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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thurs	7	7:00 pm	Zoning Board Meeting
Thurs	7		National Day of Prayer
Sun	10		Mother's Day
Tues	12	5:30 pm	BOT Meeting
Tues	19	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	21	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Mon	25		Memorial Day



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy May Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the Onset to Summer!

May is upon us already; our Snowbirds are back or on their way back to their summer homes and boy do we have a winter to tell them about! I hope this article finds everyone in good spirits and ready to enjoy the nice weather. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! AND HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!** Let's take a moment to remember all of our veteran's who sacrificed their lives so that we can live freely!

TOWN NEWS

Town Board Meeting Time

We have been busy at the Town Hall there is never a day that we don't have something thrown at us that we're not expecting. The Town Board meeting time has been changed. The meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month with the time being 6:30 pm. The Town Board comes in prior to the meeting to review the vouchers and abstracts so that it does not take up time during the meetings.

Town Hall Hours

The Town Hall is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The assessor's office is open Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Recycle and Reuse Center Hours

The Recycle and Reuse Center is back to their summer hours. The hours are Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The 2026 resident stickers are here and are on sale; you should get your permit at the Center. The cost is \$20.00 per resident's vehicle.

Veteran Flags

Memorial Day is May 25th the Town supplies the veteran's flags for the cemeteries within the Town. We are very lucky to have Jean and Todd Becker who have placed the flags on the graves each year. This tradition started with Jean's father Adelbert Roberson or as some knew him Del; he and Jean would put the flags on the veterans graves each year and now Jean and her family are keeping up the tradition. I would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to the Beckers! If you have a loved one that was a veteran who did not receive a flag on their grave please contact the Town Hall and we will get one put on for you.

DEC Burn Ban

Just a reminder the burn ban is still on until May 15th unless it is extended by the NYS DEC. If you plan on burning within the Town of Edinburg you must now come to the town hall and get a permit. They will be available during regular business hours only. If you are only having a campfire a permit is not needed.

Traffic

Please remember with the warmer weather coming there will be more traffic and pedestrians. Please use caution when driving.

Tange Road

The Highway Department is in the process of preparing Tange Road for construction this year use caution when and if you need to use it.

Summer Home Openings

When opening your summer homes this year please remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Building Permits/Zoning

Please remember within the Town of Edinburg building permits are required and zoning is enforced. If you have any questions on whether you need a permit, please contact the Code Enforcement Official at 518 863-2793.

Enjoy the Spring!

Bob

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Supervisor

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Edinburg in the American Revolution?

By Darlene and Fred Lee

How can that be? Edinburg(h) was established in 1801. The American Revolution ended 1783. Many know of Sam Downing, Revolutionary War Patriot who lived in Edinburg until his death. Did you know there were other American Revolutionary War Patriots, which made Edinburg their home and chose to make it their final resting place? I would like to invite you to join us, as we journey down a path of discovery into the lives of Patriots buried in cemeteries throughout our town.

We will start with Isaac Thayer, buried in the Partridge Cemetery, on Sinclair Road. Little was known of him. His headstone was darkened with lichen and the inscription was barely readable, when a small group of volunteers found him. Accompanying this article are the before and after photos of his

headstone. Did you know there is a science to the type of stone used as a marker?

Headstones can reveal things about the person there interred. It turns out, there is science to the type of engraving on the stone. The artwork can tell us about his belief in the hereafter. Poetry was frequently engraved on gravestones. Finding Isaac's name in research completed by Edinburg Historian Priscilla Edwards was just the beginning. We wanted to know where he served, did he have a wife, children, brothers, and so much more like, where was he born? We then looked at his family tree and his military record.

At the time of the War, young men and women traveled from New England to the New York Colony to the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys for the various battles that occurred. Once the Treaties of Peace were signed, State borders were drawn. Up to that time, the Colony border was just west of Syracuse! In essence Edinburg was the "Wild West"! To say the new nation "hit the ground running" is an understatement. In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase moved the west beyond Denver and more.

In essence, Patriots chose Edinburg and brought their families here to start farms, cut timber, raise their heirs and celebrate their religion. As you walk the fields and streams you walk where Patriots stood. It is entirely possible that homes still

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standing here provided shelter for the aging veterans of the war that changed the world. We observe the anniversary of Saratoga County's role in the Revolution, and know that those participants chose Edinburg.

Please join us at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at Sand Hill School on Tange Road for a meeting of the Edinburg Historical Society for a presentation on Isaac Thayer, one of our hometown Patriots.

Darlene Lee is a member of the Schenectada chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Basket Weaving

Colleen Mosenthin of Weave and Wobble Baskets, will skillfully guide you to complete a beautiful basket for yourself or as a special gift. No previous experience is needed.

There are 4 styles to choose from; cost is dependent on the style chosen. The sign-up sheet will be at the library desk with basket choices, photos, dimensions and cost. The class will be approximately five hours long, so bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as inspiration strikes.

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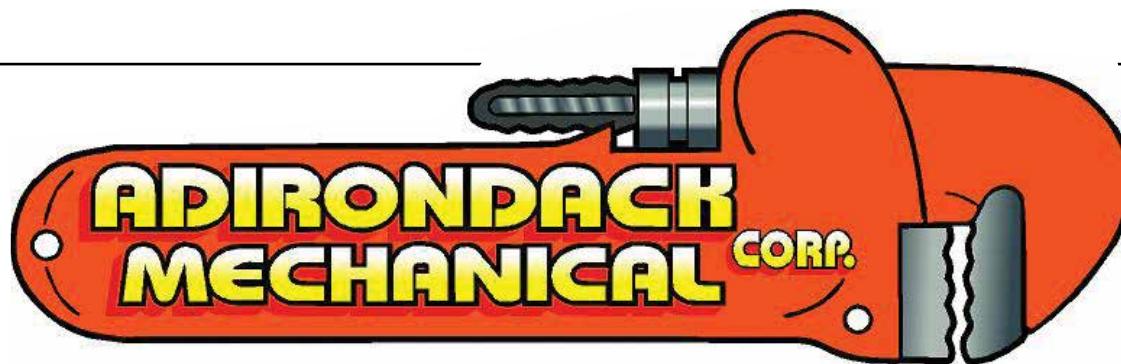
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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

There's a remodeled new space at the Northville Public Library — the Book Nook. It's the Friends of the Library's spot for selling gently-used books.

Thanks to funding from the library's foundation and installation by Library Director Alisha Rivera-Holmes, new shelving has been set up allowing the Friends to display and sell more books throughout the year. Book Sale Chairperson Cheryl Miller has organized the space according to genre. There is a large selection of coffee table books, adult non-fiction and fiction, teen, elementary-age and pre-school books all being sold at low prices. Also, there are hundreds of mass-market paperbacks being sold at five for a \$1. These are perfect books for reading at the beach or for vacationers to purchase while staying in the area (out-of-town visitors are always welcome to stop by and purchase books too). All book sale proceeds go to benefit library programming and improvements.

The Friends also recently purchased an electronic photo frame that is on display in the Book Nook space. Library news and upcoming programming information is featured on the photo frame.



The library's Mammoth Book Sale will once again take place on July 2, 3 and 4. Volunteers are needed for tent and book set-up, as well as assisting during the sale and clean-up. If interested, please leave your name at the circulation desk and a member of the Friends will reach out.

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As always, these sales are made possible by book donations. The Friends accepts books in good condition (no warped, moldy or smelling books please!). There is a cart near the library entrance where books may be placed. Also this year, the library has weeded out some of its collection of less popular books to make room for new books. Many of these older books are being sold either in the Book Nook space or at the Mammoth Sale.

And finally, the Friends have compiled a list of books that will be purchased and put into circulation in honor of Northville Central School's Class of 2026. Earlier in the year, the senior class was asked to give us a list of their favorite reads. Many were already on the shelves, but the Friends have purchased the following requested books:

The Fishing Chronicles Series by Lane Walker
Home Hunters Full Collection by Lane Walker
My Weird School (21-Book Box Set) by Dan Guzman and Jim Paillot
And the following Manga Classics:
Sense and Sensibility by Stacy King and Jane Austen
Romeo and Juliet by Crystal Chan and William Shakespeare
The Count of Monte Cristo by Crystal Chan and Alexandre Dumas
Dracula by Stacy King and Bran Stoker



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New at the Library

Come and see our new Friends of the library Book Nook.

Dear Neighbors,

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

Book Clubs:

Sacandaga Book Club:

Rick Hasenauer will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book Spare by Prince Harry on Tues. May 12th at 10 am. Summary: "It was one of the most searing images of the twentieth century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow—and horror. As Princess Diana was laid to rest, billions wondered what Prince William and Prince Harry must be thinking and feeling—and how their lives would play out from that point on..."

