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*Cover story on page 9*

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## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

### Election Day November 7th

The General Election is Tuesday, November 7th. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 9:00 pm. This is a local election year. There will be 3 different County Judges on the ballot and locally the Edinburg Offices of Supervisor (1), Town Clerk (1), Councilmember (2), Assessor (1) Highway Superintendent (1) and Receiver of Taxes (1) will be on the ballot. Edinburg voters vote at the Community Center at 47 Military Road. The last day to register to vote is October 28th. Registrations MUST be received at the Saratoga County Board of Elections by the 28th. Early voting begins 10/28 until 11/5. Contact the Board of Elections for times and the 6 locations that are available on the Board of Elections web site at [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov). Absentee ballot applications, early voting locations and times and



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### New Town Garbage Truck

The town has taken delivery on a new garbage truck which was ordered over a year ago. It has a black body and is taller than the previous truck but holds 25 yards. The cost was over \$200,000.00 but we were able to pay in full due to saving money each year.

### Hunting Licenses

October 1, is the last day to apply for doe permits. The regular northern deer season is 10/21-12/3. The southern zone deer season is 11/18-12/10. For additional information check the Hunters Guide that you get with your license or on line contact [NYSDEC.com](http://NYSDEC.com) and look under Trapping and Hunting.

### Town of Edinburg Cemetery Cleanup

The town Highway Department will begin cleanup of the town cemeteries right after Veterans Day which is Saturday, November 11th. Please remove anything from grave sites that you do not want removed during the cleanup for winter.

### 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 2023-2024 Regular HEAP program begins November 1, 2023. If you think you may be eligible get your applications in during October. More information to follow next month in the newsletter.

### REMINDER:

Monday, October 9th is the Columbus Day Holiday. The Town Offices will be closed and refuse will be collected Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

### Mark Your Calendar:

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st.

October 27th is the last day the Recycling Center is open from 9:00-3:00, beginning in November the hours will be 12:00 to 3:00.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday November 5th at 2:00 am. Turn your clocks back 1 hour.



# OCTOBER 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

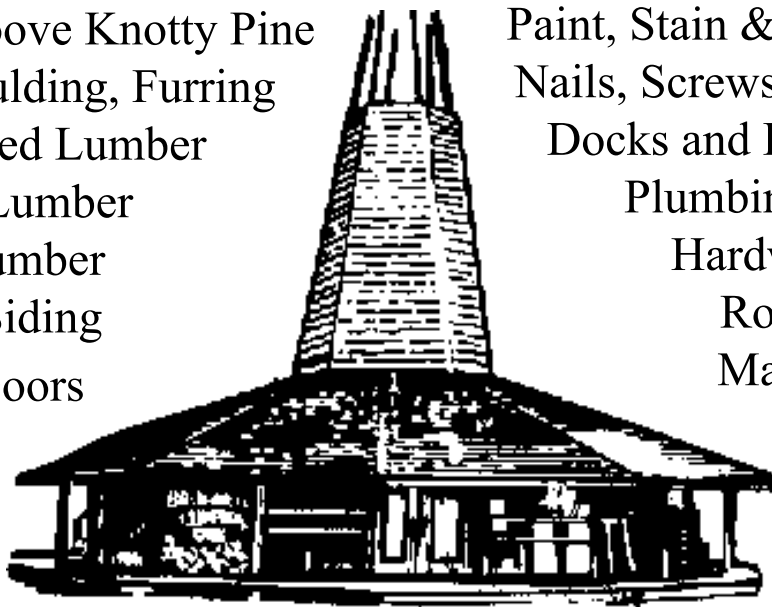
- Thurs 5 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Mon 9 Columbus Day**
- Tues 10 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Tues 17 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 19 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 26 7:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting
- Sat 28 10-3 Edinburg Christmas Festival (more info on p. 7)
- Tues 31 Halloween**

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

### More Tall Tales

Last month I told you some tall tales of Abner Greenfield of Edinburg and Day. Abner and his wife Susanna Wadsworth had a son, William, who enjoyed story-telling as much as Abner did.

Bill was born in West Day, May 3, 1833. On August 9, 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Civil War in Co. E, 4th NY Heavy Artillery. On August 24, 1862 he married Hannah Ralph. Bill was released from the war with his regiment.

I found no other records of Hannah but on March 1, 1877 Bill married Harriet Van Avery and they had 2 sons, Franklin and Fred.

Sadly Harriet died in 1884, just two months after the death of their youngest son, Fred. Possibly of disease?

Bill never remarried and seemed to have the wanderlust—never staying in one place for very long. At one point he was living in the Town of Hope which is just over the Edinburg line. He also

had a cabin a few miles back in Tennantville and at one time was living in Stony Creek. Bill was a hunter and woodsman like his dad, Abner, but he also loved to tell tall tales.

Bill was out hunting one day in early spring. Now mosquitoes can get pretty thick in the Town of Hope when the insect mating season is underway. The bugs were really biting. Unable to stand the biting any longer Bill got under a huge heavy iron kettle that was used at the tanneries in Hope Falls and turned it over his head. The angry mosquitoes dive-bombed the kettle, driving their stingers right through the iron. Each time this happened Bill would clinch them over with a stone. Before long the mosquitoes lifted the iron kettle right off Bill's body and flew away with it clear over the mountain and out of sight.

When men used to go over to Bill's cabin, there was always a necessary requirement.

"Wait a minute until I trip the gun" he would say. "It'll blow a man to pieces."

Neighbors soon learned that it was only part of the ritual and waited patiently while Bill tripped the imaginary firing piece.

When a neighbor once asked how he was getting along with his haying, Bill replied quickly. "Fine", he replied. "We've stacked all we could outside and put the rest in the barn."

Bill used to tell folks that his cabin had two stories, one story up and one story down. It was said that the only furnishings were stove, bed and chairs arranged around a table, where the most important piece of all, the checkerboard, lay. Decorations in the main room were unbelievable numbers of wishbones which Bill claimed came from the chickens he had eaten.

To hear him tell it, Bill kept some rather odd

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fowls and animals around the place. There were turkeys so tall they could pick the fruit off the trees, and a dog so smart that it once taught school.

Bill Greenfield loved to play checkers. On one occasion he “changed work” with a man in Edinburg, helping him put in hay. Later, the man went over to Bill’s place to return the favor. For hours and hours Bill kept his friend playing checkers. Finally, concerned over the work that must certainly be in wait, the man suggested that they quit playing and get to work. “Listen,” Bill told him. When I was down to your place, I did what you wanted. When you’re at my place, you do the same.”

Bill was an expert checker player and was believed to have owned two sets of checkers-one of ten-dollar gold pieces and the other of five. He guarded these carefully and only lost one game in his life. Businessman Lou Tenant and the local doctor devised a scheme to beat Bill at his own game. Their secret was never learned. Bill’s eye glasses, which he claimed were so strong he could see through a rock ten feet thick, didn’t help him to discover their trick.

When Bill was working in a logging camp in Conklingville he became annoyed to find that he was not getting enough griddle-cakes for breakfast because, although the cook got up twenty-six hours before breakfast, all that he managed to cook was sixty-four dripping-pans full of sour biscuits at one time; thus to provide the required number of griddle-cakes was impossible to do. So one day Bill went down to the plow-works and ordered a proper griddle. Enough steel was used that would have made two hundred and fifty plows. When the griddle was finished, it measured two hundred and thirty-five feet across. The big problem then arose

as to how to get the griddle to camp! Bill solved the problem by putting the griddle on edge, hitching it his blue ox, and started it rolling. When he was five miles from camp, he unhitched the ox and let the griddle spin on alone. When it reached the spot where it was to be used, it spun around like a top and dug a hole big enough for a fire. Several of the loggers were shod with slabs of bacon with which they greased the griddle while skating around its surface.

Bill had a pair of four- year-old steers that could haul anything in Day. One time by Sand Lake he was driving them along when he heard noises. A wind storm had upset a crooked birch tree and it was rocking in the earth. He hitched the oxen to it and on the first draw set the tree and straightened out the crook.

There were big rains in Bill’s days. Mrs. Wheeler of Edinburg once saw Bill driving past in a downpour, taking a pig home. Later he told her that he had driven so fast that he hadn’t got a mite wet, but it was a close call, for the pig in the back of the wagon had drowned.

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At another time it rained so hard that it took seven men each with a ten-quart pail, working an entire week, to dip up the water that came into camp through a six-inch stovepipe.

