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# EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

## Saratoga County/Global Foundries Funding

The US Department of Commerce has announced that \$1.5 billion dollars in funding will be made available to Global Foundries (GF) in Malta, New York as part of the US CHIPS and Science Act. This investment will enable GF to expand and create new manufacturing capacity and capabilities to securely produce more essential chips for automotive, IoT, aerospace, defense, and other vital markets. The federal award will support a \$12 billion expansion of GF's Malta facility, including construction of a new state-of-the-art fab. An additional \$600 million in New York State Green Chips and other state benefits will help support workforce development, infrastructure upgrades, and energy efficiency. During the next decade the Malta project is

expected to create 1500 new manufacturing jobs. Saratoga County Workforce Development The Workforce Development office has received funding for EMT Training for high school students and also for grants to help people set up and become certified to have at home child care facilities in childcare "dessert" areas of the county. They will also be holding a job fair at the Saratoga City Center in April. For additional information visit the Saratoga County web site at [saratogacountyny.gov](http://saratogacountyny.gov)

## AARP Volunteer Tax Preparation

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# MARCH 2024 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- Thurs 7 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Sun 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- Tues 12 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Sun 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- Tue 19 First Day of Spring**
- Tue 19 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 21 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 28 4:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting
- Fr1 29 Good Friday**
- Sun 31 Easter Sunday**

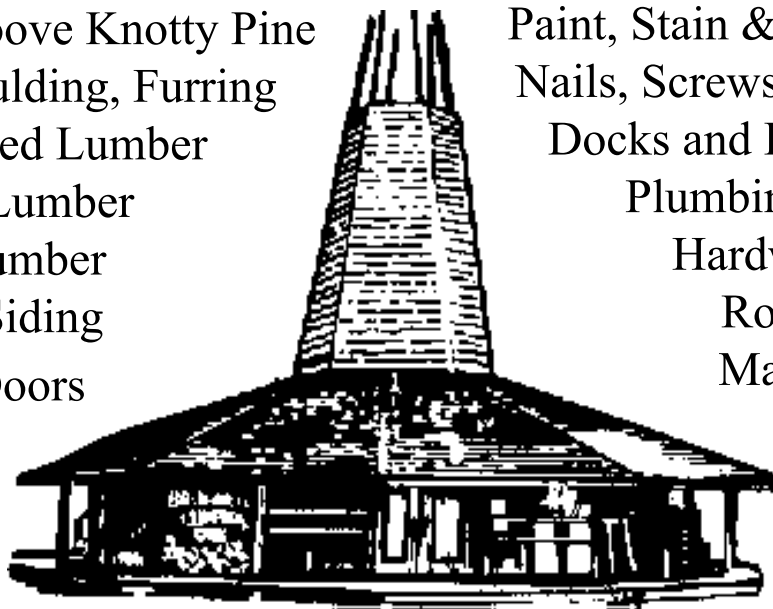


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# DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

## Looking Back

In looking through my folder of "article ideas" I came across an "Edinburg Newsletter" written a year before our current "Edinburg Newsletter" even existed. This newsletter was written in the late summer of 1980 by our town supervisor at the time, Marshall Robinson. I'm not sure how often Marshall did a Newsletter but it was interesting to read and brought back several memories.

I'm writing it here just as Marshall wrote it.

### EDINBURG NEWSLETTER

Seems our summer just got here but it won't be but a few days and it will be gone. That means election time again. We don't have much activity in Town this year and I expect to get another letter out before election which is Nov. 4th. We do elect a President this year, a Congressman, State Senator, and some County Officials are up for election. You must be registered to vote. If you haven't voted in the last 2 years to be safe you should check to make

sure you are registered. I have forms you can fill out and mail in which I feel is the simplest and easiest or you can go to Ballston Spa and register, or there will be two days, October 10th and 11th-12 Noon to 9 pm, when you can register at our Town Hall.

### BATCHELLERVILLE BRIDGE

We have had meetings with a number of groups such as the school, Fire Co., etc. to make preparations for the bridge being closed. It has been determined that the bridge will have to be closed for about 13 weeks. This will not occur until 1982. The reason for 1982 is the contract will be let in 1981. The contractor will clean and paint the under structure which will not be effected in the rebuilding of the deck and will also fabricate precast concrete slabs to be placed on the bridge in 1982 which will enable replacing of the deck in one year by eliminating the concrete curing time. I realize this is still going to be a great inconvenience to some of us and we could lose getting this bridge repaired any time until we get it underway. If another bridge should collapse, the funds promised us could go. Also if there is much local opposition to the bridge being closed the State is going where it is easier for them to spend their money. If either of these situations happen the bridge will continue to deteriorate as the county cannot afford to finance restoration and when the condition of the bridge becomes unsafe it will be closed permanently. I don't mean this as a threat but there is evidence of this situation by a bridge on the road by the Saratoga County Animal Shelter which has been closed for a number of years because of lack of funds to replace it.

