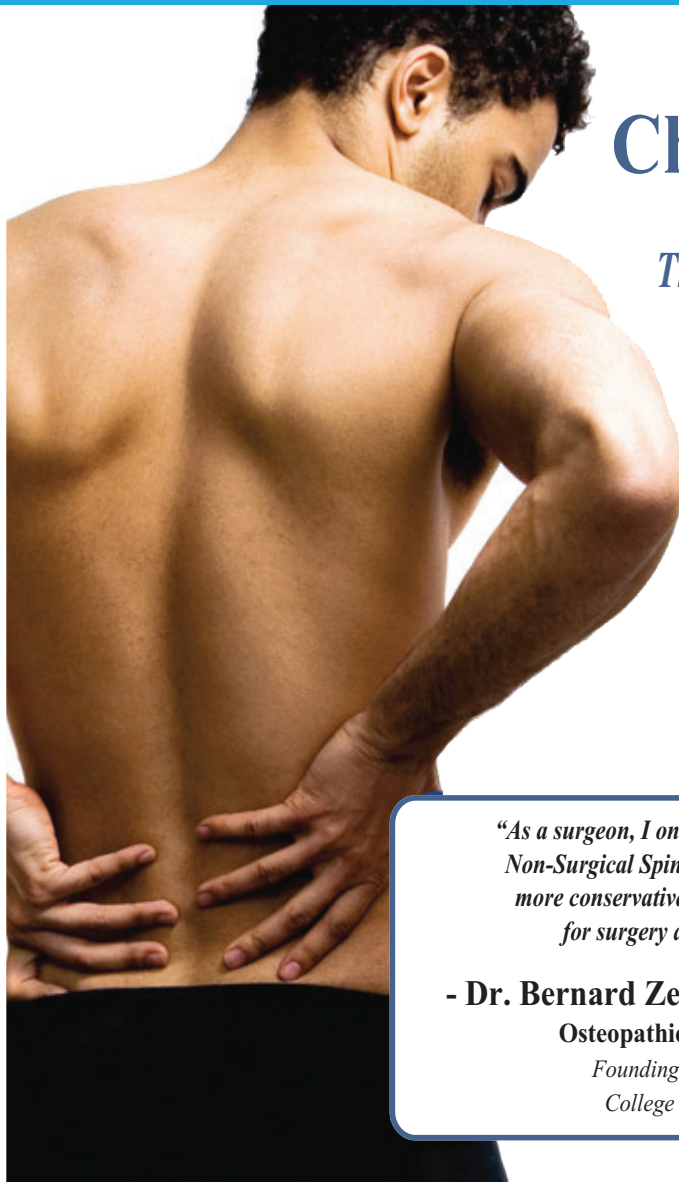
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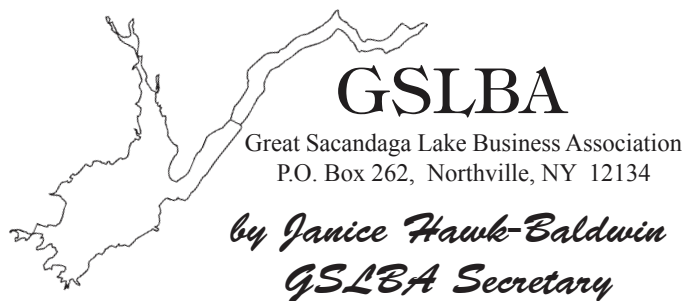
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The Redneck Cocktail Party was a success thanks to our community ! This event is a team effort that involves many people who put in hours of work. Special thanks to the large number of community businesses that donated items, to the GSLBA business members who donated time and money, to the GSLBA and Sacandaga Protection Committee officers and Board of Directors. The list of volunteers is long and I do not want to leave anyone out but know that every single one of you are appreciated !

Special thanks go out to Anthony Lanzi and

the staff at the Sport Island Pub. The food and hospitality were impeccable. The generosity of the Lanzi family is amazing and we are thankful for their commitment to this lake community.

Congratulations to the 2015 Redneck King Joe Sullivan and Queen Amy Feerick. Our attendance was lower than usual this year but the pockets of this community are deep. Thanks to everyone's overwhelming support the money raised will go toward future legal fees. The SPC represents the entire lake community. Legal costs have been substantial in the past year but lead to the victory against Niagara Mohawk. ( [www.lovetheSacandaga.com](http://www.lovetheSacandaga.com) for more details) The monies raised at this event will be used to fund that account so that the SPC will be equipped to act in a timely manner should another threat to our permit system arise.

THE LAST EVENT for the 2015-2016 year is the Winter Fireworks. They are scheduled for February 14 ( Sunday of Presidents weekend). They will be held on the point at the Edinburg Marina.