For Harry, this is that story at last."

Evening Book Club:

The Evening Book Club will be reading Misery by Stephen King on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30pm. Summary: "Paul Sheldon is a bestselling novelist who has finally met his number one fan. Her name is Annie Wilkes, and she is more than a rabid reader—she is Paul's nurse, tending his shattered body after an automobile accident. But she is also furious that the author has killed off her favorite character in his latest book. Annie becomes his captor, keeping him prisoner in her isolated house. Annie wants Paul to write a book that brings Misery back to life—just for her. She has a lot of ways to spur him on. One is a needle. Another is an axe. And if they don't work, she can get really nasty."

Programs at the Library:

- May 2nd @ 11:00am - 12:30pm: Phil Bayley will giving an author presentation on his new book Carpe Ski'em
- May 23rd @ 9:00am - 2:00pm: Colleen Mosenthin is bringing basket weaving back to the library!

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Adult Programs:

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

Hours:

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

Teen Programs:

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

Children Programs:

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

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, May 19th 6:30pm

Libby:

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by Barbara Klueg

Just Ask . . . Trust Him!

Many years ago, we enjoyed a vacation with our Fab Five and their families at a cool (round) rental house in Pennsylvania. While there our two-year-old grandson Zeke bravely leapt off a stone wall into his Daddy's arms . . . without hesitation, I might add. He completely trusted his daddy!

We adults, however, have a problem and do not always trust our Heavenly Father like Zeke trusted his daddy. Instead, we worry and stress about things . . . and as a result become even more fearful. We decide to handle things ourselves . . . We prefer doing things "our way". We become impatient waiting on God.

The Bible says, "God will keep you in perfect peace when you trust in Him. Trust in the Lord God always, for the Lord is your everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26: 3-4)

When we finally give our problems to God and trust Him, we have sweet peace! Our circumstances may not change, but we do! Matthew 11 says, "Come to me, all you who are weary with heavy burdens . . . and I will give you rest." God loves us so much. He wants to bear our burdens.

God is higher and greater than anything life throws at us. We can trust our all-knowing, all-powerful, wise Heavenly Father. The key to our dilemma is simple . . . Just Ask . . . Trust Him! He can and will catch us!

May is a very special month! Congrats to our College Grads! You did it! Now go out, find a job and do it to the best of your ability . . . not to just make your boss happy or to make money, but to serve and honor God with your whole heart. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" is the greatest commandment in the Bible, calling us to complete devotion and trust in our God.

Happy Mother's Day! Being a mom is one of life's highest privileges, and I might add, hardest jobs! Loving and preparing our kids for 'real life' is HUGE and should be at the top of our list. Being a mother can often be an extremely tiring and thankless job. Take time to encourage some young moms today and be sure to hug your mom. My mom went to be with Jesus

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many years ago, just a few days after my siblings and I had spent Mother's Day with her. I miss her every day! If you still have your mother, express your love and gratitude for her . . . give her a BIG hug and kiss! Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Memorial Day is the day we honor those in our military who died while serving our country. We are so blessed in our country to have a great military. God Bless the USA and our service men and women, too!

"Do It Anyway"

Written in 1968 by Dr. Kent M. Keith, a 19 yr. old Harvard student as part of his book "Paradoxical Commandments". The poem became famous after being found on the walls of Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta.

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
forgive them anyway.
If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
do good anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable;
be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy;
be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.

Pastor Larson and our church family want to give a Huge Thank You to Pastor Isaiah Philo. Most of our church family know that Pastor Isaiah's position at the church was in addition to his regular occupation. He has performed his pastoral role incredibly well, but the demands of his other job require more attention at this time, so he stepped down as pastor at the end of April. We have been very happy and thankful to the Lord for his service these past two years. Going forward, the elders will be appointing Isaiah to resume his previous role as an elder, so he will continue to shepherd the flock in that capacity. We love and appreciate Isaiah, Jamie, and their family so much! Thank you, Pastor Isaiah, for your ministry and willingness to serve the Lord and us! You did a fantastic job! Thankfully, you will still be



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We would love to have you join us as we love and serve the Lord together. Our church ministries are:

- Sunday: (8:50 a.m.) Sunday School for all ages, (10 a.m.) Worship Service (Nursery & Children's Church provided), (6 p.m.) Family Night Fellowship & Teaching (1st Sun. of the month with refreshments), (7 p.m.) Jr. and Sr High Youth Groups
- Monday: (8 p.m.) Man Up Bible Study for young men at BCON Corner
- Tuesday: (7 p.m.) Sr. High Girls Bible study
- Wednesday: (10 a.m.) Northville Food Pantry at BCON Corner
- Thursday: (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Prayer Meeting, (6:45 p.m.) Jr. High Girls Bible Study, (10:30 a.m.) NLH Nursing Home Service on 3rd Thursdays.
- Saturday: (6:30 a.m.) Men's Coffee Hour at BCON Corner
- Small Groups: Call the church for times and locations

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

Spring has finally sprung! The flowers are in bloom and the grass is green. Soon our area will be alive with activity. People will be returning to their camps for the summer to relax and enjoy lake life. When our church bell rings we invite all to come and hear our Pastor deliver messages of God's love and how Jesus works to continue His work in our lives.

Sunday, May 10th we celebrate Mother's Day. This is a day to acknowledge the sacrifice and hard work mothers make in raising their children. Proverbs 31:25 tells us "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." Proverbs 31:31 also tells us to "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Sunday, May 24th is Pentecost Sunday. This day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. It also marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. Acts Chapter 2 contains the story of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day. This is a day to honor those who have given their lives to defend our country. It is observed with the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Flags, insignia and flowers are placed on the graves of Veterans in our cemeteries.

Sunday, May 31st is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost which we celebrate the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Coming up in June we will be having our annual Salad and Side Sale. Tentatively set for June 13th from 10 until sold out. Please watch our Facebook page for the exact date. It's a great opportunity to get the salads and sides for your BBQ. Let us do the work and help support your local church celebrating 190 years serving our Lord and community.

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by Brian DeFeo

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- 3/17. Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/18. Mutual Aid, Providence
- 3/24. Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/30. Carbon Monoxide alarm, North Shore
- 3/31. Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/31. Mutual Aid, Northville
- 4/2. Carbon Monoxide Alarm, North Shore

- 4/5. Fire Alarm, North Shore
- 4/8. Mutual Aid, Northville
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You likely missed this in the news last month, but on the street I grew up on, a person's car caught fire in their attached garage and pretty much burned down the house. It apparently started in the family EV, one with a pretty big price tag.

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Grace to you, and peace, from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

Well, we have certainly had our share of April showers, and now we're seeing the emergence of the May flowers! I love this time of year, when new shoots are pushing up from the ground and sprouting leaves on the trees. The warmer weather has brought many birds to my lawn, and I am trying to befriend them by keeping them fed. And the daylight lasts so much longer into the evening now. What a wonderful time of year!

The month of May also brings with it the celebration of Pentecost on May 24th. Pentecost is widely understood as the birthday of Christ's Church. On that first Christian Pentecost, Jesus' followers were all together in one place, when there was a mighty rush of wind, and tongues of fire seemed to rest on each of them, and they found themselves able to proclaim the gospel in other languages by the power of the Holy Spirit. People from many lands and nations were able to hear the disciples speaking of God's deeds of power in their own languages.

From there, filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter and the others – those who had been frightened and timid after Jesus' arrest and crucifixion – were empowered to go out and proclaim the gospel boldly and courageously. And on that first Pentecost, scripture tells us about three thousand people welcomed the message, were baptized, and added to the small community of the earliest church. We're told that these early followers of Jesus "devoted

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Many folks, even inside the church, don't really pay much attention to Pentecost, but it is one of my favorite holy days to celebrate. We will do so in worship, as we pray and sing in many different languages. Instead of having me preach a formal sermon that morning, the people of the congregation will be those who proclaim the good news, bearing witness to God's deeds of power in their lives or in the church or in the world around us. This special worship service will be followed by a "Birthday Party" for Christ's Church, where we will have cake and many other good things to eat, along with festive decorations and the opportunity to share fellowship with one another.

Our church is a welcoming and inclusive gathering of those who seek to follow Christ's teachings and example in our daily lives. We provide one another mutual support in times of trouble and share in one another's joys and celebrations. We are trying to make the world a better, kinder place, a place where seeds of God's kingdom may grow - by feeding neighbors near and far; supporting immigrants and refugees in these fearful times; calling on elected leaders to pursue justice and peace rather than upholding unjust systems and pursuing violence as a means of control; and speaking and standing up for those who have been too long silenced, overlooked and oppressed.