It is anticipated at the present time that a personnel ferry will be operated in daylight hours by the contractor to transport people only across the lake and a temporary fire station will be maintained on the South Side. A Public Hearing will be



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**TOWN PARK**

The Town maintains a park or picnic area at the East end of the Batchellerville Bridge. In the Spring of 1979 there were 17 tables there including 5 new ones put there at that time. By fall there were only 5 left, only 2 of them being the new ones. In the spring of 1980 those 2 disappeared leaving only 3 old ones. Twelve new ones were placed there on the Wednesday after Declaration Day. The next morning 2 were gone. As of July 12, there were 7 of the new ones left. The Town Board passed a resolution offering a reward of \$100. for the arrest and conviction of any person stealing or destroying park property. We have found tables burning but unable to prove who did it. The park is closed 8:30 pm to 9:00 am and we have convicted and fined 2 persons \$50 each for trespassing.

The landfill department has cut some trees on the landfill. The Highway Department transported them to the Tange Saw Mill being operated by Burt Barker, who has volunteered to saw them into lumber to build picnic tables. Now if I can get the couple of persons, who are accusing me of being paid for the logs, to volunteer to build the tables they will know where the lumber goes. Then with cooperation of all residents in getting information to me on any persons or fires in the park between 8:30pm and 9:00am will help protect our property and be appreciated.

The fire places are also being repaired by CETA personnel and our present caretakers are doing a good job of maintaining the park.

**MUSEUM**

Our museum is open 1 to 5pm every Saturday and Sunday until Labor Day and on appointment by calling Miss Tyrrell-863-8585. If you haven't visited it recently you should. Items of interest are being added continually. If you have any items to contribute please contact Miss Tyrrell or Priscilla Edwards. They are interested in snapshots, especially of sheep shearing.

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

Supervisor-Marshall D. Robinson; Town Clerk-Bernice Grants; Highway Supt.-Adolph Ostrander; Councilman-Guy Edwards, chair. Landfill Comm; Councilman-Charles Porteus, chair. Finance Comm; Councilman-Fred Hurst, chair. Highway Comm; Councilman-Kenneth Ginter, chair. Building and Grounds Comm. Justice- Arthur R. Taylor; Justice-George Scunziano; Tax Collector- Mary Olmstead.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Constable & Dog Control Officer- Carol Blackwell; Town Attorney- Foster James; Health Officer-Dr. Gruet; Landfill Custodian- Elwyn Ferguson; Historian and museum attendant- Nellie Tyrrell; assistant- Priscilla Edwards.

**Official Newspaper- Leader Herald**

The rest of Marshall's 2nd page was very thorough but I won't include it here. He included all kinds of community info such as community organizations contact people; Town and County contact people; landfill hours for the year and all kinds of goodies, such as we now can find in our current "EDINBURG NEWSLETTER".

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## EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

2023 turned out to be a very busy year for us, with 149 calls. Typically we average around 125 annually. For the period covering January 12th through February 12th, the Fire Company responded to nine calls for assistance. Our run sheets is as follows for your inspection:

- 1/17 Bills Road, vehicle fire
- 1/18 South Shore, Good Intent (On Lake)
- 1/20 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 1/24 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 1/25 Mutual aid to Northville, Structure Fire in Village
- 1/26 North Shore, Service Call
- 1/27 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 2/7 Mutual Aid to Northville

2/9 Airport Road, Landing Zone

2/10 Mutual Aid, Northville

Generally this Column seeks to provide safety tips for you and your family and this month is no except. However, I wanted to address some lesser known aspects. Did you know that materials associated with smoking are the leading cause of residential fires in the Country? So if you must smoke indoors, do so carefully. Never smoke when drowsy, highly medicated, or certainly inside a home where oxygen is in use. You would be surprised how many people do. When was the last time you had a sit down discussion with your children regarding matches and lighters, and candles? Maybe never. Children are naturally very curious. Personally, I set a portion of the lawn on fire, playing with gasoline! Take the time to address something you might take as common sense, remember they see things differently than you do. Stay at the stove while cooking. Sounds easy, yet how often do you try to multi task when doing so. I know myself that if I wander over to the computer, I am going to burn something up on the stove top. Like turning my long boiling maple sap into a black tar, in the space of ten minutes! Avoid placing extension cords under frequently traveled rugs. They are not designed for this type of wear. I recall some years ago going into a gift shop in Wells. They had extension cords taped to the floor in the location of all their foot traffic. This is a tragedy waiting to happen. Lastly, we love our pets, but pets and candles don't mix well. Like children they too can be curious, at least your cat is. Candles are inherently dangerous. It would seem illogical that any animal would approach fire, yet accidents like this do happen. Don't unintentionally set yourself up for a disaster.