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The Copeland Covered Bridge now attracts 1,000 visitors a year. George Blackwood, who helps maintain the grounds, stated the visitors this year are from over 20 states across the country and five different countries, France, England, Israel, Holland and Germany. The bridge is located in Edinburg, NY on North Shore Road, a short distance from the Edinburg Four Corner's near the Edinburg Marina. It sits over Beecher's Creek and the surrounding scenery make a beautiful little setting for a picnic. It is wheel chair accessible and visitors can use the picnic table and observation deck that was built by Tyler Monacchio to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

Comments left by visitors: Walked the creek fishing with my nephew – awesome and amazing time; The kissing bridge; Revisiting old haunts - Also honoring Erin and her NYS Fair Prize winning model of the Queen Truss Bridge; Asked my beautiful wife six years ago to marry me right here on this beautiful bridge. Happy ever since; We just happened upon this little piece of paradise. What could be better than a covered bridge with a waterfall? Not much. Thanks so much to all those

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whose time and money preserved and beautified it; Charles Cook and the future Mrs. Cook engaged 7/4/14; Beautiful creek, beautiful weather; Always wanted to stop but never did until today and wow! What I've been missing. Beautiful falls and covered bridge with nice water front picnicking. Very nice. Great job restoring; Haven't stopped by since the 90s – what an improvement – great job; Wonderful Queen Truss – thanks for preserving it; Just left a little bit of paradise. Love to all who walk through here; Great bridges and water falls; I loved this place when I first saw it before it was restored. I am pleased to have been one of the original sponsors; Our family, the Tyrrells built this bridge and I just found out about it on Ancestry.com and now we have been able to see it restored; Always loved coming here as a kid – brings good memories; We had to see the bridge since we were given a share as a wedding gift last year; Enjoyed the scenery; Such a treasure – bought a shirt with covered bridge on it at Fuller's; Great location for engagement photos.

Arad and Leonard Copeland purchased Ely Beecher's sawmill and carriage factory located along Beecher Creek. Arad Copeland and his wife Anna Trowbridge owned 32 acres below Beecher Falls. An open bridge across the creek gave access

to their pasture and garden until it was destroyed by melting spring snow and ice. In 1879 Arad decided to build a covered bridge and according to family legend local residents Melzor Manning laid the stones, Jacob Latcher hewed the timbers and Azariah Ellithorpe Jr framed the bridge. It was built strictly for Arad to get his cows to pasture. The bridge is 35 feet long and is the only New York State queen post truss bridge in Saratoga County and was placed on the NYS National Register in 1998. The queen post truss is similar to a king post truss in that the outer supports are angled towards the center of the structure. The primary difference is the horizontal extension at the center which relies on beam action to provide mechanical stability. This truss style is only suitable for relatively short spans.

In the fall of 1997, great, great grandson, Robert Tyrrell and wife Betty graciously deeded the bridge over to the Edinburg Historical Society. A new metal roof, new flooring and some side boards have been replaced.

The Copeland Site also has a carriage house believed to be built over 175 years ago and during that time was a carriage shop and then a machine shop totally powered by water. The shop was operated as a wheelwright and maker of cabinets, furniture and coffins. Upon Copeland's death his son-in-law, John Latcher, a talented machinist

and inventor, operated the shop for over 30 years. Since Latcher's death the shop was kept in pretty good condition although much restoration work is needed. The previous owner looked into installing a water wheel and the pond restoring the site to what it used to be but the EPA nixed the idea and the Carriage House was sold to EHS. The Society is hoping to restore it so it can be open to the public promoting history, education and the arts.

The Society is very fortunate to have Andre Garand, a specialist in historic building restoration working on our old structures. Andre uses mortise and tenon instead of nails and has just completed work on the Nellie Tyrrell Museum and posts and ceiling ties on the Carriage House.

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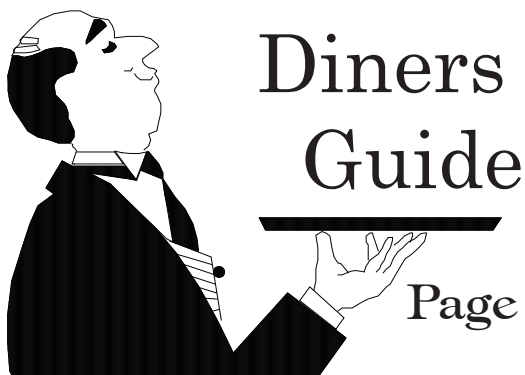


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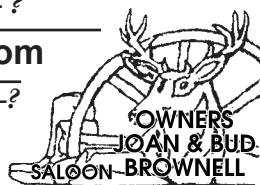
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No amount of sales or super bargains have ever convinced me to go shopping on Black Friday. I have always set aside this Friday after Thanksgiving to do my outdoor Christmas decorating; wrapping up the day having Thanksgiving left-overs with my family.

Plastic totes of light strings and bows come off the cellar shelves and are hauled outside. My garden cart will be filled before-hand with greens waiting to be arranged in buckets and pots or made into wreaths or swags.

As a child at home our Christmas tree came from my Grandfather Olmstead's farm a couple miles up the road. When our girls were small our tree was cut about a week and a half before Christmas. My husband would often pick out the tree during hunting season as he and the hunting gang roamed the woods on Edwards property. Other years we would have to choose one "cold turkey" which wasn't always easy-especially if the trees were loaded down from an early snow.

My husband was very fussy about his trees and many were the years he drilled holes in the trunk; adding more branches whether than simply turn the bad side into the corner of the living room. As the farm trees became scarcer we started buying our trees from a local tree farm.