The worst rain that he reported occurred one day when he took a trip to Saratoga. Standing in a doorway, he noticed in front of the store a pork barrel with both ends knocked out. It rained so hard that the water went into the bunghole faster than it could run out at both ends.

At least once in his life Bill was embarrassed—when a boy believed his tales. Bill had dropped into the store at Huntsville and made the comment that he was proud of his possessions. The boy asked what they were. “I’ve got an ox,” said Bill, “that could travel to Boston and back in one day. I’ve got some hens that can pick corn off the big beams of my barn. I’ve got a dog smart enough to teach school.”

Next day the Greenfields saw the boy coming up the road toward their home. At once guessing the reason for the visit, Bill hid after telling his wife of what to say.

“I’ve come,” said the boy, “to see the ox that can go to Boston and back in a day.”

“I’m sorry” said Mrs. Greenfield, “but we were all out of corn and other feed; so Bill has taken the ox and gone to Boston.”

“That’s too bad,” said the boy, “but maybe I can see those hens that can eat off the highest beams in the barn.”

“I’m sorry,” said Mrs. Greenfield, “but seeing as there was no corn, Bill has turned those hens into the woods to eat nuts off the trees.”

“That’s too bad,” said the boy, “but what I want to see most is that dog who is so smart that he can teach school!”

“Well, there!” said Mrs. Greenfield. “it does beat all how I have to disappoint you. The teacher took sick, and they sent for the dog to teach in her place till she is well.” Bill was embarrassed that time. Mrs. Greenfield gave the boy a dangerous amount of cookies that day!

Abner Greenfield died February 3, 1860. He and his wife, Susanna are buried in the Clarkville Cemetery on Tennantville Road. Abner was a brother to my gr., gr., grandmother, Elizabeth Greenfield Simpson. Abner’s 3rd great granddaughter from Virginia visited me this summer to do family research.

Bill died May 16, 1903. He and his son Frank are also buried in the Clarkville Cemetery.

Several miles from the end of the road at Tennantville, there is a body of water named Greenfield Lake. This is the origin of Beecher Creek that flows the entire length of Edinburg, spilling into the Sacandaga Reservoir near the Edinburg Marina.

The Greenfield tall tales didn’t stop with the passing of Abner and Bill. Several older men in Edinburg, Day and surrounding towns continued to tell the tall tales of Abner and Bill. I well remember my grandfather, Percy Olmstead; my father-in-law, Walter Edwards and lumberman, Victor Brownell, all telling the stories and giving credit to the Greenfields.

Maybe the world be a friendlier, happier place if we once again got a laugh from the telling and listening of tall tales.

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# Edinburg Historical Society

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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Come to the first Edinburg Historic Society's Christmas Festival on Saturday, October 28th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will be held at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse on Tange Road, located off Northville Road.

There will be crafters, homemade Christmas cookies and treats for sale. Raffles, gifts, music and loads of Holiday Fun.

"My Mountains, My People" by Priscilla Edwards, Edinburg Town Historian is available for purchase at the Edinburg Town Hall and will be available at the EHS's Christmas Festival

on October 28th for \$25. The book on Edinburg history and people promises to be a wonderful gift for the holidays.

The Society welcomes everyone to its monthly meetings from May to September. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you would like to join, membership dues are \$5 or \$10 for a family. See the website for further information.

There are many ways to participate in the society such as baking, manning a table, or sitting at the Nellie Tyrrell Museum for a few hours during the festivals, organizing demonstrators of old-time crafts, or be the sunshine chair and send cards to members who are ill or celebrating an occasion. The Society maintains the Rural and Tyrrell Museums, the Sand Hill one-room schoolhouse, the Copeland Covered Bridge and Carriage House.

Shares are available for \$25 in honor of and in memory of a loved one and help to maintain and preserve the Copeland Site for future generations. Karen S. Lyons has purchased a share in the Copeland Covered Bridge in honor of her parents David and Carol Frantz.

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## EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

For the thirty day period of August 12th - September 12th, the Fire Company responded to thirteen calls for assistance. Our log reads as follows:

- 8/10 South Shore, Good Intent
- 8/19 Tennantville Road, Lines Down
- 8/20 Mutual Aid, Northville VFD
- 8/20 North Shore Road, MVA
- 8/27 South Shore Road, Brush Fire
- 8/28 Mutual Aid, Northville VFD
- 8/31 Saratoga Avenue, MVA
- 9/3 Wozniak Lane, EMS Assist
- 9/4 South Shore Road, Good Intent

9/5 South Shore Road, MVA

9/10 South Shore Road, Water Rescue

9/11 White Birch Road, Car Fire

9/12 Mutual Aid, Providence VFD

This month we had two “Good Intent” calls. You may be asking what is this about? Good Intent is a very generalized term that basically takes into account, what a call - MAY NOT BE. In other words, it is kind of a catch all for calls that are really hard to define by classification.

An example being; we are dispatched to a brush fire, yet when we arrive it is quickly determined that it was a person burning leaves, and they had already put it out with their hose before we arrived on scene. There is no action for us to take. More often than not, it was a disgruntled neighbor who called in the alarm. Unfortunately, we get several of these types of calls over the course of the year. They are a needless drain on our manpower.

Check out our Cover Story on the next page, if you have not read it already.

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## COVER STORY

### EDINBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

*Brian DeFeo*

Behind members of the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company (see cover) you will, find our three most recent additions to our fire fighting force. To the right of the photo is our Brush Truck, which has been high lighted in prior editions of The Edinburg News. In the center back, you will note our new trailer. In addition to hauling our rescue apparatus, it will eventually be fitted to serve as a warming station and command center during major emergencies. More on that at another time.

However, the star of the show is our new CAN-AM all wheel drive, side by side. This is a product of Bombardier Recreational Products. Through the assistance of District Manager and local resident Scott Walker, the Fire Company was able to secure this very important rescue vehicle.

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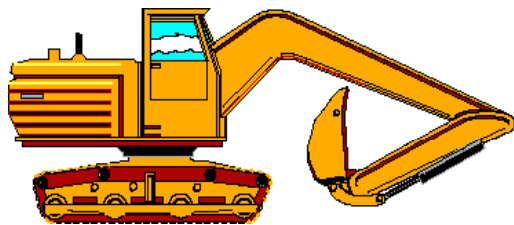
Motor Sports of Cohoes, we secured a highly unique opportunity to use the CAN-AM Defender for one year, without cost, as a program of community service for first responders. This is only awarded annually to one fire department in the entire Northeast. After a period of one year the participating department may purchase the unit at a reduced price.

This unit also comes with tracks that can be substituted for the wheels, making it almost unstoppable in snow. The unit has a six foot bed in back, perfect for transporting victims and an EMT from a remote emergency site. We have already used it in a similar fashion, transporting patients down difficult driveways to the ambulance. In addition, to hauling fire fighters and equipment up hills to remote brush fire locations. In many ways, the "Defender" should prove itself superior to using a snowmobile, once the cold weather arrives.

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# Reflections on the Lake

by *Kevin Donovan*

Life on the Great Sacandaga Lake creates many memories - some heartwarming, others funny or exciting. But this month's reflection is from a woman who made a decision years ago that she now recognizes was irresponsible and dangerous.

On an evening roughly 40 summers ago, she was socializing with friends and enjoying a few beverages at a Northampton restaurant near the lake. She was underage at the time, in fact young enough to still have a curfew imposed by her parents, but old enough to blend in with the crowd at the bar. As the evening wore on, she was having a great time, but eventually her friends, who had driven her to the tavern, had left and gone home. When she checked the time, she realized mom and dad's curfew was fast approaching, and she had no

ride to take her to her family's home across the lake in the Northville.

The young woman knew if she walked home, the fastest route would take her along the lake shore, over the Northville bridge, and then through the village to her house. She believed that would take too long and she'd miss curfew, so she looked across the darkness of the lake to the lights of the houses in the village and had an idea.

Fueled by fear of missing curfew, and perhaps by some of the beverages she had consumed, she decided she could get home faster by swimming across the lake! After all, she had grown up on the lake and was an especially strong swimmer. So, holding her clothes above her to keep them from getting soaked, she set off into the darkness, paddling with one hand and kicking to get home on time!

