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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Here's a list of some notable dates and meetings. Please send your information to the Edinburg Newsletter at edinburgnews2023@gmail.com

Sat	3	10:00 am	Artisans for Education Fair (p 28)
Wed	7	6:00 pm	Northville-Northhampton Historical Society Presentation (p 49)
Sat	10	9:00 am	Northville Fall Festival (p 42)
Sat	10		St. Francis Church Craft Fair (p 5)
Mon	12		Columbus Day
Mon	19	6:30 pm	Mayfield Historical Society Presentation (p 46)
ues	13	5:30 pm	ECS BOT Meeting
Thurs	15	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Tues	20	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Fri	30	1:00 pm	Edinburg Common School Halloween Parade
Sat	31		Halloween
Sun Nov 1		11:00 am	Edinburg Emergency Squad Chili Fundraiser (p 7)

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EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy Halloween!!!

Whoa, another summer has come and gone; as I am writing this it is the first day of fall before you know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas! Our snowbirds are beginning to make their way back to their winter homes, safe travels and see you in the spring.

The children are all back at school and soccer season is upon us in this area.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the family of James Morzillo, the gentleman who tragically lost his life in the glider crash in Edinburg that occurred on Friday, September 19th. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone that was stationed at the Airport and who helped with this tragic situation.

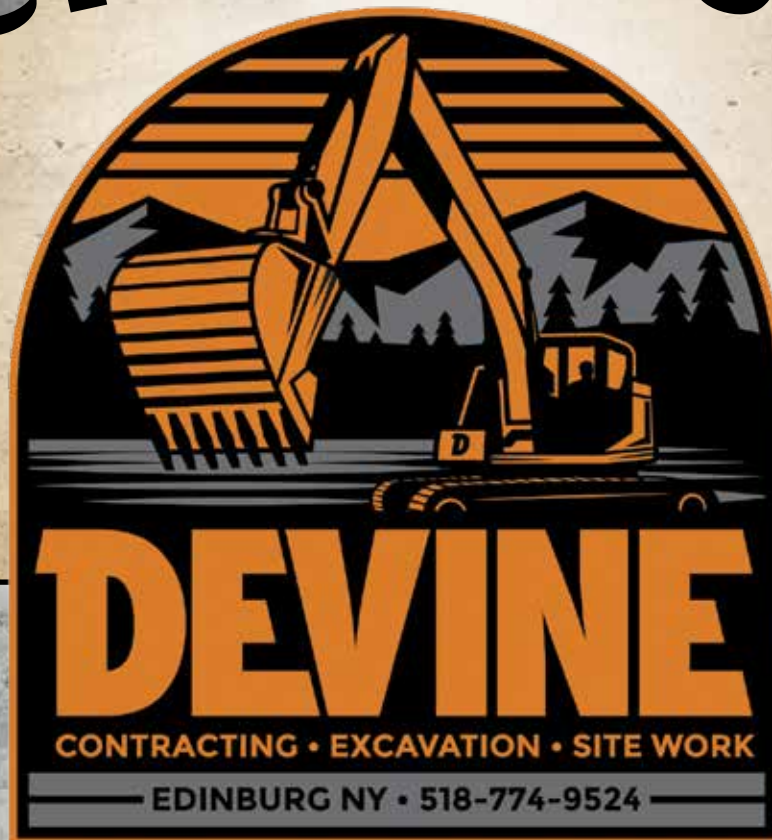
Flood Community Center

We have had a flood in the Community Center; it started when the torrential rains came. It was discovered when the Justice went into the building, his office floor carpet was ruined along with the wall near the back of the kitchen. I contacted our insurance representative concerning this and an insurance adjuster was sent out to assess the damage he said we may have trouble with the tiles lifting where the water had laid in the future also; Quick Response was called in and they tore the back wall sheetrock inside the cupboards out; they installed fans and a dehumidifier in the kitchen. They also drilled holes in the walls to test the wetness inside the walls. They are back to remove more sheetrock that has been damaged, we will not know the extent of the damage until they are through.

Informational Signs

I am investigating the possibility of purchasing two informational signs one to go on the lawn of the Town Hall and the other to be put up at the Recycle and Reuse Center. It seems we can not get the information out to our residents when there is information, they should know about. We can not have a lighted sign so I am looking at a sign on the order of what is on the Edinburg Common School lawn. The one I would like to put up at the Recycle and Reuse Center would be like the one that is on the Town Hall building.

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Passport Night

The Saratoga County Clerk's Office will be holding a passport night program on two separate evening. It will be held on Thursday, October 1st and Tuesday, November 10th between the times of 4 to 7 pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the October 1st evening you can contact the County Clerk's Office starting now and if you would like to set up an appointment for the November 10th evening, they will begin scheduling them on October 20th; to reach the County Clerk's Office the telephone number is 518 885-2213.

Deer Management Permits

The last day to purchase Deer Management Permits, (southern zone) is October 1st.

Halloween

Halloween will be held on Saturday, October 31st in the Town of Edinburg. You should look to see if residents have their lights on for Trick or Treaters and please use your discretion for the time limit. Stay Safe!

Columbus Day

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. There will be no garbage pickup

on that day it will be as follows: North Shore, Tuesday, October 13th and South Shore, Wednesday, October 14th.

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 9:00 pm. If you are not present to vote you can get an application for an absentee ballot at the Town Hall or you can vote early at the early voting locations within Saratoga County. Edinburg is not an early voting location. To find out where the early voting locations are you should go to saratogacountyny.gov, go to Board of Elections and they will have a listing there. Voting will again be held at the Town Hall in Edinburg on Election Day.

Economic Development Grant

The Town of Edinburg has received an Economic Development Grant from the County of Saratoga in the amount of \$6600.00; this will be used to put down soft material at the playground next to the Town Hall. This grant is a 25% matching grant; the Town will have to put up the 25%.

Mandated Schooling and Bookkeeping Program

The Town Hall has been closed on some morning recently we are mandated to take a cyber security class and the workplace violence and sexual harassment courses. These courses are

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mandated by the State of New York. We have also purchased a new bookkeeping program that will help us with reports and with the information that needs to go to the NYS Comptrollers office. With this program we have been taking courses to get to know how this program runs. So, we are sorry if you had business to do and could not get in until later when the classes were happening.

I could drone on further, but, remember if you have heard something that may or may not be happening within the Town, please pick up the phone and give us a call or stop by to get the correct answer.

Happy Fall!

Bob

Robert D. Anderson
Supervisor



Edinburg Common School PTO's
****Annual Roast Beef Dinner****



Edinburg Common School (4 Johnson Road)
Saturday November 7, 2026 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Children: \$13 • Adults: \$18 • Seniors: \$15
(cash and local checks only)

Dinner includes a generous portion of mouth-watering roast beef accompanied by mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, and a dinner roll. After your meal, enjoy a delicious slice of pie made fresh at a local bakery!

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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Stephanie Schrom, Pastor
E-mail: edinburgumcpastor@yahoo.com

Greetings and God's Grace and Peace to all from all of us at the Edinburg United Methodist Church!

The leaves are beginning to change and all of God's splendor is being revealed. Indeed, natural beauty is one of the most unmistakable ways that God reveals His character to us. Isn't the fact that He wants us to know Him enough to make you rejoice? The psalmist was rejoicing when he wrote the words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

When you look across the beautiful Sacandaga or up at the surrounding mountains full of the fall colors, recognize God's greatness. The same God who created spectacular vistas, beautiful mountains and skies is the God who comforts you in moments of weakness ... who knew you before you were born ... who offered His Son's life in exchange for yours. When you're admiring the vivid colors and beauty of the changing leaves, consider His splendor, celebrate His glory and rejoice! "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

Saturday, September 12th we welcomed musician Keith Bartholomew for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing from 6pm-8pm. Thank you Keith and all who attended to help us celebrate our church's 190th Anniversary!

We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and the Capital City Rescue Mission for personal hygiene items, socks, gloves, T-shirts etc. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events and missions in the community.

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 service is a traditional service with messages of hope, love, peace, joy and all of God's goodness and grace. Please like and follow our church Facebook page to see our past events and what is coming up in the future. We welcome everyone! Our church motto is: Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.

Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that assists low income households with the cost of heating their homes during the winter months.

The 2026-2027 Regular HEAP program begins on: November 2nd, 2026

The Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services will be accepting applications for persons that are 60 years of age and older and for anyone who is deemed disabled. If you would like to receive an application or make an appointment for help with filling out the application, you may call the HEAP desk at (518) 884-4111

If any member of your household is on SNAP (formally known as food stamps), please contact your SNAP Case Worker at (518) 884-4155.

The HEAP program provides a once a year benefit, which is credited to your heating account. Regular benefit amounts are based upon the households gross monthly income and commodity used to heat your home.

This Year's Guidelines are as Follows:

Household Size and Monthly Income

1	\$3,563
2	\$4,659
3	\$5,756
4	\$6,852

Overwhelmed by Medicare Information?

If you're enrolling for the first time, learn what you qualify for, how to compare plans, and how to make an informed choice. Looking to review your current plan for the next calendar year?

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The HICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance) program can help explain the different parts of Medicare helping you understand what each covers, what you qualify for, which is best for you, and how to enroll.

Get clarity on when you need to enroll in Medicare, and what deadlines can lead to penalties. Identify what extra coverage or savings you may qualify for, so you can make an informed decision about the right coverage for your needs.

Open enrollments begins October 15 - December 7th, 2026.

Please call 518-884-4100 for unbiased appointment, we can counsel you over the phone or in person. Call early as spots are limited.

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*PO Box 801,
Northville, NY 12134
EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org
Tim Blydenburgh*

The historical society's Holiday Bazaar, a chance to buy holiday gifts and other products from several local vendors, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse on Tange Road.

Enjoy mulled cider, cookies, soups and chili among other foods, and take part in a basket fundraiser.

Also in October we present a free viewing of "Harnessing Nature," about the building of the Great Sacandaga Lake almost 100 years ago, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse. The 80-minute-long production was written by Lauren Roberts and Peter Pepe. All are welcome. This is also our last members' meeting for the year. Our last board meeting is Oct. 13.

In other news, Ted O'Lear has been named Volunteer of the Year for his acts of generosity in recent years. Thank you Ted!

For those who haven't paid their dues by September, please try to pay this month (you can do so at the Holiday Bazaar) or in the near future. It's still only \$5 per person and \$10 for families. To pay, use the address at the top of this article in care of the Treasurer.

