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EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

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Town Board Vacancy

Longtime Town Board member Janet Johansson has submitted a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2022. The letter reads, in part “it is with great sadness”, “my health will no longer allow me to fulfill my duties. I have been honored to serve”. Janet has been a faithful and valuable member of the board and will be greatly missed. Her term of office expires on 12/31/23. The Town Board is seeking letters of interest from anyone who would like to be considered for the position. The position can be filled by appointment for 2023 or the applicants can run for the position by petition and possible primary in June. The Board will decide how to proceed after seeing what interest there is from the public. Letters of potential interest should be sent to the Town Clerk and received by January 31st.

Covid Test Kits

The town has free Covid test kits available for residents at the Town Hall. Please call in advance to make an appointment to get them. If you are sick or have possible symptoms we can arrange to have them outside for pickup by appointment.

Saratoga County 2023 Budget

The Board of Supervisors has adopted the 2023 County Budget. It uses no fund balance and the average county tax rate is reduced 5% to \$2.12 per thousand. In addition, the county will be distributing 5 million dollars back to the towns using the sales tax distribution formula. This will help to make up for the sales tax the towns lost when the county eliminated the county sales tax on gas earlier in the year.

Northampton/Northville Youth Commission

The town will resume contracting with the Northampton/Northville Youth Commission for

the period of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. This will allow children from Edinburg to participate in all the Youth activities of the Youth Commission. This includes at least 5 weeks of summer activities plus scheduled winter activities and allows residents of Edinburg to be considered non-residents for use of the beach.

New Town Garbage Truck

The town ordered a new garbage truck earlier this year. We have been notified that the truck and packer are built and within the next few months will be connected and prepared for delivery. We were not sure it would even be done this year. The current truck is a 2013 and is ready for replacement. The new truck should last at least 10 years and we will not be borrowing any money to pay for it.

Telephone Problems with Frontier Phones

A number of people have reported problems with Frontier phone service. The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services has filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission. Please contact the town if you have had problems and we will pass on your name to the county.

REMINDER

The Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 24th. Garbage will be collected Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27th & 28th and the following week on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 3rd & 4th.

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and the week of December 26th and reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd. Town officials can be reached at their homes if needed and voice mail at the town hall will be checked daily.



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JANUARY 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Here's a list of some notable dates and meetings.
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- Sun 1 New Year's Day**
- Thurs 5 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board
- Tues 10 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Thurs 19 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board
- Wed 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Thurs 26 7:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board



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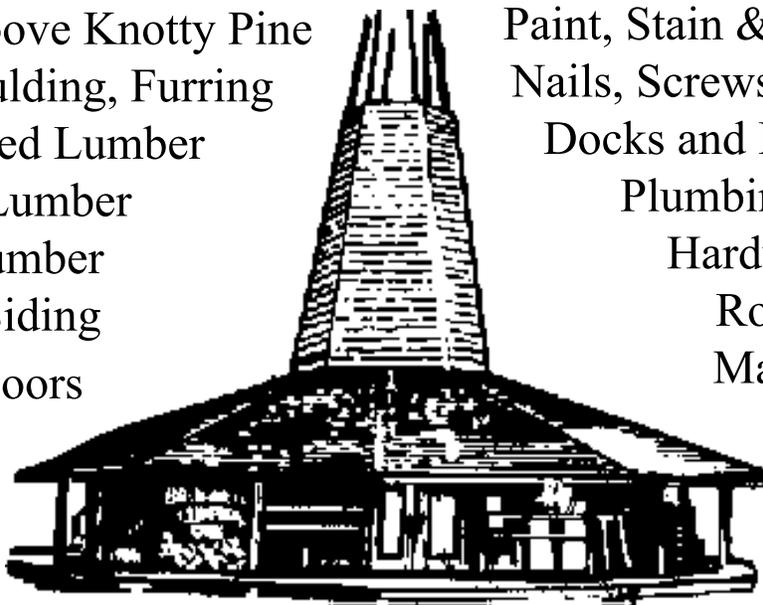
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DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,
Priscilla L. Edwards

Doctors: Part 2

Dr. William Harris and his family came from Warren County to Edinburg for the years 1850-1860. One of his daughters Rebecca C. married Asa C. Scribner in Edinburg in 1858. They moved to Humbolt Co., Iowa. The Harris' followed a couple of years later. Dr. Harris' great granddaughter of Arkansas and I share a common ancestor, Isaac Scribner. We corresponded for 30 years and she came east twice to visit me. (What fun to gain another cousin). Dr. Harris died Nov. 23, 1878. He and his wife are buried in Livermore, Iowa.

The 1850 census lists a physician John Fay, age 27 and his wife Susan, age 23 living in Beecher Hollow. Nothing more was found.

Dr. John F. Blake, born in Greenwich, NY in 1820 studied with Dr. Marvin at Fish House from 1839-1841. He graduated from Vermont State Medical School about 1845. From 1845-1852 he practiced in Middle Grove, NY, in New York City

and in Sacramento, California. During the two years spent in Sacramento Dr. Blake helped the people of that city fight an outbreak of cholera as well as keeping his general practice. He finally settled in Northville in 1852 where he "doctored" many Edinburg patients. Dr. Blake became the first Health Officer of the Town of Northampton. He passed away May 2, 1896.

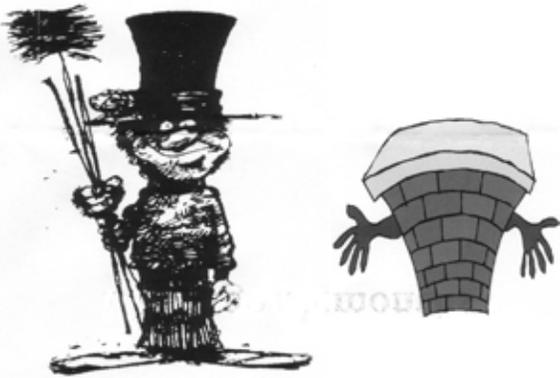
Collin Ingalls was a Homeopathic doctor and farmer. He married Phila Gilbert (1822-1858). In 1868 the Ingalls' were living at Fish House on land bordering the Saratoga County line. Dr. Ingalls, born March 2, 1815 died on March 21, 1872. He and Phila were buried in the Cranberry Creek cemetery and moved to Prospect Hill cemetery in Gloversville when the Sacandaga Reservoir was created.

Dr. Gilbert Ingalls was the son of Dr. Collin Ingalls. He was born at Cranberry Creek March 30, 1854. A big year for Dr. Ingalls was 1872 in which he received his medical diploma from Long Island College Hospital; opened a practice in Batchellerville and married Jennie McDermont. He practiced in Batchellerville until sometime after 1880. He married his 2nd wife Amanda Peterson at the Broadalbin Methodist Church on May 30, 1897. Dr. Ingalls died May 25, 1921. He and Amanda were buried in the Mayfield Cemetery.