Fortunately, she actually made it across the lake, and with mostly dry clothes! She pulled herself onto the shore after the dark, grueling, one-handed swim; got dressed; and hurried home. Incredibly, she made curfew, and her parents never knew how she got home until she told them the story years later.

Fortunately, the woman is able to reflect on her irresponsible, youthful decision. Others are not so fortunate. It seems that each summer lives are tragically lost on the lake. The Sacandaga Protection Committee urges everyone to enjoy the lake. Let's do so responsibly and look out for one another.

Kevin Donovan is vice-president of the Sacandaga Protection Committee. To learn how the committee protects the current system of lake access and our way of life on the Great Sacandaga Lake, please visit [www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com](http://www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com).



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- Our Facebook page gives out information on events, programs, and new additions to the library's collection, as well as photos.
- Links to Overdrive for eBooks, eAudios and eMagazines for use on your mobile devices and home computers.

The library has begun its 13th year of hosting the NCS 2nd Grade Classes for visits during the 10 months of the school year. The students learn about the library and the many kinds of items we own, and borrow a book during their visit.

The Sacandaga Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 10 am in the library's program room. Pat Nugent will lead a discussion of Ray Bradbury's classic "Fahrenheit 451". Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day

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Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - Noon
Saturday	9am - Noon

to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But when he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known.

Fulton County Historian Samantha Hall-Saladino will present "(More) Spirits of the Sacandaga" on Tues Oct 24. Meet some residents in a walk at the Northville Main Street Cemetery (weather permitting) at 5:30 pm, followed by tales of haunts and urban legends of the Sacandaga Valley at 6:30 pm in the Library 2nd Floor Meeting Room. (seating is limited; registration is MANDATORY). Call 518-863-6922.

This month Halloween books and DVDs will be on display.

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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Fall is a great time of the year for hiking in the woods. If you are able to do so, it's ok to get excited when coming across a Lady's Slipper. Not an actual slipper, would be concerning (haha), but an interesting looking, wild orchid will surely bring a smile. The North American Lady Slippers are some of the most unique and unusual flowers. If you are a fan of orchids, then these flowers will seem familiar to you, because they are a type of wild and native orchid. They can be found in shady areas under mature trees. It takes over a decade for a Lady Slipper to produce flowers from seed and they are slow to replenish themselves in the wild. This is why they are a protected wildflower and can not be uprooted and taken home. That being said, some nurseries have perfected the art of growing lady slippers by seed, then sold as a tuberous rhizome



(resembles the shape of a ginger root). However, gardening this flower is not for the faint of heart. They need exact soil conditions that replicate their environment and are not, at all, an indoor plant.

Native American folklore tells the story of a village inflicted by a plague. It was mid winter and many had died, including the village healer. To save her tribe a young girl made a dangerous journey through the snow to find medicine. She succeeded, but on the way lost her moccasins causing her to run barefoot and eventually left bloody footprints in the snow. When Spring arrived, the bloody footprints sent forth moccasin flowers aka Lady Slippers as a reminder of her bravery. Different variations of this story exist among many Native American tribes. Other than legend, what was so important about this orchid to the Native Americans? It was more

than mere beauty, they were equally valuable as medicine. The Native Americans relied on them to bring down fevers, cure headaches and other inflammations. They collected the roots in the fall or early spring, dried them out and ground them into a powder. (A note of caution—remember, the Lady's Slipper Orchids take years to grow back and are hard to cultivate, so doing this today is highly discouraged and illegal). Since many of the active ingredients didn't dissolve in water, they often used some form of alcohol instead.

It didn't take long for the European descended settlers to come to appreciate the quality of this flower as well, which was the ability to soothe. Drinking tinctures of lady's slipper roots was a popular remedy for insomnia, anxiety, or general emotional tension. Let it be known that the beauty of this flower did not carry through in the tincture. One 19th century writer referred to the tincture as "the color of a ruby with the scent of fecal matter."

Thank goodness we don't have to worry about drinking Lady Slipper tincture anymore. We certainly can continue to enjoy their beauty in their natural surroundings. The Lady Slipper legend encourages us to do better, to take the high road even when it's against all odds.



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Northville Girls Scholarship Reunion picnic was held on Saturday September 9 at the American Legion Pavilion. Classes as early as 1951 were in attendance. The food was catered by Shelby's 4 corners Diner, Tops and Klippel's Kozy Korner, all places have alumni owners or workers. This is an annual event to raise money for the scholarship fund that is given to 3 Northville senior girls who are actively involved in community service and are children of prior alumni. Raffles and food were plentiful and a great time was had by all who attended. The committee will meet again shortly to start planning for next year's event. If you are interested in participating in the planning of future years events, please join the facebook group, for all the details. The winners of the scholarship in 2023 were: Sophia Reidell, Emma Ludwig and Isabella Edwards. These girls are all daughters of prior alumni.



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## Northville Rotary Grows "Service Above Self"

Northville Rotary Club, led by president Naomi Darling Parker has just finished a very productive September, serving the community while having fun.

On Labor Day weekend, members volunteered at the Ring of Fire 5k road race. This year saw a record number of runners. While not sponsored by Rotary, this race raises funds to support local service organizations. For that reason, Rotary members offered help in running the registration table, handing out water, even holding the tape at

the finish line.

In August, Rotary Club received a request from Boy Scout Troop 55 for assistance in purchasing a new box trailer. At a special Rotary meeting, Scouts Dane Roberts and Nolan Sawyer presented a slideshow detailing some of the many camping trips, large scout gatherings and other ways that the troop had used their now unsafe nineteen year old trailer. They told the group that the trailer has become too costly to repair, adding that the cost for a new trailer is estimated to be \$11,000. The troop has already held several fundraisers and has others planned.

At a later meeting, Rotary members voted to support the scouts by offering a matching grant of \$5,500. So, when the troop raises \$5,500

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through other fundraising efforts, Rotary will present the troop with a check for the matching amount. Please help the scouts reach their goal by supporting their fundraising efforts.

Rotary has two special events planned for October. First is our "Friendsgiving" dinner on Sunday, October 15th at 3PM. Members and friends of Northville Rotary Club are invited to Hales Mills Country Club for a relaxing, you won't have to cook, Thanksgiving style turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please contact Sue Owens at [sowens26@gmail.com](mailto:sowens26@gmail.com) for more information.

On Thursday October 26 from 6-8PM, Rotary will host its first ever Acoustic Jam at the Northville Public Library. NCS students in grades 7-12 are invited to sign up to perform a solo, acoustic only selection: (vocal or instrumental) song, dramatic or comedic reading, or spoken word poetry. Performances will be limited to seven minutes. There will be no tryouts. Only ten students will be able to perform. Interested students should sign up at NCS starting October 1st. Rotary will award cash prizes to the top three performers.

This event is free. There is limited seating. Please call the library at (518) 863-6922 to reserve a seat.

Northville Rotary Club is always happy to welcome community members who are interested in learning more about the club to their Thursday night meetings. Please contact Sue Owens (email above) for specific meeting dates/locations/times.

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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Since we left New York to drive home to the Keys, our life has been a little crazy. We followed torrential rain and wind storms all of the way down the coast. Billy was a trooper driving the truck with a 26' toy hauler loaded with the jeep and motorcycle. I, on the other hand, was a white knuckled, nervous mess. I knew enough to keep my mouth shut. I was not worried about his driving but definitely worried about others. Even under ideal weather conditions the drive is crazy. So many people do what they want and common sense is often thrown out the window. We are thankful that we arrived home safely.

The first order of business, the next day was getting everything out of the house that was

stowed away, in case of a hurricane, and placing items where they belong. This was followed by taming the overgrown yard, unloading the toy hauler and reload it with the boxes of items we keep in storage. It felt so good when everything was clean and in it's place. It is always fun to travel and visit family and friends but it feels so good to be home!

