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MARCH 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SAT 27 FIREWORKS SEE Pg 11

MARCH

THURS 3 Edinburg Zoning Board 7pm

SUN 13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ...yippee!

MON 14 Edinburg School Board 5pm

FRI 11 SACANDAGA SENIORS 1:30 Ed COMMUNITY CENTER

THURS 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

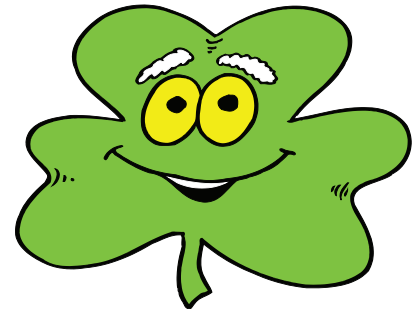
TUE 15 Edinburg Historical Society 7pm

THURS 17 Edinburg Town Board Meeting 6:30

SUN 20 Spring BEGINS YippeeEEE

THURS 26 Edinburg Planning Board 7pm

SUN 27 EASTER SUNDAY



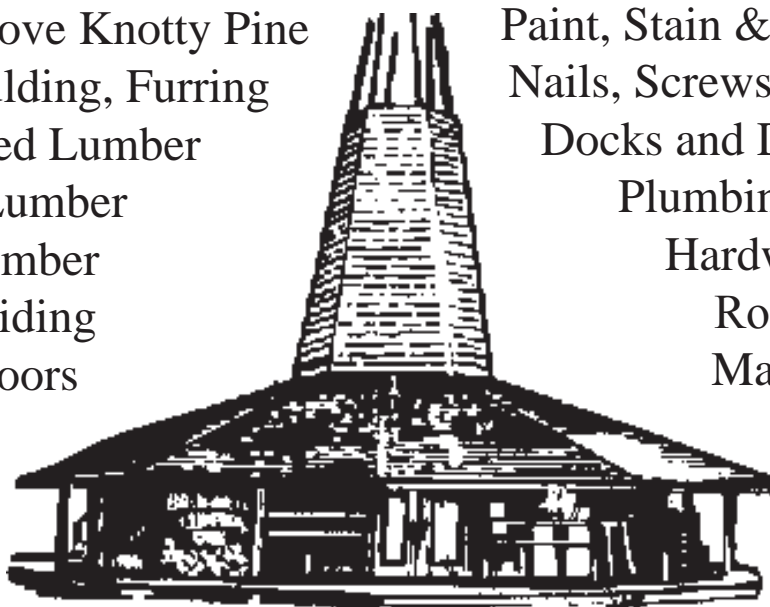
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by Jean Raymond



2016 Paving

The Highway Superintendent plans to pave 3 miles of Military Road this summer and the balance of the road in 2017. The Governor's budget for 2016-2017 included additional funds for paving and bridges over the next 5 years. The way the money will be allocated and the amounts has not yet been determined but when we know if we will receive additional funds and the amount it will be decided where it will be used.

Cell Coverage Meeting

Assemblyman Dan Stec has been working with us to help obtain a cell phone service provider for the Sacandaga area. On February 5th a meeting with state and local elected officials, emergency service providers and area emergency service directors and other interested parties was held at the Edinburg Town Hall. The various needs and concerns were discussed and plans were made to obtain information on where fiber optic cable is already in place. There will also be information gathered on the new state money coming available for broadband expansion as well as potential federal funding sources. Another meeting will be convened as additional information is ready for review.

Dog License Penalty

All dogs over 4 months of age must be licensed, including small dogs that are mostly house dogs. The penalty for harboring an unlicensed dog can be up to \$250 per day. Dog licenses may be obtained from the town clerk's office.

Building Inspector

Building Inspector Matt Ginter will be out of the office February 29, March 1, 2 and 3 to attend training. He will be back in the office Friday March 4th.

Town Assessor

Town Assessor, Ron Beckering will be out of the office March 8, 9, and 10 to attend training. He will be back in the office Tuesday March 15th.

REMINDER:

School STAR tax exemptions must be on file with the Office of the Assessor before March 1st.



March 2016 SVAN Art Workshops

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March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Thursdays)
Shadow Weave and Name-draft Overshot
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Tuition: \$155, SVAN members \$150. Loom use and supplies included (or bring your own 4-shaft table loom).

March 8 (Tuesday) 6 – 8 pm or March 12 (Saturday) 2 – 4 pm
Upscale Terrarium

James Dempsey, Floral and Fiber Artist 518-762-7755
Studio Herbage, 13 West Main, Johnstown
6–8 pm; minimum 3, maximum 24 students

The focus of this class will be on the essentials while relating a sense of design to the procurement of container, botanical materials and suitable placement. Students will learn about the history of terrariums and proper terrarium culture and maintenance.

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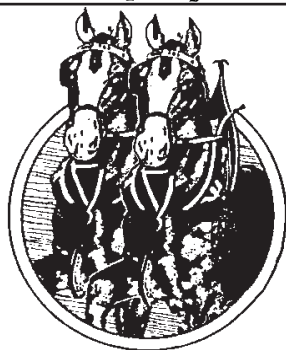


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DON BOWMAN REMEMBERS

Tales of the Sacandaga Valley

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

I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

The Canopy Beds

There was an unusual home on the outskirts of Denton Corners. It was a barn that had been turned into a home after the house burned to the ground.

Living there was an elderly couple, a married son and wife, also the married daughter and her husband. All three couples living under the roof of the big barn.

What was so unusual was that each couple had a big, old fashioned four poster bed. each four poster was topped by a wood testor with pleated silk canopy, with side skirts.

Lou said, "These are like the medieval sleeping tents that I saw in a movie in Saratoga Springs." The canopy beds provided privacy and helped keep the cold winter air away. There was also glamour to the testers with the fancy tassels.

The older man told us that after the fire burned the house there was the talk that all the lands in the valley would be purchased, a dam would be built and the valley flooded. So there was no sense in building another house.

On a trip to Albany he ordered the three old fashioned canopy beds and there they were. The three couples shared heating stoves and a kitchen, shared by all.

The School Bell

There was a one room schoolhouse on a side hill near Day toward Edinburg. it had a small school bell in the peak. Our foreman took the bell home.

Before we tore the school down I copied an inscription printed in chalk on the wall next to the nail in the wall there the end of the bell rope was hung. -

"When you cast your eyes upon this bell remember one who rung it well."

I have wondered thru the years as I've touched that old piece of my lined note paper - who did ring that bell? The teacher or a special student? If only there had been a name.