If you would like to be a part of such a community, please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for worship, followed by fellowship. And especially, mark your calendar to come celebrate with us on May 24th, Pentecost, the Birthday of Christ's Church!

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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

Of Marinas, Docks, and Boatyards

Soon, those winter shrouds will come off at 20 places in Fulton County, 30 in Warren County, 10 in Saratoga County, and 20 in Montgomery County, not to mention the hundred other places in the additional areas of the Adirondack Park not covered by this newsletter. The abundant, omni-present shrink-wrapped boats fill every marina and boatyard in the off-season. From late September to May, they stand as silent sentinels awaiting the summer season. In addition to wrapping them, their managers – the marina and boatyard owners – have moved them out of the water, drained and refilled fluids, and fogged engines to protect these recreational conveyances from winter’s frozen water and harsh weather. As this quiet season draws to its close, marina and boatyard owners shift to the preparations for a new summer. These days, that labor leans heavily toward pleasing recreational boaters, but that paradigm did not always hold sway.

At one time, marinas and docks did not even exist here in the

Adirondacks. But, as the population increased and changed, so, too, did the usage of Caroga Lake, Canada Lake, Lake George, Saratoga Lake, Fish Creek, the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, Great Sacandaga Lake (after 1930), and the innumerable rivers, streams, and creeks that fill the area.

From the time of the very first Native American inhabitants here, the region’s waterways required traversing. As Hallie E. Bond notes in *Boats and Boating in the Adirondacks*, these residents “set precedent for transportation in the park long before European colonization.” The Abenaki and Haudenosaunee used canoes to move between lakes and streams, and to fish, hunt, and move goods from village to village; their bark canoes and dug-out canoes utilized no docks or moorings, but with them, the American Indians created carries or portage trails that connected various waterways. The Adirondack Park Daily proclaims that such carries remain useful today as trails for canoeists and kayakers and include what we currently call Indian Carry/Northern Forest Canoe Trail or NFCT (connecting Upper Saranac to Stony Creek Point and eventually to Raquette River), Cory’s Road Carry, and various routes linking lakes and rivers to interior sections of Adirondack Park. Winter storage for these peoples did not include shrink-wrap, but rather, as the Adirondack Explorer tells us, the hiding or sinking of the canoes “in shallow, quiet waters [. . .] allowing them to be retrieved easily the following season.”

According to the New York Almanac, perhaps the first and oldest actual dock in the area served a military purpose. Created probably in 1759 by James Abercromby for British general Jeffrey Amherst’s army in the French and Indian War, the site, located at the end of Lake George near Fort William Henry, now is often referred to as “sunken pier” or “old military quay.” Historian Joseph W. Zarzynski tells us the wood-and-stone structure continued to serve during the American Revolution and actually burned and was rebuilt once.

Beyond military utilization, however, docks and marinas in the Adirondacks began to proliferate in the 1800s to support the logging industry and the steamboat industry. As the New

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York Almanac states, they served “as critical transfer points between rail, road, and boat, often featuring hotels, warehouses, and sawmill sites.” Any area that conducted logging needed transport for those logs, and often, the initial route consisted of a waterway, but landings for those logs to collect at as a pivotal point to load them onto rail cars necessitated docks and marinas. As the logging industry and tourism brought increasing numbers of laborers and vacationers to the area, steamboats served as both practical transport and as an entertainment on their own.

While such steamboats and their necessary docks and marinas dotted many areas of the Adirondacks, perhaps three stood out. According to historian Robert Engel, in the late 1890s to early 1900s, the Steamboat Landing on South Inlet, designed by Dr. Thomas Clark Durrant and his son, William West Durant created an entire network of “stagecoaches, steamboats, channel dredging, and a railroad less than a mile long” to gain access to the woods surrounding Raquette Lake. William Durant’s network offered idyllic camps on Raquette Lake’s South Inlet, Sagamore Lake, and Mohegan Lake. With the construction of these several pieces, Engel tells us, Durant’s steamboat landing was “covered in cedar bark secured by thin half-log battens. Cedar posts and trestles created a protected gallery where passengers could wait for the boat. The largest section was a closed bay to house the boat.” Today, however, nothing remains of these structures.

Adding to the use of Durant’s system, The Blue Mountain Lake House Transportation Terminal, initially used rowboats but then transitioned to steamboats. According to The History of Steamboat Landing’s own webpage, a ride from Blue Mountain Lake to Raquette Lake involved 2 steamboats, one traveling across Raquette Lake through the Marion River, and the other traveling from the head of Marion River Carry through Utowana Lake, Eagle Lake, and Blue Mountain Lake. Eventually, after several changes of family ownership, the landing was “converted from a boathouse to seasonal lodging [. . .] but it has also been a gas station, restaurant, and more recently an outfitters store.”

Also still functioning today is the Lake George Steamboat Company, originally offering only one dock for one steamboat. As noted in the online 5-part “This History of the Lake George Steamboat Company,” “the owners, boats, trips, and docks have changed over the years though it always maintained its focus on ferrying tourists” and making the ferrying itself part of the adventure.

By the mid-1900s and certainly into the present, a shift from functional and purposeful docks to docks, marinas, and boatyards constructed primarily for recreational objectives has taken place. That shift altered the size and services of docks, marinas, and

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boatyards, with many more emerging after the 1930s, when the Great Sacandaga Lake was created, and after the 1950s, when the construction of the Northway enabled increasing numbers of tourists to get to the Adirondacks and to bring their boats with them. Marinas then began to provide not just docking space, but also boat rentals, fishing excursions, stores and restaurants, and picnic areas, etc. Adirondack Experience notes that “Vacationers and seasonal visitors are the primary users of marinas in the Adirondacks,” and “While residents and second-home owners use marinas, the sheer volume of tourists – 10 million annually compared to 130,000 residents – fuels the industry.”

That marina industry within the Park, of course, faces regulation. Residents appreciate – and may even participate in – the economic benefits of marinas, but they also worry about expansions that may ultimately lead to congestion or overdevelopment or a decrease in the safety of water quality,

The New York Department of Conservation (DEC) attempts to address these concerns with laws about the cleanliness of boats and the licensing of boat pilots. According to the DEC, its general rules and regulations “focus on water quality protection, waste management, and environmental permitting for construction.” It issues permits for boat washing; fueling; storm water run-off; waste disposal; constructing or repairing docks, piers, or mooring areas; and for structures in designated

erosion areas and wetlands. In addition, the DEC makes recommendations for best management practices to keep water safe.

The DEC, however, does not stand alone in creating and policing standards. The Lake George Park Commission and the Hudson River Black River Regulating District add other rules and permit requirements that encompass DEC’s concerns as well as those pertaining to types of marinas, boatyards, launches, resorts, restaurants, and restaurants that rent slips. Lake George addresses 2 classes of marinas, while HRBR makes distinctions between the commercial and the association-related sites. In each case, even the size and configuration of docks and dock layouts as well as such entities as materials used for rock walls, etc. contend with regulations. According to researchers Michale Glennon and Daniel Kelting, in tandem with these groups, the Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) attempts to “safeguard Adirondack waterways against the spread of invasive species using a variety of tools including boat inspection, education, and field monitoring.” They note that such work uses 100 stewards stationed at 60 – 70 boat launches every season.

As the summer season approaches once again, our marinas, docks, and boatyards will grow active. As Glennon and Kelting conclude, “Aquatic recreation is a stronghold of the economy in the Adirondack Park, [. . . with] motorboats the most prevalent vessels [. . .] followed by kayaks, personal watercraft, and canoes.” That fact means our communities become homes for these vessels, many of them harboring at and launching from our many marinas and docks. Just as the winter shrouds disappear, so, too, perhaps, may some of our quietude, but our communities are made for and from such bustle for these few months each year. Some of us probably even join in the action.



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May is here! A month of blooming flowers and celebrating the women in our lives .. mother's, aunts, grandmothers, nieces, sisters, daughters, and women friends who have helped to nurture us, helped us grow, and saw us through the ups and downs that life gives us. If we are very lucky, we have these women in our lives for a very long time and we thank God for their presence with us. Oh, by the way, sooner or later, we all quote our mothers!

May 10 – Mother's Day; a Sunday to celebrate!

May 17 – Ascension Sunday

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday; join us to celebrate the birth of the church. We encourage you to wear red, yellow, orange ... colors of fire! This is also Memorial Day Sunday.