Before we left Key West to head north, I had agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator, for a group we belong to. After four days of cleaning and organizing, I went to a meeting for training. I still had not rested from the drive and getting our house back in order. I was shocked and dismayed that there was a cumbersome paperwork process I had to deal with. Trying to navigate through the organization's website and tools was nothing short of daunting to me. I was immediately overwhelmed and my head started swimming. I had all I could do to be coherent. Fortunately a new member who I had not met yet, had stepped up to work with me, prior to the meeting. While I found everything overwhelming, the new person is fortunately very calm and has the ability to work through computer issues. I hated my feelings of inadequacy and incompetence but I left the meeting determined to learn to do everything on my own. Well. . . I freaked out every time I hit a road block, which was often the first week. I was frustrating myself and my husband. I was so happy when I had time to sit down with my new partner. I realized that she had the same issues that I was having but she was able to work through it all. She had the confidence to try different things on the computer

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and was able to set everything up to meet our needs. I on the other hand had a tantrum every time I had a problem. When we sat together I realized I had not done anything wrong, I was

just being insecure. That is a feeling that I have not experienced in many years. Leigh helped me work through everything. I was actually making everything harder. After a few hours with her, I felt ready to start writing the invitations for volunteer sign ups, for the first two big events in October. I prayed about what I had to do for two days. When I sat down to tackle the job I had a clear head. I was so happy when the invitations were written and reviewed. I felt great until I hit the save button. Suddenly my computer started screaming virus alert. Several items popped up telling me that I had a virus that was linked to fraudulent websites. I could not turn the volume down or shut the computer off. Billy and I were furiously looking up information on our phones about what to do. We recognized immediately, the alert was a scam. I was a complete mess when I finally shut down the computer. Fortunately I was able to get an immediate appointment at a local computer repair store. The staff recognized I was on the verge of a breakdown and promised I would get my computer back by the next morning. Billy took me to lunch and I started feeling calmer. As we were driving home, I saw a tiny kitten racing through busy traffic, frantically trying to reach the side of the road. It could barely jump up on the curb and was shaking so hard. Then there was another kitten doing the same thing. Cars around us stopped and blocked traffic in both directions. People jumped out of

their cars to get to the kittens. I just sat there crying and feeling helpless. Someone had abandoned these babies onto the highway. I am thankful for those people who pulled over around us, trying to help. Someone took the kittens to care for. I was happy they were safe. A few hours later I got the call to pick up my computer. The kittens found a home and my computer was back to me in three hours. My mood took an upward swing.

After the stress from the last few weeks and the computer/Janice meltdown I had to take time to breathe and relax. Billy and I spent time on the boat, fishing and playing on the sandbars. We went



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downtown and met with friends and chilled at home. Thankfully I can say that I am calmer and thinking more clearly now.

I like being retired and not having to meet deadlines. When I took on two different volunteer roles I obviously did not think about how my life would have deadlines in it again. I just have to control what I can and plan better. A little less playing and a little more structure. I KNOW that I can do this!

Life is too short to be stressed all of the time. Some of the questions that we need to ask ourselves are:

1. What am I doing with my life? Am I living life to the fullest and spending it with family and friends?

2. Do I appreciate the beauty that is around me every day, no matter where I am?

3. Am I being the best person I can be and do I reach out and let others know how much they mean to me?

Sometimes we just need to get out of our heads!! Many of us take on too many obligations and it can be stressful. Communication is VITAL! Talk about how you are feeling. Admit when you do not know how to do something and lay it on the line with those around you. We are never too old to learn. Be honest, talk things through, and keep an open mind.

In the midst of life's craziness, step outside, look around and give thanks for where you are and what you have. Remember just breathe and you can continue on . Enjoy your fall to the fullest!

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# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

The leaves are starting to change, and the weather is getting a bit cooler. Now is the time to take a drive to Northville and enjoy all that it has to offer.

On Saturday, October 7th, the Village will be hosting Fall Fest in the Waterfront Park from 9-5 p.m. We will have vendors, entertainment and activities in the park. Some local churches will be hosting events around the community as well. St. Francis Church will be having their annual bazaar on Bridge Street, The United Presbyterian Church will be having their Basket Bonanza Silent Auction, along with homemade soups and chili at the Red Barn on Main Street, and the First United Methodist Church will be having their annual pie sale at the corner of Main and Washington. Take a stroll through our commercial district, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the scenery.

Police Chief Rick Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for August 2023 was 76 (this does

not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). Since assuming the role of Chief in April 2023, Chief Richardson has worked at meeting the mandatory New York Standards for Accreditation that were required to be completed by October 2023, in addition to filling patrol shifts. Chief Richardson received notice from the Division of Criminal Justice Services that on September 14th, the Accreditation Council approved and granted certification of the Northville Police Department in accordance with the Mandatory Certification Program. The Village's certification is valid through 2027. Through Chief Richardson's hard work and dedication, the certification was completed prior to the deadline established by the State.



The Northville-Northampton Joint Youth Commission received a \$ 1000.00 donation from some of the proceeds of the Ring of Fire 5K that was recently held.

There are several properties in our commercial and mixed-used district that are currently on the market and have been recently advertised. There are great opportunities for investors to breathe new life into these properties which are all located in our historic district. In discussion with our grant

writer, we learned there are plenty of grant opportunities available though NYS. Projects eligible for grants may include those that reduce blight conditions by renovating historic structures with new uses that bring vitality to the downtown, those that open new businesses and bring in jobs and customers, and those that renovate facade and commercial space for businesses with residential space on second floors. We encourage interested investors to explore NY Forward grants and NYS



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Looking ahead, we are still working on our Tree Lighting and Lighted Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at 5 p.m. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, please email [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com). Last year, we had a great turnout! We want to keep that momentum going and increase our numbers this year!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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On Saturday, October 7th from 10 AM through 1 PM the Northville United Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual Basket Bonanza Silent Auction. This will take place at the Red Barn on Main Street during Northville's annual Oktoberfest. This is an annual event that the Northville Presbyterian Church has been hosting for a number of years. Participants are encouraged to arrive early, as bidding ends at 1 PM.

According to Pam Hanke, one of the event's coordinators, this is more of a community outreach versus fundraising activity for the church. It is an opportunity to meet new people and see friends in the community. Another of the event coordinators, Jane Swanson, states that "I am always amazed at the creativity of the baskets we receive." Some of the past basket themes have included the following; autumn, wine, children's games, household goods, bird, dog/cat, beach, and food related baskets.

In addition to the basket bonanza silent auction, the Northville, United Presbyterian Church will have a large variety of homemade soups, chili, and baked goods for sale. There are always many delicious items available. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun event on Saturday, October 7th. We hope to see you there!

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Brian DeFeo

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Take the case of these well know names: Sara Lee, Oscar Mayer, Dr. Pepper, Aunt Jemima, Chef Boyardee, Mrs. Filbert, Betty Crocker, and let's not forget Little Debbie. Names we have grown up with. But did they ever actually exist, real people, or are they just advertising gimmicks? I really had no idea.

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1963 was the launch of that all too familiar jingle, you are currently singing in your head. "Oh I wish ....". Little people were initially hired to represent Oscar Mayer in their traveling Weirnermobile. Some of these individuals went on to have roles as members of the Munchkins in The Wizard of Oz. Oscar Mayer was in the first group of companies to embrace the new Equal Opportunity Employment Law of 1964. And that's no B-O-L-O-G-N-A.

"Everybody doesn't like something ...". Well who wouldn't like Sara Lee? She was the eight year old granddaughter of Charles Lublin the owner of what would become the Kitchen Of Sara Lee. But she never did the baking.

Sorry Betty Crocker fans, she never really

existed. She was a 1929 marketing tool of Washburn's Gold Medal Flour. Although "her" radio show became the first nation-wide cooking program. It is an amazing fact that this non person was so famous, that in 1945 Fortune Magazine declared her the second most known American Woman, next to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. A person created not born, starting to sound familiar when one considers the internet.

If Dr. Pepper was a doctor, he or she was practicing without a license. As most of the information available points to there never having been a Dr. Pepper associated with this beverage. The drink was formulated in 1885 in Waco, Texas. The lingo at the local Drug Store was oddly enough, "shoot them a Waco".

Next month we will continue with the very interesting history of Chef Boyardee and Aunt Jemima, among others.

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*Roberta MacIntyre Games*

I was outside looking for the cat. He is mostly grey and spends most of his time lying around.

After four passes I finally spotted him, there the whole time disguised as a rock. How many times I would have walked right past that snake, bird or frog if they hadn't spooked and moved. If they had stayed still they would have remained unseen. Camouflage, it makes me think of creatures that look like sticks and leaves or moths and butterflies that have huge "eyes" on their wings to look menacing to predators or blend in with the bark on trees. Of course hunters both human and animal know that blending in is an advantage, their prey also using camouflage to their benefit. Fawns with their dappled spots that mimic the sunlight dancing through the leaves on the forest floor and deer with their

darker brown coloring bedding down in the leaves are naturally hidden. Seasonal changes help both predator and prey. The least weasel and ermine turn white in the winter as well as the snowshoe hare. Works well for them unless we have no snow! Occasionally wildlife will exhibit color variations that are not in their favor. A friend had a white



deer mount in his home. Could be what is called a white deer, just having a coat change but not a true albino. White deer with brown eyes do not have the pink eyes and nose of an albino deer. Albinism is an absence of melanin with a genetic cause. Grey squirrels can be white but are usually "leucistic" not albino. If a squirrel were albino the eyes would not function well enough for the coordination a squirrel needs in the trees.