That student or teacher had been a very concerned person to proudly pull that bell rope in early morn. Days of sunshine, rain or snow.

I'm sure that school bell had been rung well in all kinds of weather!

The Black Irish

Most of the folks in the valley that had Irish blood in them had fair or red hair

But there were a few that were called "Black Irish."

Because they had a hair coloring that was dark brown or black. As a result of ancestral Spanish infusion into Ireland many years ago.

So that led to the tradition described as the Black Irish.

Fish Bait

We found the dead body in High Loonesome Cove. I had trouble keeping my breakfast in my stomach and out of my mouth, when I had my first look at it.

To make a long story short. The body had been in the river over the weekend. it was swelled up and fish and snapping turtles had been feasting on the face.

It had been Barry the lumberjack called "Gimp" due to a club foot. He'd been last seen, drunk on Saturday nite and this was Tuesday.



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Childbirth Preparation Classes	3/9 – 3/23 6 – 9 p.m.	Nathan Littauer Hospital	3 sessions (Wednesdays). Prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for the childbirth experience. Includes options for managing pain during labor and delivery. \$45 fee payable in advance at HealthLink (scholarships available). To attend, call 736-1120
Winter Fitness ~ Winter Fun	3/11 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Lapland Lake Nordic Ski Center	1 session (Friday). Cross-Country Skiing, Skating, Snowshoeing ... Join us for a few hours or stay all day! Open to the public (any age – beginners welcome). \$14 day pass with our group payable upon arrival (rentals available). To attend, call 736-1120
ViP Luncheon: Eat This Not That	3/16 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Nathan Littauer Hospital	1 session (Wednesday). Especially For Adults 50+... Enjoy a buffet style luncheon followed by a presentation on what you need to know about processed foods including what to eat and what not to eat! Luncheon fee: \$5 ViP members, \$6 public. To attend, call 736-1120 by 3/14
Managing Stress: Stress & Sleep	3/17 11:30 – 12:30 or 6:30 – 7:30	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session each (Thursday). Learn about the physiological effects of poor sleep and how it impacts stress levels. Topics include sleep basics, improving sleep habits and quality of rest, sleep disorders and their causes/treatments. FREE! To attend either session, call 736-1120
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Body Fat Analysis	3/18 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session (Friday). Measuring body fat is a better indicator of overall health than total weight! With a simple, non-invasive test, learn your percentage of body fat & body mass index (BMI), and get the recommended range for your physique. FREE! No appointments necessary
Cholesterol + HDL + Glucose Screening	3/18 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session (Friday). Are YOU at risk for heart disease or diabetes? Professional blood test results in 5 minutes (for glucose, 3 hour fasting suggested). Cholesterol + Glucose \$10, Cholesterol + HDL \$15. All three tests only \$18! No appointments necessary
Women With Heart Disease	3/22 4 – 5 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session (Tuesday). Monthly group meeting ... For women with heart disease. Topic: "Relax With Crafts" led by Maria Calhoun. Experience the benefits of relaxation and mindfulness as we each create our own snowman. FREE! No enrollment necessary
Relax With Crafting	3/23 11 – 12:30 or 6:30 – 8 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session each (Wednesday). Experience the relaxing benefits of mindfulness as we practice the art of iris paper folding! You'll be amazed as you create a beautiful, elegant and EASY piece, suitable for hanging or gift giving. \$3 fee payable at door. To attend, call 736-1120
Breastfeeding Your Baby	3/30 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Nathan Littauer Hospital	1 session (Wednesday). Learn what you NEED to know to insure a positive breastfeeding experience. Healthcare experts agree that breastfeeding is still the best way to feed your baby during the first year! FREE! To attend, call 736-1120

MARCH SUPPORT GROUPS: No enrollment necessary ~ For details, visit nlh.org or call 736-1120

→ Breastfeeding 3/2	Nathan Littauer 12:30 p.m.	→ Heart Disease 3/22	HealthLink 4 p.m.
→ Cancer (see 'Look Good Feel Better on 3/7')		→ Smokefree 3/24	HealthLink 10:30 a.m.
→ Alzheimer's 3/10	HealthLink 4 p.m.	→ Diabetes 3/28	Nathan Littauer 10 a.m.
→ Parkinson's 3/17	Mayfield Presbyterian 2 p.m.	→ Diabetes 3/28	YMCA 5:30 p.m.
→ Breastfeeding 3/21	Nathan Littauer 6:30 p.m.	→ TOPS Wednesdays	Nathan Littauer 5:30 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW THAT—

*by Town of Edinburg Historian,
Priscilla L. Edwards*

As Edinburgh's first settlers came to these beautiful Adirondack foothills in the late 1790's-early 1800's locating a good source of water was one of their main objectives, both for physical and commercial survival. Our area offered two options- the Sacandaga River and a sturdy creek that flowed into the river.

In a few years this creek would be named Beecher.

If a man had intentions of starting a business that required the use of machinery, then water power was also needed, as this was the only source of energy at that time. No flipping a switch or pushing a button as in today's technology.

The origin of Beecher Creek

Several miles north/northwest in what would become known as Tennantville, part of Beecher Creek flows from the "Old Pond" which is fed a

little further north by a large swampy area known as the "Witch Hole" and Greenfield Lake. Just to the east of this stream a shorter one V's into it and crosses the very upper end of Tennantville Road. In the meantime a little southwest of the Old Pond stands Goff Ridge from which flows another stream which runs almost parallel with the first stream. Just south of Goff Ridge near Thomas Hill flows a 4th stream running east a short distance before intersecting with the Goff Ridge flow. This continues east intersecting with the stream from the Old Pond in the woods just west of the Tennantville/Morris roads intersection. At this point Beecher Creek crosses Tennantville Rd. starting its run to Beecher Hollow and the Sacandaga reservoir.

The creek picks up the overflow from several small ponds as it meanders along, varying in depth and width. The section of creek that runs parallel with and between the Military and Tennantville roads in the woods behind my home and- way beyond the sugar bush- has always been called "the big creek". (60 years ago it was a great place to fish!) After a fast- melting spring snow or an all-day heavy rain like the one we had yesterday, Feb. 3-one can even lie in bed at night and hear the creek "roar". A phrase in our home for over fifty years has been "the big crick is roarin" and indeed she does!