As I write this in the 2nd week of November-already LL Bean, drug and department stores, even Lowe's have artificial wreaths and trees for sale. In a couple of weeks real trees will be available at your big box stores too.

Sixty years ago there was very little "artificial" and your biggest stores were Sears and Montgomery Ward. Tree lots were set up in empty parking areas or at gas stations in villages, towns and cities. Who supplied the merchandise for these lots? Farmers and country folk who had plenty of balsam and spruce on their property or could make a deal with a neighbor who had trees.

During the 1950's and into the 60's the Horton Colvin family on Shields Road sold Christmas trees to supplement their income to provide for their large family. It was a family affair with the kids doing whatever job their size could handle. The larger kids were in charge of trimming boughs



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from the trees with brush cutters. The boughs were sold in bundles. The trees brought \$.50 for trees 4'tall and under and \$1.00 for all trees over 4'.

One year a dealer bought 1000 trees. Some buyers' employees would weave boughs through chicken wire to make "grave blankets" for cemeteries.

The entire Colvin family benefited from the tree sales. The much needed proceeds paid their annual property taxes and purchased new shoes for the children starting school each September.

The Walter Edwards family and then son Guy and his family also sold Christmas trees with an average 200-300 cut each year. One year 500 were cut and sold. Mostly cut on wet, swampy ground the trees sold for \$.75 each. Their principal buyer was Chuck Trembley who had a gas station in Nelliston where the trees were sold. A Mr. Felts who worked for ENCON also purchased trees.

Prentice Abrams who owned and operated a sawmill behind the King Cemetery in Sacandaga Park supplied large Christmas trees each year to banking institutions throughout the Mohawk Valley. For a couple of years these trees 25'-30' in height, were purchased from the Edwards family. The trees were cut and skidded out with a horse. Prentice brought his mill crew in to load the trees onto a single axle truck. Most of these trees were cut in a beaver pond. Very large trees were cut; then the 25'-30' ones were cut from the tops for the needed trees. These trees would have died anyway due to the fact their feet were wet at all times.

In the early years before tractors Christmas trees were brought from the woods with horses and wagon. Not having enough Christmas trees on their own land the Edwards

family also purchased trees from neighboring landowners, Lucian Craig, DeForest Robinson and William Partridge.

One wonders how far these trees and boughs traveled and how many people enjoyed the scent of our Adirondack foothills-even for a couple of weeks. Thanks Faye and Guy for sharing these Edinburg Christmas memories.

Today many tree farms dot the landscape in our North Country and Canada supplying trees and wreaths of several kinds of evergreen other than the old stand-by balsam.

Whatever your choice of tree this year-real or artificial- May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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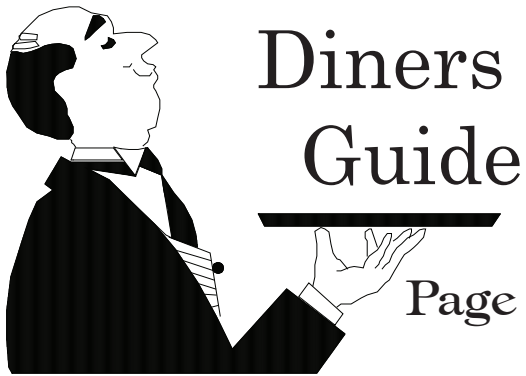
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## **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**

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The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public at 2 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie, NY 13317. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10am – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 pm through January 24th. For more information call 518-673-2314.



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## STFSL Trip

The STFSL bus will travel to the  
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### **Christmas Memories**

I have been thinking lately about past childhood Christmases. During the holidays we would go to Grandma's house for a BIG family dinner with all my aunts, uncles and cousins. We little girls each received a doll and the bigger girls were given a sweater or some jewelry. The boys would receive a toy rifle or board game. Being number three in a family of six kids and growing up on the family farm, I remember how hard it was to wait for Dad to come in from the barn so we could open our gifts Christmas Day. We were allowed to open one small gift on Christmas Eve, which I thought was great! Early Christmas morning we opened our Christmas stockings which had several cool things in them. Later on, when Dad was done with the farm chores, we would all open our gifts together. We kids would receive two big gifts – some kind of toy or fun game and an article of clothing – usually a pair of pajamas. After that, Mom was busy preparing a big Christmas dinner which we all enjoyed tremendously. Then we played with our new toys or play board games all day, or maybe we would go sledding or tobogganing, if the weather cooperated. Perhaps you have a special Christmas memory

from your childhood.

Maybe your childhood memories include cutting down that special Christmas tree, or putting up Christmas lights, baking cookies, hanging stockings, singing carols, going to Grandma's, snowball fights, watching Christmas movies, wrapping gifts, or going sledding. These all spell out one thing – CHRISTMAS!

We hope you will make coming to our church a part of your future Christmas memories. On Christmas Eve we have a special candlelight service with music and drama as we celebrate the best gift ever given ... Jesus, God's Son. I am so thankful that Jesus is a big part of my life and has been for almost 50 years now. He is the reason for the season! I did not know Him when I was younger, but later on as a teenager someone told me about Jesus and how much He loved me and why He came to earth ... to save His people from their sins.