Camouflage aids wildlife in survival and reproduction, without it survival is difficult if not impossible. Other color variations include what is known as a "cross" fox. An old trapper tells us of this color morph which causes a dark "cross" on the red fox's fur across the back and shoulders.

Very common in the northern forests back in the day, they were virtually wiped out due to the fur trade and are now rare although he told us that he has seen them here in the Adirondacks. Last year while kayaking at Stewarts Pond I spotted a black squirrel and another on the other side of the pond on the same day. Recently and for the last few years I have seen close to half a dozen just where I am located and I hear folks saying the



same thing that they are seeing black squirrels as well. According to my field guide grey squirrels are shown with a black phase, they are not a distinct species but grey squirrels with a pigment gene missing. My research yielded some info that black phase squirrels may have been more common when our forests were old growth with thick canopy and these environs did give them an advantage. If you have ever hiked in an area like this I could imagine their dark fur disappearing into the shadows and fir trees. The black fur absorbs and retains heat better than the lighter fur and they are much easier to see on the road! Perhaps that is their advantage. Research estimates that black squirrels are about 1 in 10,000 to grey squirrels. So if there are half a dozen black squirrels here in my neighborhood does that mean we have 60,000 grey squirrels here? Sounds like either a horror movie or an immediate need to invest in squirrel proof birdfeeders!

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*Roberta, a biology major and nature buff is a longtime Sacandaga area resident and loves sharing about her encounters with wildlife.*

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### Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC!

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."* – from Anne of Green Gables Anne Shirley, the dreamy orphan heroine of Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery's 1908 novel Anne of Green Gables, makes this remark reflecting on the beauty of autumn on Prince Edward Island, where the farm Green Gables is located. And going by Montgomery's description, the farmstead seems particularly beautiful in October: October was a beautiful month at Green Gables, when the birches in the hollow turned as golden as sunshine and the maples behind the orchard were royal crimson and the wild cherry trees along the lane put on the loveliest shades of dark red and bronzy green, while the fields sunned themselves in aftermaths. Anne reveled in the world of color about her. Oh, Marilla," she exclaimed one Saturday morning, coming dancing in with her arms full of gorgeous boughs, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it? Look

at these maple branches. Don't they give you a thrill—several thrills? I'm going to decorate my room with them."

In Ecclesiastes 3, we are told that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. The autumnal season is upon us and, like Anne Shirley in Anne of Green Gables, we are glad we live in a world where there are Octobers. Yes, it's getting cooler, but those who love sweater weather and evenings around the fire pits are not complaining. The skies seem bluer, the sun still bright; and, here in the Adirondacks, the hillsides will be ablaze in color ... a joy to behold!

On October 1, our church, along with thousands of others, will celebrate World Communion Sunday as we gather at the Lord's Table. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to the table.

On October 7, beginning at 9 am, we will have a pie sale. This is a great time to purchase a pie to tuck away in your freezer for the holidays ... or, feel free to grab a fork and dive right in!

October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. We are glad that Pastor Ron and his wife, Maggie, continue to be in worship with us each week.

Our church children recently chose to make a donation of a flock of chickens to Heifer Project and we will be choosing another project soon. Who knows? Could be a cow, a pig, a gaggle of geese! We'll have to wait and see what the kids want to do.

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesdays, 2-5 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags if possible. All purchases are by donation. Gently worn, good, clean, used clothing only is accepted and welcomed. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, BEDDING, ETC. We cannot emphasize this enough! We have added a jewelry room on the second floor across from the church office. It will be open during regular Thrift Shop hours.

We ask God's blessing on you as you move into the glorious month of October; and, we invite everyone to join us on Sunday mornings for music, prayer, and interesting sermons, including a children's time with the pastor.

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God's Grace and Peace to all! School has started and fall is upon us. It was a pleasure to have the children attend our service for the Blessing of the Backpacks. We are planning a Fall Festival/ Halloween event for October 29th at 12 noon. We will have games, prizes and candy for all. Costumes are optional. Our mission is to provide a safe and fun event for the children.

"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

The leaves are changing and all of God's splendor is being revealed. Indeed, natural beauty is one of the most unmistakable ways 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 at creation, recognize God's greatness. The same God who created spectacular vistas and 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!

We are working on planning more events for the community. Follow our Facebook page for details.

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 based on the Scriptures as written. We welcome everyone! Our church motto is: Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.



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Northampton United Methodist at Fish House invites you to join us as we seek to share God’s love as revealed through Jesus Christ. We welcome all to join us for a time of hearing God’s word, singing the hymns of faith, and having fellowship with one another. We are a historic congregation located on the shore of Great Sacandaga Lake.

Responding to Your Questions – A series of sermons on questions submitted to pastor.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM

Bible Study Wednesday at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 9:00 AM Communion  
(All Welcome)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 – 10:00 am –  
Church Council (Open Meeting)

### UPCOMING SERMONS

10/01 God’s Love in Action  
Matthew 26:17-30; Philippians 2:1-13

10/08 Sharing Our Faith  
Stories of God at Work in the World

10/15 Responding to Your Questions – Part 1  
Preaching on topics submitted to pastor.

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Preaching on topics submitted to pastor.

You are also invited to join us in our Mission Project of providing safe water to Africa communities. Marion Medical Mission reminds us that: “Globally 1,800 children die every day from water-borne disease.”

### Holidays

It is the middle of September as I write this column for October’s newspaper and already the stores are filled with treats and decorations for Halloween. Some will decry the commercialism of the holiday while others will rejoice in the abundance of resources to make everything festive and encourage a fun filled few days. It is also interesting how the meaning of holidays can change through the years and as they are adopted by different groups.

Halloween has become a holiday associated with ghosts, tricks, and treats. Christianity though



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tried to give it a different twist. It has taken its emphasis on the dead to remember and celebrate those whose lives have demonstrated the difference that being open to the redeeming power of God's love and the ability of the Holy Spirit to enable one to live a Christ like life. It is the evening prior to the celebration of the lives of Saints or All Hollow's Eve. It is a time to remember and celebrate the life of Saints, individuals whose lives demonstrate the power of a life redeemed by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in the world. It is a time to be inspired to rededicate oneself to following the way of Jesus, to be channels of God's love.

There is Good News in the person of a loving God who forgives and offers the power to enable us to be bearers of God's love. Local Faith Communities stand ready to walk with you offering hope and equipping you to share God's love with others. If you don't currently have a church home, we would gladly welcome you to join Northampton at Fish House on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

You also can join us in our weekly Bible study

on Wednesday at 10:00 AM and in receiving the Daily Photo Devotion by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

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## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

*Dianne Knapp, Board Member*

*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." - A.A. Milne in Winnie-the-Pooh.*

As Vice President of Sacandaga Valley Arts Network, I am well aware that it takes many hours of work and dedication for an all-volunteer organization to function. My heart is full of gratitude as I review summer and look forward to the fall season.

Thanks goes to the music committee, Barb Spaeth and Don Hoffman. We had a very successful Summer Concert Series in the Northville Waterfront Park, with attendance close to 2,000 guests over the season! This series is supported by local merchants, grant writing and individual donations by concert goers.

Our committee is not at rest but is busy with scheduling winter concerts, writing grants, and securing contracts with musicians for summer 2024.

Our gallery managers, Linda Hinkle, Sandra Peters and Carolyn Wilcox, kept our galleries filled with local artists' works. The recent reception at the Northville Gallery and Gift Shop was an enjoyable time where guests were able to enjoy the exhibit of art and talk with the artists while partaking in refreshments provided by volunteers.