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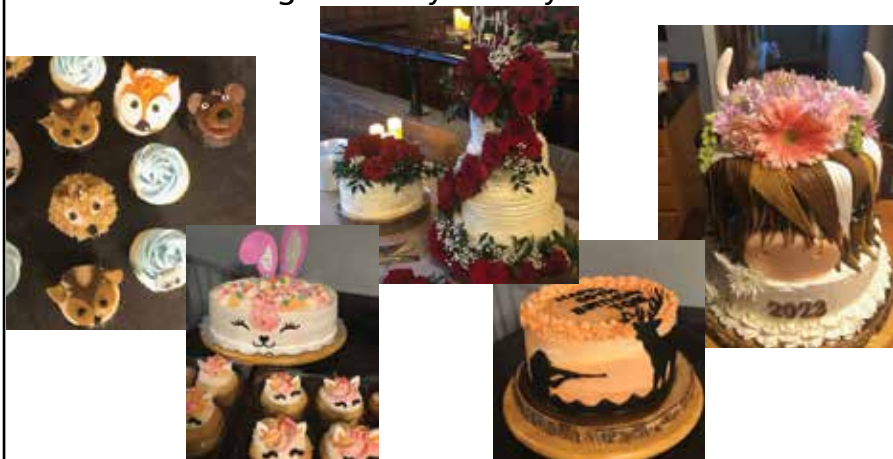
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The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church. Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: "A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness." The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.*

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The last few months, I have spent more time on Facebook than I should have. That being said I enjoyed all of the posts and pictures from snow mobile season. Several lake people made it down to Key West in the last month. We were fortunate to connect with some of them. As much as they love to ride they told us they were happy to head south for sunshine and warm weather. It was great reminiscing and sharing old stories with everyone. The conversations started flowing, easily and it was as if we have not seen each other in at least a year.

In a few weeks the visits will stop and our northern friends will return home to get ready for summer, on the lake. I have seen pictures of boats being brought out of storage in anticipation of the upcoming boating season. Businesses are already preparing for a busy summer season, as well. Hopefully the weather will behave and provide many calm sunny days to enjoy life on the lake..

While you will be ramping up for visitors, the Keys will be quieting down and will feel like a small family town, for a while. To be honest we love it this time of year down here! It allows us the opportunity to enjoy calmer water and spend time with our friends who work in the service industry. It is a truly beautiful time to enjoy the magic of Key West.

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Spending time on a boat with family and good friends is a gift. Meeting up with people on Sand Island or any other sand bar is fun. Our sand bars here are amazing. This time of year provide us an opportunity to get together with the local residents. We play our music respectfully loud, meet many nice people and their dogs. The dogs love to swim or run in the sand. Big Hoss loves the boat. He never fails to attract an audience when we arrive. Does that sound familiar to any of you?

Take the time to enjoy the green awakening that occurs this time of year. After a long winter, seeing the leaves pop out on the trees, the grass turning green and finally flowers blooming feels totally exhilarating. The official countdown has begun.

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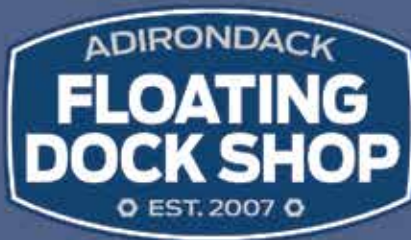


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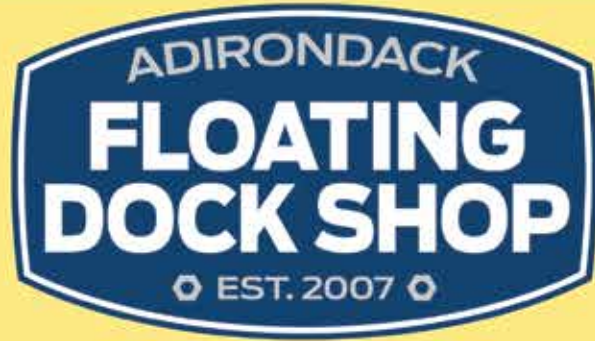


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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Tim Blydenburgh and Jane Kinney Denning

There's nothing like a spring day on the Great Sacandaga Lake: the wide open views, the warm sun, the sparkling water.

But nothing ruins that feeling like a clump of trash, a floating piece of plastic or garbage along the shore. And it doesn't just hurt the eyes, the harm goes well beyond that.

It's the reason why the Great Sacandaga Lake Association is planning the second year of its lake-area cleanup. This year's version runs from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, centered at the Northampton Town Hall, 412 S. Main St., Northville. (Rain date May 31).

Last year, in June, our volunteer crew collected several bags full of garbage, from bottles and cans to car floor mats to plastic debris. It was also a chance for members to meet with community leaders around the idea of environmental stewardship and volunteerism.

Keeping the lake clean and keeping an eye on its health is a priority for the GSLA.

According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's website, trash pollution in marine systems expose wildlife to physical hazards such as ingestion and entanglement that can lead to their deaths.

"Though all types of aquatic trash can have potentially harmful impacts, plastic waste is particularly concerning because of its tendency to persist in the environment and its widespread production, use, and disposal," the agency notes.

The EPA says aquatic trash can hurt recreation, tourism and the economy — once trash enters the environment, cleaning it up is expensive, and the burden often falls on local governments and their residents. A 2009 study by Keep America Beautiful found that the U.S. spends about \$11.5 billion per year to clean up litter, the EPA also notes.

The International Bird Rescue organization also paints a scary picture of what plastic and related garbage does to wildlife in and near our waters. "Because plastic pellets are magnets for toxic chemicals like DDT and PCBs, they effectively become poison pills," says their website, birdrescue.org.

"Especially lethal" is discarded fishing gear that can cause slow, painful deaths to a range of creatures.

Another source for more information about the effects of plastic on humans and animals can be found at beyondplastics.org.

On Clean Up Day, GSLA welcomes everyone on the morning of May 30 to independently pick up garbage on their own road or shoreline, or wherever they see trash. The GSLA will supply volunteers with clean-up kits that include clear plastic bags, rubber gloves and a safety vest.

To get the supplies, email us at gsla438@gmail.com and we will get them to you. We'll be sharing them with local businesses and neighbors as well.

At noon, please gather with us at the Northampton Town Hall to celebrate our community, volunteers and the recipients of the Great Sacandaga Environmental Citizenship Award, bestowed on five seniors from school districts around the lake.

We'll have refreshments and raffle off prizes. Also consider joining our 70-year-old organization and see our website, GSLA.org for information and updates.

Great Sacandaga Lake Association Spring Clean-up Day



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1. Gather with families and friends to collect disposable or recyclable trash and debris from around the GSLA. Pick a spot you think needs attention and team up to make it safe, clean, and beautiful! Share your before and after pictures with us; they may appear on our Facebook page or website.
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We will also honor the 2026 recipients of our **GSLA Environmental Citizenship Award** which is awarded annually to one senior from each of the 5 GSL school districts.



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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

I only know one person who was almost crushed to death under a block of foam insulation. A young coworker admitted that he hadn't taken safety protocol very seriously at the insulation factory and nearly paid the big price for it. In a moment of careless inattention he briefly lost control of the load while moving a 30-foot-high block of foam with a hand truck and quickly pictured himself flattened on the factory floor under 100s of pounds of insulation. Not wanting the word Dufus inscribed on his tombstone, he moved on to a less hazardous position.

I'm so grateful for the scolding I got in my friend's workshop years ago. The carpenter emphatically taught me safe habits and adamantly insisted I use them constantly. The main rule I needed to learn to was Never Pass My Hand Over the Saw Blade. Honestly, I resisted at first; reaching for wood on the opposite side of the table didn't seem like a big deal.

But the persuasion was in the argument that someday a moment of tiredness, distraction, or any form of inattention might have me not keeping my fingers high enough over the blade. I had to train myself, I had to be constantly thinking

about staying on one side of the moving blade until the habit became ingrained.

Later another craftsman echoed this idea to me. He explained that he taught himself safe habits for movement around his power tools as a survival skill for when he got older. He felt when he was less agile or less alert, (or even a little buzzed,) he expects that safe positioning will be second nature to him.

All this might seem pretty obvious, yet miscalculations happen. One friend shredded his pant leg while his circular saw was winding down after a cut. (I think better product design with blade guards has now solved that problem.) My grandpa was a very shrewd engineer and inventor yet one day he had a miscalculation while feeding his table saw. A finger tip was reattached.

Then there's Lisa who runs a butcher's saw for a living. When I'm at the saw, she says, that's the only thing in the world I know at that moment. No distraction can pull her away.

I'm not cutting steaks but I also work very deliberately with power tools because the stakes are high.

I hope in all your spring projects you take time for safety. Better to take extra minutes on task than have to take a ride to get stitched up.