Do you know Jesus? If not, why not trust Him this Christmas and receive the BEST gift ever given? "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Bible says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." If you have never trusted Jesus personally, my prayer is that you will receive His gift of salvation this Christmas. If you have recently asked Him to become your Lord and Savior, please contact us so we can help you grow in your newfound faith. Join us on Sundays to hear God's Word so you can be encouraged & grow closer to the Lord. This is why we do what we do!

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 (3rd Sun: Something Special) (4th Sun: Bible Institute) (5th Sun: Potluck Dinner)

**Monday**

Bible Club (after school till 4 PM for K-5th Grades)  
 Girls Bible Study (HS girls at Philo's)  
 Man Up (Bible Study for HS boys at Pink Chicken)

**Wednesday (Check church website)**

7:00-9:00 Bible Study at the Kluegs' house  
 6:00-7:30 Jr High Youth (6th - 8th grade) at BCON Corner  
 8:00-9:30 Sr. High Youth (9th - 12th grade) at BCON Corner

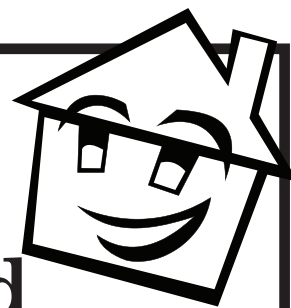
**Thursday**

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**Friday (Check church website)**

7:00 - 10:00 PM Pink Chicken (8th-12th grade)

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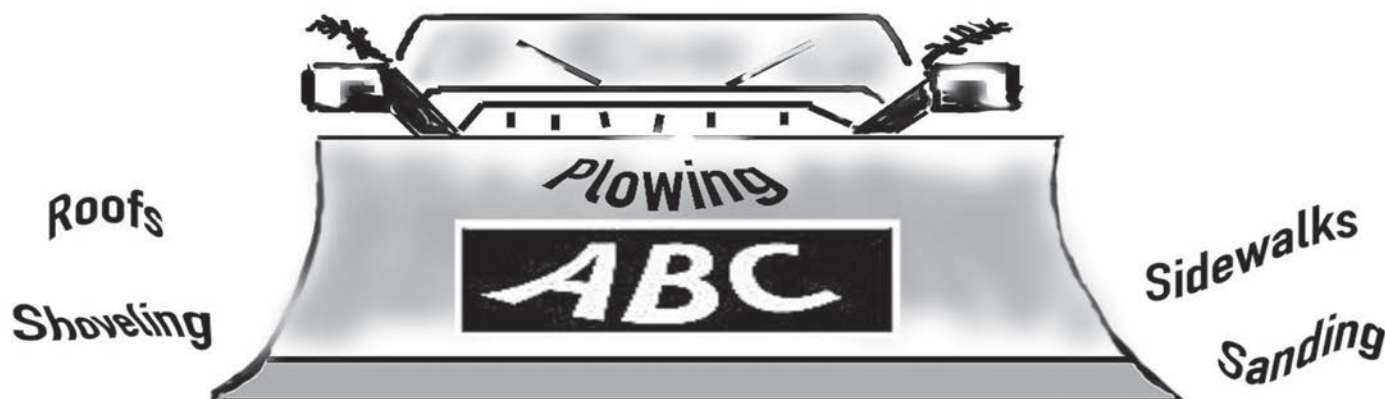
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## Edinburg Bible Chapel

*Pastor John Trzaskos*

### *Greetings Folks,*

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Thanksgiving!!! Whoa There!! I got something mixed up. I must be going nuts!!

Have you ever been in that place? Have you ever said this "I can't believe it", "it's here already!" or "Where did the time go?" You guessed it! Christmas is just 37 days away! (using Nov. 17 as the deadline to submit articles to ENL). Commercially the plans have been made for sometime now. The count down has begun-"Black Friday" begins. Walmart stores begin Black Friday on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 6:00 pm!!!

Most of us have heard or used a form of the word MAD. For instance, "How come you're mad?" MAD-"Mutually Assured Destruction", "March Madness"(basketball)"Mad Cow Disease"- (Hamburg). These are just a few of the many examples out there. Well here goes one of my forms of mad! It's called "MAD-MADNESS DISEASE"!!!! It starts on Nov. 26th and comes to a climax on Dec. 25th. The madness usually lasts about 30 days.(Thank goodness)!!

I'm listing some excellent antibiotics to keep "Mad Madness Disease" from spreading. First: The reason we celebrate on Dec. 25th: It is Christmas!!! Second: The Reason for this Season is the birth of Jesus. This may sound crazy, but Christmas

is not buying 52 in. flat screen T.V.s, cell phones, lap top and desk top and I-pods and new vehicles and so on: You know what I mean! Like many families you start planning for Christmas and you say to yourself "Mad Madness" is not going to take over my mind. This Christmas is going to be different! I am not going to be run ragged trying to hunt down that certain gift! Nope, it's going to be different this year!! I'm going to enjoy dinner; while perspiration drips off your nose!! You see, if you do not kick this madness to the curb it will slowly creep in and then take over! You'll know it's hit home when your standing in line, in the dark at 4:00 am to be one of the first 10 people to rush the door when they open and run for that gift!! I want to share some insights about Christmas that will help you to not be sucked into this commercial rush: also known as the "holidays"

I've copied a well known song written by Eddie Arnold. Titled C is for the Christ Child"

C is for the Christ child born upon this day,

H for herald angels in the night.