The fall season brings all new artwork to our galleries. The new rotation at the Northville Gallery and Gift Shop, opening on September 15th, runs through November 11 when a new call of Art will go out. We're grateful for Donna Frederick who schedules the volunteers, and for those volunteers who open the doors and receive our gallery guests. The Tourist Information Center in Vail Mills will present new artwork beginning in November. SVAN is excited to present the works of Leslie Ford at our Northville Library Gallery (341 S 3rd Street). The exhibition

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will be open September 18 through November 26 during regular library hours. A Meet the Artist reception is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 6-8pm. Refreshments will be provided during this opportunity to talk with acrylic mixed media artist Leslie Ford to learn about her art work and her creative process.

I must also express my gratitude to our member artists! It takes time and organization to have artwork ready on scheduled dates for hanging. Needless to say, a gallery with empty walls isn't really a gallery.

In August, some of our Artist Members opened their studios to the public on the well organize Art Trails. This successful annual event was chaired by Carolyn Wilcox. Over 600 people, coming from 97 different locations attended this year! Carolyn is already making plans for even better 2024 Art Trails. We are thankful for Linda Hinkle who designed the map and brochure for that event.

Many of our artists go above and beyond by donating their treasures to SVAN to support our fund raising efforts. Did you attend the social event on August 22nd? These artists generously donated artworks

for the silent auction held during that event: Constance Dodge, Leslie Ford, Alex Higgins, Andy Janik, Sharon Janik, Michele Johnsen, Sandra Peters, Robert Porter, Patricia Towers, and Carolyn Wilcox. Thanks, too, to all of our guests at that event, those who bid on items, and our hosts, The Local Dine and Spirits!

The generosity and talents of our member artists continue to be displayed. Artistically decorated boat paddles are currently on display at the S. Main Street



Painting by Leslie Ford

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Gallery. These paddles can be yours if you make a winning bid! Margaret Draffen, Linda Hinkle, and Don Hoffman have completed their paddles. Promises to deliver a finished paddle come from Linda Finch, Andy Janik and Dianne Knapp. These paddles will be on final display in the SVAN booth at the Northville Fall Festival, October 7, in the Waterfront Park.

Fund-raising is always an important part of a successful not-for-profit. Managing those funds and our yearly budget as well as other finances can get complicated. Carolyn Darkangelo is our busy treasurer for whom we are grateful. One more reason my heart is full. Carolyn has one committee member who comes with credentials to support his role. Chris Frederick donates his time calculating the sales at the Northville Gallery and Gift Shop, after which he writes the checks that go to the artists who have sold works.

The office of treasurer is one of several executive positions. We are grateful to have Linda Brown as our membership chairperson. You may have received renewal emails or letters from Linda. She serves an important role by organizing and keeping track of member information. Organizing and record keeping is supported by our dedicated and talented secretary Shelley Murphy. You will recognize Shelley if you have attended any of Sacandaga Musical

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Theater performances. She mentioned plans for the 2024 Hot Nights at our last Board of Directors Meeting. Watch for details in the future.

The Board of Directors is completed by Members-at-Large. SVAN seeks to have board members with a diverse background and varying viewpoints. We are lucky to have Don Hoffman, Margaret Draffen, and Barbara Spaeth currently serving in that role. We welcome interested people to attend a board meeting to see us in action. Maybe you will find your place around our table. We'd like to hear your ideas for growing the organization.

Once a year SVAN hosts an Annual Members Meeting. We have an exciting plan for the 2023 meeting! John VanAlstine and Caroline Ramersdorfer have graciously offered to host our meeting at The Adirondack Sacandaga River Sculpture Park in Wells, NY on Sunday, October 15th. Reservations will be required because space is limited. Call or text 518-863-8047. During that meeting we will hold elections for the slate of officers: President Dianne Knapp, Vice President (open), Secretary Shelley Murphy, Treasurer

Carolyn Darkangelo. We will also vote to welcome Ron Geary to the position of Member-at large which has a three year term. To nominate someone, or volunteer to fill an at-large seat, please contact [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org).

November kicks off with a hands-on workshop given by professional weaver Beverly Cornelius. Beverly will provide materials and guidance in the creation of a woven reindeer decoration on November 4, 1-4 pm at the Northville South Main Street Gallery. (Registration required).

Communications keep the community and our membership informed. I'm grateful for Pam Broiles who has published the online news "SVAN Grapevine" for many years, and for Carolyn Darkangelo who publishes the printed members Newsletter. Our website is updated by our board of directors with support from Ben Knapp, one of our many volunteers. SVAN is a growing organization and we are grateful to all our members, volunteers and supporters! For further information about things mentioned in this article please visit our website: [svanarts.org](http://svanarts.org). For the most updated information feel free to email any of our board members.

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Notice the new addition to our list of needs. I realize that there are other small ways to help our children during the winter months, and it was brought to my attention that the very young have occasional wetting accidents and new underwear would be of help. Underwear for boys and girls in the preschool and kindergarten age group is most in need.

To heighten awareness of the need for warm clothing for children in our community, I am encouraging everyone to give to the program, make a difference and touch the lives of our young people.

Place your gift of mittens, gloves, hats or warm socks and undies in the mitten baskets found at any of the Northville churches or local stores before Jan 10th.

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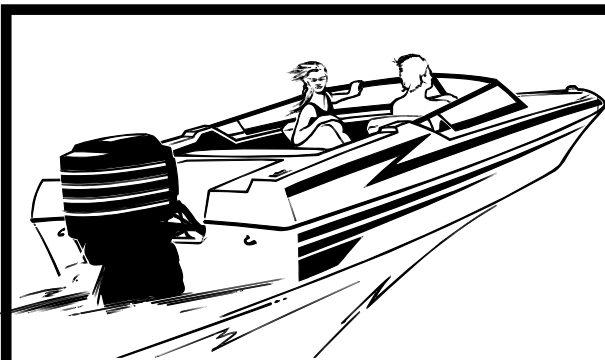
It's good to learn early in life, that life is NOT all about ME! Our problems teach us that! God has a reason for allowing hardships in our lives. Not that we want them, but we do become stronger

because of life's difficulties. If you've ever broken a bone the doctor will tell you that part of your bone will now be stronger. It's true in life too. Adversity changes us, improves us and makes us who we are, and even helps us to help others. We become stronger – just like that bone. We can rejoice in our trials because God is in control! We need Him!

Adversity draws us closer to God. It's sad to say, but true that we will finally turn to God and pray when we go through a rough time. Our Heavenly Father wants us to go to Him! He wants us to ask Him for help and to rely on Him. Just like we as parents like it when our children come to us for help, guidance, and advice. We feel appreciated, honored, and loved. That's what God want us to do, too. Turn to Him today if you haven't already. You need Him!

This month we look forward to an uplifting Missions Month. We appreciate our missionaries' dedication to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and the small part we can play in sending them. If you can make it out to church on these dates, here is our month's line up for Mission's Month.

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- Oct. 1: Abbey Ballard (Life Saver Ministries)  
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10 am Morning Service  
Church Potluck Dinner 4:30 pm followed by Pastor Klueg's report on his trip to SE Asia.
- Oct. 8: Mitch Glazer (Pres. of Chosen Peoples Ministries)  
8:45 am Sun. School  
10 am Morning Service
- Oct. 15: Glenn and Dorothy Budd (Missionaries to Peru)  
8:45 am Sun. School & 10 am Morning Service
- Oct 26: Stephen Marshall (France) Thurs. Night Prayer Meeting (7 pm)
- Oct. 29: Stephen Simpson (Pres. of Faith Baptist Mission)  
8:45 am Sun. School  
10 am Morning Service

If you are unable to get to church we Live Stream our Sunday morning services. You can watch them on our church website, The Baptist Church of Northville ([bconny.org](http://bconny.org))

**Our weekly schedule is:**

- Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 11:30 a.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. @ BCON Corner
- 1st Sun. of the month: Family Night: 6 p.m. with refreshments & service following.
- Monday: Bible Club (K-5th) after school – 4 p.m. @ church. Sr. High Girls Bible Study @ 7 p.m. Man Up Bible Study @ BCON Corner 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m. BCON Corner. Moms & Tots: 2nd Wed. of the month @ 9:30 a.m. (Call church for location)
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Worship Choir Practice: 8 p.m.
- Home Small Groups: Sun. Tues. and Wed nights in homes. (Call the church for details)

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## Hidden behind a wall - Part 1

Sometimes you find history in the strangest of places. During a recent renovation of Lazy River a building, at 1000 Acres Ranch Resort in Stony Creek New York, a name was discovered written on a beam that was behind a wall. The name was John W Darling. I was contacted to see if I could provide any information on John. I had started to look through some books and papers, and was contacted again and told that another name had been found about about 10 feet away on the same beam. This name was Charles P Darling. I knew that there was a Darling road in the Knowlhurst area, and information about a Darling family in David and Edythe Haskell's big blue book: A History of Stony Creek N.Y. Early Stony Creek Families who arrived prior to 1880, but not a lot more than that as Darling isn't a typical Stony Creek name. So I started with the Haskell's book and went on to censuses, newspaper articles, Ancestry, and other resources and was able to put together who John and Charles Darling were.