Thomas Laing Stiles was a self-trained "botanic physician" or herb doctor. He appeared in Edinburg between 1870-75. He was born in Caldwell (now Lake George village). In 1878 he received a medical diploma from the Fulton-Montgomery Homeopathic Medical Association. His name appears in many of Arad Copeland's shop account books. Dr. Stiles died April 19, 1895 and was buried in the Noyes' lot in the Sand Hill or Edinburg Cemetery as we now know it. His gravestone is simply marked "T.L.S."

Eleazer F. Kies, MD was born in 1818 in Killingly, Winsor Co., Connecticut. As with several other local doctors he also attended Vermont State Medical School, graduating in 1849. He appeared in Edinburg records in 1858 quite possibly to replace Dr. William Harris who left the area for Iowa. Dr. Kies married a local girl, Martha Kennicut. Martha died in 1873 and Dr. Kies in 1885. Both were buried at Osborn Bridge but again because of the Reservoir were moved to Ferndale Cemetery in Gloversville. An interesting note: the

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Kies' daughter Anna attended the Beecher Hollow School-now our Nellie Tyrrell Museum. Either she or a young suitor carved her name on the siding on the rear of the building where it can still be seen today.

Dr. Darius Stone Orton settled in Fish House in 1869 after having seen service in the Civil War with Company One of the 10th NY Cavalry. He was born in Fair Haven, Vermont on Jan. 7, 1841 and received his medical degree from Albany Medical College, Dec. 24, 1866. What a Christmas Gift! Dr. Orton served the Edinburg, Providence and Broadalbin areas for many years. He died in 1918 and was buried in the Northampton Cemetery at Fish House.

Dr. Anson Jerome Avery came to Northville c. 1870. Born in 1842 in Norway (Herkimer County) NY, he graduated from Fairfield Academy and received a medical degree from Berkshire, MA Medical School in Oct. 1867. Dr. Avery passed away in 1918 and was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Ira H. Van Ness was born at Osborn Bridge, Town of Northampton on Sept. 30, 1820. He received his medical license June 17, 1876 from

the Fulton County Medical Society. Little else is known of Dr. Van Ness except he always practiced in the Fish House, Osborn Bridge, Edinburg area. His wife Martha died January 1865 at the age of 43 and Dr. Van Ness on Jan. 19, 1887. Both were buried in the Osborn Bridge cemetery and later moved to the King cemetery, Sacandaga Park.

Dr. William S. DeGolia was born at Batchellerville in 1857, the son of Lucien and Elvira (Stark) DeGolia. On March 1, 1882 William received his degree from Albany Medical College and two months later on May 17 he married Lelah Early of the Town of Greenfield. He practiced in Edinburg for several years before moving to Tennessee.

Clarence R. Blake, son of Dr. John F. Blake was born in the village of Northville in 1862. On July 23, 1884 he acquired his diploma from the Vermont State Medical School, settling in Northville soon after. He appeared in the 1918 Edinburg Town Accounts where he was paid \$94.50 for services to the poor. He died in 1923.

On Nov. 10, 1887 a group of men met at the

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Kennicut Hotel across the road from the Copeland Covered Bridge and established a Board of Health for the Town of Edinburg. Dr. F. W. St John was appointed as the first health officer. Dr. St. John moved away prior to April 1888 and on April 4 of that year Dr. J. K. Anderson was appointed to fill the post, which he did for the next seven years. Unfortunately this is all I've found on Dr. St. John.

Dr. John K. Anderson was born April 19, 1818. He was of the Anderson family that settled the Anderson district near the Edinburg/ Providence/ Northampton town lines on what we now know as South Shore road. On Nov. 12, 1845 he married Catherine Shew of the Shew family that settled early Fish House. In the 1850 census John Anderson was listed as a carpenter. After this he became a school teacher, teaching in Saratoga, Rensselaer and Montgomery counties. He spent his last eleven years in education as principal of a grade school in Amsterdam. Obviously a very intelligent man, Anderson-during his years of teaching-studied the medical profession to become a homeopathic doctor. He practiced in Schoharie County before returning to Edinburg in 1885. He served as Town Health Officer from 1888-1895. He retired in 1895 at the age of 77. He and Catherine celebrated their golden wedding anniversary that same year. As yet I have been unable to find their death dates or burial sites.



Edinburg Historical Society

PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134

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Claudette Koza - Secretary

The Edinburg Historical Society has many plans for the summer of 2023. If you can swing a hammer, are good with tools, use a broom, and would like to help set up new exhibits please call George Blackwood 518 863-6772. The logging exhibit will be closed in and revitalized, and a bedroom will be added to the Rural Museum. Other exhibits could use some sprucing up.

EHS will be working on the 2023 meetings and speakers. The Board is looking for people who can demonstrate old time crafts for the Historic Edinburg Day on July 8 from 10 am to 3 pm: loom weavers, spinners, knife sharpener, trapping, whittling, someone to explain the various tools in our tool exhibit and have people try out the pedal jig saw, quilting and blacksmithing to name a few.

Copeland Covered Bridge Share certificates have been issued by Cheryl A Scott for herself and in honor of Dawn M Rufer. Shares are \$25 and make a wonderful gift or remembrance of a loved one. Use the address above to order your shares.

EHS welcomes new members, and the bargain price of membership is only \$5 per year.

2023 EHS Board: George Blackwood, President; Valerie Kaye, Vice-President; Marge Ludwig, Treasurer; Claudette Koza, Secretary; Priscilla Edwards, Town Historian and Trustee; Linda Monacchio, Trustee; Andrea Blackwood, Trustee; Linda Ege, Trustee.



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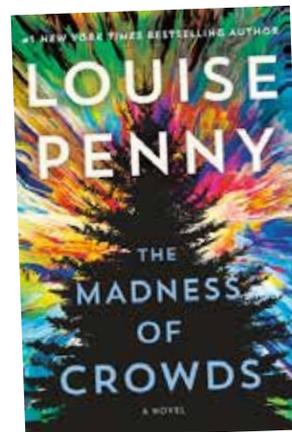
increases, the library is the most cost-effective way to get your magazines. Current ones are on display and back issues may be borrowed. Also, the library has access to digital magazines. Go to our website and click "eMagazines".

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan 10 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Washburn will lead a discussion of Louise Penny's "Madness of Crowds". While the residents of the Québec village of Three Pines take advantage of the deep snow to ski and toboggan, to drink hot chocolate in the bistro and share meals together, Chief Inspector Gamache finds his holiday with his family interrupted when he must provide security for a visiting Professor of Statistics. The lecture topic is offensive and dangerous, mixing reality and delusion. Discussions become debates, debates become arguments, which turn into fights. As sides are declared, a madness takes hold, and then a murder is committed.