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 Claudette Koza - Secretary

Mark your calendars for the Edinburg Historical Society's two festivals, Bake Goods and Salad Sale at the Edinburg Rural Museum. A tour of the renovated Sand Hill Schoolhouse and photos showing what the EHS has accomplished and a Holiday Bazaar at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse on Tange Road.

May 25 – Bake Goods and Salad Sales – 9 am to Noon

June 8 –at the One-Room Sand Hill Schoolhouse 1:00 to 3:00 pm

July 13 – Historic Edinburg Day - 10 am to 3 pm

September 28 – Edinburg Fall Festival - 10 am to 3 pm

November 2 – Holiday Bazaar at Sand Hill Schoolhouse, 10 am to 3 pm.

Make sure to pick up the monthly Edinburg Newsletter for information on our meetings. Weather permitting, the first meeting will be held on April 15 at 7 pm at the Sand Hill One Room Schoolhouse on Tange Road. Priscilla Edwards, Edinburg Historian will narrate the DVD Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga.

If you have not paid your membership dues, send your check of \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family to the above address. Be sure to include your email address. Members will receive a reminder once a month of coming meetings and events.

A share in the Copeland Covered Bridge makes a thoughtful memorial for a loved one, or in honor of someone's special occasion and also helps the society with the maintenance of the bridge. The \$25 share certificate can be purchased by sending your request to the address above.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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**From the Four Corners Diner Gang**

## FRAXTURED FACTS

*Brian DeFeo*

If you have never read this column previously, be aware it is obscene! Based on the Supreme Court description as being, "... without redeeming social value...". In the words of Justice Potter Stewart in 1964, "I know it when I see it". So don't blame me, if you continue to foolishly read on. Things you remember, things you forgot, things you never knew in the first place: You might remember "Herbie The Love Bug" from the 1968 Disney film starring Dean Jones and Michelle Lee. Some of you may even remember his number. Yes, #53 for you trivia buffs. My question, why 53 and not number 1, or lucky number 7? If you're an old Los Angeles Dodgers fan think hard, you might have the answer. There were twenty-one Herbie's used over the movies series. It was a hard life for cars back then, before all of the computer generated stunts of today. Herbie underwent many internal modifications, including at one time a Porsche engine that reportedly allowed him to accelerate to 90 mph, still in third gear! Herbie the Love Bug also had another distinction, he



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made a lot of money. Over fifty-one million dollars. Coming in fourth over a two year period behind juggernaut's: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Funny Girl, and 2001 A Space Odyssey. Herbie was no lite weight. But back to number 53. Turns out the movie's producer Bill Walsh was a big L.A. Dodgers fan, and one of his favorite players was pitching great Don Drysdale, whom he honored by making Herbie number 53. Change of topic: Lunch time, junior high school 1965 - 1970 or so. If you were a boy, right after you ate your PB&J, you broke out your football and challenged your opponent at the other end of the lunchroom table. This was when kids had to be inventive in terms of amusing themselves, pre-internet. The "football" was actually a piece of paper, very carefully folded down to about three inches in length, shaped into an equilateral triangle. The entire surface was covered in Scotch Tape, so it was able to glide across the cafeteria table. As I recall, the object was to score a touchdown by placing the football slightly over the edge of your end of the table and striking it so that it would travel to the opposite end of the table and stop just slightly over your opponent's edge, hence a touchdown. You would then kick an extra point by placing it upright on the table and flicking it with your finger over a set of goal posts, provided by your opponent's fingers, set up at the other end of the table. The boys just loved this game. Everyone took great pride in constructing their own football. However, at the girls' tables something mysterious was regularly occurring. Something that had the boys a bit baffled, perhaps even a little intimidated. You see, the girls were sitting there predicting the future! I must confess, that I really don't know too much about this, as I was never asked to participate, nor to my knowledge

was I ever a victim of this strange device. Some have referred to it as a "Cootie Catcher" others, a "Paper Fortune Teller". Yet, I know it was serious Voodoo in the hands of the right girl. Again, another handmade paper contraption with as I recall numerous folds, and inside each fold there was either a single number, letter, or a color. The sorceress would hold this device with her fingers from beneath and the incantation would commence. From a distance I could hear the girls ask a series of questions and the sorceress would manipulate the Cootie Catcher, for each question. Then with much fanfare, the device would be peeled open much like a paper artichoke and somehow the answers to their questions would be revealed, by interpreting the numbers or letters which appeared in front of them. We boys thought it was nothing short of miraculous! And a little scary. I am pretty sure this was the forerunner of today's mini notebook computers. Once again, the boys were bested by junior high girls. Bad enough, they were taller than most of us - now they were smarter. All we could do was wait for puberty to catch up.

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The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Washburn will lead a discussion of Kate Quinn's "Rose Code".

Summary: 1940.