Society volunteers toured the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House and the adjacent cemetery in August. The Rev. David E. Smith guided the group through the history of the Methodist religion and the local church, which was completed in 1860 at a cost of \$2,000, according to the church history brochure. Among the interesting features of the Greek Revival church are the stained glass window panels installed several years ago. We thank Pastor Smith for the taking the time to present this informative program.

Our thanks to volunteers Jerry Tobia of AFB Welding for identifying the blacksmith tools and items in the Rural Museum display, Brant Robinson of Allen & Palmer who showed what was

needed for attaching the items, and Dave Lilac and Kim Koza for mounting the display.

Open houses were conducted in July and August at the Rural and Nellie Tyrrell museums. We thank those who dropped by and those who staffed the museums during those days.



Sunday, November 1, 2026

11 – 3:00 or until sold out



Cost: \$12.00

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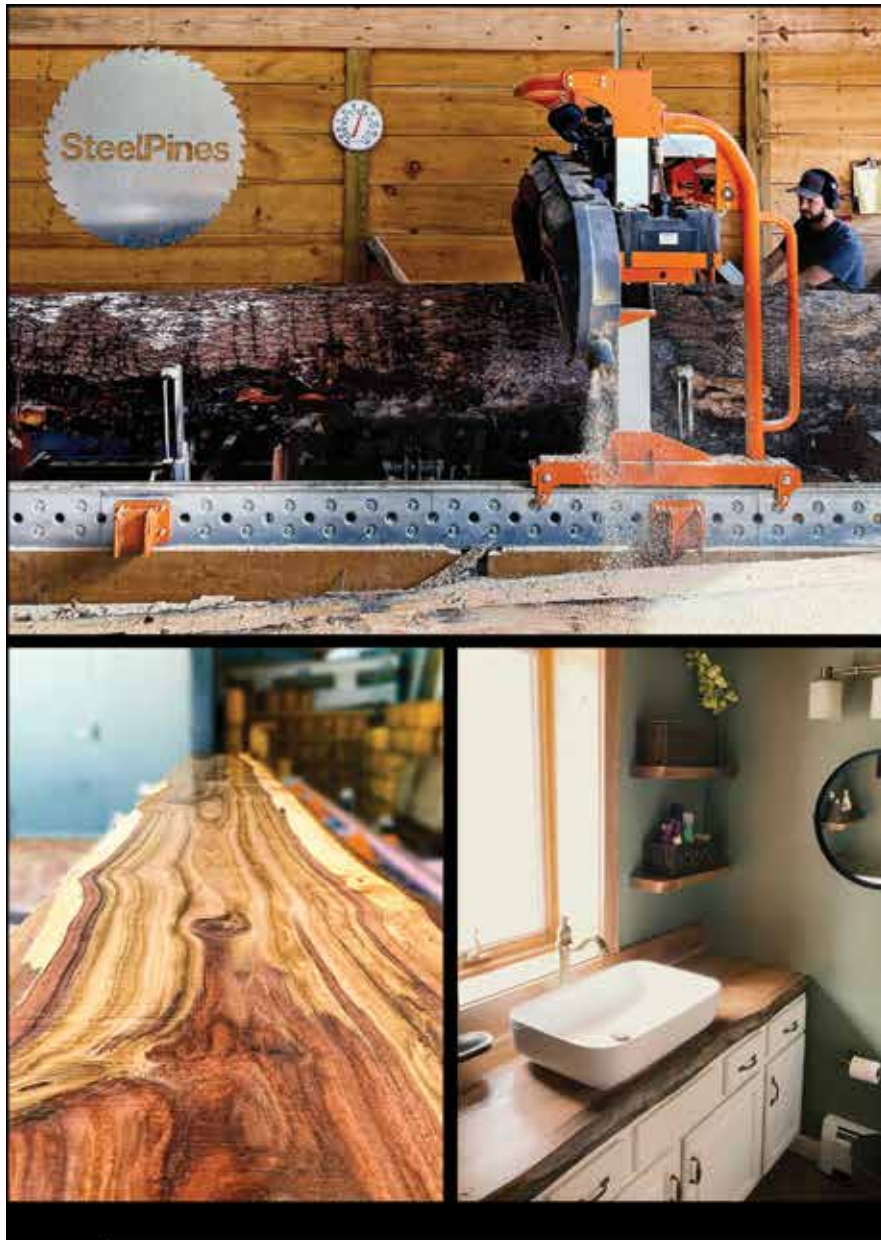
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EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

By: John Olmstead & Diana Edwards

For the dates covering August 12 through September 14 the Fire Company responded to 10 calls. Our run log is as follows:

- 8/12 Mutual Aid Northville
- 8/14 Mutual Aid Northville
- 8/16 MVA Military Rd
- 8/20 Good Intent Sacandaga Lake
- 8/29 Good Intent Disabled Boat
- 8/30 EMS Assist Landing Zone
- 9/1 Mutual Aid Northville
- 9/10 Water Rescue Heather Lane
- 9/13 Carbon Monoxide Alarm Military Rd, Day
- 9/14 Fire Alarm S. Shore Rd

The Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company extends a sincere thank-you to all of our volunteers who donated their time over Labor Day weekend for our Annual Boot Drive Fundraiser. We also thank everyone in our community who contributed. Your generosity and continued support mean so much to our volunteers and help us continue serving Edinburg and the surrounding communities.

Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, with Fire Prevention Week taking place October 4–10. This year's National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) theme is "Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower."

Many everyday devices—including phones, tablets, laptops, power tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters—use rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. When these batteries are damaged or charged improperly, they can overheat and cause fires. Safe charging practices can help reduce these risks and protect our homes and families.

Fireplace & Wood Stove Safety

With colder weather comes the increased use of fireplaces and wood stoves. Taking a few preventative measures can help keep your home and family safe this heating season. It is recommended to have your chimney inspected and cleaned at least once a year by a qualified, certified professional; and to burn only dry, seasoned hardwood to help minimize creosote buildup. If your chimney does not have a chimney cap, consider having one installed. A properly installed cap helps prevent debris, rain, and animals from entering and potentially blocking the chimney.

Make sure your fireplace or wood stove has adequate airflow and is operated according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Keep anything that can burn well away from the fireplace or wood stove.

Smoke detector batteries should be replaced twice a year. A good way to remember is to change the batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time in the spring and fall. This simple routine can help ensure your smoke detectors are operating properly when you need them most. Homeowners should also test their smoke detectors regularly and replace the detectors according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Annual Fire Prevention & Education Event:

On October 7, 2026 from 8:30am to 10:30am the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Co. will hold its annual Fire Prevention and Education Event at Edinburg Common School. Edinburg firefighters and trucks, along with the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department, LifeNet Helicopter, and Edinburg Volunteer Emergency Squad, will be on hand to provide fire and safety education to the students.

Halloween Safety:

Halloween is Saturday, October 31st. Drivers are reminded to slow down and watch carefully for children along roadways, enter and exit driveways with caution, and discourage inexperienced drivers from driving whenever possible. For children who will be out after dark, consider adding reflective tape to costumes and bags or providing glow sticks for added visibility.

From all of us at the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company, have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and autumn season!



Edinburg Bible Chapel
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Sunday Worship: 10 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meet: 7 PM

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Alisha Rivera Holmes - Director - 518-863-6922

New at the Library

This October we’re holding a Coat Drive. From October 1st to October 16th you can bring used, clean coats for donation. Coat shoppers are welcomed to “shop” for coats on October 17th. All coats will be free and this event will be opened to the public. If you have any questions, please contact the library.

Dear Edinburg Residents,

The Northville Public Library is changing our policy for out of district library users and Edinburg Residents. If you would like to receive a Northville Library card, we ask that you consider donating \$5 towards the cost of the card.

Book Clubs:

Sacandaga Book Club:

Rick Hasenhauer will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. They will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 10am. Summary: “Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter. Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.”

Hours:	
Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10am - 8pm
Wednesday:	10am - 8pm
Thursday:	10am - 8pm
Friday:	10am - 6pm
Saturday:	10am - 2pm



Evening Book Club:

The Evening Book Club will be reading *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm. Summary: “Galaxy “Alex” Stern is the most unlikely member of Yale’s freshman class. Raised in the Los Angeles hinterlands by a hippie mom, Alex dropped out of school early and into a world of shady drug-dealer boyfriends, dead-end jobs, and much, much worse. In fact, by age twenty, she is the sole survivor of a horrific, unsolved multiple homicide. Some might say she’s thrown her life away. But at her hospital bed, Alex is offered a second chance: to attend one of the world’s most prestigious universities on a full ride. What’s the catch, and why her?”

Programs at the Library:

Special Events:

The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword: Protecting and Defending Literary Freedom in America: In recognition of the American Library Association’s Banned Book Week, local author Patricia A. Nugent will present this engaging program, accompanied by Adirondack folksinger, Dan Berggren. October 7th at 6:30pm.

Pumpkin Needle Felting: Join us as instructor Laurie Snells teaches us how to make pumpkins out of needle felt! Thurs. October 8th from 10am-1pm

Day of the Dead Display and Table of Remembrance: Every year we create a display for The Day of the Dead, explaining the customs, history, and culture surrounding the holiday. This year, we would also like to set up a table for anyone who would like to share a photo of their departed loved one. This could be a friend, family member, or even pet. We will also provide a notebook where you can share your favorite stories about them. Starting October 20th.

Halloween Party:

Our Halloween Party is back! Date and time TBD. Follow our social media for updates.

Adult Programs:

- Needles & Pins: Every Wednesday from 11:30am-1:30pm
- Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm. All skill levels welcomed!
- Sacandaga Book Club: Second Tuesday of the month starting at 10am
- Evening Edition Book Club: Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm
- Adult DND: Third Thursday of every month starting at 6:00pm

Teen Programs:

- Teen D&D: Every First and Third Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Art Guild: Every Fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm

Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: Every Tuesday at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
- Lego Afternoons: Saturdays from 11am-12pm

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2026 6:30pm

Libby:

Looking for a book we don’t have in the library? It might be on Libby! The library provides E-resources for our patrons. Go to our new website: <http://northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.com/> and click “eBooks/eAudios” or add the Libby app to your reader. This will take you to the site where you may borrow E-books for Kindles, tablets and similar devices and E-audiobooks for your listening pleasure. You may search by author, title, or subject. If you have a problem with your device, come see us!

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In recognition of the American Library Association's Banned Book Week, local author Patricia A. Nugent will present a program entitled "The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword: Protecting and Defending Literacy Freedom in America." This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Northville Public Library.

The program will take place in the upstairs community room on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm. Dan Berggren, an Adirondack folksinger, will be performing as well.