Story Time is scheduled for Tues, Jan 17 at 10 am with Shirl Doherty for Winter Wonders.

A reduced amount of income tax forms will be available in paper form. Most forms can be located on-line and printed. Contact the library regarding if they have been delivered.

On display, find children's books about winter and the animals of the polar areas.





Celebrating 200 Years!

by Dave Davidson
Town of Day Historian

We're interested in meeting anyone interested in Day history. We collect personal and family stories, research topics, and volunteer opportunities are available at the museum. Contact Dave Davidson, Town of Day Historian, at sabbaticaldave@earthlink.net

THE DAM

Talk of damming the Sacandaga River at Conklingville had been around since the Civil War. The issue was regulating the level of the Hudson River during the spring, summer, and fall. Spring rains brought floods and floated logs. They also flooded the increasingly industrialized and urbanized Hudson Valley. In the summer, low water levels in the Hudson created navigation problems for shippers, diminished water power for factories, and reduced the water levels needed to float urban and industrial waste away. In 1911, maps are published that detail a project closely resembling the project completed in 1930. In spite of significant lobbying, the NYS Legislature refused to authorize any project until the summer of 1922.

Once the project was authorized, it took less than 8 years to complete. Actual construction took 3 years – 1927 to 1930. Work on the Dam itself was conducted by construction workers from other areas. Local men cleared the valley of all trees, and houses. Edward Sargent was the chief engineer, and largely responsible for driving the massive project to completion.

The gates at the dam in Conklingville closed on March 27, 1930, and the reservoir began to fill – flooding Day. In 1925, the population of Day was 455. In 1950, it was 436. Between the years, we had the Great Depression, and WWII.

There are families in Day that have been here since the beginning. In the 1950's, they began to be joined by a growing population of “summer” people. Camps were built – often with dug wells,

and outhouses. Mom and the kids came up as soon as school was over and stayed the summer. Dad drove up on Friday after work, and stayed the weekend. Ma Hines, Carusoe Cove, Pine Ridge Tavern, Betty & Johns, and Day Country Store are names now, but they are examples of the string of stores, bars and restaurants that ringed the reservoir. Mom wanted to go out!

Life evolved. Camps became summer homes, then year round homes. People came for 2 weeks - Mom had a job – kids had soccer camp in the summer – or jobs. People came to retire.

The Sacandaga Reservoir became the Great Sacandaga Lake.





EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

A New Year, and a New Addition.

Due to the issue of lack of automotive microchip production, just finding an available truck was challenging. We were fortunate to purchase one from Johnstown Dodge for approximately \$52,000.00.

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These modifications were made by Bull Dog Fire & Emergency Apparatus of Albany. Primarily,



For the reporting period of November 11th through December 10th, we noted a slight decrease in calls, for a total of eight. They were as follows:

- 11/23 Mutual Aid to Northville FD.
- 11/24 Landing Zone set up, Johnson Rd.
- 11/28 CO Detector Alarm, Tennantville Rd.
- 11/28 Mutual Aid to Northville FD.
- 11/29 Mutual Aid to Providence FD.
- 11/29 Fire Alarm, South Shore Rd.
- 12/10 Mutual Aid to Northville,
Landing Zone set up.
- 12/10 Mutual Aid to Northville FD.

Getting a new Apparatus is the high light of any Fire Company. For a brief time Fire Fighters act like proud new parents of their little bundle of joy. In this case, a 2022 all - wheel drive, Dodge 5,500, cab and chassis.

The Company has been seeking to replace our aging 2001 brush truck.



upgrades included new radio systems and advanced emergency lighting.

The total unit cost was approximately \$127,000.00. With no money having to be borrowed to improve our service delivery and your safety.

F- 225 will be used primarily fighting brush fires, service calls, and traffic control calls such as downed lines.



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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Geraniums known as Pelargoniums are one of my all time favorites. You can enjoy the blooms all summer and bring them in for the winter to savor as a houseplant and brighten up those blah winter days.

Geraniums are native to South Africa and in the 17th century, made their way to Europe. They sailed to England about 1795 from the Cape of Good Hope (S. Africa) on British ships and they fell in love with them for their fragrance and practical uses. The Rose Geranium could mimic the costly oil of the roses' famed scent. Other European countries consider Geraniums an integral part of their culture and symbol of their homeland. The Swiss have even elected this beauty as their national flower. It wasn't until the 18th century that they made their appearance in the States, when Thomas Jefferson sent a plant from France to Philadelphia horticulturist, John Bartram. Hence to say, they made themselves quite a home here. During the first and second world wars, these plants took a backseat to food crops. Many

of the people who'd been tending the floral gardens went into the military. On top of that, the massive destruction from both wars almost made many of the varieties vanish. They were saved thanks to hobbyists and commercial growers from Europe who sent a number of cultivars to the US before the wars started. Today, there are more than 1500 different species and cultivars. It's not just the flower that makes this plant so loved, but the fragrance as well. The scent varies from plant to plant, for some, the names usually refer to the fragrance of their leaves, i.e.: Almond geranium, apple geranium, peppermint geranium. Some even smell like strawberries. Night scented Pelargonium has a distinctive fragrance. As if by magic, as the sun sets, the plant releases the warm smell of cloves with hints of vanilla.

Both the flowers and oils in the leaves are edible and can be used for culinary purposes. For instance the lemon aroma adds zest to salads, sorbets or tea. Rose Geraniums are great in puddings, cakes, jams or desserts while the peppermint could be added to lemonade. The Virginia ladies placed a scented Rose Geranium

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leaf in each jelly glass before pouring in the boiling syrup. They also made several flavors of sugar by placing scented geranium leaves in the sugar jars.



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These plants love sunshine and are low-maintenance. They can grow in the garden, window boxes

or containers and bring joy year round. They symbolize the positive like happiness, good health and friendship. Here is what a few people have to say about Geraniums; Alexander Smith writes, "In my garden I spend my days, in my library I spend my nights. My interests are divided between my geraniums and my books. With the flower I am in the present; with the book I am in the past." Whereas Beverly Nichols has a different mindset, "Well, I love geraniums, and anybody who does not love geraniums must obviously be a depraved and loathsome person." Then there is Victoria Glendinning, "Science, or para-science, tells us that geraniums bloom better if they are spoken to... A kind word every now and then is quite enough... Too much and it embarrasses them."