As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. Vivacious debutante Osla is the girl who has everything—beauty, wealth, and the dashing Prince Philip of Greece sending her roses—but she burns to prove herself as more than a society girl, and puts her fluent German to use as a translator of decoded enemy secrets. Imperious self-made Mab, product of east-end London poverty, works the legendary codebreaking machines as she conceals old wounds and looks for a socially advantageous husband. Both Osla and Mab are quick to see the potential in local village spinster Beth, whose shyness conceals a brilliant facility with puzzles, and soon Beth spreads her wings as one of the Park's few female cryptanalysts. But war, loss, and the impossible pressure of secrecy will tear the three apart.

The Library now has tax forms and instruction manuals, but if you can't make it in, most forms can be located on-line and printed.

Like to crochet, sew, embroider, or cross stitch? Join our Needles & Pins Workshop every Wednesday at 12pm.

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The Northville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting is on Tuesday 19th at 6:30pm.

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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Flowers for Caesar and flowers named after Julius Caesar all resulting from 'The Ides of March', 'ides' refers to the middle of a month. March 15th is the first day of spring in the Roman Calendar. This was not a good day for Julius. In 44 BC, he was warned not to go to work, but didn't listen. It was that day Caesar was killed. Before it was defined as a 'bad luck' day thanks to Shakespeare's play, 'Julius Caesar' and the famous line "Beware the Ides of March", it was a joyous day. The ides of any month celebrate the first full moon in that month. In Rome it was a time for celebration...until 44 BC. Because Julius Caesar was so powerful, tensions rose quickly between Caesar and the Senate, the Romans no longer wanted to live under his rule, so, they killed him. To this day people leave flowers for Caesar at a temple where he was cremated (funeral pyre). One flower in particular that carries on his legacy, is the Siberian Iris, named after his brother. It's known as 'Caesar's Brother', with dark purple flowers (royal colors) and sword-like (Roman

Soldier) flower buds.

As honorable as it is to have an Iris named after Caesar, the Iris has tales of its own fame to tell. It started with a Greek messenger of the gods, who journeyed between heaven and earth, with her golden wings, traveling on rainbows. In Greek, the word Iris means Rainbow. The Greeks have



a tradition of planting Irises on the graves of loved ones to help them transcend to the afterlife. In Japan, Irises are known for their purifying elements and warding off evil energies. Iris's are a common

design element of kimonos, Japanese paintings and a poetry style called Haiku. The Chinese believe the Iris to be the messenger and spirit for the arrival of Summer. As the summer winds blow, the petals flutter and fly like butterfly wings. This is the reason that Iris is called 'The Purple Butterfly' in China. In the Catholic church and gardens of the Virgin Mary, they are found in abundance.. It is said the sword-like petals relate to the pain of Mary's heart caused by the death of Jesus.

Going back in time to 1479 BC where the immense popularity of the Iris began. King Thutmose III of Egypt conquered Syria. Irises were very prolific in Syria and the King just happened to be a gardener as well as a warrior king! He wanted to immortalize them through sculptures and drawings as symbols of the renewal of life at the Temple of Amon at Karnak, as well as in his gardens of Egypt. Then, with the establishments of Roman trade routes, the Iris traveled all the way to Spain.

Moving along to the 500's AD, the Frankish (French) King Clovis I adopted the Iris as his emblem, the fleur-de-lis. Although we think of the fleur-de-lis as a lily. In theory, the 'lis' (pronounced lee) is believed to have been named after a river. The riverbank of Leie was blooming with Irises (and still is) so the French, over time



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shortened it from ‘The Flower of the River of Lis’ to Fleur-de-lis. All we need to know is that it was the Iris the king loved. The French put it on everything from the top of scepters to fighting shields. Today, with its French pedigree, New Orleans’ emblem is the fleur-de-lis. In 1147, King Louis VII had a dream that prompted him to adopt the purple iris as his emblem. Then, in 1376, King Charles V applied three fleur-de-lis to his coat of arms. By the time King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain defeated the Moors and supported the adventures of Columbus in 1492, Holland had developed many varieties of Irises that would make the journey to the ‘New World’. Early records of Irises date back to the 1600s in Virginia. Now it is the official state flower of Tennessee. Two gardens dedicated to the cultivation of the Iris in Florence, Italy and New Jersey are the largest Iris gardens in the world.

Since ancient times, the Indian and Egyptian cultures were among those that used Irises rhizomes (roots) for medicinal purposes and perfume. Centuries later, the practice of using dried Iris rhizomes was a major industry in 19th-century Florence, Italy. In Germany, Iris roots were hung in barrels of beer to keep the beer fresh. The same applied to casks of wine in France.