With summer officially over, a huge thank you is extended to Annette Fry who maintained the library's gardens all season long. Annette spent countless hours planting, weeding, watering

and cutting back foliage. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the library's beautiful outdoor space, including participants of the summer reading program. As we head into Fall, make the library's gardens a destination to view fall foliage while sitting on the lawn above the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Gently worn used books and electronic media are once again being accepted. Donations may be placed in the cart on the library's ramp. Inside the library, the book nook bookshelves are constantly being restocked, so be sure to check out our own version of a local bookstore.

Finally, the library's craft closet has been reorganized. If you want to try your hand at crafting, but don't want to make the investment, check out the craft closet — there may be free supplies available for the taking.



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Sr. Pastor: Rev. Andrew Larson

by Barbara Klueg

Believers in Jesus are Sojourners!

Sojourners . . . it's kind of an old-fashioned word. As ones who trust and believe in Jesus, we are sojourners here on earth. What does this mean exactly? It means that our lives are temporary. As the old song goes, "This earth is not our home. We're just a passing through." As sojourners we experience some hardships (sometimes we feel like there are way too many too), but we also have a high and blessed position as sojourners! As sojourners we work hard and by His grace God transforms us and keeps us in step with the Holy Spirit. We shouldn't be surprised when others hate us though, as Jesus was also hated. How can we persevere in our faith? Only through the blood of Jesus Christ! Hebrews 10:19 shares an AMAZING promise! As sojourners we have the ultimate blessing . . . God's blessings on us through the blood of Jesus Christ! Praise God! May we all cling to this promise over

our entire lifetime!

The last weekend in August we were greatly encouraged by our Church Conference regarding the blessings of God's Sovereignty. We want to thank God for our excellent speakers, for all who attended and for those who worked so hard to make it happen! We also enjoyed our final summer hurrah with our annual church picnic at the lake and witnessed the baptism of Tony and Amelia. Seeing folks follow the Lord through baptism is always a Wonderful and Joyful event!

Please pray! Pray for our Youth Groups and Bible Club starting up this month! Check out our church calendar below or call the church for details. Bible Club parents may pick up registration forms at the church to sign up their kiddos for Bible Club. We also need cookie bakers if this is one of your talents! Sign up is on the church bulletin board. Please drop off your cookies earlier on BC day so we can have them ready for the kids. Thank you for helping! You can also contact Will or Grace LeStage if you are interested in helping with our Youth Groups or snacks too.

Our Church's Motto, Worship and Task

Our Church Motto is "We Preach Christ." We believe that

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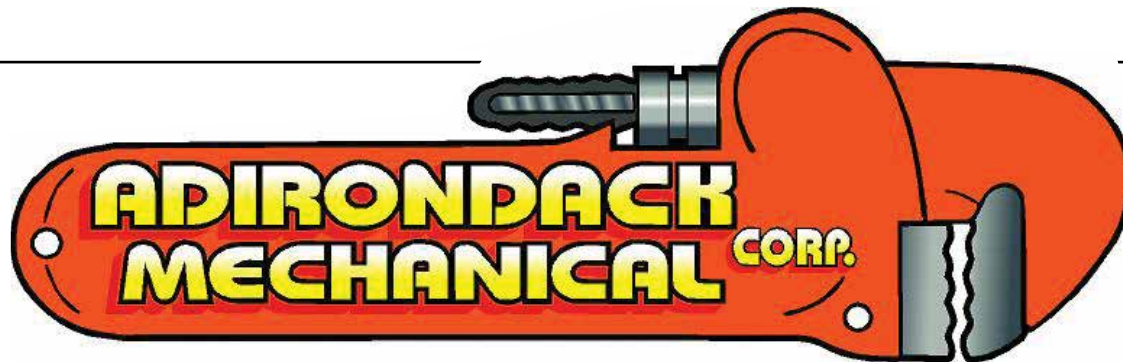
Our Church Worship is centered on our great God. He alone is worthy of worship and we seek to give Him the honor He is due as we meet regularly throughout the week and during Sunday services. At the center of our worship is the expository preaching of God's Word. We do this knowing that Scripture is the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative truth of God through which those in Christ are sanctified.

Our Church Task is to share this life changing gospel . . . with our neighbors and with the rest of the world as we faithfully engage in the great commission of our Savior as we are transformed more and more into the image of Christ.

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Cranesville

by Bradley Luberto

Reclining up from the tow path of the canal that followed the course of the Mohawk River, you'll find Cranesville. Like many small hamlets and villages living out their quiet days among the land of upper New York State. A canal town, it boasted a few streets, not all, but a few, set in cobblestone. Hoping to claim its fame, it had an opera house, and two hotels, for it was also a stage stop.

A church with its tall white spire, its graveyard behind a stone wall, and the Very Reverend's, home across the street. A small market and dry-goods with gold letters in its window, a dress shop for women, a tailor for men, a barber with its red and white pole, and even a dentist, made up most of the village. Towards the end of the village where the land was higher, and large barns stood from older days, black cows grazed on sunny hillsides.

In the spring, Cranesville would boast a Founders Day. A gazebo would be built in the middle of the main street. The mayor would give a speech; telling of the village's beginnings, and how proud he was to be its mayorship. Then the Reverend

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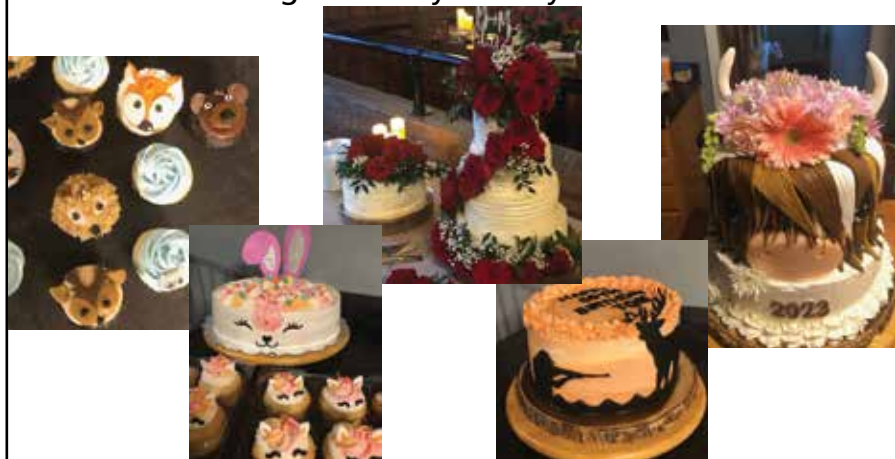
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would approach; fold his hands to a bowed head, and ask for continued guidance and blessings on this fair village and good people. The men, dressed in their best, the women with bright parasols upon their shoulders blocking their face from the bright and hot sun.

The fourth of July would be another day of jubilee. Pretty girls batting eyes at young men. Boys running about the crowded main street, with large red slices of water melon in their wet and sticky hands. Happy and proud couples with child in carriages walking about. At night; above the waters of the canal and Mohawk River, Bright fireworks would be sparkling their way up in the dark sky.

Come fall, and harvest time, cornstalks and large pumpkins would adorn the porches of both hotels. From the very large trees that still stood along the main street, colored leaves would slowly fall to the ground. As Christmas neared, ropes of long needled pines would lace its way along porches, and twisting down around porch post. And on door and windows of many homes hung wreathes, some with dark red ribbons hanging down from them.

Down a narrow cobblestone lane, that raised in the center from the wheels of wagons. On the left side of this narrow street was the undertaker. On a steel bracket coming off the old wood

building, hung a tin sign in the morbid shape of a coffin. It swung in the wind, dripped water in the rain, and was shrouded with ice sickles in the winter.

Mr. Shreves was a thin little man, his balding head ridged by hair just above his ears, and with a large drooping mustache, made up a sad face. It was said no one ever saw Mr. Shreves smile. And no one, no not any remembered him young. Parents, and even grandparents always referred to him as “old Mr. Shreves.” No one ever talked of him as a young man, or a boy running bare foot in ragged pants along the tow path shouting to the boatmen. or waving to the rich passengers, who rode in somewhat splendor atop the long canal boats. In time a tint of red would run along just one of these ruts in the cobblestone. These were the days when blood from corpses was dumped on to the soil at the lowest point of the shop. Gathered from a wooden embalming table, of which also had its own little gutter along one side, that would drain into a tin pail beneath it, of which at some point Mr. Shreves would pour into a damp corner of soil at the front of his shop. In time and because of the amount, the blood would work its way through the soil slowly, and seep its way along to the cobblestone.

It wasn't odd to see boys running sticks through it, knowing well what it was.

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His wife was gone 30, maybe 40 years, and so Mr. Shreves lived alone.

In the rooms above his shop, there was a black cast iron stove, a sagging mattress on a brass bed covered with a blue and white patchwork quilt.

Of the two large rooms of his shop below, there were no windows in the front, as all were boarded over many years ago. On the side were windows, but shuttered closed, letting in only thin cracks of sunlight.

In this front room in silent darkness stood coffins. Always for sale, and ready made in case one was needed quickly. There were still people about who buried their kin on their land. No care of the body was asked for, only the purchase of a coffin.

Kerosene lamps hung from the ceilings. In the larger back room was the embalming table, and tools needed for his work.

In the back yard, was a tall thin rusting pump for water, and an outhouse.

In the smaller front room, in one corner, was where some floor boarding was removed, and was where the blood was poured, being the furthest place away from his pump for water.