R means our Redeemer;

I means Israel:

S is for the star that shone so bright,

T is for three wise men, They who traveled far.

M is for the manger where He lay.

A is for all He stands for;

S means shepherds came,

And that's why there's a Christmas Day.

I would like for you to ponder on some other aspects in reference to the last line of the above

song "And that's why there's a Christmas Day". These lyrics are meaningful for an introduction to Christmas. Read them again; let those words settle upon you. The words represent truth and at the same bring a calming and comforting effect to our spirit. Let's go a little deeper into the purpose of Christmas Day.

Sometimes it is difficult to compete in our gift giving world. You are going up against all the WOW!! factor tech products out there!! Well don't lose heart!! In 2 Corinthians 9:15 the Apostle Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, wrote these words "Thanks be to God for his INDESCRIBABLE gift!!"

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the birth of Jesus! Paul writes in the book of Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him (Jesus) who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine." Again I say WOW! What a gift given to man. In Colossians 1:15 He, Jesus, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation!! Do you not agree with me? That's some kinda gift!! There is a hymn that we sing in church titled "Tell Me the Old, Old Story". The first stanza reads: Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. Dear Folk, "That's why there's a Christmas Day!!" One can find the old, old story in the gospels, Matthew chapters 1 and 2 and Luke chapters 1 and 2.

These gospels tell us how the conception of Jesus came about, why and where he was born and what his name was going to be: Jesus. Matthew 1:18 begins with "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. Verse 21 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." This baby had his name chosen, his purpose foretold and his destiny secured before he took his first breath. All of this assures us of why there is a Christmas Day.

Think about it. What a gift our Heavenly Father gives us. The gift of God in the flesh, Jesus, the gift of Salvation, the gift of a Relationship, the gift of Forgiveness, the gift of Love, the gift of Hope...and so much more!

In many ways we share this Christmas story throughout the year. This year we will share the message "That's Why There's a Christmas Day" on Sunday December 20. I hope that you are able to come out that Sunday and experience through worship the glory and majesty of the birth of Jesus/ Come and hear about this indescribable gift a gift that already has your name on it and is just waiting for you to accept this life changing gift.

So..., lest you think I'm a Scrooge, enjoy your Christmas this year! Do your shopping with love. sit together at the dinner table and be touched by the gift of family. As you gather around your Christmas Tree remember to think of Jesus, the Reason for the Season. By doing these things you wi;; not be plagued by "Mad Madness." From: All of us at Edinburg Bible Chapel, To: All of You. We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!!!

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We have completed our fish stocking program for this year. The total number of rainbow/brown trout stocked was 4,975. The average weight was approximately 1lb. each and the total cost was \$22,000.00. The fish were stocked in the towns of Broadalbin, Day, Edinburg, Mayfield and Northhampton.

A total of \$10,500 was spent on purchasing 6,000 walleye. These fish averaged 4-6" in length. Due to the water level at the time of stocking the fish were stocked at 3 locations: Cranberry Cove

Marina, Northville Boat Launch and Captain Nauti's at Edinburg.

Our 2016 Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Sacandaga Boat Club, 129 Merriam Road, Broadalbin, NY. The hours of the contest are from 7 AM to 4 PM. Prizes this year will be given for northern pike, trout and perch. Total cash prizes this year total \$2,250. Those of you who enter both the Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Contest and our GSLFF Ice fishing contest will be able to enter the walleyes caught at the Walleye Challenge Contest and any northern pike, trout or perch caught at our GSLFF contest. There will be 20 trout tagged with a green tag, each worth \$1000 (FOR 2016 GSLFF MEMBERS WITH PAID ENTRY good for 1/30/2016 ONLY). TAG MUST BE ATTACHED TO FISH.

Additional information on the contest can be found on our fishing contest flyer in this Edinburg Newsletter, by going to our new web site [www.GSLFF.COM](http://www.GSLFF.COM). or by contacting Randy Gardiner at 843-6329 or Jack Smith at 863-4271. The federation always welcomes new members. Membership forms and additional information can also be found on our web site.

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## **\*2016 ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST APPLICATION\***

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

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Enclosed is my entry fee of \$20.00 (only current 2016 members are eligible for tagged fish prizes)  
☐ I would like to become a 2016 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 January 29<sup>th</sup>\*\***





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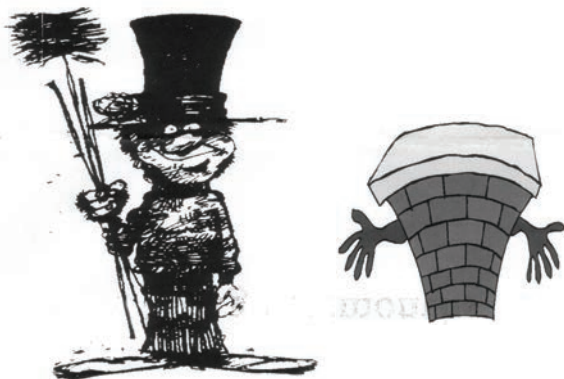
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We always seem to put ourselves on the back burner.... not having time for ourselves! Being healthy is paramount.... That is why we attend meetings at TOPS 1005 Northville by listening to others and picking up pointers that keep us on track!