As Beecher flows along another stream- unnamed- flows from a pond on what was once the Carmy Stockwell farm, now the Lee family property on Tennantville Road. This is very near the old Tennantville and Clarkville school districts boundary line. This unnamed stream running almost parallel with Beecher flows through the woods, crossing the King Road; crossing back to flow under the Tennantville Road to head east- joining Beecher in the woods northeast of the Tennantville/Airport roads intersection.

Now one stream-Beecher flows toward Edinburg, crossing under Barker's bridge on the Airport Road; flowing on to cross under the bridge on Wheeler Road, moving behind the airport, running parallel with Pucker Street, flowing under the beautiful stone arch bridge at the intersection of N. Shore and Military; finally on an almost straight run to the Sacandaga Reservoir-now Great Sacandaga Lake.

Now that we have established Beecher Creek's

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line of descent let's go back to Tennantville to see what early businesses depended on this waterway.

At the very end of Tennantville Road Peleg Tennant purchased 100 acres in 1829. In 1830 he purchased an adjoining 100 acres from Ely Beecher. This 100-acre piece had been the land and home of one William Hicks and his family. William died in 1829 and his sons sold the property to Ely. Sometime later Peleg built a sawmill on the nearby creek. As his woodenware business grew so did the size of the mill. As one mill burned it was replaced

with a larger one producing many woodenware items such as lumber, lath, chopping bowls, butter bowls and straight clothespins. Thus began a settlement at one end of Beecher Creek as another was growing at its lower end.

This water-powered mill continued to be operated by the Tennant family until 1915 when it was destroyed again by fire.

Less than a half-mile down the road stands the Tennantville school, converted into a home by the Harold and Edwina Noyes family in the 1940's and now owned by Jim Tooley. To the west behind the old school- on the creek- was the

sawmill dam that ran the mill owned and operated by Joseph H. Jewell in the 1830's. Joseph had married Hannah Greenfield, daughter of Richard and Polly Greenfield. By 1842 the sawmill was no longer in operation and shortly after in 1845, Joseph and Hannah, along with Hannah's brothers Willard, Samuel and Harvey with their families headed westward settling in the Wisconsin Territory.

I located two mills on the unnamed creek that flows from the Lee property on Tennantville Road. Deep in the woods down the old Crossroad between Joel and Denise Ferguson and Arlene Olmstead the stream flowed south. Here an Amos Cook established a sawmill, possibly in the 1820's. Amos died in 1843. Unsure of an exact date-but possibly in the 1830's/early 1840's brothers-in-law William Greenfield and Richard Simpson purchased the mill, operating it until the late 1840's. This three- acre lot later became known as the Gilly lot.

From the above lot the unnamed stream flows on, crosses the King Road and eventually passes south of Marvin and Janet Wilson's property. A short distance up the creek- before it crosses the Tennantville Road- Fillmore Robinson had a sawmill in the late 1800's.

The History of Beecher Creek to be continued next month

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Studies have shown that folks are more stressed today because of all the demands placed on their time than other recent generations. We spend more time running around trying to be super human that we forget to how to be human at all, to interact or to have fun together.

We don't have to be so planned, so boxed in. When we learn we open up and regain our humanity. Learning is a lifelong process with up's and down's, but with a little effort there is hope. The Edinburg Historical Society (EHS) seeks always to embrace learning and change to educate, promote, and preserve our community. Although many community residents are passionate about our community, many are reluctant to move past their passion into action. Many fear the demands placed on their time or their commitment level. A terrible mistake.

EHS is a family that allows members opportunities without demands. A simple \$5 membership for an individual or \$10 membership for families or businesses gives folks a chance to make a difference in their community without demands. Come join us on the third Tuesday of every month March through November, at 7 p.m. at the Edinburg Community Center, for free programs on local and regional topics with treats to follow. It is always a great opportunity to meet people, ask questions, and learn for all ages.

Contact us at our website at <http://edinburghhistoricalsociety.org>, to view our blog and our calendar of events for more membership information, or write to us at PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134, or attend our first meeting of the 2016 season on March 15th! Becoming a member is simple and easy, but the impact is priceless.

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**** Seuss Award for Early Readers –** “Don't Throw It to Mo” by David Adler: Mo is teased because he is too tiny to catch the football, but his coach has a plan to turn his little size into a big win.

Hours: September - March

Monday	9am - Noon
Tuesday	9am - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - Noon
Saturday	9am - Noon

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Mar 8 at 10 am in the library's program room. Melissa Roe will lead a discussion of “Gravity of Birds” by Tracy Guzman. In this compelling debut novel, an art authenticator

and an art historian are employed by a famous, reclusive painter to sell a never-before-seen portrait, leading them to discover devastating secrets two sisters have kept from each other, and from the artist who determined the course of their lives.

STORY TIME will be held on March 1 (St Patrick's Day) and March 22 (Easter) led by Hadley Jacobs.

Preschoolers enjoy stories, crafts, and a snack.

SVAN's Artist Exhibit in the library's 2nd floor gallery will feature the multi-media work of Lexington Creative Expressions Artists. Their work will be available from Mar 2 – Apr 29. A reception will be held on Mar 15 from 6 to 8 pm.

TEEN TIME is scheduled for Tues, Mar 22 at 3 pm. Wii and board games are available, as well as snacks.

Watch for these titles to be arriving:

Cometh the Hour – Jeffrey Archer
Wolves – Alex Berenson
Violent Crimes – Philip Margolin
Girl's Guide to Moving On – Debbie Macomber
Steel Kiss – Jeffrey Deaver

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CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS ARTISTS TO BE FEATURED IN SHOW AT NORTHVILLE LIBRARY GALLERY

Gloversville, NY - Artists from Lexington's Creative Expressions program will be featured in a Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) Art Show at the Northville Library Gallery, located at 341 South Third Street, Northville, from March 1st through April 28th, 2016. There will be a reception for the featured artists on Tuesday, March 15, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Northville Library Gallery. The Gallery hours for this show are Monday, Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm; Tuesday 9:00am-8:00pm; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-4:00pm. The Gallery is free of admission and open to the public. Information about this show may be found at www.svanarts.org or by calling the Gallery at (518) 863-6922.

Lexington's Creative Expressions art classes are held at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts and are open to a group of talented artists of all abilities. Creative Expressions artists have participated in many local exhibitions, won several awards and have sold more than \$9,600 worth of individual creations in the last three years. The sales benefit the artists and the Paul Nigra Center for the Creative Arts. For more information about Lexington's Creative Expressions program, please call the Nigra Art Center at (518) 661-9932 or visit www.lexingtoncenter.org or www.pncreativeartscenter.org.