Behind his shop, was what was a carriage house at one

time. Narrow, made of unpainted batten and board, just large enough for one horse and a small buggy. It had a door for hay, above its main door that opened to a dirt roadway behind the carriage house. Atop it all was a tilting cupola, really of no use to any, making even a poor home for birds. It was here he made coffins, simple plain ones of plain board. Not the fancy ones of the rich. There were other shops in the city of Amsterdam that handle those. Richly carved, ornate in every way. Battened lined, covered with cloth or silk, soft pillows edged in lace. The resting place seemingly of kings or queens. His coffins were of woods; empty of all dressing. Were they for the poor? Or for those who know all are equal in death, and the grave a lonely place for rich or poor. Mr. Shreves was an undertaker; he did not run a funeral parlor. From his business, would come a wagon, and take body and coffin away. Sometimes a large hearse would come down this little lane, the metal bands of the large hearse wheels making a cracking and clicking sound over the cobble stone. There Mr. Shreves, and whomever drove the hearse, would carry the coffin to the back of the hearse, and slide it in. Often times, the body, worked on by Mr. Shreves, would be going to be removed to a better coffin; this but a transfer. Some hearses were little more than a wagon with a covered top, and

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glass sides, sometime large windows of glass, some times small. But some hearses were grand affairs. Large and wide. Pointed glass windows along its sides, looking as if off a church. Some with black tassels hanging down, or closed with black cloth all the way around. On a grand hearse, often the horse or horses were black and shiny, prancing at their job. But it seemed of those who came with just wagons, their horses knew that their job wasn't one of glory. Their head down in a sodden state. Most still brought their dead home. There were funeral parlors in Amsterdam, but that was more of a cost. At home, the coffin was usually in the largest room of the house, but there were times the coffin was set on the long and sturdy table in the kitchen. Wakes could last for days, as family and friends sat with relatives. He worked his trade on all, young or old. But the saddest were the children. Some drowned in the waters of the canal; some burned from a fire or scalded from a spill from a hot kettle at home. Infant deaths were more than an uncommon affair. And being so, a life had ended before it lived, and what might that life had led to

He handled the mangled from factory work; leather belts and meshing gears could do horrible things to a body. Mills with spinning saw blades of great size, could end a life quickly. Farm accidents could be just as bad. But some, some came as if only asleep, and some still warm from a bed. The cold took its toll of life also. Bodies frozen solid of a lost hunter, or a trapper fallen into water while retrieving a trap, would lie a long time in his shop until the warmth made the body pliable to be worked with.

Clothing would be obtained from family. If a vagrant, and yes, he handled them with the same care, he'd supply cheap clothing from a second-hand store. Churches often brought him clothing, as they put it, "just in case there was the need." And often there was.

Every canal town seemed to have their vagrants, men or women, young or older. Running away from parents who thought, "a good beating would straiten a child out." To young men, just looking for more, if not a better life. Women had it the easiest. A domestic in a better home seemed always to be

wanted. The shops preferred women working for them. There was always enough young boys to run errands and make deliveries about the village. And older boy, or young man, might get a job in a mill, or at harvest time at a farm, there seemed always to be work. But often that meant only a place to sleep and a meal until the crops were brought in. Older men had it the hardest. Beyond their work years, or broken from work, there was little they could do of much to make a living, maybe loading or unloading wagons for the day, or sweeping the floors of a mill . A few coins at one job, only to have enough for another boat ride, to another town or village. Some of all ages, found life isn't always better away from home. The winters of upstate were harsh, and unlike a big city, there were little if any comfort for the poor. Perhaps a hidden place in a barn with some hay for a bed, or the cold underside of a porch just until mornings light. He tried to do the best he could for the dead, if paid well or not. He always felt, that it wasn't the dead's fault if they couldn't pay. Some coffins were nailed shut at the request of family, not wanting to take another look at a love one. More so, when one was in terrible shape, even after his work. Sometimes he was asked for hair from the dead, hair to be made into mementoes for love ones, or the closest of family. Hair would be put in a locket with perhaps a photo, or, twisted and braided for a watch fob.

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He was asked for teeth also, that later would be set into a ring, or hang from the end of a watch chain. But Mr. Shreves would never do that, he would never remove teeth.

He always watched a coffin leave his shop. After it was set upon a wagon, or in the back of a hearse, he'd stand and watch it make its way along the cobble stone street. He felt akin to the bodies he worked on. Often, he was their last touch in the world. He knew some were headed to a grand wake. Immortalized forever by a large stone proclaiming a well-known family name. Others he knew were headed for a grave in a potter's field; no money for better, or no family who cared.

Gravestones came from Amsterdam. There was no one in the village who did such work. It took a skilled hand to chisel words into hard rock; the mournful face of a cherub, the stare of a skull or the hanging branches of a tree.

The gravestone would make its slow ride by wagon to Cranesville. Here the stone would be set, sometimes before the burial, sometimes afterwards at gravesite. Graves were dug by members of the church, and often with the help of family. But once cold weather moved into the Mohawk Valley, the ground was too hard to dig into, and bodies were placed in a crypt that was also in the graveyard, until the spring thaw, and the ground soft enough to be dug into again. The crypt was usually built of

stone, but some were dug right into a hill side. Behind the doors the coffins were placed, and their long winter wait began. It was a sad time for family and friends; to at first to have to deal with the death of a love one, then have to wait many months for the burial. It was like losing them twice.



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Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

Keeping Our Treasured Artifacts:

A Brief Tour of Our Four Counties' County Museums

If we gaze around our own homes, we can see that all of us serve as curators of history, whether we save that ancient and unique saltshaker from Great Grandma's collection, wear a ring once owned by a deceased aunt, hide in our bureau drawers that first lost tooth or lock of hair from Baby Riley, or simply collect the photos from a family trip to Florida. Something within us values those connections to the past, to our memories. As scholar Pierre Nora tells us, "Memory takes root in the concrete, in spaces, gestures, images, and objects," and those memories "contribute to our sense of community [. . . and] to our sense of identity – both individual identity and collective identity." We know instinctively that the concrete entities we save, as Nora elaborates, "prove more durable" even after the people, places, and events have disappeared. This same, desired durability,

then, becomes the objective of the preservation of historic places and artifacts, an act repeatedly embraced in the Adirondack communities we inhabit. Even a brief examination of the many small villages, towns, and cities of the Adirondacks invariably uncovers a bounty of town historical societies frequently housed in original one-room schoolhouses or churches and a town historian vigilantly keeping records of the town's history. Each town's library, too, houses historical records in various forms. Likewise, each county within the Adirondack Park hosts at least one museum that holds, displays, preserves, and explains these valued artifacts so that the public has access to them. That access stands as the very essence of maintaining a connection to our area's past.

The past of the Adirondacks, of course, lies steeped in American Indian history, and while only the counties outside of our readership area (with a single, small exception) actually maintain museums dedicated entirely to indigenous people – the Haudenosaunee ("People of the Longhouse": a confederation of Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora Nations) -- every county museum of this publication's readership does include exhibits and artifacts belonging to those who first traversed these mountains, valleys, rivers, streams and lakes

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and served as guides to the original European settlers here.

While the past created by the arrival of those settlers and their interactions with the Native Americans and each other may sometimes seem elusive, unimportant, or uninteresting, as librarian and scholar, Eric Harrelson notes, “without archives and special collections, history begins to fade [. . .] Primary documents [. . . and] everyday objects [. . .] shed light on what the [past] lives were really like.” A museum and its collections can actually help us expand history beyond mere timelines or tedious compilations of facts. They can, as Harrelson claims, help us “interact with what [predecessors] left behind” and can enable us to “maintain a connection to those who have come before us.”

In Fulton County, the **Fulton County Historical Society and Museum** in Gloversville offers us that kind of connection. Engaged in public tours, exhibits, programs, and research, this Society, officially founded in State records on May 22, 1952, was originally chartered in 1891. As its website states, “The FCHS and Museum are housed in the former Kingsboro school building, built in 1900 on the site of Kingsboro Academy.” It opened as a museum in 1973. It hosts a combination of permanent exhibits, such as those that “explore our community’s

educational history, glove and leather heritage, military service, civic organizations, businesses, FJ&G Railroad history, sports history, and more.” That something more includes exhibits about Native American history in the area, weaving and spinning, farming and its tools, and the Victorian way of life here in the Adirondacks. The museum also provides changing programs and events. Frequently, programs feature interactive and innovative components, and the events focus on a particular era and its impact upon the Fulton County area.

Another of Fulton County’s museums includes the **Walter Elwood Museum** of the Mohawk Valley in Amsterdam. This museum’s focus lies in the city’s carpet manufacturing history, vintage children’s toys, military artifacts, the American Locomotive Company history, and Native American history conference room. It also boasts a collection of carousel horses and a research library.

Montgomery County, too, maintains more than one historical museum. The **Montgomery County Historical Society [Museum]**, housed in the 18th-century home of Sir William Johnson in Old Fort Johnson, has operated a museum there since 1916. Focused on Mohawk Valley historical content and the fort’s history of British loyalty, according to its mission statement, its goal encompasses “enriching the public and preserving those collections for that purpose.”

Also in Montgomery County, **Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park**, located in Fort Plain, opened its doors in 1961 with, according to its website, “an emphasis on rebuilding Revolutionary War Fort Plain.” This museum, an actual restored fort, provides guided tours, educational programs, and special events. Filled with antique artifacts from fort residents’ daily lives, presenting battleground layout and conditions, and immersing visitors in the military outpost’s role in the American Revolution, this museum aims to make history live through experiencing it.

Unlike the Fort Plain or other Montgomery County museums, the **Pallatine Settlement Society** in St. Johnsville opened in 1982 with, as the Montgomery County History website states, “a group of about 70 individuals,” to create “a living museum, a ‘dorf,’ or village with adjoining farms, forts, tradesman’s buildings, and churches as might have been developed by the first settlers in Central Mohawk Valley in the 18th century.” Its predominant

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feature, the 1747 Nellis Tavern, stands out as a museum unto itself.

Two additional museums contribute to Montgomery County's list: **The Ames Museum** in Ames and the **Arkell Museum** in Canajoharie. Residing in the 1835 Ames Academy, the Ames Museum offers, according to its own description, "many local artifacts featuring Ames's hey-day as the hops-growing capital of 19th century America" as well as a tool shed annex, and a "large display of the Beech Nut circus and Arkell materials." Although located in a different town but also capturing parts of the life of Arkell, the actual Arkell Museum offers a combination of history and art; as its mission statement declares, it "collects and preserves, researches, and presents American Art and Mohawk Valley history and promotes active participation in art and history related activities." Its Beech-Nut displays include early 20th-century advertising and some of the private art collection of Bartlett Arkell (first president of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, which dealt with vacuum-packed sliced bacon, chewing gum, peanut butter, coffee, and baby food). The building itself is the original library constructed by Arkell for the town.

Constructed in a converted and old church in Tribes Hill in Montgomery County, **Tribes Hill Heritage Center** offers, according to its website, "an educational facility where children

and adults can learn about and experience Native American culture and history as well as the history of the Mohawk Valley." This museum aims to provide activities that teach guests about "land and animal conservation, history, music, dance [. . . and] Native American- and Settler-style historical and regional artistic endeavors." This museum makes an explicit connection not only to history but also to the culture that history produced.

Saratoga County, too, provides the public with several museum experiences. The **Saratoga Springs History Museum** offers separate rooms, floors, and exhibits to showcase the histories and artifacts of entities that have shaped the county: Indigenous People, the mineral springs, the Gilded Era's great hotels, the 1870s Canfield Casino, the Gilded Era's costuming and fashion, the George S. Bolster Image Collection (including an online archive of some of that collection), and the Walrath Family archives. Permanent displays fill the museum, but it also offers walking tours, ghost tours, lectures, and public tours, all to bring history to life as an experienced phenomenon.