John Darling the father of John and Charles was born about 1794 and their mother was Fanny Hemstreet born about 1801.

They had 7 children: Cynthia born about 1828, Jeremiah (Jerry) born about 1829/30, John Wesley born 1832, Mary born about 1834, Charles Pomeroy born February 22, 1836 in Luzerne N.Y., Thomas O. born about 1840/41 and James D born about 1846.

In the 1850 Luzerne census John W age 18 and his brother Charles age 14 were living with their parents and siblings. In the 1855 Luzerne census John W age 24 and Charles age 20 were living with their parents and siblings. In the 1860 of Luzerne Fanny their mother widowed (John her husband had died in 1858) was living with her 4 children. In the 1860 Stony Creek census John W age listed as 29 living in Creek Center with the Daniel Currier family as a laborer, located near

the John H Cameron family. (In the 1865 and 1870 Saratoga census Daniel is listed as carpenter.) Also in the 1860 Stony Creek census was Charles P age 25 in Creek Center with his wife Jane listed as a farmer located next to John P Bowman. In Charles obituary it states that he married Jane Hall at Luzerne on February 17, 1859.

On May 8, 1861 John and Charles enlisted at Glens Falls New York for 2 years in the Civil War. On John's muster papers it states that he was 30 years old, his eye color grey, hair light auburn, complexion light and height 5'9 1/4" and his occupation was carpenter/joiner. John was discharged in June of 1863.

An interesting side note for Charles: From his widow Jane Darling's testimony, shortly after his enlistment he got measles, his regiment moved to Albany, he rejoined the regiment had a relapse in camp, affection of the lungs, a surgeon recommended discharge. The men of his company

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persuaded that they give him a furlough to restore his health before discharge, soldier was taken to a private home and after several months, Charles again started to join his regiment in the south but informed by his physician he would be unable to reach his regiment in the condition he was in. The captain after being informed wrote said soldier that under the circumstances he would not expect his return.....on his muster roll it states discharge June 1861, official discharge 1863. On September 28, 1914, 7 years after Charles died Jane his wife applied for a pension. I am living with an unmarried daughter who is employed as a school teacher in Postville Iowa. I have practically no property of my own and depend on my said daughter for support. A pension was granted although Charles P had never received a pension probably due to the shortness of his service.

To be continued...

## Sufficiency

Shellie Kovaleski

What other nation grows an abundant and substantial food crop mostly just to gaze upon?

Tons and tons, truck loads of good food, are destined just to cluster handsomely on the porch, or look spooky, till they collapse from frostbite. Yes, the great American pumpkin harvest is primarily decorative. Do we even eat half of them I wonder?

Yet pumpkin recipes are abundant. Here's my latest discovery, out of some cookbook with the word gourmet on the cover. I knew it was a winner as soon as I saw it because it was exactly like my watermelon pickle recipe except, of course, for the signature ingredient.

If you're not ready to chop up your pumpkin just yet you'll have to practice on a watermelon

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Once you've invested the time it takes to cut up the rind your work is practically done.

Trim the rinds so they are free of the hard outer shell and none of the red flesh remains. If you start with long slices an inch wide they can be easily cleaned up with a good potato peeler. Cut into bite sized chunks.

Set the rinds in a pot, just covered with lightly salted water. Bring to a boil and simmer a few minutes till just tender. Meanwhile, start the syrup in a smaller pot.

For 7# of rind (a big melon, thick rind, over a gallon of pieces) use 7 cups of sugar and 2 cups apple cider vinegar plus 7 cinnamon sticks and 2 tablespoons whole cloves. Stir and bring to a boil.

For 4# of rind (around 8-10 cups of chunks; 2 and a half quarts) 4 cups of sugar and a scant cup of apple cider vinegar plus 4 or 5 cinnamon sticks and a tablespoon of whole cloves

Pour salt water off when rinds become just tender, and pour syrup onto the rinds. It may not cover them entirely. Cover pot and let sit overnight. Twenty-four hours later, pour syrup back unto smaller pot and reboil. A day later repeat

previous step. They keep indefinitely in the fridge but usually they won't be around too long. Can in a hot water bath if you want to keep them on the shelf.

The variations are up to you. Substitute nearly ripe plums or pears if you can get them. Try ginger instead of cinnamon or cloves. When you make pumpkin pickles remember that they are luscious on a bed of softly whipped cream.

We've all tossed away old pumpkins and watermelon rinds without a thought, but once you've sampled these treats you might think again. Bon appetit!

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## Prospect Hill Cemetery clean up and closure

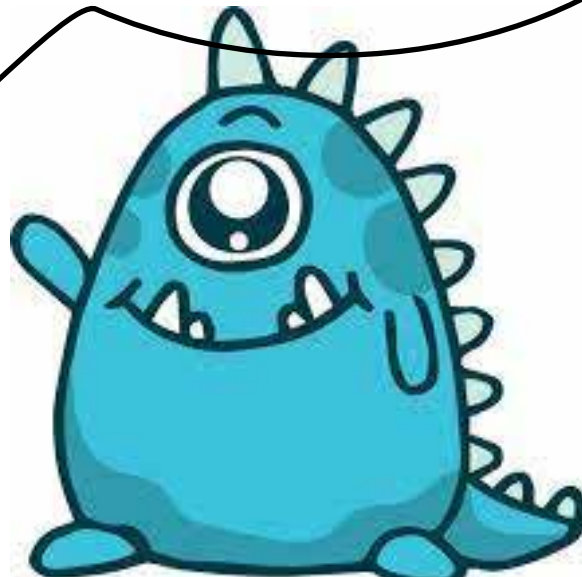
Believe it or not, winter is right around the corner and it's time to start cleaning up Prospect Hill Cemetery.

All graves will need to be cleaned off for winter. So please remove all plastic flowers and anything that is important/sentimental to you, no later than November 1st, 2023. After November 1st, anything left on the graves will be taken as non-sentimental items and will be removed/thrown away. There are barrels all around the Cemetery to throw away all unwanted items. You should also think about cleaning out any cement urn planters and turn them over, so the snow doesn't break them. If you have any urn planters that need to be discarded due to damage and you no longer want them, please let me know and I will have them removed and thrown away.

The entrances into the Cemetery will be blocked/chained off so no motorized vehicles can enter the Cemetery from December 1st to April 1st, weather permitting. Meaning, if we get a snowstorm in November the entrance ways will be closed from that point on. Last year we had a few vehicles entering our cemetery and damage was done to graves/markers. You are more than welcome to walk into the cemetery, but please do not drive in or try to plow your way in.

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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 2023-2024 school year and we look forward to all the fun fall



activities our region has to offer.

On Friday, September 15, 2023, the Edinburg Common School District honored our Grandparents/Special Persons day with a breakfast. Approximately 48 grandparents and/or special persons were able to join 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 ECS Discovery Kids Program will be starting on Friday, October 13th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The Discovery Kids Program will be held twice 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.



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## “An Eagle Eye on . . . ”

Students in grades PK through 2nd grade are honored monthly for their great character, being a good friend to their peers, making great choices, and displaying great work ethic in class. The teachers and staff at ECS think you are doing a fantastic job! Keep up the hard work! Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for October 2023. Please join us at the next Eagle Afternoon on October 5, 2023 at 2:30 PM in the gymnasium to honor these students :

### October

PK - Caroline

K - Konner

1 - Kenley

2 - Matthew

Parent Teacher Conferences for the fall of 2023-2024 will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2023 and Friday, November 2, 2023. During these two half days and evening hours, teachers will have conferences with parents and/or guardians to discuss the first months of school. It is very important for our teachers and families to have these connections to discuss the positive things happening in the classroom and/or any concerns either may have since returning to school. Teachers will be in contact with parents to schedule those meetings if you didn't have the opportunity to sign up during Open House. Please make every effort to attend.

Halloween Parade - On Tuesday, October 31st at 1:30 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.