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Applications for the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce scholarship program are now available. For 2016, the Chamber will award at least four \$1,000 academic scholarships.

Eligible applicants must be seniors graduating from a Fulton County or Montgomery County high school in June 2016 or be previous graduates of high schools from either county, and must be entering or attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university as of September 2016.

Academic winners will be chosen by the Chamber's Scholarship Committee, whose members will review applicants' qualifications in scholastic achievement, community involvement, school activities, and economic need. Applicants are asked to submit a 500-word essay explaining their career goals and why the scholarship is important to them.

For a scholarship application, please call the Chamber at (518) 725-0641, stop by the Chamber offices at 2 North Main Street, Gloversville, or 1166 Riverfront Center in Amsterdam or e-mail terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org. Applications also are available in high school guidance offices and on the Chamber website at <http://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/pages/Scholarship2016>. Deadline for receipt by the Chamber of completed applications and accompanying materials is Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Since its inception twenty seven years ago, the Chamber's scholarship program has provided over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving regional school students. These 2016 academic scholarships were funded through the Chamber's Scholarship Golf Tournament that took place in August of 2015.

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice of business in the region providing advocacy, resources and solutions for its members.

Mayfield Historical Society

The Mayfield Historical Society is looking for antique dealers from around the area for its 18th Annual Antique Show and Sale to be held at the Mayfield Elementary School, 80 N. Main St. from 9 am to 4 pm on April 9th. For booth rental information, interested dealers may contact Christine Dahl at 661-5800 for more information.



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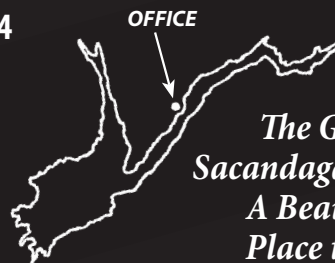
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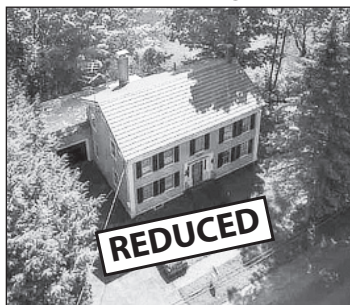
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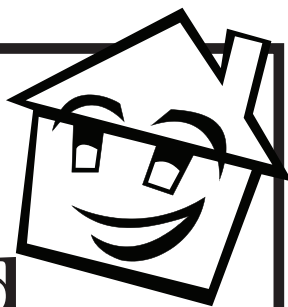
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Saturday March 5

Build an Observation Bluebird Nest Box with Dan Green. #887-0305. 1/2 Day, 9am-1pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials Fee \$25.

Saturday March 5

American Tinsmithing Basics with Walt Fleming. #888-0305. 1 day, 9am-4pm. Tuition \$110. Member Tuition \$90. Materials Fee \$10.

NOTE: This class is held at 3 Pheasant Run, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. Students must be 14 years of age or older.

Sunday March 6

Introduction to Lampworking: Glass Beads with Renee Kingsley. #925-0306. Half Day, 9am-1pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$60. Materials Fee \$20.

Sunday March 6

Woodturning - Live Edge Bowl with John Kingsley. #889-0306. One Day, 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$25.
NOTE: For your safety: no loose fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes, and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended.

Saturday March 12

Sew a Blanket Shirt with Brian Manning. #981-0312. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$14.
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Saturday March 19

Pine Needle Rim Gourd with Carol Maher. #865-0319. 1 day, 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$20.

Saturday March 19

Splint Basswood Basket with Barry Keegan. #930-0319. 1 day, 9am-5pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$12.

Sunday March 20

Iroquois Braided Cornhusk Bottle with Barry Keegan. #931-0320. One day, 10am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$5.

Sunday March 20

Rugs from Rags with Caroline Dvorak. #933-0320. 1/2 day. 12-4. Tuition \$90. Member Tuition \$70.

Saturday March 26

Mountain Gathering Basket with Barbara Boughton. #951-0326. 1 day. 9-4. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$35.
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The framed honor roll will be exhibited on Saturday, July 23 at the Lake Luzerne Gailey School House and Sunday, July 24th at the 4th Annual "Ranches, Rodeos and Wranglers" Recognition Day at the Painted Pony Longhorn BBQ Pavilion.

If you are or were a wrangler, barn boy, corral boss, trail guide or any other helper at the barn and would like confirm your listing and/or add your name please call. There is no charge. RSVP due by April 15. 518-696-7184.

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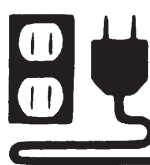
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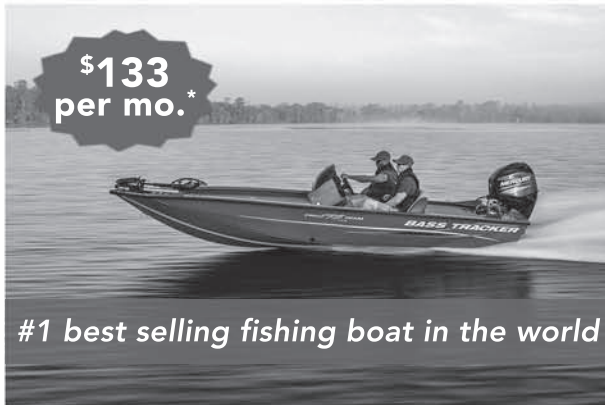
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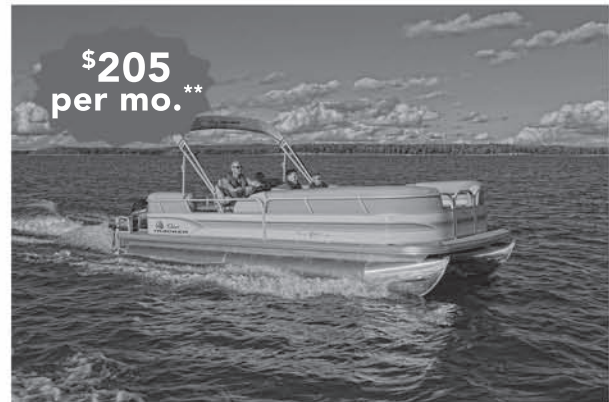
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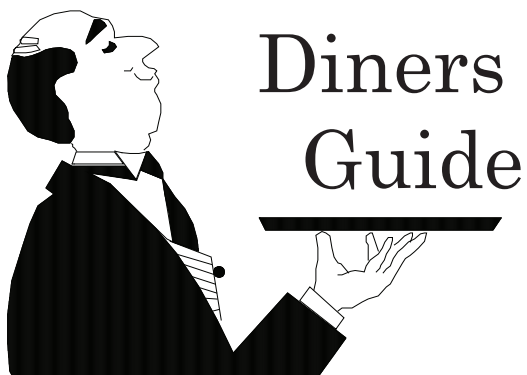
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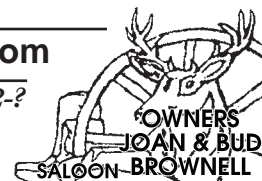
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Some of us are not quite ready to let go of the Christmas season. We don't want to put away the tree and the lights, the ornaments and the nativity scene. But, put them away we must for the season of Lent is almost upon us. The following quote was found in an internet site we use for our bulletins and church newsletters:

"Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning. Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that."