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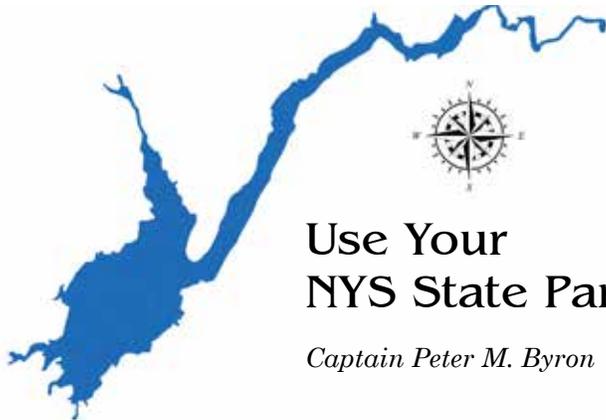


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Use Your NYS State Parks

Captain Peter M. Byron

It is now the middle of December as I write this article and our thoughts are on the upcoming holidays and the family. We were able to make it through the leaf 'work-out'. Certainly, a record must have been set locally for the greatest number and largest leaves! If not, I can't believe it. We are currently expecting heavy snow overnight but there are still a few unanswered questions about total amounts and the identification of the 'lucky' locations! We have an initial snow cover, so why not more?

Regardless of the outcome of the immediate storm, we have an ongoing task of checking out

the best locations and activities to recommend to our family members when they come to visit! As usual, our first step is to check the possible weather scenarios for our destinations. Again, the task is straightforward and relatively simple. Take a look at National Weather Service (NWS) website for your location or potential destination (<https://www.weather.gov>) and enter the zip code or town information for the location for which you want information! After you check the information for your location in the North, you may also be tempted to enter a crazy code like '33043' which brings you to the Middle Keys in Florida. But, that is another discussion!

Well, let's pretend that you entered the Town of Northville. If you did that in the middle of December you would see at least 3 days of projected snow and maybe 19 inches of snow! Probably not a good time to travel! Knowing how to identify weather conditions in an oftentimes changing environment gives you a great chance to find travel conditions that fit your plans!

Now, how do we find New York State Park locations?

How To Request An Overview of New York State Parks Activities

Searching for the 'key' that opens the winter activities in the New York State Parks could not be easier! You will have an opportunity to search by: (1) Dates; (2) Featured Categories; (3) Locations; and (4) Regions. Let's ask the program to find ALL activities for the month of January, 2023. (YOU can set any date period that you wish.)

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Step 2: Enter the dates: 01/01/23 and 01/31/23.

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For the purpose of our example after opening the website <https://parks.ny.gov/events/> we have made the following selections: Step 2: 01/01/23 and 01/31/23; Step 3: All Categories; Step 4: All Locations; Step 5: Saratoga/Capital District; Step 6: Press FIND AN EVENT.

Now that you have opened the events, you should see a list of locations by date for the Saratoga/Capital District. By highlighting the text which is colored BLUE, you can receive additional information. Please note that some of presentations during the month of January are accessible by the web while others are visits to local sites such as Thacher State Park, Grafton Lakes State Park, Peebles Island State Park and the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site.

As a matter of fact, John Callaghan, Director of the HRBRRD, will be making a presentation on the web on January 11, 2023 concerning the Conklingville Dam!

Remember, although we selected the Saratoga/Capital District in January, 2023 for our example, the site covers an assortment of 12 other areas as well as other dates throughout the upcoming year. Our recommendation is to take a look at the potential value of this website for you, family and friends.

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the requirement dates with your date of birth. The age requirement for a certificate changes each year on January 1! Don’t forget, January 1, 2025 is the final deadline for everyone to have a certificate.

But, you ask, “Who needs a NYS Boater Safety Certificate?” Answer: The certificate is required for operators of motorized vessels including personal watercraft. Operators of non-motorized boats i.e. kayaks, canoes, etc. are not required to have a certificate ‘at this time’.

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The list also provides one FREE course. Take a look at BoatU.S. (<https://www.boatus.org/newyork/>) As a matter of fact, BoatUS advertises their course as the “only FREE Online Boating Safety Course approved by the state of New York”!

Winter nights can sometimes become really dreary but if you take the time to complete your certificate, you won't be cutting into the great boating weather ahead in the Spring and Summer!

Start now with your preparations and download a copy of the 5th Edition New York State Boating Textbook from the lower right hand side of the page <https://parks.ny.gov/boating/education.aspx>

Catch you next month. Be SAFE in the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter!

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions March in Annual Broadalbin Christmas Parade

Broadalbin, N.Y., Nov. 28, 2022 -- Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club participated in the village's annual Christmas Parade this evening, joining residents in ushering in the official start of the holiday season. Lions proudly displayed their banner in front of vehicles dressed in festive lighting and Lions emblems. Coloring books were handed to youngsters and an upcoming fund raising announcement was given to adults.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Tom Kevlin, left, and Valerie Kevlin, lead their fellow Lions in the annual Broadalbin Christmas Parade. Several hundred area residents lined the route to usher in the holiday season. (Photo courtesy Fulton County Area News).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Tom Kevlin, Marty Stewart, Tom Guiffre, Mike Auricchio, Mary Balaban, Club President Rob Townsend, Valerie Kevlin, and Bill Suchy are in the holiday spirit as they display their banner in front of their decorated trailer before the parade begins. The parade route began at the Broadalbin-Perth High School and wound its way through the village. Several hundred area residents lined the streets in the annual event. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban)

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Mary (left, partially hidden) and Ed Balaban wave to the festive crowd during the Broadalbin Christmas Parade. Several hundred area residents lined the route to usher in the holiday season. (Photo courtesy Fulton County Area News).

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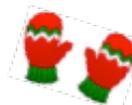
Once again I am asking for your help for my Many Mittens program that is now in its seventh year. Together we can protect our kids from the wintery cold. With the offering of a simple pair of mittens or gloves, a hat or warm socks, we show children that we care.

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 in the mitten baskets at any of the Northville churches or local stores before Jan 8th.

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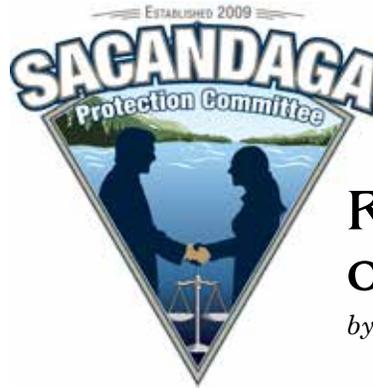
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Reflections on the Lake

by Kevin Donovan

On Sunday, December 4 the Sacandaga Protection Committee participated in Northville’s annual Christmas Parade. One of our board members took the lead in planning a “float” for the SPC to use in the parade. The word “float” is appropriate since ours was actually a pontoon boat and trailer outfitted with lots of Christmas lights and a Christmas tree on the aft deck, all led by a board member who became “Olaf the Snowman” for the event. And somehow we managed to find a boat that wasn’t already shrink-wrapped! We really enjoyed tossing candy to the kids from our “float” in the parade and wishing all a Merry Christmas!