Congratulations to Ellen Desharnais!! She reached her goal weight and became a KOPS (Keep Pounds off Sensibly)!! We are so proud of you!

We brought in items for our local food pantry! We then made bags of ten, twenty pounds or more and gave them to some of our members that have lost this amount of weight!

Nancy Bassett and Cathe Bard talked a little about their journeys to becoming a KOPS! Camaraderie, attending meetings, walking and talking with a good friend, are some the things that made this journey to better health possible!!

Our KOPS best loser was Terry Poulin and the Tops best loser was Diane Mack. Other losers for the month went to: Judy Frasier, Sherri Chamberlain, Ellen Bardwell, Joyce Callahan and Nancy Franks (who also earned a 10 pound charm and a bracelet). Perfect quarterly attendance went to: Nancy Bassett, Cathe Bard, Terry Poulin, Judy Frasier and Pat Wilcox.

Feel free to join us on Tuesdays, downstairs at the Bradt Building on Main Street in Northville. The time for our meetings are from 5:15 to 6:00 and our weigh in begins at 4:15pm. One meeting is free.

For more information, call Nancy Bassett @ 863-8389 or visit us at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) on the web. See you lighter!



## TOPS #NY 0776 NORTHVILLE

It is the time of the year when there are a lot of festivities and family and friend gatherings, which are usually planned around food. It is a wonderful time of the year, but a difficult time if you are trying to eat healthy and lose weight or maintain your weight. Our TOPS group support each other by discussing how to keep on track with our weight loss goals. Our members take turns in giving a weekly program on many areas to help us to keep making healthy and sensible choices. We share any new food products or recipes that we have tried and any other healthy information that is of interest or importance. We all want to enjoy the holidays and any helpful ideas are always appreciated.

We also receive monthly awards for our achievements during that month. The following awards were awarded during the months of September and October.

TOPS LOSER OF THE MONTH FOR  
SEPTEMBER – Marjorie Decker

KOPS LOSER OF THE MONTH FOR  
SEPTEMBER – Georgia Jacquard

AWARD FOR WEIGHT LOSS AFTER A  
HOLIDAY – Jeannine Hillman, Kathy Povey,  
Eileen Quinlivan, Peg Mesnick, Marie Ruby, Jane  
Smith and Rita Smith

WEIGHT LOSS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD –  
Kathy Povey

CERTIFICATES OF  
LOSS FOR THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER – Marjorie Decker,  
Janet Witts, Kathy Povey, Eileen  
Quinlivan, Dolores Margies, Peg  
Mesnick, Marie Ruby, Jackie Long,  
Georgia Jacquard

TOPS LOSER OF THE  
MONTH FOR OCTOBER – Janet  
Witts

KOPS LOSER OF THE  
MONTH FOR OCTOBER – Georgia  
Jacquard

SIX CONSECUTIVE WEEKS  
NO GAIN – Marie Ruby

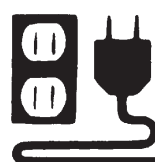
BIRTHDAY CHARM – Bonnie  
Bushnell

CERTIFICATES OF LOSS  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER  
– Janet Witts, Georgia Jacquard,

Rita Smith, Marie Ruby, Bonnie Bushnell, Jackie  
Long, Terry Moeller, Peg Mesnick, Jane Smith

Our Chapter would welcome anyone who would  
like to attend a meeting to see what TOPS is about  
and how TOPS and the support of your fellow  
members and yourself can reach the goals you are  
striving to achieve.

We meet every Wednesday night at the First  
United Methodist Church at 301 S. Main Street  
in Northville in the Youth Room upstairs. Weigh  
In is from 5:15 to 5:45 pm and our meeting is  
immediately after weigh in time. We invite  
you to join us for a meeting to learn more about  
TOPS and what it can do for you. If you have  
any questions in regard to our meetings and our  
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# Edinburg School News



## Edinburg Eagles School News

by *Ms. Kimberly S.*

*Armada, Superintendent*

*Happy Holidays*



I can hardly believe that December is already upon us. I hope that everyone in the Edinburg Community had a relaxing Thanksgiving with friends and family. I want to thank all of the families that were in attendance at the Halloween PTO party and to also thank the Edinburg and surrounding communities for making our annual Roast beef dinner a big success. It was a pleasure to meet so many of the Edinburg Community members. I look forward to getting to know all of

you better in the coming years.

We are so blessed to have such an active PTO and supportive staff and community. I hope that more parents will become involved in the coming years. The PTO's mission is to provide fun and enriching experiences for all of our students.