At First UMC, we anticipate Lenten special services in March, some of which may be shared with the Presbyterian Church in Northville — Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (shared with our Catholic friends as well), Easter Sunrise. The pastors from both churches are currently in dialog about these services and will share that information with their churches and through the local papers as soon as the plans are made. We heartily welcome you to all of these services along with the weekly Sunday worship services where we are making our Lenten Journey toward Easter.

We invite you to stop in to our thrift store. Thrift Shop Hours are: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am-12:30 pm. We accept CLEAN gently worn clothing, free of animal hair, stains, tears, and cigarette smoke. We appreciate donations from the community but respectfully request that these guidelines be followed. If you are interested in volunteering for this mission outreach project, please let us know. New workers are always welcome.

Scouts meet weekly at First UMC on Thursdays at 6 and 7 pm, TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, and our choir meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

One of the mission projects that we concentrate on is United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We make donations through our quarter tube where \$110 worth of quarters purchases two cleaning buckets for people who have experienced floods and other disasters. The money is sent to UMCOR's warehouse in the south where they are able to put together these cleaning buckets for a fraction of the cost it would take us to purchase and mail the items. In addition, we support UMCOR's ongoing disaster relief programs in the USA and around the world. Our neighbors in Fort Plain have been recipients of UMCOR's work. Every dime collected all year around goes to disaster relief except for one Sunday in March. That Sunday is called "One Great Hour of Sharing". Gifts collected on that day, and only on that day, are used for administrative costs. We will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on March 6 followed by "one great hour of sharing lunch" after the worship service.

EASTER JOY: Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen. —Mother Teresa

If you are searching for a spiritual home, we invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at First UMC and enjoy uplifting, joyful music and messages. May the Lenten and Easter seasons bless you and your family.

Important Dates at First UMC:

Mar 6 — One Great Hour of Sharing, 11 am

Mar 24 — Maundy Thursday, service to be announced

Mar 25 — Ecumenical Good Friday, service to be announced

Mar 27 — Easter Sunday, regular worship 11 am; Sunrise Service, 6:30 am



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Saratoga County Office for the Aging sponsors the Senior Nutrition Program in Saratoga County. Part of our program is Congregate dining- where persons age 60 and over can participate in a meal that is served at 12 noon at several meal sites throughout Saratoga County. Meal sites are located in: Ballston Spa, Charlton, Clifton Park, Corinth, Edinburg,

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WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE UPDATE

Each year the American Heart Association (AHA), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) compile the latest statistics on heart disease in the United States. According to the 2015 report, the death rate from heart disease has fallen about 39%. Nevertheless, heart disease remains the #1 killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

Even though heart disease affects 1:3 women in the US, women often excuse their heart attack symptoms as being less life-threatening conditions such as acid reflux, flu or even signs of normal aging. In fact, only 1:5 women believe heart disease is a health threat for them, according to a Mayo Clinic study. This is compounded by the fact that symptoms of a heart attack can, and often do, differ in women versus men.

According to the AHA, 71% of women experience early warning signs of heart disease but fail to recognize them. Additionally, many are unaware of their personal risks for heart attack. Some of the risks factors include, but are not limited to, a family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, being overweight, having an inactive lifestyle, smoking or an unhealthy diet.

Many of these risk factors can be controlled by making modest changes. The Women's Heart Foundation recommends that, "Every woman needs to take her individual heart disease risks seriously and take action to reduce those risks."

Unfortunately, many women think the signs of a heart attack are unmistakable—the image of someone clutching their chest and falling to the ground comes to mind—but in fact, women's symptoms can be much subtler. Even when signs are subtle, the consequences can be deadly, especially if the victim doesn't get help right away.

Heart Attack Signs In Women

1. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
2. Shortness of breath, with or without chest discomfort.
3. Breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea/vomiting or sudden light headedness.
4. Severe fatigue such as feeling like you have run a marathon but you haven't made a move.
5. Upper back pressure that feels like being squeezed or having a rope tied around the body.
6. Of course women, as well as men, may experience the more traditional chest pressure and pain.

If you or someone you know has any of the above symptoms, the AHA recommends calling 911, and if advised by the personnel on scene, go to the hospital by ambulance. Do not drive yourself ... your life may depend on it!

For information about your personal risk factors, see your healthcare provider. To learn more about heart disease in women, visit americanheart.org or womensheart.org, or call HealthLink Littauer at 736-1120. You can e-mail us at healthlink@nlh.org, see our website at nlh.org, or visit our NEW wellness center at 2 Colonial Court in downtown Johnstown, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. We're your community health & wellness service of Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home.



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We welcomed back Carmen Durkin and Janice Winney to our TOPS family!! It was wonderful seeing them both!!

Thanks to Sherri Chamberlain for a great program on sodas and how detrimental both regular and diet ones are to your health!!

Arden Detweiler also talked to the group about mindful eating. We have such informative meetings!! Come join us!

We meet downstairs at the Bradt building (South Main Street) in Northville. Starting at 4:30, we begin our weigh ins and start our meetings at 5:00 pm.

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Red Rooster Program at 12:30
Patsy Suydam will discuss her book about the Kasson Opera House.

March 10th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Chicken and Biscuits, mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Mousse.
Red Rooster Program at 12:30
John Spaeth, Mayor of Northville will discuss the State of the Village.

March 17th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Boiled Ham Dinner, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Carrots, White Bread, Shamrock Cookie .
Red Rooster Program at 12:30
"Becky O'White" Fulton County OFA will talk about Hospital Transitions. Becky will also be on hand from 11:30 each 3rd Wednesday of the month to assist with any senior services issues.