The parade reminded me of a dear family friend, who passed away two years ago, with whom I attended previous Northville Christmas Parades. He was impressed each December that a large crowd would gather outdoors in the cold to watch a small parade in a small town. He said it spoke to the spirit of the community and noted that it would not

happen in most places. He knew that Northville and our lake communities are special.

We miss him, but the parade brought back good memories of time I spent with a dear family friend. I hope you have fond memories of past holiday seasons and that you make wonderful new memories that will endure for years.

The Sacandaga Protection Committee wishes all a joyous holiday season and a great 2023!

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.

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- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is HOPE
- (4). We plan big Things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is CONFIDENCE
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get

married and have children. That is LOVE
(6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old" I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is ATTITUDE

Have a happy Day and live your life like these six stories,. Remember--- Good Friends are the rare jewels of life. Author unknown. Poets corner.

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coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!”

January 1, 2023 gives us an opportunity to not only join in worship to celebrate the new year, it also gives us an opportunity to celebrate Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany, sometimes known as little Christmas or the 12th day of Christmas, actually falls on January 6. It’s also the day many eastern orthodox religions celebrate Christmas. We will have a worship service on January 1 at 11 am. Join us as we welcome the new year and welcome the Magi to the stable.

On January 8, we will move our worship services to the dining room for the winter months. You will find the setting cozy and warm. We look forward to seeing you.

We invite you to spend some time with us in word, song, and prayer during worship on Sunday mornings. Regular Sunday worship is at 11:00 am in the church’s sanctuary. There is a ramp at the front of the church building and a chair glide to assist entry into the sanctuary if stairs are a problem. We also invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to join us for rehearsals on Thursdays at 3 pm.

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesday, 2-5 pm; Friday and Saturday, 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, etc.

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson) We wish you peace in this new year and hope that every day really is the best day of the year!

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Northville Rotary Grows "Service Above Self"

The Northville Rotary Club has been busy this holiday season.

After a successful and moving Veterans Luncheon in November, Rotary went into gear to help with making the holidays happier for children and families.

Fifteen turkeys purchased at Nac's, were delivered by President Kyle Morehouse to the Northville Food Pantry right in time for distribution for Thanksgiving. Thank you Nac's for keeping them frozen.

Northville Rotarians led by and Cliff and Naomi Darling Parker, have pitched in to help make Christmas a little extra special for eight local families. Six from Edinburg and two from Northville provided by the schools. Toys, clothes, and gift cards were all piled into a Subaru sleigh to be delivered to kids from the Northville and Edinburg school districts. Gift cards worth \$50 at Klippels were also purchased and added to the wrapped gifts.



In addition to turkeys, the Northville Rotarians, with the coordination by Cliff and Naomi Darling Parker, continue to provide food to the Food Bank for the backpack program each month. Individual Rotarians purchase the food and those that are away for the winter give monetary donations to Cliff who shops to make sure all items are covered. Thank you Cliff and Naomi!!

Rotary is also supporting the work of Sacandaga Helping Hands- a group that help local individuals facing medical or financial issues. Every year we

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provide a check for \$500. Naomi is our liaison to this group and she brings back to our Rotary Club the planned activities of the Sacandaga Helping Hands to see how we can help. Presently we are providing a large Italian basket of food and wine for their raffle at their Bowling Tournament on January 15th. Save the date if you are a bowler or can help that day.

Of course, Rotary is always open to new members. Call Sue Owens at 518 332-7943 for more information or when our meetings are held.




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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

We had a beautiful Lighted Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village on December 4th. Many thanks to all the Civic Association for organizing the tree lighting and to all the volunteers that baked cookies and helped with the parade. Each year, the event grows and next year will be bigger and brighter! Mark your calendars for December 2, 2023, and be part of the fun. Always room for more floats!

As we head into the New Year and things start to slow down from the busy holiday season, don't forget to make a trip to Northville. Now, more than ever, our local business owners depend on your support. Our local dining establishments are always serving great specials and our stores are constantly getting in new inventory. For the most current information, check out your favorite places on their Facebook pages.

If you haven't been in the Waterfront Park in a few weeks, you are in for a surprise! Highway Superintendent Dan Reidell and the crew have finished constructing the ice-skating rink in the Waterfront Park and it is anticipated it will be ready for use in early January! The rink will be free for community use. Be sure to stop by and check it out!



We have also completed our camera installation in the Waterfront Park. We are working to protect our beautiful park for all to enjoy and, at the same time, create a safer environment for everyone.

We are still moving forward with the replacement of the culvert on Water Street. We have received quotes for materials and now we are on to meeting with the Engineer. Highway Superintendent Reidell hopes to complete the project in late April, but that is dependent upon availability of materials. It is anticipated that the



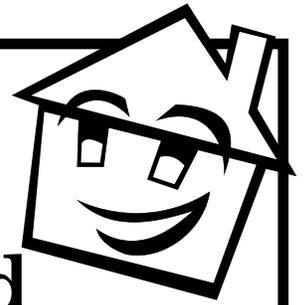
entire bridge area of Water Street will be closed to traffic for at least 30 days while the project is being done. As the project moves forward, we will provide additional information.

Water Superintendent Darryl Roosa received quotes for a Water System Improvement Project on South Third Street. The project will add a 6-inch line along the south end of Third Street and will provide additional hydrants for increased fire protection. No start date has been established for the project yet.

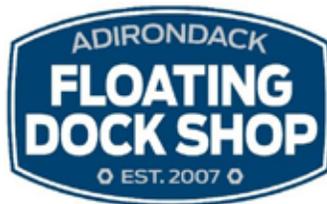
The new Joint Youth Director, Hadley Jacobs, informed the Board that she will be running a full year-round program. She will be organizing Bidy Ball which will run from January through April. She will also be organizing the Family Ball which was a popular event hosted by the Youth Commission, along with organizing two or three movie nights in the Waterfront Park during the summer. For the most current information on Joint Youth activities, please visit the Northville Youths and Family Events Facebook page.

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“Creativity is a wild mind and a disciplined eye.” - Dorothy Parker

This is likely the last time to use the “25 years” logo. 2023 is year 26 for Sacandaga Valley Arts Network. Our 25th year was truly one of celebration! With a very successful summer concert series, numerous hands-on workshops, Art Trails, art exhibits in 3 galleries, Artist and Author talks, and a grand Jubilee Festival in the Northville Waterfront Park, I think it is honest to say that SVAN had a very good year!