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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



The Silent Emergency: Protecting Our Upstate NY Pollinators

While honey bees are often in the news, a quiet catastrophe is occurring right under our noses: our native wild bees are in desperate trouble. With 1-in-5 pollinators in North America at risk of extinction due to habitat loss, climate change, and pesticides, the “save the bees” cry has never been more urgent.

In Upstate New York, over 400 native bee species—including mason, leafcutter, and bumble bees—are essential for the ecosystem and our local agriculture. Unlike domesticated honey bees, these native bees are solitary, living in the ground or in old wood, and they are struggling to survive the changing environment.

Here is why they matter and how you can help. Why Protecting Local Bees Matters

Pollinators are the backbone of our local ecosystems and economy. In New York, they are vital for producing staples like apples, grapes, cherries, and pumpkins.

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important, native pollinators often perform “buzz pollination,” vibrating flowers to release pollen, which is essential for blueberries, tomatoes, and peppers.

The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee: This native species was the first to be listed as endangered in the continental U.S., signaling a crisis for New York’s native bee populations.

A Fragile Economy: Pollinators contribute to a \$20 billion+ national agricultural industry, making their decline a direct threat to food security.

6 Simple Things You Can Do to Help All Bees

You don’t need to be a beekeeper to help. In fact, planting native flowers is more effective for local biodiversity than keeping a honey bee hive.

Plant Native Flowers: Plant a succession of blooming flowers—like asters, goldenrod, and bee balm—to provide food from early spring through late fall.

“Leave the Leaves” and Stems: Many native bees nest in hollow stems or dead wood. Leave some untidy corners in your garden, and wait until late spring to cut back old stalks.

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Go "No-Mow" in Spring: Let those dandelions bloom! Dandelions and clover are often the first, most crucial food sources for bees emerging from winter.

Provide Water: Put out a shallow bowl of water with rocks inside, allowing bees to land and drink without drowning.

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A Field Trip

Michael Glenn, President, Mohawk Hudson Chapter, AOMCI

On February 1st, a few of us from the Mohawk Hudson Chapter of the AOMCI visited The Wildlife Sports & Educational Museum in Vail Mills, NY, just north of Amsterdam, NY where we hold our August swap meet. They have a collection of outboards on display ranging from the 30s to the 60s approximately, totaling 19 motors that had been donated to them. John Fura, Neal Baillargeon and I took inventory and photographs as we reviewed with Bob Kazmierski, the museum's director, what we can do to add to enhance their exhibit from our perspective. Afterwards we held a lunch session at a nearby diner including Doug Harple in the discussion. We came up with a plan of action that will probably include phases from the simplest and quickest to some longer-range plans. As we progress, we'll be reporting to all, and welcome anyone who would like to become involved. Here are our first steps:

- Information plaques. Each motor we inventoried has a story of when it was made, what influenced the manufacturer to do so and how it applies to sport, which is the theme of the museum's exhibits. We will create these like the plaques we use when we display motors at boat shows and car

shows. A small mention of us will be on each so that anyone interested in learning more about outboards and collecting/restoring/etc al has a resource to contact. We also will come up with drip pans to place under the lower units, taking a lesson from Bob Grubb's outboard museum, to protect the floor.

- Stands. Several of the motors are leaning against the wall. On stands, they would be positioned with the transom clamps facing the viewer, where the plaque can be installed for each motor. We decided on a combination of types of stands. The stands Don Hay makes, including the one he donated for Saturday's visit, and a larger multiple motor stand like John Fura uses (with casters we thought) would make for a clean compact exhibit that could be moved. Bob has plans to relocate the motors at some point when the new exhibit section's latest phase is complete.
- Possibly further out we will consider replacing some missing pieces and cleaning up the motors a bit to make the exhibit more attractive to the eye. We could use some donations of casters and 2x4s & 2x6s (even offcuts of 3 to 5 feet long) would be appreciated, or any other materials you might think of.



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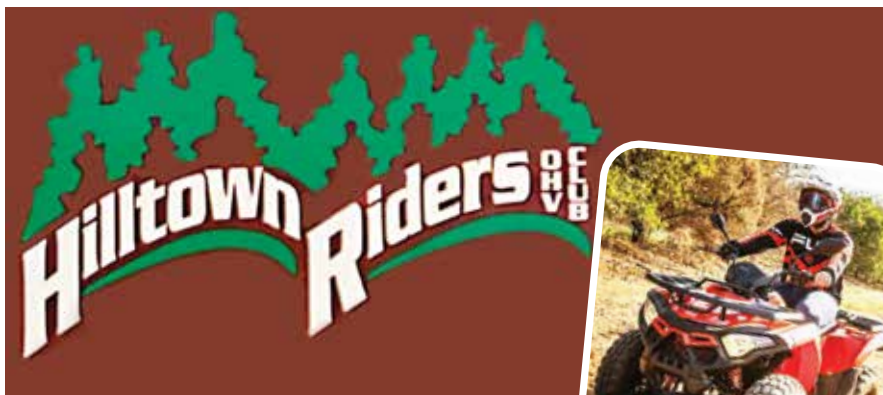
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We all agreed that with Bob and The Wildlife Sports & Educational Museum's kindness in using the location for our meet in August, we should in turn give back a bit.

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Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL Program Calendar for May 2026

Lunch and programs are held each Thursday 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.

May 7, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Roast Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Brownie.
No Program. We will celebrate May birthdays with a cake provided by Susan Chiellot

May 14, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Tuna salad cold plate, Coleslaw, Tomato/Cucumber salad, Yogurt whip. No Program

May 21, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Tangy Meatloaf, Sweet potato, Brussels Sprouts, Chef's Choice Pie. STFSL Program at 12:30: Gary Van Slyke will entertain us with Patriotic Songs

May 28, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Chef Salad, Cottage Cheese, Roll, Mousse.
No Program. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day

Call Fulton County OFA at 518-736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. For closure information check channels 6, 10 or 13 and WENT 1340 radio. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org.

For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave a message.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Friday May 8th: Albany Tulip Festival, Corning Tower, NY State Museum. Lunch from the vendors.

Saturday May 16: Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park.

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Tuesday June 9th: Alzheimer's Association Community Conference, Schenectady. A full day of helpful information for caregivers.

Tuesday July 7: High Tea at Old Fort Johnson. Back again for the delicious teas, finger sandwiches, and pastries served by

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Stones from the Creek

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Since we became a town in 1852, Stony Creek has had many businesses big and small. In this article I would like to tell you about a smaller business that had a big impact.

I recently received pictures from a local woman whose grandfather worked at the Lehentaler Broom Handle Factory.

In October of 1914, brothers Alfred and Thomas Lehentaler from Pennsylvania made an agreement to lease from Hebert D and Bernard Stone the sawmill and plank, at Stony Creek, adjacent to the railway of the Delaware and Hudson Company. Together with power plant tools, equipment, three dwelling houses, barn, lumber shed, and other small buildings and sufficient land surrounding the same for piling logs and lumber. If at anytime they want to erect a broom handle factory, dry kiln, warehouse, houses for employees, railroad switches, or of any said things an agreement will be determined according to agreed terms at the time.

Once the factory was up and running it employed 15 men and produced 10,000 to 19,000 handles a day. In September of 1917, an overheated engine burned the factory as well as many piles of lumber. It wasn't a total loss; it was rebuilt and continued operation. In fact, an article from 1918, states that they were making gun stocks for the government, at this time World War I was going on.



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Now back to the pictures and a bit about Albert Moses.
(worker, grandfather)

On Albert's WWI draft card, it says laborer Lehentaler Brothers. In the 1920 census Albert age 33 wife Agnes and 2 children are renting on River Road, Stony Creek, occupation fireman at sawmill, neighbors are Eddys and Kenyons. In the 1925 census, Albert age 37, Agnes and 4 children are living on River Road in Stony Creek occupation laborer Broom handle



Mill. In the 1930 census Albert age 43, Agnes and 5 children are living on Gobel Avenue in Corinth, they own their home and his occupation is paper mill (IP), he worked there for over 20 years. He died in 1965, at age 79, and is buried in Corinth.

An article dated 1935, states that the Broom handle factory is being torn down and removed.

I hope that you enjoy seeing pictures that had to be taken between 1918 and 1929, of the Broom handle factory in Stony Creek, I know I did!

Till next time, Cindy



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Each year, two artists are selected as Featured Artists at the Rotary Show. We are proud to introduce Ineke Fredriksen from Jefferson, New York at our July 17-19 show who creates intricate, beautiful, and useful cement leaves.

My name is Ineke Fredriksen. I am always crafting, making wreaths, arranging flowers, and needle felting wool. One of my favorite pastimes is creating concrete birdbaths and feeders - a hobby that grew into so much more.

I was born and raised in the Netherlands, and it was there that I saw a concrete leaf for the first time. I immediately loved it and hoped one day to learn the skills to do this.