For those seeking the experience of automobile nostalgia and power, Saratoga hosts the **Saratoga Automobile Museum**. It features displays of vintage and classic cars, cars made in or connected to New York, and competitive racing cars, everything from Mercedes-Benz to Roadsters. The museum even provides



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a racing room complete with a simulator. An added feature of this museum includes its New York State Stock Car Association Hall of Fame and its hosting of events and leagues. Its website touts the place as “a standout destination for anyone looking to experience the cutting edge of interactive entertainment,” all of it enveloped in an atmosphere of historic context.

Those seeking the kind of entertainment that places one in a historic environment, in the proverbial shoes of those from the past, a visit to the **Brookside Museum** | Saratoga County Historical Association in Ballston Spa might fulfill the desire. Housed in a former resort hotel built in 1792 and home to the Saratoga County Historical Association since 1971, this museum, once an inn to famous guests, a boys’ school, a boarding house, and even a sanatorium, now offers a glimpse into its earliest use and purpose.

Warren County’s Historical Society’s stated purpose, to collect and display “printed and manuscript materials, maps, photographs, post cards, diaries and letters, memorabilia, video and audio materials, artifacts, and other materials that have been created or used in Warren County or are otherwise relevant,” comes to fruition in its main gallery in Queensbury. Dedicated to a permanent display that conveys the county’s richness of “People, Place, Conflict, Development, Work, Art, and

Change,” the museum quite uniquely also offers a room adjacent to the main gallery for rotating exhibits presented by area historians, historical societies, or individuals. Providing such an opportunity enables the expansion of the museum’s scope.

The scope of our piece of the Adirondack Park certainly entails preserving more than just buildings and objects. Our history can never escape the wilderness in which it has grown, just as we can never – and clearly never want to – escape or forget that very history. As long as we continue to preserve the documents, objects, and places that created our pasts, we shall continue to maintain our identities and communities and therefore build our futures.



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Grace and peace to you from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

By the time you read this, we will be fully into the season of autumn. I have always loved this time of year, because it reminds me of deep spiritual truths. As the leaves change from green to vibrant red, gold, and orange, eventually turning brown and falling to the ground, this natural cycle serves as a reminder of impermanence, encouraging us to recognize that all experiences, emotions, and phases of life are transient. By observing this, we can cultivate gratitude for the present moment and learn to appreciate the beauty in life's fleeting experiences.

Further, just as trees shed their leaves to prepare for winter, autumn teaches the grace of releasing what no longer serves us. This can include outdated beliefs, habits, or emotional burdens. Letting go creates space for renewal, personal growth, and spiritual clarity, allowing us to enter the next season of life with intention and openness.

Autumn is also a time to celebrate God's abundant provision, to give thanks, and to consider how we might share our blessings with others. This need not be limited to a particular Thursday in November, but can become a daily giving of thanks, and reflection on how faithful stewardship of our resources, time, energy, and care can bear witness to the generous and abundant love of God.

As the days grow shorter and the weather becomes colder, this is a good time of year to devote ourselves to reflection and introspection. Questions to explore might include: What have I learned this year? What am I ready to release? How have I contributed to others? Reflecting on these prompts can deepen self-awareness and prepare us for future growth.

And of course, with autumn's arrival, even as the seasons and the pace of life change, there is still much to look forward to. Early in this month, many communities will celebrate Harvest Festivals or Oktoberfest. Northville United Presbyterian Church will be hosting many activities on Saturday, October 10th, from 11am – 2 pm, as the broader Northville community comes together for Oktoberfest. We will have lots of children's games and activities, live music, a basket raffle, a soup and chili sale, a bake sale, and more. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

Then, at the end of the month, we will host our Halloween Warming Hut from 5 – 7 pm for all the folks out trick-or-treating. Stop by to warm up with hot cocoa, warm cider or coffee, as well as snacks and candy for the kiddos.

For the adults, we're doing a study of the entirety of Luke's gospel. Each Tuesday from 1 – 2 pm, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to do a deep dive into Luke's particular expression of the good news of Jesus Christ. This study will continue until mid-December. You don't have to be a church member to join us for these discussions, just someone with a desire to learn and grow in faith. All are welcome!

Our Sunday services are held at 10 am, with Sunday school for the children following the children's sermon. If you are looking for a faith community where you can get involved, grow in faith, and deepen connections with others, please consider visiting us for worship, and plan to stay for the good food and fellowship that follows!

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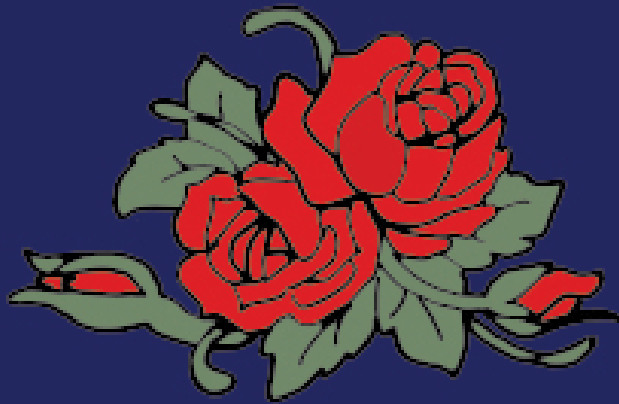
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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

The GSLA's annual meeting on Aug. 28 was a chance to look back at significant accomplishments, and to look ahead to more work to be done to protect the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Board President Jane Kinney Denning, addressing more than 20 members and guests at the Northampton Town Hall, noted the all-volunteer group's efforts.

That included another season of water testing for bacterial contamination, securing a generous Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council grant allowing a graduate student to study invertebrates in the lake's tributaries, and a garbage clean-up day celebration in June. Water testing results will be forthcoming.

Students from five school districts around the lake won GSLA Environmental Citizenship awards this year. Board members attended meetings ranging from town board and planning sessions to Adirondack lake-related seminars, discussions about an invasive species attacking hemlock trees, and connected with the Adirondack Explorer magazine's staff.

Jane pointed out how followers to GSLA's Facebook page rose from 197 at the beginning of her presidency to about 1,200 currently.

"We now have a broader reach as a result," she said.

Board members also addressed issues during the meeting that included the Woods Hollow project, weeds in the lake, and a survey that attracted over 200 responses about the many concerns about the lake.

One guest speaker, Hudson River Black River Regulating District Executive Director John Callaghan, discussed the Conklingville Dam project and litigation involving Brookfield Power.

He called the GSLA's work an inspiration.

Another guest speaker, GSLA board member and Mayfield

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town and village historian Eric Close, talked about a mapping project he's been working on that looks at land use in 1927, shortly before the valley was flooded to create the lake.

Look for more information about these projects and issues in future articles.



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Edward Balaban

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Kick Off Fall Soccer Season with Broadalbin Youth Commission

Broadalbin, N.Y. (Sept. 19, 2026) -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club was on hand for the fall season opener of the Broadalbin Youth Commission's Soccer program, at Broadalbin's "Field of Dreams" athletic fields. The Lions have been supporting this activity for more than 20 years, raising funds through concession sales on site.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 49,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and extend their service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs



Broadalbin-Perth Lions were selling refreshments to parents and players at the opening of Broadalbin Youth Commission's fall soccer season at the town's Field of Dreams athletic fields. Lions, beginning from left, Katelyn with grandfather Lion Bill Suchy, King Lion Tim Ott, Linda Swietlicki, Valerie Kevlin, Pamela Brooks, Bob Townsend, Mike Auricchio, and Tom Kevlin. The Lions will be present throughout the season which runs through October.



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions, background from left, club president Tim Ott, Linda Swietlicki, and Valerie Kevlin were out early to set up their refreshment stand to support Broadalbin Youth Commission's fall soccer season opener at the town's Field of Dreams athletic fields. Support of youth programs is one of Lions International's global causes, acted upon locally by the Broadalbin-Perth Lions.

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Northville Rotary Grows

Service Above Self

by Sue Owens

Rotary Projects and Collaboration

Synergy...the concept that the combined effect of two or more elements working together is greater than the sum of their individual effects. There are a number of organizations, businesses, and churches in our community that do good works. If more of these worked together, there would result in an increase in funding, manpower, public relations and larger projects.

Most of Northville Rotary's projects and donations are the result of our fundraising efforts and votes of our members. These include monetary donations in the form of scholarship awards and checks to local non-profits like the Local Emergency/Ambulance Services and Fire Departments, as well as Scouts and the Little League. They are directly from our treasury. An increasing number of projects involve those outside of our Rotary group and we hope to expand this. Our bi-monthly Back Pack

Program involves the cooperation with the Bread of Life Food Pantry where food items are stored. There is a list of "Rotarians and Friends of Rotary" who are interested in purchasing food or providing funds. This cooperation among others has led to increased variety of foods and a second delivery in the month.

Coordinating donations of school supplies and Christmas gifts should lead to less duplication and target needs of specific grades. Each year, the Sacandaga Park Association and Rotary donate turkeys to those who cannot afford them. If we collaborate on this project, we could provide full Thanksgiving meals.

Being present at each other's events helps attendance for both groups when reciprocated. It is difficult at times to find enough workers in your own organization to have a successful activity. One example: Rotary has assisted the Education Foundation with their 5K race and in turn they have helped us with our Woodworking Show. Both groups have successful events.

Collaboration between and among other organizations in the community for specific projects could lead to increased success and larger projects. Let's give it a try! If you have any ideas, please contact Ken Adamczyk (kennethadamczyk@live.com) or Sue Owens (sowens26@gmail.com). Who knows what synergy and cooperation could lead to!??.