As a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit, the organization is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and supporting volunteers. Financial support is derived from memberships, a percentage of art sales, gallery fees, donations, workshop fees and, in large part, grant writing. Due to the work of resourceful volunteers SVAN was granted 5 different grants in 2022! Each grant supported different aspects of the year’s programs. SVAN’s mission to “Promote the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region” is intended to improve the quantity, quality and diversity of cultural programming throughout the region, assist local artists working in any artistic area to improve their skills, to grow social and economic opportunities for artists, act as a regional economic catalyst by providing inviting opportunities, and to improve the quality of life in our communities.

With such lofty goals, there is little or no time for rest. Plans for 2023 are well underway. The SVAN Board of Directors continues to meet throughout the winter. Grant writing has begun. Contracts with artists have been secured. Hands-on workshops are in the making.

Music: The first scheduled concert of 2023 is sure to entertain and make good memories! Toby Walker has been hailed as an award-winning, roots music finger style guitar virtuoso and songwriter who has toured the US, the United Kingdom and Europe. We are so very lucky to have him here in



Northville! See details below.

SVAN is also excited to have Philip Spaeth partnering with us to offer piano lessons. This accomplished musician can be reached at philipspaeth@yahoo.com. His website is www.northernspiremusic.com

Visual Arts: Gallery at Vail Mills Tourist Center will be open all winter, with a new season starting in April. The Gallery on 303 S. Main Street in Northville will be a little sleepy this winter, opening only for special occasions or workshops. The first Spring Rotation at this



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gallery will be in May. Watch for some new and interesting things happening at the Gallery housed in the Northville Public Library as our new manager, Carolyn Wilcox, brings her own creative style to the room.



Workshops: In the line-up at this time, Stained Glass Mosaics, Basket Woven Reindeer, Nature and Art Adventure, Mini Quilt Square Painting, and a return of Art Club. More to follow.

Theater Arts: We are so excited that Shelley Murphy has reunited the theater crew to present "Hot Nights 2023". Currently on the calendar for January 27 & 28

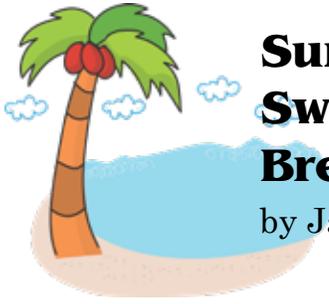
Literary Arts: Interested in journaling? We are in conversation with well-know local author, Patricia Nugent, about offering a class or a series of classes in the art of journaling.

January 15th: Little Toby Walker
Performing in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 3:00 - ticket prices \$15 SVAN members - \$20 nonmember

For more information contact vicepresident@svanarts.org, check SVAN's website @ svanarts.org or Facebook pages, and watch our newsletter and for e-news: SVAN Grapevine

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Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Several years ago Toby Keith wrote a song : "As good as I once was". That song has been echoing through my head since we returned from a convention in Las Vegas, last Friday. My brain, however, has changed the words to "I am not as good as I once was". It was a great trip. We spent two days going to classes and exploring the convention hall. We were able to see many old friends, meet new friends and most importantly, spend time with Jeremy, Sandra and the Hawk Drilling staff. Years ago we would hop off the plane and party until dawn. This year we headed straight to bed. Yes you are right, we are getting old(er!) . We certainly did not party like we used to (we only stayed out to 3:30 am. two nights). When we were not at the convention center we walked up and down the strip checking out casinos. My goal was to see all of the fabulous decorations that Vegas is famous for. Sadly, there were very few this year with the exception of the Bellagio. Las Vegas is not as good as it once was. It's charm is being replaced with even more flash and bright lights, luring in a much younger crowd . We did, however, have a great time. The trip was not as much about where we were as it was about who we were with. We were more than ready to go home when the show was over. Bill and I learned that we certainly do not have the stamina that we used to. That is why my brain changed the song to " I am not as good as I once was".

The new year is around the corner. Each new year brings promises of good things to come. Good things are not granted to us by magic. We have to proactively work to make things happen. We have to make the choice, to act, in order to achieve that we want. It concerns me that many people do not know what they want do with their life. While many have had dreams, they do not know how to set goals to achieve those dreams. Getting what you want in life is achieved by hard work. I, like most of you have worked hard to achieve what I wanted in life. Sometimes I was successful and sometimes I was not. It took me a long time

to understand that I did not really fail, there was just something better out there. There were opportunities I never knew existed.

Close your eyes and think back over the years about the roles you have been in. Son/daughter, brother/sister, grandchild, student, spouse, parent. . . the list goes on. Additionally, in our work and professional lives we have taken other roles. These roles further defined us. I never did become a singer or a movie star like I had dreamed of but I did earn three college degrees that took me on many journeys professionally. I have had opportunities that I never even considered, that I am grateful for. I am now retired and all of my professional roles are in the past. They were tied up in a neat bow and I moved on. Those roles were really not about who I was. They were a title that defined what I did. I am proud of all I was been able to accomplish. Now the most important roles in my life are wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Roles that I have always had and did not not always pay as much attention to, as I should

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have. Life is forever changing. I am loving retired life with Billy. I can not do all of the things that I used to and we laugh about it. I would say “we” but you know that men will never admit it! I am kind of like the city of Las Vegas, I am also getting a little worn around the edges but that is not going to stop me from living and loving my life.

The final words of the song “As good as I once was” written by Toby Keith and Scott Emerick and sung by Toby are as follows:

“ I ain’t as good as I once was, but I ‘m as good once as I ever was”

As we age, these are words we should always try to remember.

A bonus of being retired is that we get to meet a lot of new people. A few weeks ago we met and spent time with Scott Emerick and his wife. Life is good. Enjoy every moment.

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

“That’s a Wrap!” as Broadalbin-Perth Lions and Local Students Team Up at Bob’s Trees

Hagaman, NY., Dec. 10, 2022 -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club was assisted by students of the Broadalbin-Perth High School Key Club and National Honor Society, Boy Scout Troop 5051B, and students from Mayfield High School’s National Honor Society in a day-long Christmas tree wrapping and fund raising project at Bob’s Trees last Saturday. The Lions and their young community partners staffed four locations around the sprawling tree farm and provided tree wrapping and tie down services to customers at the popular location. Students’ time spent assisting the B-P Lions was credited to their community service graduation requirement and the Scouts earned credit toward their respective merit badges.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Rob Townsend, fourth from left, and Bill Suchy, far right, stand with members of Mayfield High School Honor Society during a break in their tree wrapping duties at Bob’s Trees. Mayfield HS-NHS advisor Pam King, far left, also participated. The Lions certified the students’ time for their community service credit graduation requirement. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).



Customers patiently wait as Lions, students, and Scouts process trees for wrapping during the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club Annual Tree Wrapping Fund Raiser at Bob’s Trees. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).