March 24th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Turkey Divan, Egg Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Oat Bread, Ambrosia
Red Rooster Program at 12:30
Willow Johnson will present select dancers from her Northville Dance Studio. Home Health Care

Partners Blood Pressure Clinic will also be held.

March 31st OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Cream of Broccoli Soup, Hot Dog with Sauerkraut, Hot Dog Roll, Cottage Cheese with Mandarin Oranges.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30
Gary Van Slyke will entertain with Irish Melodies.

You may attend Red Rooster Programs without attending the meal. Feel free to come for the program, or bring a bag lunch and join us! Programs are held Thursdays at the Red Rooster Café (Pink Chicken) at the corner of Bridge and Main Sts. Northville. The fourth Thursday of each month Home Health Care Partners holds a blood pressure clinic during lunch and the program.

Call Fulton County OFA at 736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. Chair Yoga taught by Ony Antonucci is held each Thurs. from 10:30 to 11:30. Cost of classes is \$5 per week or 6 sessions for \$25. You may join at any time.

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Remember that ice thickness has varied a lot this winter so anyone using the lake needs to continue to be very careful. Ice fishing shanties must be removed by March 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice in spring and becoming hazards to navigation. Owners that fail to remove their shanty by March 15 can be ticketed and face a maximum possible fine of \$100.

No fishing in Fulton and Saratoga County is permitted between March 16 and the opening of walleye season in May on the Great Sacandaga Lake tributaries from the stream mouth to the first highway bridge. Also, on the Sacandaga River from the Bridge Street bridge in Northville upstream to the first crossing of Route 30.

The date for our spring fishing contest is May 7th. More details will be available next month. The federation always welcomes new members. The next meeting will be held at 7PM on March 15 at the Fish House Fish and Game Club, 478 Fayville Road, Broadalbin, NY.

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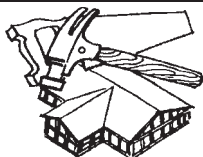


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To be honest, I can't answer that question. From my limited perspective, it appears that tragedies, both in the natural world and those caused by human actions, occur more frequently now than ever before. We look at the world around us and wonder how to explain all the suffering. We also wonder how we can live with peace, confidence, and even joy in the midst of this chaotic world.

Two thousand years ago a small group of people in an insignificant middle eastern country may have had similar questions. Violent protest against their Roman oppressors was becoming more frequent. Unrest was on the rise. These people had dared to hope that God had come to

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rescue them from the chaos and hopelessness that they felt. They had dared to believe in a Messiah who offered them new life and joy.

Then they watched as their Messiah, their hope, was unjustly murdered. From all appearances, irreversible tragedy had struck. On that Friday 2,000 years ago their leader was brutally crucified. Could they, also, have wondered, "What is this world coming to?"

They didn't know that evil, instead of having an overwhelming victory, had actually been defeated. They didn't realize that things were not as they appeared.

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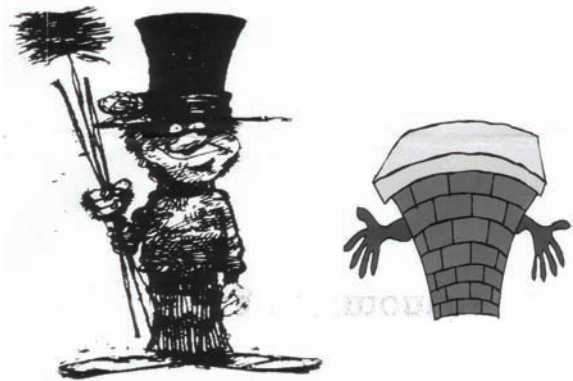
You may be facing tragedy or chaos in your own life. You may wonder where your life is headed or how you can have hope in the face of evil and uncertainty.

On Easter Sunday, March 27th, you are invited to join with our faith family to celebrate God's victory over evil and chaos. Face the world with hope and confidence as we proclaim "Christ is Risen!"

"What is the world coming to?" The violence and suffering that we see all around us may be temporary, or it may continue indefinitely into the future. I don't know. But I do know that Jesus died to set us free from all of the things that destroy life. I do know that he rose from death to give us, love, peace, joy, new beginnings and confidence to face the unknown. May you have faith to believe this as well.

P.S. - I'm still spending my Thursdays from 4 to 6pm at Shelby's Four Corners Diner in Edinburg. I still offer a listening ear, honest discussion of your questions, and compassionate prayers. Please stop in on me there. Help me to be "The People's Pastor". Look me up online at www.facebook.com/thepeoplespastor.

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Edinburg School News



Edinburg Happenings

by *Ms. Kimberly S.
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CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Rebecca Johnson who represented the Edinburg Common School at the regional spelling bee held at Proctors Theater in February. We also wish to congratulate our local runner up, Hunter Haley. Thank you to all students that participated in the spelling bee and we hope to see many of you on stage again next year.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: - Students of the month are chosen based on their demonstration of the character trait of the month. January's trait was Trustworthiness February's trait was Respect. We are proud of all of these students for their outstanding character traits. Go Eagles!

January Student of the Month

1st Grade – Sophia Edwards
2nd Grade – Keegan Canfield
3rd Grade – Rylee Wilson
4th Grade – Liam Brooks
5th Grade – Mary Cahill
6th Grade – Josiah Jensen

February Student of the Month

1st Grade – Summer Wells
2nd Grade – Raymond Colvin
3rd Grade – Evi Sevastakis
4th Grade – Hunter Haley
5th Grade – Connor Frasier
6th Grade – Daniel VanNostrand

EAGLE SPORTS: Youth basketball games are underway and cheerleading has returned to Edinburg as well. Our cheerleaders will be cheering at our home basketball games for students in fifth and sixth grade. Please come out and support our boys and girls as they play and cheer their way to victory.

TEA & COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Ms. Hromada is holding monthly informal discussions with parents and community members. This is about getting to know each other and sharing ideas for school and community growth and success. Please feel free to join us for this round table on February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome!

SHOULD MY CHILD SIT FOR NYS ASSESSMENTS THIS YEAR?

PRIOR FACTS:

In 2010, NY State adopted more rigorous learning standards for students. In 2013, students started being tested on these new standards.

New York State was testing students on standards they had not yet had the time to learn and were in many cases just beginning to be exposed to. New York State was evaluating teachers based on those student test scores.

Teachers were being held accountable for standards that they had not had time to learn, discuss, understand or evaluate.

The Common Core Shifts and philosophy were implemented overnight without professional development and without a transitional plan for moving toward success for students with acquiring mastery of these new shifts, standards and expectations.