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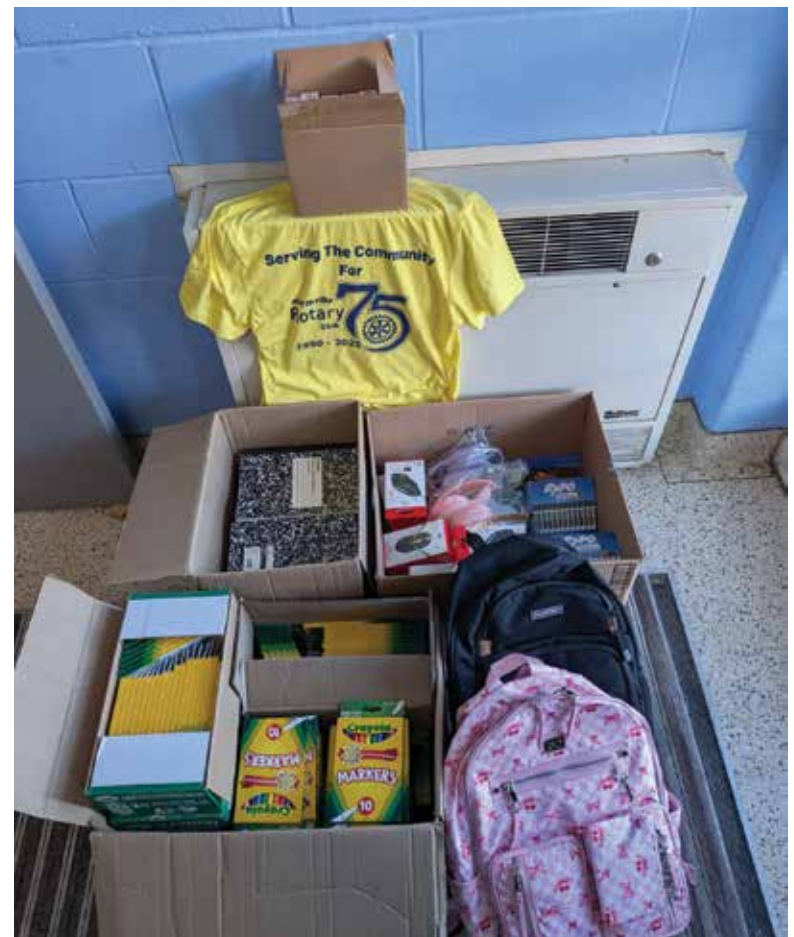



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Project Seeks Memories of Early School Days

by Dave Waite and Charlene DuBuque

While sitting at his kitchen table on a cool spring day earlier this year, Bob Marcotte of Corinth, Saratoga County, reminisced about a time nearly 70 years earlier, when he attended a one-room school. The school was a mile from his childhood home, and all the students - from youngest to oldest - walked there rain or shine, snow or cold. After all these years, his memory was strong and vivid as he recalled his time there:

“We had one big room and one teacher most of the time, and 20 to 30 kids from kindergarten to fifth grade. And I remember a lot of the times where the older kids would help the younger kids, you know, with their reading and stuff like that, and figuring out how to write your name.”

We had met with Bob to record these and other memories from his life as part of the School Day Memories Project established in 2024 by Ballston Spa educator Charlene Dubuque. When asked about her participation in the project, Charlene shared these thoughts:

“The project started while I was working on a program for early elementary students exploring what school was like long ago. That research drew me deeper into looking at education from colonial times to the modern era. The project quickly took on a life of its own as I started to focus in on and build an adult-style lecture on the one-room schoolhouses that sat at the very center of our communities for generations. In many ways, these schoolhouses helped build rural life. They were far more than places to educate our youth; they routinely served as neighborhood meeting spots that united local communities long before today’s technologies existed. This project is vital because we are on the verge of losing the precious oral history of this time. While I am busy researching the hundreds of individual schools that once spanned our county, preserving the firsthand stories of those who actually attended them remains the absolute core of this work. Life was fundamentally different then and looking at how people schooled gives us a unique window into our history and historical community interactions. When we examine these oral histories, one beautiful theme stands out: though the methods of education change, the children of yesterday really did have a lot in common with the children of today - sharing the same fears, hopes, and dreams for a bright future. Still, we can learn so much from the unique one-room schoolhouse dynamic... specifically the simplicity of life and how learning together alongside your neighbors across various grade levels shaped society long ago.”

Since February 2026, we have recorded video interviews with twelve alums who attended one-room schools in Saratoga

County, from the towns of Corinth, Stillwater, Clifton Park, Ballston Spa, Greenfield, and Providence. Every one of the men and women who were interviewed fondly recalled their experiences in this unique school experience, such as Arlene Rhodes, who attended Greenfield’s Locust Grove School:

“There was no sink in the bathrooms, and we did not have running water in the school. So when you went past those again on the right, on the left were very narrow cloakrooms, where you hung your coat, probably left your lunch pail and that kind of thing. Then past that, you were into the main room of the school, and so in the front there were blackboards; to the right, as I mentioned before, was a big potbellied stove over on the right-hand side.”

Some towns not yet represented in this project are Edinburg, Day, and Hadley. In Edinburg, the one-room schools were consolidated into the Edinburg Common School because of the creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir in 1930. However, we are still interested in memories from anyone who attended this school into the 1960s. Also, by the 1930s, students in Day and Hadley who attended one-room schools were brought into the Hadley-Luzerne Union Free School, now the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District. As with Edinburg, the early students from Day and Hadley had unique experiences, and their memories also need to be preserved.

In closing, our participants often spoke fondly of attending a one-room school. One of these was Joan Anderson, who attended Clifton Park School #6:

“I am so thankful that I grew up then, that I had the opportunity to have an experience to do that with a one-room schoolhouse, and a teacher that really was strict, but cared about us. And gave us direction. I am just thankful, very thankful.”

If you would like to share your memories of your childhood going to one of these schools, please email Charlene Dubuque at schooldayhistoryproject@gmail.com

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC!

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"I'm glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" ... says Anne, the main character in Anne of Green Gables. If you are living in the foothills of the Adirondacks right now you can agree with Anne because the leaves are changing everywhere; and, in a couple of weeks, the trees will be in their full glory. Summer flowers in gardens are being replaced with multicolored mums, creating more autumn colors. Fire pits are blazing in evenings, sweaters and sweatshirts are being retrieved from closets, hot chocolate is being poured, and s'mores still are being made around those fire pits. God's beauty and wonder are everywhere; we just have to open our eyes and our hearts to what is around us.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we give thanks to Pastor Ron, and his wife Maggie, for leading our church these past seven years. We continue to ask God's blessing on his ministry.

October 4 – World Communion Sunday will be celebrated at First UMC, along with thousands of others throughout the world. You are invited to join us at the communion table where no one is turned away.

October 18 – Laity Sunday is a tradition in our church where the pastor becomes part of the congregations and members of the congregation become the pastor. It's always challenging, always joyful, always peaceful, and always fun.

October 25 – Reformation Sunday: "Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history. Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony. While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another. Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language." *

October 31 – Halloween fun in the village of Northville, 5 pm – 7 pm; stop by the church for goodies!

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Oct. 1, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Salisbury Steak, Rice Pilaf, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, and a Cookie. No program this date, we will celebrate October birthdays with a cake provided by Gloria Fulmer.

Oct. 8, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, and Mousse
No Program this date

Oct. 15, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Ham with Mustard Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, and Fruited Gelatin. STFSL Program at 12:30: Linda Eastman will present Minnie Pearl. She will be accompanied by Charles Bradley Brown.

Oct. 22, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Sloppy Joe, Cheesy Potatoes, Lima Beans, and Fruit Crisp
No program this date. There will be a blood pressure clinic on this day.

Oct. 29, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Turkey Dinner, Stuffing, Cauliflower, and Birthday Cake
STFSL Program at 12:30: Darlene D'Onofrio from the Legal Aid Society and Attorney Alexia Wilson will address topics of interest to Seniors.

Call Fulton County OFA at 518-736-5650 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 mealsite 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. For information about trips call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave a message.

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Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

The calendar and the temperatures indicate that Fall is upon us. We hope that when you are out on your leaf peeping adventures, you will plan a stop in the Village to visit our merchants and dining establishments.

Chief Richardson reported that the department handled 38 calls in August. The Chief submitted a NYS LETECH Grant application in the hopes of obtaining funding for technological equipment for the department.

DPW Superintendent Reidell reports that leaf pickup will soon begin. Residents are reminded to rake leaves to the curb, separated from rocks and branches, and they will be picked up by the leaf vac.

At the September meeting of the Village Board, it was reported that the two ViaLynk EV Charging systems obtained via grant funding have finally arrived and were installed in the municipal parking lot next to Stewart's on South Main Street. The charging systems are pay chargers and once they are programmed and running, the free chargers in the Waterfront Park will be removed.

The Village will host Fall Fest on Saturday, October 10th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will have vendors and entertainment in Waterfront Park. Top Shelf Entertainment will be playing tunes from 9 a.m.-noon, and the Zorbas Trio will be playing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also, in the Village that Saturday, our churches will be having their annual events, such as the St. Francis of Assisi's bazaar, the Presbyterian Church chili sale at the Church along with activities for children, and the First United Methodist Church Thrift Shop will be open. Alumni soccer games at NCS will be ending the festivities in the Village that Saturday. The ladies play at 5:00 p.m. followed by the men at 7:00 p.m. Many of our local businesses will have specials during the entire weekend so make plans now to spend the day in Northville.

Start making plans for the Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree lighting, which will be held on Saturday, December 5th, beginning at 5 p.m. We already have participants lined up for the parade and are looking for more! Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to sign up!-



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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

We have been gone from Key West for over a month. We have spent time with our family, worked and gotten together with as many friends as possible. When we arrived in New York I told Bill that I felt claustrophobic looking at the mountains and the beautiful green grass and trees. I was shocked by my reaction. Being back in our old stomping ground actually felt, a little overwhelming. That being said it didn't take much time to acclimate ourselves and get back into the rhythm of living and working here. All I had to do was relax and let the memories start flowing. Bill and I both went "back to work" for a short second. It was strange having a schedule again. It also felt strange answering the company phone again, after six years of retirement. I have literally NOT been involved with the company since we left. Bill, however, talks with our son Jeremy, almost every day, about the jobs that they were doing. It is amazing

that Bill can remember so many details, about the wells that he drilled over 44 years. I, however, do not.

I have been blessed to spend a lot of time with my granddaughter. She is almost 16 and is involved in many things. We have spent a lot of time together in the car traveling to soccer practice, games, shopping and whatever else she wanted to do. I put a lot of miles on our little yellow jeep but the time spent with her was definitely worth it.

This summer both Lucas and Acadia have a summer job working for the Lake George Steamboat company. They have both enjoyed it and made a lot of new friends. They have a strong work ethic and Bill and I could not be more proud. Lucas will be a senior in high school this year. It seems like yesterday he was born. Well someone is getting older, just not me ... haha!

I know the second we pull out of here, I will be filled with mixed feelings. I will be happy we are starting on another adventure but sad to be leaving our family. That is why vacations are great. We always find ways to be together. If we lived here that would not happen as often, so I cherish the good times and the memories we have made.