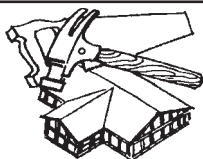
### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Edinburg Common School is looking for Senior Citizens and Parents to volunteer to read with students. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 863-8412. Volunteers must provide references and a letter of interest. This is a great opportunity to give to the children of our community.

### CHARACTER WORD FOR NOVEMBER WAS CARING

Our character word of the month was "Caring". Please talk about the word of the month at home with your child. Read stories and talk about how children can show they care for themselves, others,

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their home, school and environment. Encourage your child to donate gently used toys or to donate their time to help an elderly neighbor or a younger child. Teaching our children to care without expecting something in return is a great gift we can give to our children.

We would like to congratulate the following students for their acts of Fairness for the month of October. These students understand and follow "The Eagle Way." and were recognized at our most recent Eagle Afternoon.

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Grade 1     | Autumn            |
| Grade 2     | Landon            |
| Grade 3     | Sierra            |
| Grade 4     | Gerald            |
| Grade 5     | Joseph            |
| Grade 6 (2) | Monique<br>Jeremy |

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 2 PTO Meeting at 4:00 p.m.  
in Cafeteria
- December 6 Annual Holiday Concert  
in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- December 14 Board Meeting in the  
Multi-Purpose Room at 6:00 p.m.
- December 15 Santa Shop Sponsored by the PTO
- December 23 Reading Incentive Kick-Off  
and Book Give Away 10:00 a.m.
- December 23 Eagle Afternoon 1:00 -  
Join us for a Christmas Sing Along

I thank you on behalf of the Edinburg Staff for the opportunity to work with you and your children. Best wishes to all of you for a blessed and merry holiday season full of caring and giving.



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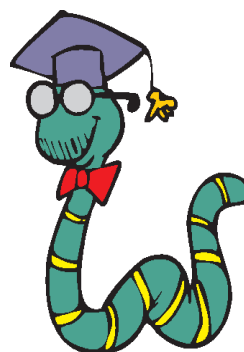
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## **Eagles Eye on Fourth Grade**

*By Mr. Chad Sitte*

The fourth graders have been learning so much already that they can't believe that it is almost time for Christmas and Christmas break. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school. In reading they have been learning all about the Iroquois and how they came together to form the Iroquois Confederacy. The students have been using Minecraft to create a replica of an Iroquois village. In doing this they have been able to understand how hard it was and how long it took them to turn a forest or piece of land into a village. In math the students have been working hard to really try and master their multiplication facts and apply that knowledge to various concepts. Science has been fun because we just started a new unit on engineering and the engineering process. The students are learning to become engineers and by following the steps of the design process designing a new product based on a problem they found. In social studies the students have been learning about New York and some of the natural wonders found within our great state such as Niagara Falls and the Adirondacks. The students want to remind everyone to try and take advantage as much as possible of the fact that we live in this amazing natural wonder called the Adirondacks by going outside and enjoying nature and what the Adirondacks has to offer. The students remind everyone to remember to bundle up when going outside as it gets colder and the snow begins to fall. The Adirondacks are just as beautiful in the winter as any other time.

I would also like to remind parents and students that our school basketball program is getting ready to gear up for another season. Mr. Moore and myself had a lot of fun last year working with all the talented boys and girls that



came out to play and we look forward to that again this year. As we would love the program to be open to every grade, unfortunately, the program is only open to students in grades 3-6. We plan to start the program before Christmas break, so look for more information to be coming home soon.



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### *Merry Christmas one and all!*

As you know, we have been without a pastor for several months but enjoying the variety of guest speakers who were kind enough to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Now we are happy to introduce you to our new pastor, Rev. Kathy L. Reece, who began her ministry with us on Oct. 25.

Rev. Reese received her training from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. and holds an Associate's Degree in Religious Studies from Empire State College in Saratoga Springs. She has previously served as minister at North Bush United Methodist Church in Caroga Lake and continues to provide quarter-time service at the Bleecker United Methodist Church. Rev. Reese is the on-call chaplain at St. Mary's hospital in Amsterdam and a volunteer chaplain in Albany.

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Medical Center. Born into a military family, Rev. Reese moved frequently during her childhood, living at times in California, Nevada and Texas before making New York State her home in 1985. She is active in the Fish House community where she lives with her husband, Robert. The couple has been married 28 years. They have four children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandson. Rev. Reese is a member of the Fulton County Clergy Association. In her free time she enjoys boating on the Sacandaga Lake, playing the African Djembe drum, reading, sewing, bead work and antiquing.

We invite you to stop in and see our newly renovated thrift store. The floors have been replaced with new tiles and many racks have been procured so clothing is hung neatly and easily seen. The area is bright and cheerful. We are grateful to the many volunteers who made these changes happen and to the countless volunteers who keep the store open each week. Thrift Shop Hours are: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am-12:30 pm. We accept CLEAN gently worn clothing, free of animal hair, stains, tears, and cigarette smoke. We appreciate donations from the community but respectfully request that these guidelines be followed.

Choir Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30 pm and we always look forward to welcoming new singers.