Classroom parties will take place immediately following the parade! If a snack is requested, your classroom teacher will reach out to the parents.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Just a reminder that the Edinburg PTO will be holding the Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffles on Saturday, November 4, 2023. 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](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and/or like our school Facebook page.

### Dates to Remember:

October 3rd - PTO Meeting 4:45 PM

October 5th - Eagle Afternoon 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

October 6th - No School Superintendent Conference Day

October 9th - Columbus Day - No School

October 10th - Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm

October 11th - Public Safety Day

October 27th - Picture Retake Day

October 31st - Halloween Parade 1:30 PM



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## Sacandaga Alzheimer's Care Team Training

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Do you have 2-3 hours per month to help someone in our community?

## PICKLE IN THE PARK



**Pickle in the Park** is a pickleball membership club in **Sacandaga Park**. There are 5 outdoor courts and 1 (heated) indoor court. Access to the courts and parking is off Rt30, on the East side, at the 45mph sign just North of McKinley Avenue. We have games and practices most days. All you need to play is proper court shoes and a paddle. The rules of the game are easy to learn and there are lots of instructional videos on U-Tube. Like tennis, you can play singles or doubles. Playing schedule info and membership communications are through a phone app called Heja. The outdoor playing season is mid-April to mid-October. In the winter or when it rains, we play on the indoor court. We have players at all skill levels—beginners to 5.0 tournament level. The membership fee per player for 2023 is \$175 for each season and \$300 for both indoor and outdoor season. The daily summer guest fee is \$10 per day/player. Saturday September 9 is Tournament Day, open to members and guests. For further info contact [wilem@pickleinthepark.com](mailto:wilem@pickleinthepark.com).

## Join the Sacandaga Alzheimer's Respite Care Team!

- 1 in 8 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- 80% of Alzheimer's patients are cared for at home by family.
- Caring for someone with dementia can be both isolating and exhausting for family members.

**THESE FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP!**

Belonging to the Sacandaga Alzheimer's Care Team, you only give the time you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping the family. The average volunteer offers just 2-3 hours per month. The team provides non-medical support and friendship. All volunteers are offered training and continued support from the staff at Eddy Alzheimer's Services.

There are many ways volunteers can help a family!

- Lending a listening ear, visiting for socialization
- Running errands, picking up groceries or a prescription at the pharmacy
- Listening to music or watching a ballgame
- Taking a walk, visiting a museum or enjoying other community outings
- Delivering a hot meal, preparing lunch!
- Providing the caregiver "a break" and much needed respite!!!

If you are interested in this program please call or email Mary Coleman at Eddy Alzheimer's Services, Phone: (518) 238-4167, Email: [mary.coleman@sphp.com](mailto:mary.coleman@sphp.com)

Lunches and programs are held Thurs at the Northville Meal Site which is located in the Fellowship Hall in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, 161 Reed St. Northville. The site is accessible by stairs and by elevator.

October 5th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans and Cake. We will celebrate all October birthdays with a cake provided by Gloria Fulmer. STFSL Program at 12:30 - "Reach Out and Play" offered by the Fulton County Office for Aging in conjunction with Ageless Innovations/AARP/New York State Office for Aging. Games via Ageless Innovations include Trivia Pursuit-Generations, Scrabble/BINGO/Pass and LIFE-Generations





October 12th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Fish Sandwich with Tartar Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spinach, and Pudding. No program this date.

October 19th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, and Mousse - STFSL Program at 12:30: Howard Selwitz and Don Gifford, President, Tryon Amateur Radio Club will present and overview of Amateur Radio.

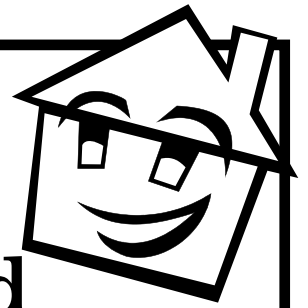
October 26th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, and Chef's Choice Dessert. No Program this date. There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic this date.

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. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org

For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at

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**STFSL Trips**

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On October 6th we will travel to Glens Falls to view the beautiful works in the Hyde Collection. This museum houses paintings by Picasso, Degas, Winslow Homer, and many other great artists. Senior admission is \$10. Lunch afterwards at a restaurant TBD.

On October 24th STFSL will be traveling to the Arkell Museum and Grapevine Farms. The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie promotes and celebrates the understanding and enjoyment of the arts and humanities in the Mohawk Valley, and beyond. Admission for seniors is \$6.50. Grapevine Farms is an 1850's farmhouse with 3 floors of themed rooms to shop. They have a Bakery with homemade cookies, a Bistro that serves lunch daily and a Wine Cellar which carries all New York State Wines and features a Tasting Sheet each month! Wine Sampling is free.

On November 17th ride with us to the Colonie Center and the Shaker Holiday Market in Albany for some early Christmas shopping. Sadly, the Christmas Tree Shop is closed, but there are many other stores to browse through such as Macy's, L.L.Bean, Boscovs, and Bath and Body Works to name a few. Then we will visit the Shaker Market, a very popular part

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The Mayfield Historical Society will hold its annual Fall Harvest Cruise-In on Saturday, October 7th, from noon to 4 pm on the grounds of The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road in Mayfield. All antique, hot rod, and vintage vehicles are welcome and will receive a free hot dog and drink; the first 25 registrants will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Registration is at the gate; pre-registration may be made by calling president Bob Suits at 518-857-2820.

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apartment for when staff need temporary housing, a large house for potential aging parents, and a HUUUUGE barn – there was even a potential beer barn. Not to mention, 50 acres with trails, hunting, and fishing on it. Every dollar we make goes back into the business – we purchase new trucks, job supplies, pay ahead on insurances, but does a bank recognize that...no. They see that we don't have enough cash flow on paper. By this call, I'm surprised I didn't start freaking out. Jeremy apparently texted everyone and told them to not call me for the rest of the day – I didn't know that until later – that was pretty funny of him. If the owners of the property read this, know that we loved your site and would have loved to be your neighbors – it's just not in the cards yet.

I'm 5 days out from the drama now. I went to visit my parents – Dad is fine. It was a very small heart attack and he is now on new medications to help prevent cardiac events in the future. I'm trying not to think about the property and assuming that God has a different (better) plan for us. And we know that we are not perfect and accidents happen, but we always handle it. It's

important to us that we do the right thing.

The reason I wanted to talk about this was because I know people that are really struggling with anxiety and depression. I want to reinforce that bad things happen, sometimes awful (I'm so grateful that I got to see my Dad and he is fine), but the upset always passes. If the upset is still going on, then it just hasn't finished yet – but it will. My upset has passed. I know that I will have more, and I know that will pass too. Just keep putting one foot in front of the other.

Next edition will be only happy stuff. □

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Last Wednesday was a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. I know drama does not last and it is just a matter of time before you are beyond it, but I felt very stuck in it last Wednesday. Aside from the everyday normal annoying things, I got hit with a bunch of very bad news.

It started at about 2am Wednesday morning when I got a text from my Mom saying Dad was in the hospital with chest pains. I am over 5 hours from my parents. I love being co-owner with Jeremy at Hawk Drilling, but it weighs on me that I can't just drop everything and rush out the door to see my parents. I never imagined that I wouldn't live near them. I spent the morning struggling to decide whether I should drive down and what time I should leave, if I did. Thankfully, my brother kept me updated on how he was doing.

As life goes, when the roof feels like it is collapsing, crap falls out of the attic. I was made aware that a pipe had broken at someone's house that we had done an install – and of course, it happened while they were away on vacation. We have not had a claim in years and accidents

happen, which is why we have very expensive insurance, but it still hurts. Thankfully it was just the drain line and not a main line. The owners were lovely and recognized that we always handle concerns – which we do. The cleaners were there within hours and the agent called the same day to make arrangements, but it was the last thing I needed while my brain was spinning about my Dad.

Shortly after that, I got a call from our bank rep saying that we had been denied a loan for a secondary location. This was a punch to the stomach. We love 354 Stone Church – we have been here since the 1960's, but we are out-growing the space and we have set limitations that we are not allowed to exceed. We can't build up because of the airport. If we take down old barns to re-do them, we then have to move them 20' from the fence (some of our buildings have been grandfathered in). Also, we can only build on 50% of the property – the rest must be gravel or grass. I'm not unhappy about these things, just stressed about where to go from here. We thought the secondary location was the answer – it had an

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