It took many years before I did, but after moving to the United States with my family in the early 2000s, my son motivated me to start this business.

My joy and passion for nature and God's creation are enormous - from it stems my inspiration. No matter where I go, my eyes are always on the lookout for leaves I can use: on trees, the ground, the vegetable garden, even in grocery stores! As long as the veins are prominent and the leaf has no holes, I can find a way to use it and preserve its beauty.

Large leaves like rhubarb, burdock, and Chinese emperor are some of the biggest eye-catchers since I can form them into giant birdbaths and even table tops. I enjoy using medium-sized leaves to create hanging bird feeders, but don't let your imagination end there! Customers have told me they use them as soap dishes as heat-resistant surfaces for curling irons, bowls for onions and garlic, or simply as a pretty way to display jewelry and trinkets. The smallest leaves display their details best in trivets, stepping stones, and coasters.

How is this done? In my work shed I shape piles of sand on top of tables, upon which I place the leaf. I mix the cement to create a thick sludge and spread it over the leaf. If it's large enough to require reinforcements, I add a layer of chicken wire. After curing for up to a week, I get to peel off the leaf - my most exciting, favorite moment! From there I sand rough parts, decide to paint the leaf or leave it natural.

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After 20 years of this art form, I am still passionate about it. I love the fact that every single leaf is unique! They are all truly "one of a kind".

You can view Ineke's artistry at the Woodworking and Fine Arts Show which will be open Friday evening, July 17 from 5-8, Saturday July 18, 9-5, and Sunday July 29, 10-3. There will be a silent auction and raffle of a kayak donated by Fuel and Food in Mayfield, Lotto Tree, and Corn Hole Board made by Craig and Rosemary Parker. There will be food and demonstrations. Come visit many new and of course our veteran artists!



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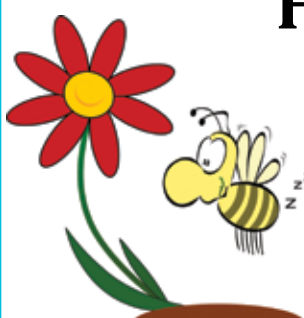
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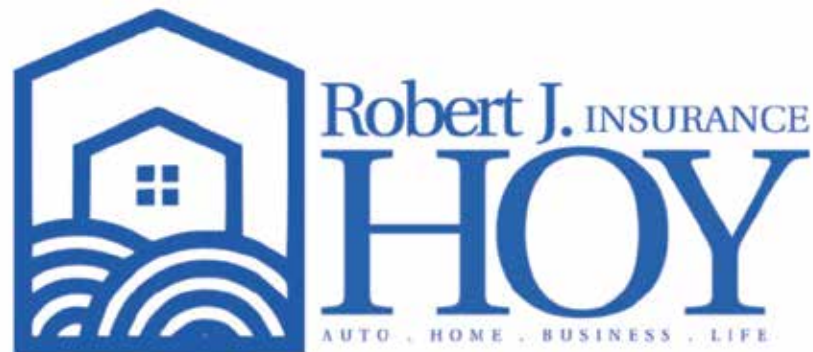
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Northampton United Methodist at Fish House invites you to join us as we seek to share God's love as revealed through Jesus Christ. We welcome all to join us for a time of hearing God's word, singing the hymns of faith, and having fellowship with one another.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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UPCOMING - SERVICES

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 14:1-14
Message: Don't Worry
Young People's Time: "A Permanent Home"
May 10 – Mother's Day – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 14:15-21
Message: "You Are Loved"
Young People's Time: "Mothers"
May 17 – Ascension of Jesus
Scripture: Luke 24:44-53
Message: "Companion"
Young People's Time: "Never Alone"
May 24 - Pentecost
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Message: "Empowered for Service"
Young People's Time: "Tools"
May 31 – Trinity Sunday
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31; Matthew 28:16-20
Message: "The Baton is Passed"
Young People's Time: "The Shamrock"

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: David E Smith,
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Clergy Column Celebrating Family

May is a time when we pause and celebrate our Moms and all those who filled that role. When I celebrate Mother's Day I think not just of my Mom but others who filled that role. I think of my grandmothers who believed in me and treated me as if I were their favorite. I later would realize that each of their grandchildren were sure they were Grandma's favorite. In reality, we all were right for each of us were treated as their favorite.

What a gift to be surrounded by individuals who believes in you, helps you to understand that we are called to loved one another, instills values that enable you to be an asset to society, and introduces you a loving God.

As valuable as our Mothers and those who fill that role are,

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they need the support of their family and community. Support that includes providing them with needed respite from the demands of all that is expected of them, which today often includes the need to work outside the home. For those working outside the home this includes access to reliable and affordable childcare.

Of critical importance is that we express our appreciation for all they do. Appreciation for the long list of things they must tackle each day that easily go unnoticed. Things like time spent preparing a meal, laundry that we find neatly folded in dresser drawers and hung in our closet, calendars maintained to enable us to enjoy sports, hobbies, and a social life, transportation to various activities, and cheering us on in activities we treasure. Most of all though expressing appreciation for their love and support.

May God bless, guide, and strengthen our Moms and those who fill that role.

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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is hard to believe we are on the home stretch of the 2025-2026 school year! We hope everyone is enjoying the change in weather and the warmer temperatures. Students have been enjoying outside recess and look forward to outside learning opportunities.

On Friday, April 2, 2026 at Eagle Morning Program, we honored students of the month! These students show great “commitment” to their studies and work. Keep up the great work everyone! We are proud of you!

- PK Finnegan
- K James
- 1 Jackson
- 2 Margaret
- 3-6 Katie and Clay
- Teacher/Staff Mrs. VanEvery



The students in grades 3rd - 6th took a field trip to the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts to see their artwork on display at the 2026 Regional Art Show. The center presented its 9th annual Regional Art Show, displaying works by 45 artists. The art show featured a special showcase of art by students from the region. The Paul Nigra Regional Art Show will continue through May 14, 2026.



We are proud to offer the “Summer Fun Enrichment Program” once again this year! The program will be offered to students in grades K- 6th and transportation will be offered to in-District students. The program will start on Monday, July 6, 2026 and end on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Students will attend the program Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The enrichment program will include “field trip Thursday”. If you have any questions regarding the summer enrichment program or would like to sign your child/children up, please call the main office at 518-863-8412 for more details.



The Edinburg Common School District will have two open seats on its Board of Trustees. The open seats are for a three year term and two year term on the three-member board. The winning candidate with the most votes would fill the three year term and the runner up would fill the two year seat.



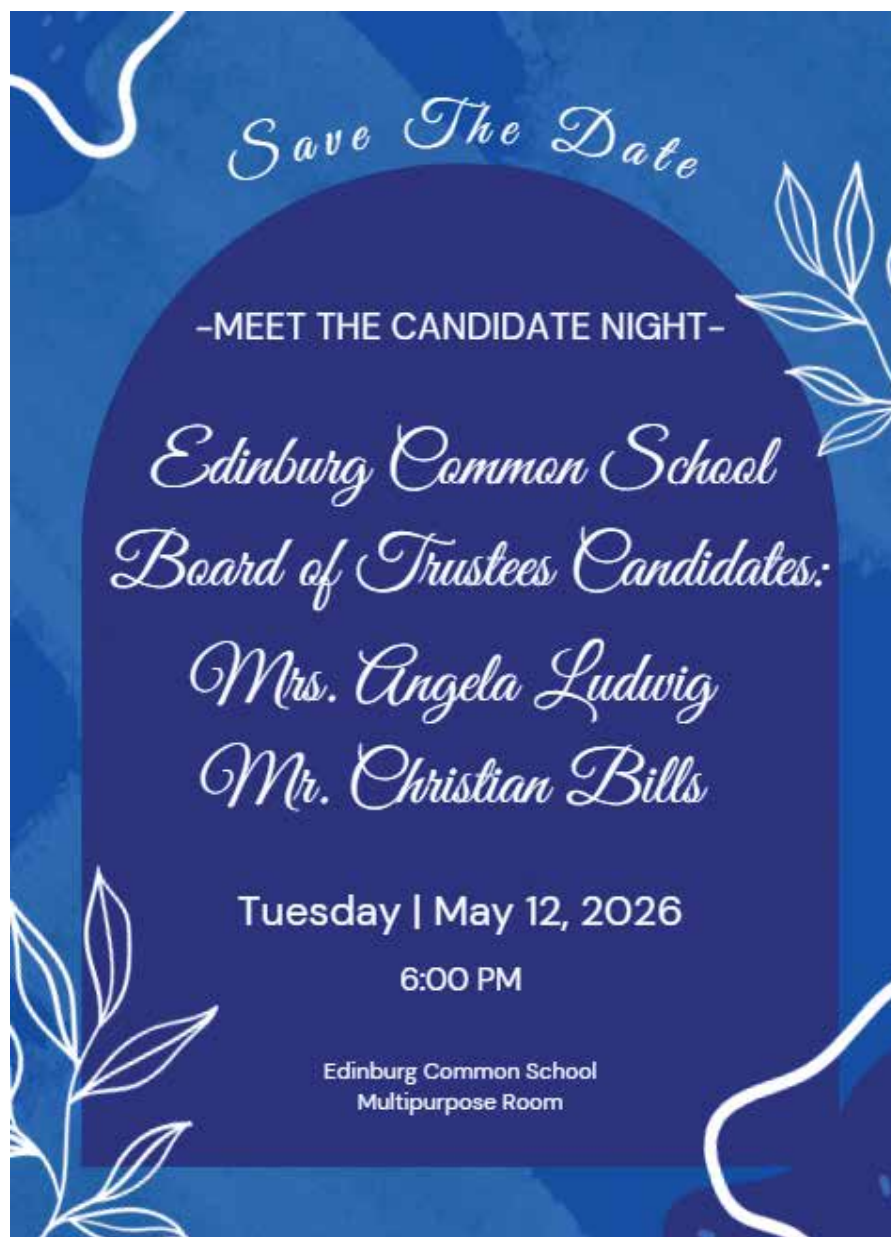
“Mark your calendars! It’s that time of year again to get out and support the Edinburg Common School District budget! The district has worked hard on keeping the tax levy increase to 0% during a time when all costs are on the rise. The annual budget vote and board election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 12:00 pm through 8:00 pm. Please join us at our regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday,