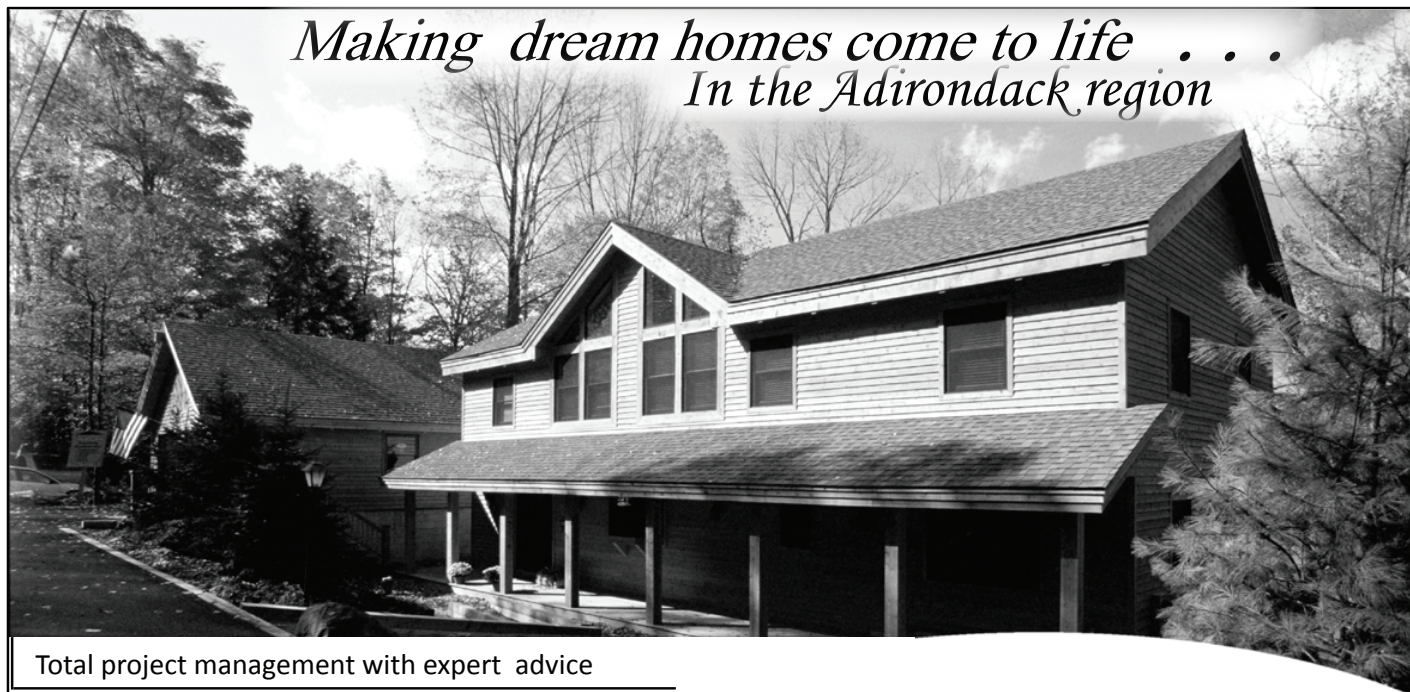
Dec 4 – There will be a Red Cross Bloodmobile in the dining room, 1-5 pm; walk-ins are welcome.

Dec 6 – A community “Carol Sing” will take place in our sanctuary at 5 pm, followed by refreshments. Music will include well-known carols, kids holiday music, and other songs of the season. There will be choir pieces, possibly a solo or two and the church’s Flute Ensemble to provide additional musical enjoyment. This is a free event and open to the public.

Dec 24 – There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service in our sanctuary at 7:30 pm.

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Our worship and the Lord’s table are open to everyone. The people at First United Methodist Church in Northville, invite you to experience God at worship with us on Sundays at 11 am during this Advent and Christmas season and into the new year.

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you have not had time for in your busy schedule. Volunteer some time for a cause that you believe in. Surprise a neighbor with a plate of cookies, offer to bring someone to church with you, or sit down and write a letter to a relative you have not talked to in a long time. Take a moment to bring joy into someone's life and you will bring some joy into your own.

There are 86,400 seconds, 1,440 minutes and 24 hours in every day. Time is something we will never get back again. Tomorrow is not guaranteed and every moment is a gift. Wrap yourself up in a bow this holiday season and give the gift that keeps on giving....your time, your talents, your friendship and your love. Merry Christmas everyone!

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### Did You Know

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Individually we can not save the world but together we can do small things that make a difference. Let's start with voting. Did you vote this month? A majority of the people I came into contact with did not vote. Voting is a privilege and an important way to be heard. Do you get involved in local politics or

community activities? If you really want to be heard find an activity that you believe in; where you can make a difference. We need to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. Let's stop talking about how bad things are, let's focus on how good things can be.

Christmas is a little over a month away. Start walking the walk with your family, your coworkers and neighbors. You want the world to be a better place then start making changes in your home. Do you spend quality time with your children, grandchildren, parents or grandparents? This can be a difficult time of year for so many people. Consider adopting a child or a family for Christmas. Call or visit someone

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