The Iris didn’t just captivate kings and conquerors, it filled the hearts and minds of artists. Vincent Van Gogh, a Dutch artist, painted his first Iris painting in 1889 when he was admitted to the asylum, they were growing in a small outdoor area where he was allowed to walk. The painting held

the record for the most expensive artwork in 1987, selling for \$53.9 million (today that would equal about \$100 million)

The next time someone tells you ‘beware the Ides of March’, just think of the Iris and rephrase the age old superstitious line from beware to ‘behold the Ides of March and the Blooms of the Iris’. Happy Spring!



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# Sufficiency

*Shellie Kovaleski and Marcie Pietrs*

This is an article about mud and change. Babies like to have their diapers changed. But then as time sprints forward, somehow folks can get set in their ways and they might get less fond of change.

March, mud season, is the bridge between winter and blackflies. I recommend pulling on some rubber boots and seeing it as a bright spot. You're not freezing and nothing's biting. March, that ragged mix of big, wet, quickly-melting blizzards and teases of shirt-sleeve weather, is a promise of brighter days ahead. If sufficiently muddy, it's a prelude to green pastures, swift

creeks, and full ponds. Folks over the age of 2 often have less enthusiasm for it !

Also, blizzards and blackflies, together with ankle-deep mud help keep the Adirondacks from becoming overpopulated. Thank goodness for that!

March is a perfect reminder of how messy, even muddy, change can be. During March you might be striding across your dirt driveway, taking in the sun when suddenly one of your boots disappears, never again to see the light of day. Your formerly white dog is now a chocolate lab. Due to said chocolate lab, the entryway to your home has, in a word, been redecorated. I guess change is a little annoying because it interrupts routines, makes us stop and relearn, rethink, revise. That

new soft ware at the office puts everyone out of sorts! But like air and water, life without change does get stale and stagnant.

Since writing about Natural Solar (sun-heated) super-insulated buildings in January (p.17) and February (p.16), I've learned about many more examples of these excellent homes in Day, Edinburg and surrounding areas. My tour guide and I speculated about why these south-facing, sun-heated ( aka "passive" solar ) homes had not already become the new standard, the norm. Many of them were built because of tax credits available at the time, but no longer in effect.

Another factor is how well they blend in; they look completely "normal." Aside from an abundance of south-facing windows, nothing about them screams, "I'm different, I don't have a furnace!" They are discreet, not advertising themselves. So the belief persists that Natural Solar is not viable here.

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Bruce Brownell explains that before the mid 1800s all buildings were solar. They faced south to benefit from light and heat afforded by the sun. But in 1850, beginning with the production of cast iron woodstoves in the city of Troy, New York, people started to forget about the sun. It seems a fad for new things catches on quickly, but changing ideas is often slow.

People often suppose that photovoltaic panels which provide electricity are the definition of a solar system. If that appearance is unpleasing, or the battery storage system feels too complicated or too expensive, there is no interest.

Maybe even the name "passive" solar is a hindrance. One observer tells me Americans like big, bold ideas; passive sounds like a limp handshake. But the opportunity to take an normal energy bill and move the decimal one place to the left, is a pretty bold idea. Well designed homes can offer that level of efficiency.

The cost of energy products may be volatile and their future uncertain but the future of the sun for our future, thank goodness, isn't changing at all.



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# Northville Rotary Grows

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## Environmental Shed Funded by Northville Rotary Used in NCS Classes

You may have noticed a new shed at the Northville Beach. This shed is being used to store materials that are used in Ms. Dickinson’s Environmental Studies class at Northville Central. Once a month during the past year, students were transported to the Field Station at the beach by bus to conduct experiments. The students took baseline measurements of chloride using quantab strips. Tables are stored in the shed provided by the Northville Rotary Grant as well as Vernier Equipment that is used to compare quantab measurements to digital measurements.

Summer STEM students in grades 4-7 used a plankton net to sample zooplankton and phytoplankton levels in the lake. Students also took soil temperature and tested water quality using equipment provided by the Rotary funds. D-nets were also used to perform macroinvertebrate study to determine the health of Schoharie Creek.

Ecology students in grades 11 and 12 are working with the Water Insecurity Correction Coalition and monitoring the amount of chloride in the lake. You can follow their measurements

on their website: <https://www.cleanwaterhub.org/site/34856>. Salt measurements are taken at Northville Beach monthly and after snow events.

Due to their environmental work at the beach, they have been invited to speak at the ADK Town Hall Tour at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry’s Adirondack Interpretive Center on January 27th. The Northville Rotary is proud of the work Ms. Dickinson and the Northville students are accomplishing with the grant they provided!