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by Barbara Klueg

Find Rest

Maybe you had a rough 2022. But here is some good news: God cares! Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

I don't know about you, but the older I become the more I like resting – like naps and peaceful sweet dreams at night (without getting up 2-4 times during the night to rush to the bathroom, again. Folks my age and older understand this. Sorry for the rabbit trail.) This is physical rest, but there is a rest we all need and desire: rest for our souls.

Jesus continues in Matthew 11 to give us the stipulations for obtaining REST for our souls. He tells us to turn to Him and then we will find it. Many times life can be VERY hard, but Jesus reassures us that it can be easy and light! WHAT? (I would not call life easy and light, would you?) But Jesus said, "Take MY yoke upon you and LEARN from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you WILL FIND REST for your souls. For my yoke is EASY and my burden is LIGHT."

This sounds so contradictory doesn't it (yoke . . . easy, burden . . . light)? Jesus encourages us to

give everything to Him. There is a hymn that says, "All to Jesus, I surrender. I surrender all." Let Jesus carry your burdens. Surrender your life to Jesus. Find REAL rest. Turn to Jesus, today.

We just celebrated Jesus' birth last month. When Jesus left Heaven to come to earth, a heavenly host of angels appeared to the shepherds in the field and proclaimed "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." (Luke 2:14) We hope and pray that this will be the year you find PEACE and REAL REST, rest in Jesus. May God Bless you in 2023!

Our church doors are open! Come and join us as we worship our Great God!

Sunday: Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. At 6 p.m. the 1st Sun. of the month we meet at church for refreshments and a special service. (We have several Small Groups who meet in homes on the other Sunday nights or on a week night. Call the church to sign up to join one.) Youth Groups: Jr. High 6-7:30 p.m. Sr. High 7:30-9 p.m. @ BCON Corner. Monday: Bible Club (K-5th grades) @ church on school days 2:45-4 p.m. Wednesday: N'ville Food Pantry 10 a.m. @ BCON Corner. Thursday: Prayer Meeting 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. If you are sick or not able to come to church you can watch our morning service online @ bconny.org or on You Tube. Check our church updates on our Facebook page: Baptist Church of Northville NY.

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Clergy Column

There is something special about a New Year, 365 days whose content is yet to be discovered. A chance to let go of all of the problems and shortcomings of the past and begin again. A time to remember the promises of Christmas, that God desires to give each of us a clean slate, to wipe away all of our past failures and shortcomings. A time to dare to believe that no matter what our past has been that we are a beloved child of God. We are accepted and loved right where we are at this very moment. now

that our slate has been wiped clean, a new day with new possibilities awaits us. This year holds the promise of something new, the possibility of the dreams of generations for a better world of beginning to be realized. Shirley Evans Murray in her Christmas Hymn "Star Child" expresses it this way as she sings of the reason for the season, the birth of Jesus. "Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign, down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine, This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive." What may seem like an impossible dream in a world where we hear all too often of violence; is indeed a possibility for a power greater than anything on earth or in Heaven is on our side. A power that resides not just in Heaven but here on earth in the hearts of individuals who are open to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very presence of God in their life. A power that throughout history has changed the life of individuals transforming ordinary individuals into Saints through whom God's love is shared with a needy world.

I would encourage you to as we begin a New Year to allow God to wipe your slate clean and be open to opportunities to share God's love with your neighbor. I would encourage to take advantage of the following resources to assist you in your Spiritual journey.

Make a point of attending Sunday services, making reading of the Scripture a daily discipline (suggested daily readings are included in our Sunday bulletin and available by email), start a journal as a way to reflect upon the day's events and your Spiritual journey.

Assistance in your Christmas preparations and your spiritual growth are available from your local Faith Community. If you don't currently have a church home, we would gladly welcome you to join Northampton at Fish House.

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BACKYARD WILDLIFE

by Roberta MacIntyre Games

Your backyard may be as tiny as a postage stamp or perhaps it has acres of untouched forest. Abundant wildlife is all around us. My backyard is here in the southern Adirondacks and the Sacandaga region. What a privilege to have lived here for over 40 years. From childhood I have had a love of nature and wildlife which had led me to study Wildlife Biology in college.

I have seen almost every kind of wildlife there is in the area; a great horned owl and baby in a tree, a garter snake giving birth to dozens of snakelets in the middle of the road, otters playing on the ice, great blue heron chicks on their huge nest, a great grey owl, eagles, ospreys and much more.

Yet I have never seen a moose. Well, I did once in New Hampshire, although I thought it was a wandering horse at first. It was huge! Moose are very large animals, the largest land animal in New York. They stand 6 feet tall at the shoulder and their antlers often reach 5 feet across. You could be lucky to find a set as the males shed them each winter.

Moose have been regularly spotted in our area for many years from Gloversville to Lake Luzerne. Sightings continue to show up on social media most recently along South Shore Road and near Lake Desolation. A friend of mine tells of summers 50 years ago when at camp at Lake Desolation a mother and her calf would swim across the lake each morning. Moose are great swimmers and can even dive under the water for the food they love, aquatic plants. "They" say that there is a small population on the east side of the Sacandaga but most of the moose in the Adirondacks live in the Northern regions. Altogether estimates say there are about 600 or so in New York.

Moose favor cooler climates and habitat that is expansive with forest and wetland where there is plenty of browse, leaves like birch, aspen, and maple as well as ground vegetation, aquatic plants, and balsam. Moose need sodium and often browse near the roadside licking road salt. They are hard to miss if you do see one and if you do, keep your distance. Respect them as they can be dangerous if approached.

Right now, research is ongoing in the state to protect and monitor the moose population. For the moose to continue to thrive here though many factors are at play in their ecological community.



So, research is important. The DEC has a website with moose sighting information and more info about our "Big Backyard Neighbors".

So, keep a lookout. I will!

Moose spotted in the Lake Desolation Area last March and photographed by Rebacca Goodrich.

Roberta MacIntyre Games is a longtime Adirondack/Sacandaga region resident and spends hours hiking, kayaking, and exploring. With a degree in Biology, and special interest in Wildlife Biology, she loves to share stories of her many encounters with wildlife.

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- 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 14 oz can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 2 tsps oregano
- 1 ½ cups white rice
- Shredded cheddar for serving

Heat the oil; add peppers and onions and cook till soft, 7 minutes or so. Add garlic and cook till fragrant. Then add ground beef and cook till browned. Drain fat and return to heat. Add broth, tomatoes and oregano. Bring to a boil, then reduce to simmer. Add rice and simmer, covered, till tender, adding water if needed.

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Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for January, 2023

Lunches and programs are held Thurs at the Northville Meal Site which is now 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.

January 5th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Lemon Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Cake. We will celebrate all December birthdays with a cake provided by Marylyn Corey. No program this date.

January 12th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Ziti with Meatballs, Italian Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, STFSL Program at 12:30

David Brooks, Education Director, NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will present ,Strange History from along the Canal in Fort Hunter - This program will explore some of the weird bits of history from along the canal and in Canal Town, USA. Murder, mayhem, arson and more!