CURRENT FACTS:

The N.Y. State Education Department has a new Commissioner. I have had the privilege of attending meetings with her on several occasions throughout the past six months and she is dedicated to what is best for students across this state.

The 2016 ELA and Math tests for all grades will have fewer questions.

N.Y. State has contracted with a new test provider. Next year, students will be able to take the tests on-line which should provide faster results and reduce time. Teachers will be involved in the development of future tests.

Teachers are being further supported with professional development and time for deep conceptual understanding of the standards.

NY State test results for the next three springs will not count at all in teacher evaluations.

N.Y. State will be reviewing and improving the assessments over the next three springs to ensure that they are measuring the standards, that students and teachers understand them and that they take less than 1% of the students and teachers time to administer.

SO WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD SIT FOR THESE ASSESSMENTS:

These assessments provide teachers with information that is used to guide the following school year's instruction.



The results show teachers where additional support or more challenging material is needed.

Student's individual results help provide specific data to inform intervention needs that will help close gaps for students.

Results also help identify achievement gaps among different student populations.

You as a parent have the right to know whether your child is gaining the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

These assessments help inform parents and teachers of student progress compared to other students across the state (How is our school measuring up against other schools in the state?)

Assessments are used throughout the year to inform instructional decisions, the state test is simply a year end assessment that helps us as educators identify what students have learned and what they haven't learned and adjust our pacing outlines and outcomes accordingly.

State assessments are one small measure used by the district to understand whether or not our children are on track with understanding the common core standards and also, how we compare to other districts in moving toward standard mastery. Formal and informal assessment of standards are common practice in all classrooms, all day long. It is a natural part of "what we do."

Please join me this year in saying yes to the N.Y. State assessments. Join me in educating our children that these assessments are not to be feared. The more students that take the N.Y. State assessments, the more data we have as a district to guide our short and long term planning to ensure student success.

These assessments are simply for them to show off what they have learned and when they are faced with something they do not know, to give it their best effort. If they do not know something it is okay. This tells the teachers what we need to do a better job of teaching. At the end of the day, we haven't taught it if they haven't learned it.

We will continue to work together to provide a balanced educational program that focuses on each individual student and what they need to succeed. We will do our best to ensure that state testing is not met with stress and frustration but as an opportunity.

Eagles Eye on First Grade

By Mrs. Celeste English

Greetings from the First Grade! It's March already and as I write this in February we have not had much of a winter so far. By the time this article comes out we will be approaching Spring! It's hard to believe that the school year is two thirds over! We have been working so very hard in our class.

My students are amazing me with their reading skills. They just continue to improve and improve. I attribute that in part to our "WIN" groups. This stands for "What I Need." Daily we have small group instruction with three reading groups. This enables my students to work at their reading level and to be appropriately challenged within that level. The groups are constantly changing to be sure that children are getting the most out of that instruction time.

Our writing is posted several times a week outside our classroom in the hall. Please take a moment to read these if you visit us at school. First graders write daily about what they read in their "WIN" groups. We are paying special attention to capital letters and end punctuation.

In Math we are currently learning how to measure in both inches and centimeters. This is a lifelong skill that the kids are enjoying; as it is very "hands on." We also continue to practice our addition and subtraction facts within 20, which is the foundation of first grade Math.

We just finished a unit on Early World Civilizations, which took us back to Ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt. The kids were especially excited about discovering the treasures in King Tut's tomb! Next up is Early American Civilizations. My students never cease to amaze me with their interest in history. We always try to relate what we learn to our own lives, which encourages learning with those "real world connections."

Our entire school community invites you to join us at our Monthly Eagle Afternoon programs. The main office has a list of dates and they are posted on the monthly menus as well. Students of the Month are recognized, birthdays are acknowledged and prizes are awarded for our new Homework Incentive program. We would love to see you here!

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He's Alive!

In 1977 the Christian artist, Don Francisco, wrote a Gospel song. I don't know if you are familiar with it or not, but it is a very powerful one. "He's Alive" became #1 and holds the record for the longest-running single in the history of Christian radio. Don Francisco won the 1980 Dove Award for Song of the Year, and took home the prize for Songwriter of the Year at the same ceremony. He said the following about his song, "I sat down with the intention of trying to write about the Resurrection, because, let's face it, the Crucifixion is just half the story, and the worst half by far." He decided to write the song from Peter's perspective,

and put a lot of his deepest feelings into Peter's experience. His lyrics are inspiring to say the least. I could not resist sharing them with you.

The gates and doors were barred, all the windows fastened down. I spent the night in sleeplessness and rose at every sound, half in hopeless sorrow and half in fear. The day would find the soldiers breakin' through to drag us all away, and just before the sunrise, heard something at the wall. The gate began to rattle and a voice began to call. Hurried to the window looked down into the street, expecting swords and torches and the sound of soldier's feet. There was no one there but Mary, so I went down to let her in. John stood there beside me as she told us where she'd been. She said they've moved Him in the night and none of us knows where. The stone's been rolled away and now His body isn't there. We both ran toward the garden. Then John ran on ahead. We found the stone and the empty tomb just the way that Mary said. But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in was just an empty shell. And how or where they'd taken Him was more than I could tell. Well, something strange had happened there just what I did not know. John believed a miracle, but I just turned to go. Circumstance and speculation couldn't lift me very high, 'cause I'd seen them crucify Him. Then I saw Him die!

Back inside the house again the guilt and anguish came. Everything I'd promised Him just added to my shame. When at last it came to choices, I denied I knew His name. Even if He was alive, it wouldn't be the same. Suddenly the air was filled with strange and sweet perfume. Light that came from everywhere drove shadows from the room. Jesus stood before me with His arms held open wide. And I fell down on my knees and just clung

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to Him and cried. He raised me to my feet and as I looked into His eyes. Love was shining out from Him like sunlight from the skies. Guilt in my confusion disappeared in sweet release. And every fear I'd ever had just melted into peace.

He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven. Heaven's gates are open wide. He's alive, He's alive!

Now, if those words don't put you in the mood for Easter and feel extremely thankful, nothing will. If you would like to listen to this song on your computer go to You Tube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbSnk1R31vg>

Heaven's gates are open wide. He's alive! I hope you take the time this year to worship and celebrate all that's involved with remembering Jesus' death and resurrection. Praise God – He's alive and I'm forgiven ... if I confess my sin and confess Him before others as my Lord and Savior!