Summer is winding down. I hope that you made many memories with your family and friends. Fall is absolutely



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Mayfield Historical Society

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"The Sacandaga Frontier in the Revolution: Mayfield, Philadelphia Bush, Fonda's Bush, and The Vlaie"

Join Mayfield Historian Eric Close on Monday, October 19th, at 6:30 pm as he transports us back to Revolutionary War times in the Mayfield area and specifically discusses what was happening in Mayfield, Philadelphia Bush, Fonda's Bush and the Vlaie (which is now The Great Sacandaga Lake). This Mayfield Historical Society presentation will be held at the Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main Street in Mayfield. Admission and refreshments are free. For more information, please call or text 518-332-0538.



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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

The only thing I could write about this month is rescue a/k/a adoption. My favorite rescue or adoption story happened a long time ago in Canada. When the workers at an orphanage went on strike, the town had no choice but to call on its citizens to volunteer as foster families. After some time the disputes were resolved and the staff reported back to work. But by then there was no work. Out of 200 children that were placed with families, 199 were adopted by the families that had gotten to know them. The remaining child was able to return to his real mother.

Someday I'd like to be a foster parent but in the meantime I visited a pet rescue site. I was doing home health care for a relative in NYC and found the dog I was interested in only 45 minutes away. Once my mission of assistance was complete, I finalized the adoption process. I now have a 5 year old fuzzy buddy and I couldn't be more pleased with him. My friend Colorado Kathy set the example for me. She's a gentle soul who usually keeps about two rescued German Shepherds that she has adopted as seniors. Naturally she knows she won't have them for a long span of time, but her heart goes out to these old souls who've lost their first family through no fault of their own. She usually gains a gentle, well-mannered companion who is very grateful to leave a shelter or foster situation and be given a

second chance to have a home. For this, they adore her.

When she loses one, I think she's grateful for the opportunity help another needful and beautiful soul and it might help her through the loss.

Although listed as a rescue, my buddy came from a loving home. But as his young owner went from the teen years to the realities of adulthood, employment, a fiancée and apartment living, they understood that long days confined indoors in an apartment didn't suit him well. They loved him enough to let him go.

Now he basically lives at an amusement park. What I've always referred to as rock walls, I now regard as chipmunk fortresses. He dashes madly toward which ever wall is scolding him. The chipmunks will remain perfectly safe in their stone castles but they provide quality entertainment.

Those cute little striped suits they wear must look like candy wrappers to him - they are irresistible.

The lakeshore is also a fun place to go, but only the shore, not the actual water. He's not a water dog at all and seems to regard all that water as kind of a waste of space.

I'm also entertained by his dashing energy. When he disappears out of sight briefly, I give him a minute then start calling him back. As I watch for a glimpse of my gray pooch, he often blasts onto the scene from behind me somehow.

There are so many critters waiting to share love as well as countless kids. In a world populated with billions of people, sometimes I wonder at what circumstances could allow anyone to ever be lonely. But when you have a lot of love to share, you might never have to deal with that.



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News from the Northville Northampton Historical Society

Annette Fry

Presents Speaker Terry Warner
(past Northville Historian)

October 7th at 6 pm

Presentation: The relocation of the old schoolhouse in Giffords Valley to it's present location at 412 S Main St. becoming the Northville Northampton Historical Museum. The museum houses many local artifacts and history of Northville.

Step by step details and images of how the building was transported to it's new location.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM
Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 7-8:30 PM at Mayfield United Methodist
Wednesday 10-11 AM and 6-7 PM – Office Hours

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 3
Noon – 3:00 PM – Church Picnic
October 14
4:00 PM – Church Council (open meeting - all are welcome)
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Community Covered Dish at the Church

Communion – First Sunday of the Month

All are welcome who desire to turn away from all that is contrary to God's will and follow the way of Jesus. It is a time to be renewed by experiencing in a powerful way the very presence of the risen Christ. A Jesus who reaches out in love, offers forgiveness and the opportunity to be channels of God's love.

UPCOMING - SERVICES

October 4 – World Communion
Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Message: "Running the Race"
Young People's Time: "Keep Trying"
October 11 – Laity Sunday
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12
Message: "Testimonials"
Young People's Time: "Your Turn"
October 18 – Pentecost 21
Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Message: "God's Things"
Young People's Time: "Blessings"
October 25 – Pentecost 22
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46
Message: "It's That Simple"
Young People's Time: "One Thing"

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

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Clergy Column

Making Choices

I am amazed at the number of emails, phone calls, texts and mail solicitations that I receive. Each seeking to convince me that I should support them. As a pastor of a church I believe I have an obligation not to solicit support from my congregation for any specific candidate or party. Yet my faith compels me to preach a message that has direct impact on the choices we are called to make as we live out the commandment contained in the laws of the Hebrew Scriptures, often called the Old Testament, and the teachings of God in the person of Jesus to love our neighbor. For me that means that the decisions I make daily, including how I vote and use the resources entrusted to my care should be those that show love for my neighbor.

For me that means caring for those who are the fringes of society for my faith tells me that all individuals are my neighbors who I am called to love. Jesus made that clear in the parable of the Good Samaritan where one considered an enemy of God's Chosen People was the hero of the parable and called a Good Neighbor.

I believe it also calls us as individuals and a nation to support programs that seek to care for and preserve for future generations our Natural Resources.

Loving my neighbors also has an impact on how I use my financial resources. I set aside a portion of my income to support the work of the Church as it seeks to share God's love with our neighbors and support me in my faith journey that I may be faithful in sharing God's love.

Loving our neighbors is not always easy but we don't have to do it alone. God in the person of the Holy Spirit can equip us and support us in doing what at times may seem impossible.

I am convinced that loving our neighbors can transform individual lives and our communities. Support for this task exists in local Faith Communities who long to help you in your faith journey.

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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



Honey is the primary product produced by Honeybees, with Upstate New York beekeepers harvesting varieties such as buckwheat, clover, wildflower, and blueberry honey. The flavor profile depends on local flora, with buckwheat honey noted for a molasses-like tang and blueberry honey for a dark, fruity taste. While honey is produced year-round, the primary harvest occurs in mid-summer (late July to early August) when bees generate surplus stores before winter. Honey is the primary product, with Upstate New York beekeepers harvesting varieties such as buckwheat, clover, wildflower, and blueberry honey.

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Beyond honey, beekeepers produce beeswax from glandular secretions used to build hexagonal comb cells. This wax is

processed into candles, soaps, lotions, and lip balms due to its high melting point and clean burn. Propolis, a resinous glue collected from tree buds, is used in natural remedies for its anti-inflammatory properties, while pollen (bee bread) is harvested as a protein-rich nutritional supplement.

Additional hive products include royal jelly, a milky substance fed to queen bees, and bee venom, which is collected for apitoxin therapy aimed at relieving rheumatism and joint pain.

BEE brood and live nucleus colonies are also sold to other beekeepers for expanding their hives. These diverse products



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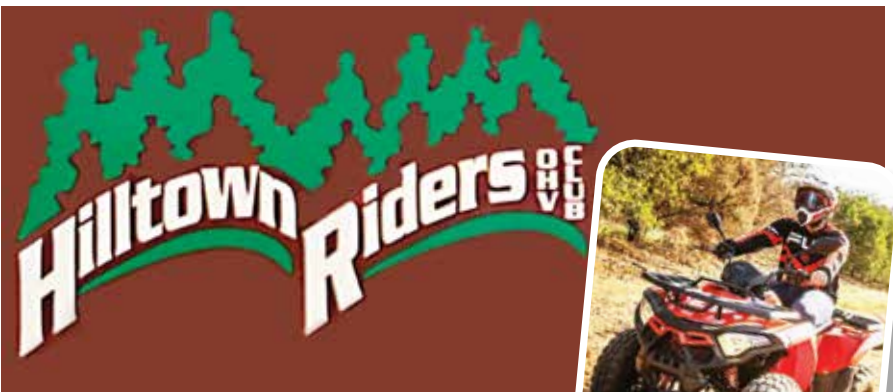
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Nuggets and News from the Town of Lake Luzerne

Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184

On September 16, 2026 the 107th annual Amerion Legion Day was celebrated. Our Town of Lake Luzerne and our local American Legion Post 862 has the right to always carry much pride because of their historic beginnings and the service of many that followed to our present day. A recent gift tells a little bit.

The following article is from the RECORD OF BUTLER POST (taken from a 1913 newspaper article)

Grand Army Organization at Luzerne – Named for Lt. Col. Benjamin C. Butler Luzerne, Feb. 1 – B.C. Butler Post No. 316. G.A.R. of this village was organized October 20, 1888, with 96 members on which 61 have died, 15 discharged or transferred and there at present 20 members left in good standing. Col. B. C. Butler, after whom the post was named was born in Delaware County in 1820 and came to this village in 1845, where he opened a law and surveying office. When the war opened, he started in to raise a regiment, and enlisted more than half of the men in the 93rd New York Volunteers. He was mustered in as a lieutenant colonel and served during the entire war. He

was noted for his record as a public speaker, and the proceeds of his lecturer was given to build the Episcopal church, which was \$30,000. In 1869 he built the Wayside Inn and managed it until his death in 1883, at which time the present G.A.R. Post was organized. The Butler Post was detailed to guard the funeral train, when it came down Mount McGregor and during its stay in Saratoga. They carried Enfield rifles and were full equipped. John Duell, Hugh Clemons and O.D. Kingsley without arms. Wilson Smead, (postmaster now) Vice-Commander and acting orderly sergeant with side arms. George Y. Miller was first commander of the post, when it was organized and E. George Dunklee is the present commander. The post holds its meetings now in the afternoon instead of the evening, as the members are getting too old to go out at night. Add on - Lt. Col. Butler is buried in the Lake Luzerne Cemetery that he donated the land to the town. Placement is at the top and center of the knoll, by a juniper bush and facing the evening sunsets.

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donation of a 1867 Civil War Signature (30) Quilt from retired Supervisor Eugene Merlino (a Marine Veteran) to the Town of Lake Luzerne's Historian's Office in December 2025. The following 30 names are those included individually on each square. Historian, Cindy Cameron noted several names familiar to the Town of Stony Creek. Should you recognize a family name perhaps you would offer a story or two.

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Andrew Aldrich,
B.C. Butler Post
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Bob Jones

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As we move into the fall lets continue to enjoy the beautiful GSL, just in different ways than we do during the summer. It may not be as much fun as we get to the chores we put off during the summer but we can enjoy the brisk fall days and the beautiful fall foliage.