May 12, 2026 for the annual budget hearing. Should you have any specific budget related questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to the District.

Also on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, bring the whole family to our final family night of the 2025-2026 school year! The last event is a Math Night, so be ready to put your thinking caps on. We cannot thank our staff enough for their support of these learning opportunities!

Dates to Remember:

- May 1, 2026 - Eagle Morning Program 8:00 AM
- May 1, 2026 - Discovery Kids Program (1:45 PM - 2:45 PM)
- May 7, 2026 - Mother’s Day Event (Details to follow)
- May 8, 2026 - Fish Stocking Field Trip
- May 11, 2026 - ½ Professional Development Day
Dismissal 11:45 AM)
- May 12, 2026 - ECS Board Of Trustees Meeting (5:30 PM)
- May 12, 2026 - Budget Hearing/Meet the Candidates (6:00 PM)
- May 15, 2026 - Discovery Kids Program (1:45 PM - 2:45 PM)
- May 19, 2026 - Board Election/Budget Vote (12:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- May 19, 2026 - Family Math Night (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
- May 21-22, 2026 - Give Back Snow Days (No school)
- May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day (No School)
- May 29, 2026 - Discovery Kids Program (1:45 PM - 2:45 PM)





Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Edward Balaban

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Support Saratoga Lions' Camp Abilities and Celebrate Member's Milestone

PERTH, N.Y. (Apr. 9, 2025) - The Broadalbin-Perth Lions made a donation to Camp Abilities, a service project of the nearby Saratoga Springs Lions Club, and celebrated a 30-year service milestone of one of its members at their most recent meeting held at Perth Town Hall in Perth.

Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one week sports camp for blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind children which is held on the campus of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs during the first week of August. This summer will be the camp's 13th year of operation. The camp relies on donations and grants to enable campers to attend at no cost.

The staff of Camp Abilities Saratoga features a Camp Director with credentials in Adapted Physical Education along with an expert in each adapted sport being offered. The camp features a 1:1 counselor to camper ratio on an as appropriate basis. Camp counselors are usually college interns involved in the Adapted Physical Education field.

As he presented a check to Saratoga Lions Charles Eaftrato and Past District Governor John McDonald, Broadalbin-Perth Lions President Bob Townsend praised the Saratoga Lions Club for creating a model that has been replicated several times around the world, and provides sight and hearing impaired youngsters a unique opportunity to engage in athletic activities like their unimpaired peers.



From left, Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend presents a check in support of Camp Abilities to Saratoga Springs Lions Past District Governor John McDonald and Charles Eaftrato. Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one week sports camp for blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind children which is held on the campus of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs during the first week of August. This summer will be the camp's 13th year of operation. The camp relies on donations and grants to enable campers to attend at no cost. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).

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Earlier in the evening, District Governor Barbara Bentley, on behalf of Lions International, presented Broadalbin-Perth Lion Ed Balaban with a Milestone Chevron Award commemorating and recognizing his 30 years of service as a Lion. Balaban is Northern New York Lions Vice District Governor and will be district governor when the next Lions year begins on July 1.

Both the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and the Saratoga Springs Lions Club are part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. More than

1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and extend their service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.



Broadalbin-Perth Lion and Northern New York Lions Vice District Governor Ed Balaban, left, is presented with his 30-year service Milestone Chevron Award by District Governor Barbara Bentley on behalf of Lions International. Balaban will be district governor beginning July 1. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Mary Balaban).

Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Linda Brown

Growing up with my grandmother living with us gave my sisters and me periodic peeks into past lives. Grandma did not talk a lot, but when she did, it was mesmerizing to listen to her stories. If we would get restless, as children often do, she would remind us to “Hold onto your britches.” We would laugh at her colloquial sayings, but now as a grandparent, I appreciate her simple wisdom. As May stirs not only the earth to new beauty, but our desire to be “out and about” after a long winter and cool and damp spring, SVAN has a host of exciting activities planned for the months ahead. So, “hold onto your britches” as Jean Hersey shares, “The month of May is the gateway to summer.”

SVAN Scholarship Program

It is that time of year when high school seniors are thinking about their future and parents are thinking about finances. The SVAN Scholarship program is offered to high school seniors in the Sacandaga Region, consisting of two \$500 scholarships to

be used to further their education at a two or four-year college or university. The application details key requirements and can be found at office@svanarts.org. The deadline for applications is May 14, 2026 and can be mailed to SVAN Scholarship Committee, PO Box 660, Northville, NY 12134. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before May 14. Online applications can be submitted to office@svanarts.org, but must still meet the May 14 deadline.

Northville Gallery

The reimaging of the SVAN Gallery at 303 North Main St. in Northville is progressing nicely. The First United Methodist Church of Northville has graciously permitted SVAN to use their parsonage as our gallery for many years and we are deeply thankful and indebted to them for their kindness. As SVAN proceeds with refreshing the look and availability of the gallery, many changes are required before we can reopen in June. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding hands-on classes, expanded displays and exciting programs.

Visual Arts

The popular summer experience, Art Trails, is scheduled for August 15&16. This self-guided tour of local artists in their working studios is now in its 11th year and once again promises to be amazing. Artwork in a variety of media will be on exhibit &



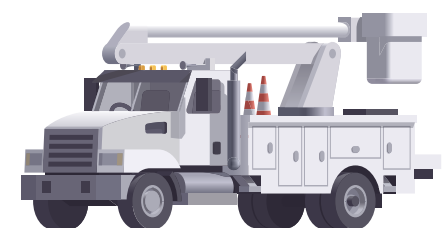
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What: Hands-on workshop

Where: Northville Public Library

When: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Time: 10:30am- 1:00pm

Who: SVAN Members and Friends

Teacher: Dianne Knapp

Pre-Registration Required by 5/12

Fee: \$15(m) \$20 (non-m)

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Summer Concert Series*

*The very popular Summer Concert Series in the Park returns on July 11th. The summer program was recently awarded a \$4,500 grant from the Saratoga Arts, 2026 Community Arts Regrant Program. The monies will be used to supplement the wonderful support from our local business partners for all our programs.

- Sirsy, July 11 – Music Hero Northville Rotary
- Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra, July 18 – Music Heroes Liz Perrins, Howard Hanna Realty, Ken Adamczyk and Fulton County Center for Regional Growth.
- Bob Stump Band, July 25 – CDL Insurance
- Hair of the Dog, August 1st – The Flower Barn
- Bluz Hous Rockers, August 8 – Bella's Hope
- Electric City Horns, August 15 – Music Hero, Cynthia Gifford, Licensed Realtor, Howard Hanna Realty
- The Lustre Kings, August 22 – Music Hero, Park Marine
- Fenimore Blues, August 29 – The Local Dining & Spirits

Additionally, the Caroga Lake Music Festival will present a Classical Chamber Music Concert on July 26. The concert will be held at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church and supported by the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network.