Church Schedule:
Sunday (Staffed Nursery Provided)

8:45 AM (Sunday School for all ages)
10:00 AM (Worship)
11:30 AM (Sunday School for adults only)
7:00 PM (1st Sun: Video) (2nd Sun: Question & Answer Time)
(3rd Sun: Something Special) (4th Sun: Bible Institute) (5th Sun: Potluck Dinner)

Monday

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

Wednesday (Check church website)

6:00-7:30 Jr High Youth (6th - 8th grade) at BCON Corner

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10:00 AM (FREE Baked Goods at BCON Corner)

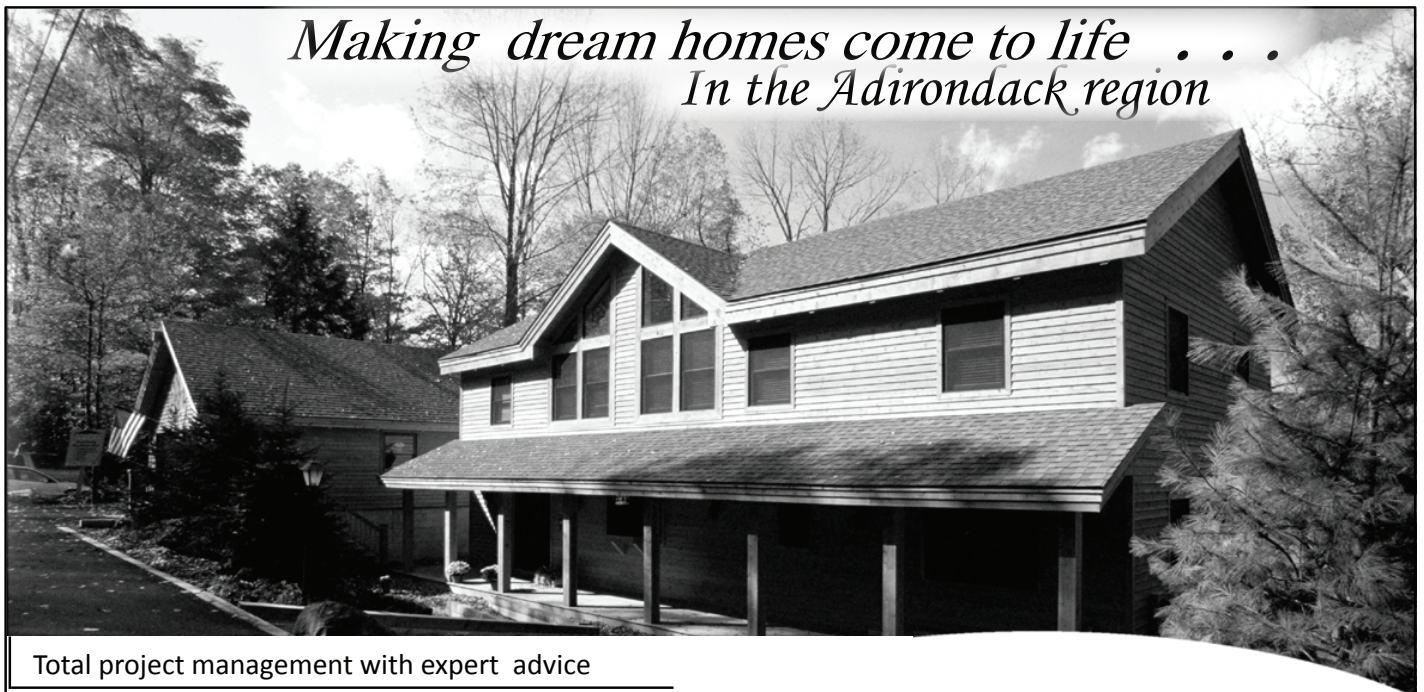
10:30 AM (3rd Thurs. only: Nursing Home Service at Nathan Littauer)

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Friday (Check church website)

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complain. That is part of the challenge of this adventure! We bought some key pieces and we are working from there. I have become a junkie looking for good deals to complement what we already have. I have also learned that some of the "deals" are actually better than what we wanted originally. The kicker is, I have never been a shopper; hated it even! Although it is getting tiring, this morning I was super excited when a porch set I was looking at showed up in my email, ON SALE ! Attitude is everything and sales make attitude better.

When I started this article on Wednesday, it was cloudy, windy and bleak. It was not a typical sunny Florida day. Instead of lamenting about the lack of sunshine I was trying to shift my focus to notice the fun colors of the houses. The palm trees swaying and the water shimmering in the canal was a balm for my soul. Then I looked the other way and I saw the mess in front of our house and the construction site next to us. It looks like a bomb went off around here. I have to remind myself to focus on the positive and not dwell on the flaws. Everything is a work in progress. Nothing in life is perfect!! If we expect it to be, we will never be happy. Exercising is my "go to" to refocus myself. Since Wednesday, I have walked 21.86 miles. I am going to go out on my final walk for the week in a few hours. I am sore and tired (and kind of pathetic looking at the end of my walks) but feel great about the way I am starting to shape up. Nothing in life is handed to us. We have to work for everything. We are all a work in progress and each day is what we make it.

This winter has been a bust at the lake. I recognize how that affects our lake economy and everyone's spirits. While every moment of every day is not always a good one, we all need to remember to control what we can, go with the flow and treasure the good things. Now is the time to think outside the box and try new things. If nothing else, remember St. Patrick's Day is coming ! Celebrate it in Sacandaga style !



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Did You Know

As I walk through the house this morning I keep finding pieces of brown plastic. I realize they are off the bottom of my bedroom slippers. They are 16 years old, they have no special significance to me and I do not wear them all the time. I feel a little reluctant to throw them away. Maybe it is because I did not sleep well last night. I guess today I feel a little like my slippers, we both look good from a distance but do not get too close; we are falling apart. The bottom line is they were comfortable. I could hang on them and try to duct tape them back together or toss them and try something new. I opted to throw them away AND I have decided I am not going to let the way I feel today, hold me back for a moment. I choose to be positive and make this good day. I have to remind myself of this, some days more than others. Since Bill and I made the decision to

purchase a retirement home we have been thrown way out of our comfort zone. Those of you close to us can see the differences, for example, with the way we have furnished our new home. We have chosen a mixture of modern furniture and island pieces in dark tones. Our first home had a country theme and our lake home, obviously, has an Adirondack theme. What totally worked at those houses does not work here. We had to abandon a 40 year mind set. If you are going to start a new adventure you have to be open to everything. It starts at the wallet ! It can be frightening ! At first glance everything is expensive and I could (and did) sit and

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