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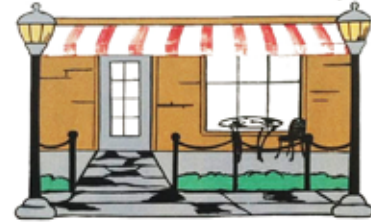
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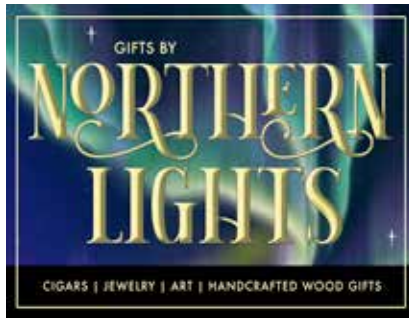
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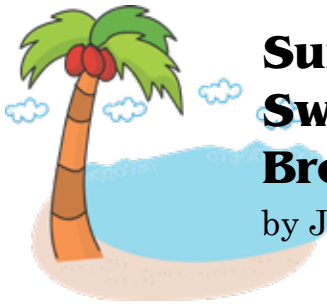
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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

I woke up this morning to the sound of Billy's phone ringing. I was in such a deep sleep it took me a few seconds, to shake off the fog. When I finally reached for the phone, it stopped ringing. I rolled back over and sighed. I was comfortable and not ready to be awake yet. Billy walked into the bedroom and I told him he had a missed call. I vaguely heard him say it was Jeremy and he called him right back. I could not hear what they were talking about but I could hear Jeremy's excited voice. He was calling to tell his dad that he and Sandra were at the airport in Austin Texas, waiting to board a flight to Cabo San Lucas. I was suddenly wide awake. In the past year, Jeremy and Sandra had many trips gone awry due, mostly, to airline cancellations. We had been praying that this one would go smoothly. The "kids" really needed an opportunity to get away and relax. For the first time in a long time, I felt completely content knowing that Jeremy and Sandra were on their way to a well earned vacation. I could feel

myself grinning as I laid there. Our prayers were answered.

A few minutes later I finally opened my eyes. I could immediately see bright sunlight streaming through the windows. Once my eyes focused I could see the palm trees gently swaying in the breeze. Something we have not seen very often this winter. I was feeling invigorated and jumped out of bed to make Big Hoss's breakfast. When I walked into the living room to open his doggie door I could see that , the water in the canal, was calm for the first time in weeks. I thought It was truly a great day and suddenly the song

"This is the Day That The Lord Has Made" was going through my head. Now, I now can not get that song out of my head.

This afternoon we are going to town for the SPCA Pup Crawl. Duval Street will be "going to the dogs". It is a crazy event attended by Key West dogs of every size and breed. The local establishments sponsoring the crawl will be catering to the canine crowd. There will be pools to jump in, obstacle courses to run through, pup cups ,dog treats and a talent competition. Hoss will definitely not be up on stage for that competition. He is a country boy at heart and would rather hunt lizards and fish. He is always happy to meet new furry friends and BARK. He excels at barking but there are no ribbons for that. I am sure that some of you that reading this probably think I have gone a little crazy and you are not convinced this

is fun. Entry fees come with drink tickets for every establishment sponsoring the "crawl". It is a win-win day for everyone participating.

At the end of the day, no harm came to the dogs or their "parents". There was lots of chaos , running, jumping and barking. While some people on the street appeared be wondering "who let the dogs out" the participants were all having a great time. Life is good!

Hug your fur babies tight and get out and enjoy the lake! Woof Woof !



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# BACKYARD WILDLIFE

*Roberta MacIntyre Games*

It was January 2023 and being half way through a very snowy winter was trying enough but the sun hadn't made an appearance in over 10 days and my winter coat wasn't the only thing I was wearing that was dark.

I decided a change of scenery was in order so I went for a walk. Close to my home is a beaver pond and in winter when it is iced over there isn't much to see until that day. Underwater springs cause dark circles to form on the ice where the pond has a bit of open water. Suddenly there was movement near one. Up popped an elongated dark shape water dripping off its body, then another and another. Otters!

They chased after each other playing hide and seek around the large beaver house then diving and sliding into the water circles popping back up onto the ice to wrestle and chase again. Sometimes a fish would be thrown up into the air and caught, another racing to steal it. This play continued for over half an hour or more.

The North American River Otter is common here in our backyard and like other furbearing mammals had at one time been overhunted and trapped for their fur to the point that their populations were greatly reduced. Thankfully conservation efforts have helped their numbers recover. Otters are large animals weighing up to 30 pounds at a length of 3-4 feet. They are well equipped for semi aquatic living with their protective double coated fur and webbed feet. Their elongated sleek bodies and strong tails suit them for their underwater activities, hunting their prey; fish, frogs, and reptiles. The playful activity they engage in aids in their social bonding and hunting skills. When on land they can move quickly



*Photo by Lisa Young*

between bodies of water, important as they are prey to coyotes, bobcats and raptors. Where do otters sleep? In dens near water, under logs or in abandoned beaver lodges.

Years ago, hubby and I were canoeing at a small remote local lake. We went ashore for rest and eats. We must have been quiet as a family of otters appeared right in front of us swimming along the bank and not aware of us. The otters had two babies with them, placed the babies on the lily pads and they proceeded to splash and feed. Another "where's the camera" moment?