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"Every artist begins as an amateur."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.*

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Sacandaga Protection Committee

Bob Jones

Spring is here ! Hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and is beginning to think of spring and summer hobbies such as gardening, walking, biking, golfing , boating or whatever it maybe. I'm sure spring cleaning is on the list , even though it isn't much fun but things sure look and feel better once it's done. The Great Sacandaga Lake Association is sponsoring the 2nd spring clean up day on May 30. Visit their Facebook page for more details. As you're dusting off those golf clubs remember that the SPC golf outing is Saturday June 6th at Hales Mills Country Club . The SPC is the only organization that engages lawyers and lobbyists to protect our access to the GSL so that we may be able to enjoy all activities on the lake year-round. This golf outing is one of our major fund-raising activities. The cost to play is \$110 per person which includes golf, lunch at the turn, some cocktails and an awards reception. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100 for a tee sign to \$2,500 to be the presenting sponsor. All sponsors are recognized in program, signage at event, postings on social media and postings in the Edinburg Newsletter that produces 3,500 copies each month. To participate contact Bob Jones at 518-257-0282 or send an email to SPCGSL@gmail.com.

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Saratoga County History Center Releases New Documentary

The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum has released the fourth film in its documentary series focused on Saratoga County communities, entitled *The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads*. Earlier films in the *Forgotten Crossroads* series explored the communities of Rock City Falls, Bacon Hill, and Vischer Ferry. “By focusing on the entire Town of Greenfield, the History Center has taken on an ambitious project,” said film director Jim Richmond. This film is meant to display the diversity of history, memories and aspirations that makes Greenfield a special place to live, and centers around conversations with twenty local residents ranging in age from 13 to 90. “The common theme of the film is their joy, which comes across in the film,” added Richmond.



Greenfield is the largest town in Saratoga County, extending from the outskirts of Saratoga Springs to the foothills of the Adirondacks. Native Americans were familiar with this land long before settlers from New England arrived soon after the Revolution. “Settlements sprung up along the Kayaderosseras Creek,” said Town Historian

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BIG NEWS!

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Duane Cornell. "Early sawmills and gristmills were erected to meet the needs of the surrounding farms."

Today, descendants of those early families share the town with recent arrivals, seeking the experience of rural landscapes close to the more urban population centers of the county. "The energy of the residents comes across in their engagement in town activities," said Jenn Zeisler, a recent arrival who heads Greenfield's Recreation Department. This excitement is expressed in the town's motto, "Better TOgether."

The film will be available for public viewing on Thursday, May 7 at 7pm at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa and on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 pm at the Greenfield Fire Station #1 in Greenfield Center. Reservations for both events are available at brooksidemuseum.org. The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads was directed by Jim Richmond, and filmed by David Waite.

Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum is located at 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa, NY, 12020. A well-preserved 1792 historic building, Brookside houses the records, collections, and exhibits of the Saratoga County History Center. The SCHC is dedicated to preserving and sharing the diverse histories of Saratoga County, and offers a wide variety of innovative, exciting, and educational programming both online and in person. Please see the SCHC website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and our social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.



Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

Garage Sale Weekend, May 2nd and 3rd is upon us. We have list of sales in and around the community on our FB page and have some paper copies available for distribution by the Northampton Ambulance Squad when they conduct their coin drop on Saturday, May 2nd.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for March was 61 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty).

DPW Superintendent Dan Reidell reports that they will begin picking up yard debris and brush biweekly, on Wednesdays. Brush pickup dates are: May 6th and 20th, June 3rd and 17th, and July 1st and 15th.

Congratulations are going out to Ty Cramer who retired from the Village DPW on April 14th after 24 years of service. We also welcome new hire, Mike Sheeran to the crew!

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2785 attended a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees and gave a presentation on decorative planters they want to build for the Village as part of their Bronze Award project. Their concept was well received and approved. You can look for new planters lining the Village streets in mid June. If any business would like to sponsor a planter and maintain plants in them, please reach out to Dan Reidell at 518-321-6352. Last year, the Troop made the decorative trash and recycling containers that you see around the Village.

The May water bills for the Village have been mailed. Residents will have until June 1st to pay their water bills without penalty.

Don't forget the Village of Northville Memorial Day procession/ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25th at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar and join us for this solemn event.

Looking ahead, the Farmer's Market will be held in the Waterfront Park on Saturdays, from June 27th through September 5th from 10-1 p.m. If you would like to be a vendor, contact the Clerk's office.

We are still organizing the DOINS for July 3rd and 4th.. and taking applications from vendors. Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to participate. The fireworks this year will be held on FRIDAY, July 3rd at dusk. The Spencer family has graciously agreed to allow their property to be used for the fireworks this year again. Many people ask why we don't have the fireworks on the 4th, especially since it is past practice to

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have the fireworks the same day as the parade. The answer is due to costs. The same show the Village sponsors every year automatically costs \$ 10,000.00 to \$ 12,000.00 more if it is done on July 4th. And with this year being the 250th birthday of America, the increase to have the same show on July 4th would have been between \$ 15,000.00 to \$ 20,000.00 more. We can't justify paying that difference for the same show and that is the reason why fireworks will not be scheduled for the actual July 4th holiday. The DOINS parade will be on Saturday, July 4th at

1 p.m. The parade route will be the same as it has been in the past years, Washington, Main, Reed, Third. During the month of May, our office will be reaching out to past parade participants to schedule them for this year's parade. If you want to be part of the fun, email the Clerk's office to be added to the list! The theme of the 2026 DOINS parade is Northville Celebrates 250.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.



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From Hawk....

amazing! But there is so much more that should be done – the pavement is sad, the garage doors are bent and smashed, many windows on the barns are broken...sigh. My parents raised me to make sure that a house is as clean as possible if you plan to have guests – we would even have to polish the silver – yes, we had silver things. And it goes without saying that all of this takes time and money – which often are not in excess. If anyone has ideas, I am open to suggestions.

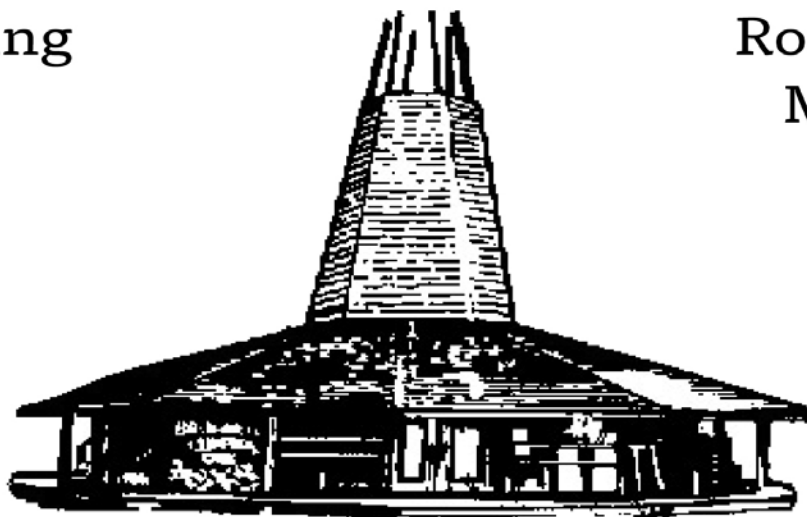
On a different note, we finally replaced our water treatment vans – aside from the hydrofracture truck, we have now replaced ALL of our fleet with new vehicles, which I feel is something to be pleased with. The frack truck only gets used a couple times per year, so it can stay old. Our trucks get so beat up – not just normal wear and tear, but the fact that we have many different

drivers. Just last month, 2 guys scraped trucks together when backing up around the facility – that was frustrating, but not at all surprising. All I can do is sigh and see what it takes to get things fixed.

We hope that May is beautiful and relaxing for all of you as you open your camps and get your boats in the water. If you have any troubles with your wells or water treatment, please give us a call. As you already read, we have been in business for almost 100 years, we know what we are doing and love our Sacandaga friends.



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Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

Did you know that Hawk Drilling is nearing its 100th anniversary? And I have yet to make any plans. Every new month is a month closer to what should be advertising and celebrations that I have yet to create. Assuming you can read between the lines, this is worrisome to me. Sometimes I think about ideas and then get overwhelmed. Party? Event? Community thing? Donate a well? Sigh. I have new respect for any large anniversary event as I am well aware that there is someone (more likely a committee) behind the preparations. I have just me.

I know that Hawk Drilling will host the 2027 Summer Empire State Water Well Driller's Association meeting (ESWWDA), because that is a great way to get other drillers to come up and celebrate too – that will be a big party, but beyond that.... Also if we are going to host events, the shop has to look as good as possible, right? We did hire a contractor to replace the metal roofs this year, so that's good. We also refinished the back room to be a new conference room – looks

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