January 19th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Roast Turkey with Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, and a Cookie. No program this date.

January 26th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Spanish Rice, Cauliflower, #-Bean Salad, Gelatin, STFSL Program at 12:30

Polly Salzman, Fulton County Office for Aging Case Worker will talk about various programs. There will also 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. Please check closings on tv or internet. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 752-8737 and leave a message.

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Edinburg School Happenings

by Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

On Thursday, December 15th, the Edinburg Common School District held the annual holiday luncheon for students, teachers and staff in the gymnasium. There is no better way to celebrate the holiday season than to be able to gather together for a scrumptious meal. We would like to thank Mrs. Breda and Mrs. Rockwell for the amazing meal! We would also like to thank all the teachers and staff that helped to make our luncheon possible.



On Wednesday, December 19th, Edinburg Common School students, teachers, and staff participated in the annual holiday concert. Led by Ms. Pat Zullo, students sang traditional and new age holiday music. We are so proud of our students and the musical talents they have. This is the first year (since the pandemic started) that our band students were able to perform in front of an audience. A special thank you to Ms. Zullo for her hard work and dedication to the ECS music program. Also, we would like to thank our teachers and staff for their help in making this holiday concert such a success!

“An Eagle Eye on . . . ”

Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for December 2022:

- PK - Alice
- K - Addilynn
- 1 - Natalie
- 2 - Clay

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!

We would also like to congratulate the following students that have been identified for being named on Honor Roll/High Honor Roll in grades 3rd through 6th for the 1st marking quarter. We are so proud of you all!

Honor Roll 89.5-94.4

- Sadie
- Aubrey
- Russell
- Odessa
- Brayden
- Iris
- Rodney
- Isabella
- Eastyn
- Kendra

High Honor Roll 94.5-100

- Gabby
- Amelia
- Jeanette
- Mackenzie



As always, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023. We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break!

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

Dates to Remember:

December 23rd - January 2nd Holiday Break

Tuesday, January 10th - ECS Board Meeting
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Monday, January 16th - No school in honor of
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Saturday February 18, 2023 7:00am-4:00pm

\$2,250 CASH PRIZES

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

Measuring and Awards at Sacandaga Boating Club

129 Merriam Road, Broadalbin, NY - park in designated visitor areas

BREAKFAST & LUNCH AVAILABLE AT THE BOAT CLUB (by land or lake)

Contest applications accepted through the mail or at:

Ross' Bait Shop - Hagaman, Jim's Bait Shop - Mayfield,

Frank's Bait Shop - Vail Mills, Fuel & Food - Mayfield,

FISH ANYWHERE ON THE GREAT SACANDAGA - NYS GAME LAWS APPLY

Cash Payback In Each Species: Northern Pike, Trout, Yellow Perch

1st place - \$300

2nd place - \$200

3rd place - \$150

4th place - \$100

ANY GSLFF TAGGED TROUT IS WORTH \$750 DURING THE CONTEST. ONLY GSLFF MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TAGGED TROUT PRIZES, TAG MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE FISH.

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

FISH MEASURING (by length) TO TAKE PLACE FROM 7AM - 4 PM ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS

DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.gslff.com E-mail: Chairman@gslff.com

BRIAN KEDIK - 518-469-8124 RANDY GARDINIER - 518-848-7248

*For updated results on contest day call the measuring station @ 518-227-8298 Forms online at www.gslff.com

2023 ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST APPLICATION

Please Print Legibly

Name _____

Full Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Name of participating Child(ren) _____

Please check all that apply:

- Enclosed is my entry fee of \$20.00 (only current 2023 members are eligible for tagged fish prizes)
- I would like to become a 2023 GSLFF member for \$10.00 and be eligible for tagged fish prizes
- I have enclosed a donation of \$_____ to help stock and protect the fisheries of the GSL.

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

****We must receive mailed entries by Friday FEBRUARY 17,2023****

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www.adirondackfolkschool.org.

JANUARY

Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22.

Birch Bark Picture Frames and Mirrors with Jim Schreiner. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$15.

Tuesday - Friday, January 24 - 27.

Introduction to Weaving on a Floor Loom with Teri Dvorak. 4 days. 10am-1pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$20.

NOTE: The class is held at the Lake George Outlets 1476 Rt. 9, behind the Log Jam.

Saturday, January 28

Introduction to Beekeeping with Bianca Braman. 1/2 day. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$75. Member Tuition \$60. Materials fee \$0.

Saturday, January 28

Introduction to Woodturning with John Kingsley. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$15.

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.



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On a different note, we know that 2022 was not a wonderful year for everyone. We know a lot of people that lost loved ones this year and are spending these holidays without them. We hope that this year brings peace and joy to them. We are grateful for our family, our jobs, and our friends and we are reminded to not take them for granted. Happy New Year from our Hawk Family to yours!

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2022 was an amazing year for Hawk Drilling. We paid off some trucks, had pretty temperate weather which helped us move through jobs quickly, and we are fully staffed. We even recently hired a facilities manager. His name is Keith; he is only 18 and we are thrilled with him. He knows cars and tools, is a really hard worker, and hardly even looks at his phone. It's hard to make him smile or laugh, so we get excited when we do. He recently picked up a part from a vendor and they offered him a job – I threatened to cause them pain.

We went to the National Groundwater Convention in Vegas in December and were not disappointed. We were pleased that there were no flight delays (although I think the seats are shrinking – and why is there always a screaming child??). The rooms were....fine. Jeremy doesn't gamble – says he has Baldwin luck and doesn't feel like donating to the casino. I love 3 card! Played for hours one night and broke even – always a good time. Ate some amazing meals and even tried caviar...and it was AWESOME! The trip went by really fast, but we were happy to come home.

Christmas came quick. Today's date is 12/15 as I am writing this and I am still scrambling to get presents together for the technicians here. I would have loved to spoil the guys over a few days, but a thrown together breakfast next week – that I just scheduled – works too.

We have decorated our house and the office, but it still doesn't yet feel like Christmas – also despite Alexa playing Christmas songs for the last 2 weeks – to Amanda's chagrin. I'm sure it is just because things are moving so fast and changing so much. We were supposed to have my family up to visit this weekend, but Acadia got the flu, and now we are expecting a snowstorm, so I'm sad about that. Janice and Bill are coming up for actual Christmas and surprising the kids.

Lucas turns 14 this New Year's Day...14!!!! He is already taller than Jeremy and me. He's in wrestling, and although he is not well trained in technique, he is really strong and gives the coach a run for his money. It's fun to watch. He wears a size 11 shoe – no offense to people with big feet, but it felt like clown shoes when I was buying them for him.

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