It was just a few weeks ago that I was hiking near a local waterfall by the river. There was a coating of fresh soft snow and I spotted some tracks coming up from one of the pools. The distinctive large five toed track identified a weasel like animal but on the other side of the bank the long wide slide marks plunging into another pool made it clear, otters!

Otters are related to mink, weasels, fishers, pine martins and wolverines. I find it interesting that of all their "kin" otters certainly seem to have much better temperaments!

To quote Naturalist Olaus J Murie in the excellent book "Animal Tracks" (which I highly recommend) "This member of the weasel family specialized for aquatic life but more significantly specialized also in the enjoyment of life in play..."



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*Roberta Games is a longtime Sacandaga region resident and spends many hours hiking and exploring the area. She has a degree in Biology with a special interest in Wildlife Biology and loves sharing about her many encounters with wildlife.*

## “Stones from the Creek”

*Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron*

This month I thought I would tell you about a few of our early settlers. Each one has a connection to Harrisburg Road, a main road that starts at the four corners in the center of town and ends at Harrisburg Lake about 11 miles away. All the properties are closer to the center. Elisha Perkins married Malinda Uhde in 1858. They lived in Canada for a time, since one census says son Earl was born there in 1865. On July 4 1870 they bought 3 acres of land from Seers and Laura Harris located on the southeast corner of Swears Road. Elisha built the house that still stands there today, (Brooks family). Elisha was for many years engaged in cabinet making and



undertaking. The undertaking shop was just north of the house. It was a two story building with a glass front and large porch. About a year ago I found a picture of the house and undertaking shop in Adirondack Experience: The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, New York’s picture collection, which I have included in this article. Elisha died in 1901 and Malinda died in 1921. They are both buried in Dean Cemetery. George Wagoner an absentee owner living in Kinderhook New York owned the present day Wagoner home until 1844. This home is located next to the Elisha Perkins property on the other side of Swears Road. A hotel is said to have been operated in 1852 on this land, it is believed to have been the first hotel in town. Another first was the earliest town board meeting held on the first Tuesday in April 1853. Another building called the Northern Hotel was constructed on the property (burned November 3, 1874.) Owners included MacDonaldis, Gill, 3 generations of Aldrich’s, then to Richard and Elsie Wagoner. Lucy Dean was the daughter of Frances and Charlotte Dean born February 4, 1853 and married John Moore. She was the first librarian. The library was founded in 1916 through the efforts of Florence Julliette Ashley as a way of thanking Stony Creek’s people who saved her life. The library was located in the front room of Lucy’s house. Lucy immersed herself in her work at the library, donating her time and space in her home which she would open at any hour of the day to library users. Lucy was also the town correspondent for the Warrensburg News. After Lucy’s death in 1930, the library was moved to rooms over Glassbrooks store (Floyd Winslow’s)

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Since 1960 the library has been at its current location at 37 Harrisburg Road. Well I hope that you have enjoyed the walk along Harrisburg Road, seeing the houses and hearing about life in our little town. Till next time. Cindy



## The Great North American Eclipse Coming Soon!

A once in a lifetime chance to view a total solar eclipse in our area will come April 8th 2024, beginning at 2:12 PM and ending at 4:37 PM. The peak of the eclipse (totality) will occur at 3:27 PM, lasting a little over 3 minutes.

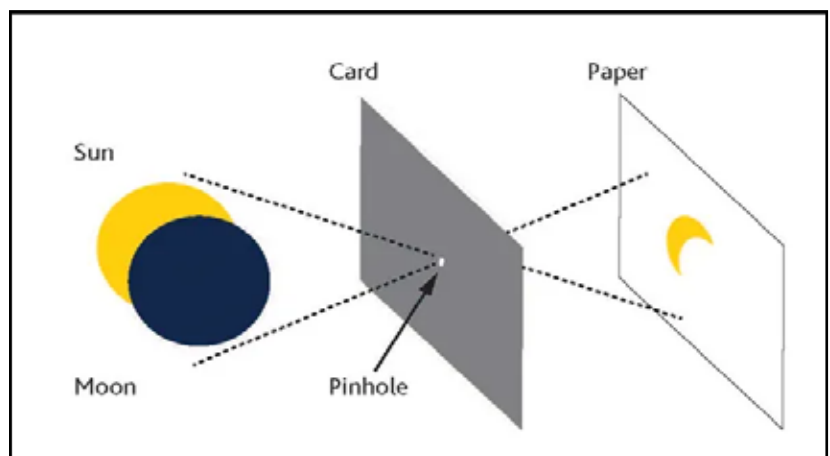
The sun will be 99% obscured at the peak of the eclipse in Edinburg. If you travel about 30 miles north the obscurity will be 100%.