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Chapter 10 of 12 in the book "2026" is upon us. What will it bring to us? School, football games, extra blankets and the start of a new rotation of art and artists throughout the gallery.

Even though the weather is changing, the leaves are falling, and the furnace is running, it is still a good month to be out and about and to visit the SVAN Gallery in Northville. October featured artist will be Erin Lonergan. Her exhibit, "40 Unmade Beds" in watercolor is available for viewing any Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. A reception will be held Sunday, October 11th 3:00 to 5:00 at the SVAN Gallery. Additionally, new art and artists have been added throughout. Check the SVANarts.org website for additional information regarding Gallery events.

Caitlin Roben is the featured artist for November, showcasing her driftwood art with reception November 15th. Thinking ahead, SVAN will have a "Holiday Shop" in December with "Giftable Art." Be sure to peruse the offerings presented by the talented SVAN artists to complete your shopping list. Check the website for dates and details.

SVAN owes a huge thank you to Barb and John Spaeth for hosting SVAN's annual fundraiser, "Turn Up The Heat!" The Spaeth's opened their home to supporters and a wonderful time was had by all. Good food, good conversation, good intentions and good friendships made the afternoon a success!

A very enjoyable and informative two-part photography workshop was presented by award winning photographer, Ronda Anderson in the SVAN Gallery in September. How to use an iPhone as a primary camera was eye-opening to say the least, and some of the participants efforts can be seen displayed in the Northville Gallery.

Tuesday, October 6, 6-8PM Anna Finch, artist and birdwatcher will lead a fun, hands-on mixed media class to create nature inspired image using paint, collage, stencils and more. A beginner mosaic workshop will be presented on Sunday, November 8th, 1:00 – 3:00 by SVAN, Dianne Knapp. To reserve a spot at either workshop and for details contact Dianne at vicepresident@SVANarts.org.

You are cordially invited to SVAN's Annual Meeting to be held October 18th at the gallery located at 303 South Main St., Northville. SVAN has had new beginnings, exciting repeats, record-breaking attendance and generous support during 2026. Join in the celebration at a "Sunday at SVAN" gathering, 3-5 PM. Muralist Jahna Rae Church, creator of the new Broadalbin mural will give a presentation of her work at 3:30.

SVAN has great winter concerts for you! On January 10th, internationally renowned fingerstyle guitarist Little Toby Walker returns to SVAN blending blues, ragtime and roots into a one man band.

In February, Aleksi Campagne joins us. He is a Canadian fiddler, singer and songwriter—a practice often called fiddle-singing. He won the Canadian Folk Music Award for French Songwriter of the Year at the 19th Canadian Folk Music Awards in 2024 for his album, *For the Giving*.

SVAN welcomes anyone who has a civic-minded spirit whether as a supporter or a member/volunteer. If you are interested in supporting SVAN as a member you can contact Linda Brown, Membership Chairperson at Membership@Svanarts.org.

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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

Dear Edinburg Common School Families and Community Members,

We hope this newsletter finds our community and families well! We cannot believe how quickly fall has approached us. Everyone has settled into the 2026-2027 school year and we look forward to another exciting year.

On Monday, September 14, 2026, the Edinburg Common School District honored our Grandparents/Special Persons day with a breakfast with over 65 special guests joining us. We surely enjoyed spending time with our loved ones for breakfast and we thank everyone that was able to attend! We also would like to thank our teachers and staff for making this event possible!



The Edinburg Common School District welcomes the S.P.A.C.E Program with the Caroga Arts Collective! For more information, please follow the link and/or QR code below to register your child/children. Scholarships are available through the Caroga Arts application process.



SPACE PROGRAM

String Project & Arts Collaborative Education

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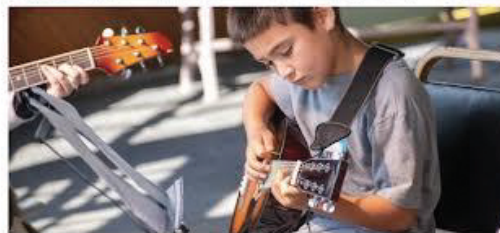
SPACE School-Based Program September - May

- Delivered at participating schools: Edinburg, Wheelerville, Johnstown & Gloversville School Districts
- Group & individual instruction



SPACE Studio Lessons Throughout the school year + May-June 6-week session

- More individualized instruction
- Individual & small-group opportunities



Included in the SPACE Program

- Instrument rental, if needed
- Guest artist workshops and special events
- Student showcase and performance opportunities
- Need-based scholarships and flexible payment options are available!

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School-Based Program

School-Based SPACE brings string instruction directly to participating schools, during the school's SPACE after-school program time. Lesson/group arrangements are coordinated by the SPACE Director.



Studio Lessons

Studio Lessons offer more individualized instruction at a SPACE studio location. Lesson times are arranged based on student and teacher availability.

Contact Us or Learn More!

Caroga Arts Collective
String Project & Arts Collaborative Education

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The ECS Discovery Kids Program will be starting in October for the 2026-2027 school year. The Discovery Kids Program will be held several times a month in our Pre-K classroom. The program was created as an opportunity for our 3 year old students to start building relationships with their classroom teacher and to become familiar with the classroom setting. Discovery Kids students must be

accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend the program. Please contact the main office for further information about the program and to sign up today at 518-863-8412.

The first session will begin on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM. The projected dates for future sessions will be on the dates as listed at 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM:

- Friday, October 16, 2026
- Friday, October 30, 2026
- Friday, November 13, 2026
- Friday, December 4, 2026
- Friday, December 18, 2026
- Friday, January 15, 2027
- Friday, January 29, 2027
- Friday, February 12, 2027
- Friday, February 26, 2027
- Friday, March 12, 2027
- Friday, March 26, 2027
- Friday, April 9, 2027
- Friday, April 23, 2027
- Friday, May 7, 2027
- Friday, May 21, 2027
- Friday, June 4, 2027

Halloween Parade -

On Friday, October 30th at 1:00 PM, the Edinburg Common School District will hold the annual Halloween Parade. Should the day bring inclement weather, the parade will be held in the gym. We cannot wait to see all the ghouls and goblins at the parade.

The students, teachers and staff would like to send a huge thank you to the Edinburg PTO for celebrating the first full week of school by having the ice cream truck stop by! We are thankful for all the wonderful things the Edinburg PTO does for our school community each and every year!



Speaking of the PTO! Just a reminder that the Edinburg PTO will be holding the Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffles on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, so **SAVE THE DATE!** The Roast Beef Dinner will be offered in the gymnasium, but you can always place takeout orders to go. We cannot wait to see everyone! Follow the Edinburg PTO Facebook page for further details!

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

Dates to Remember:

- October 2, 2026 - Eagle Morning 8:00 AM
- October 2, 2026 - First Day of Discovery Kids 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- October 7, 2026 - Public Safety Day
- October 9, 2026 - Superintendent's Conference Day - No School
- October 12, 2026 - Columbus Day - No School
- October 13, 2026 - Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM
- October 30, 2026 - Halloween Parade 1:00 PM

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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From Hawk....

always frustrating because of his accent and need to talk over me. I just want the stupid chairs! It has been 8 months, I still don't have any smoking chairs, and they are now being held hostage in the city until I pay another \$550. I don't normally use this paper as a place to rant, but I just got off the phone with him and this was next on my list to finish – there, I'm done. I have no choice at this point but to keep paying, so I will have extremely over-priced, hand-made leather smoking chairs. I will tell this story to my grand-kids to remind them never to purchase anything from India.

Changing topics – September is my birthday month. I will be 45. I feel like it and I don't. I'm not really sure how old I feel, really. Jeremy knows that I must be spoiled during my birthday month. I usually get 1-2 presents per week – I think this is what Hannukah must feel like. □

Last night, I got a tiny tube of sunscreen. I already noted that he blocked out a long weekend, and I am the one that pays the CC bill, so I saw that there were flights booked. He won't tell me where we are going. I am the worrier though, and I hate to insinuate that he may have overlooked something, but I am always the one that plans the details – will the kids be able to get to all their program things, who is looking after the dogs, etc. I had to confront him about it and he says that he and the kids have handled everything. I will let you know where we went in the next edition. I have also received flowers, chocolates (which I

left out at work and they all got eaten), wine, and a FORGIVEN sweatshirt – I really wanted one. Didn't want to have to spend more money on stupid chairs – sorry, moving on.

September was also a month of anniversaries at Hawk. Chris Santilli was 6 years on 9/9 and Amanda was 7 years on 9/30. When Jeremy and I took over in 2020, there was a lot of turmoil with staffing. It was very hard on us. Most of the staff found other positions. Amanda and Chris were the 2 holdouts and we are grateful. On that note, we are still in search of a Driller's helper (CDL A/B needed and able to work outdoors in all weather) and another Pump Installer helper (no experience needed, but also needs to be comfortable in all weather conditions). Send us a resume if you are interested: Hawkdrillingcompany@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoy another beautiful Fall in the Adirondacks – we sure do! And don't be a Sandra – never order anything from India.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

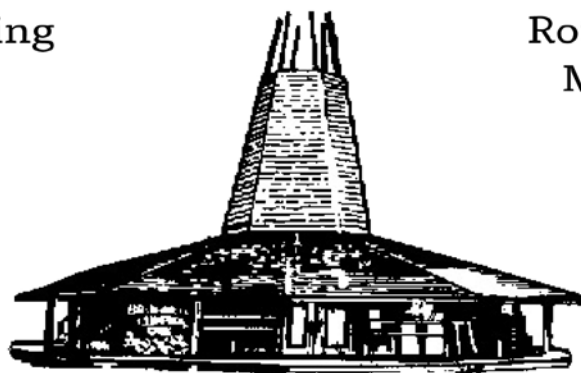
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Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

Never buy anything from India. That is what I have learned in the last 8 months – yes, 8 months. We re-did our back room to make it into a training/lounge area for the techs and ordered smoking chairs from Etsy in JANUARY. The order was first canceled because the seller realized that it was coming to the US and he therefore didn't charge enough for the shipping – said it was an Etsy error. So, the amount doubled. I said I still really liked them, so I would buy them anyway. He said it would take about 12 weeks to make and ship to us. This timeframe comes and goes and then he blames the increased tariffs as why he has not yet shipped them out. Then it was the war. Also said that he needed more money to ship them. I again agreed because, okay, a war and tariffs. The total is now more than 3 times the original agreed price. I argued that I was not going to pay any more and he needed to figure out shipping. He said he did – took another 6 weeks. I just got an invoice from the NY harbor saying I owe another \$550. I am at a loss. The seller called me – which is

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