A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes directly between the sun and the earth. What makes this one special is the fact that the moon one day earlier will be the closest to earth in its orbit, making it appear 5.5% larger, thereby completely blocking the sun, turning day into darkness. Only 55 percent of the people on earth will be able to see this totality.

The path of totality will travel from Texas to Maine across the United States. It is the first total eclipse visible in our area for over 100 years. It will be the last total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until August 23rd, 2044. The next total solar eclipse visible in our area won't be until May 1st, 2079!

Safety is the number one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse. When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse, which happens before and after totality, you must use safe solar viewing

glasses ("eclipse glasses"). A welding helmet will also work. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. You can purchase cheap safe solar glasses on Amazon. If you don't have eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer, you can use an indirect viewing method, which does not involve looking directly at the Sun. One way is to use a pinhole projector, which has a small opening (for example, a hole punched in an index card) and projects an image of the Sun onto a nearby surface. With the Sun at your back, you can then safely view the projected image. Do NOT look at the Sun through the pinhole! Plan ahead so you can safely enjoy this once in a lifetime celestial event!





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Greetings from all of us and God's grace, peace and love be with you.

Last month, on February 18th we celebrated the 1st Sunday of Lent. The Lenten Season lasts for 40 days, this year beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14th and ending on Easter, March 31st.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and reflection in preparation of observing Good Friday, the death of Jesus and celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus. The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance and self-examination.

Lent is a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper so that when Easter comes it is not just another day at church but the opportunity to receive the abundant grace God has to offer.

March 24th we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus' Triumphant entry to Jerusalem. We will celebrate by passing out palms.

March 31st we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you are new to the area or do not have a home church please come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Our service is a traditional service with messages of hope, love, peace, joy and all of God's goodness and grace. Please like and follow our church Facebook page to see our past events and what is coming up in the future.

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March 7th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Ziti with Meatballs, Italian Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges. We will also celebrate all March birthdays with a cake provided by Grace Losacco. No program this date.

March 14th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Cookie. STFSL Program at 12:30, Liz Blodgett from the Fulton County Nutrition Outreach and Education Program of the Legal Aide Society of Northeastern NY will present "Stay Healthy with Snap" and talk about how to purchase healthy foods.

March 21st, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo, Green Beans, Pears. No program this date.

March 28th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Pork Chop, Sweet Potatoes, Beets, Cake.  
STFSL Program at 12:30, It's EGG DECORATING DAY!! Bring two or three hard boiled eggs and your imagination! All supplies will be provided by STFSL. There will also be a blood pressure clinic .

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The Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living will be holding their 8th annual Pasta and Wine Tasting event on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 5pm to 8pm. This event will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall on Bridge Street in Northville. Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 at the door. Pre-sale tickets will be available at the Northville Liquor Store or through STFSL board members. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 518-752-8737, leaving a message with your name, phone number, and how many people are coming.

Proceeds will go towards the WHEELS program for Senior Transportation, which includes both medical and entertainment transport. Many of your favorite restaurants will again be participating, along with some new ones. To date Sport Island Pub, Vic's Tavern, Jay's Pizzeria, The Local Dining and Spirits, Timeless Tavern, Cristiano's Pizza, Placid Pines Pub, Shelby's Four Corners, Klippel's Kozy Korner and have signed up to take part in this fun evening. Of course there will also be a selection of great wines from the Northville Liquor Store especially chosen to compliment the food. And you will love the desserts that Mernin's Pie Shop has lined up for you!

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Event proceeds to benefit the STFSL Wheels Program for senior transportation.



## Sacandaga Protection Committee

### William R Smith

I have always had a very strong love for The Great Sacandaga Lake area, especially Northville, NY. I was lucky enough as a child to spend summers here with my family, and now reside here year round. I have become more interested in the history of Northville, and found some wonderful information about my Great Grandfather, William R Smith, and his contributions to the Northville area.

William was born on April 7, 1886 in Wells, NY along the West Branch of the Sacandaga River. His parents, Frank Smith and Cecelia Deby Davis, passed away at a young age due to tuberculosis, leaving William and his two siblings orphans. After completing third grade, William was sent to work in the hops yards of Schoharie County. He eventually returned to Northville and worked as a clerk at the drugstore. He met and fell in love with Lelia Frances Ellsworth, whose family owned a farm on the road from Hardscrabble to Hope Falls. William and Lelia married and had three children. Cecelia Elizabeth Smith, Lewis Roscoe Smith, and a stillborn son.

William began to invest in properties and businesses in and around Northville. He and Lelia

owned a small grocery store, and then developed "Smith's Custard Ice Cream" which was later bought by Stewarts. They also owned an ice cream parlor, which was located next to the Five & Dime in the building where "The Local" is now. He also owned the old "Esso" gas station, which was located on the corner across from the current Stewarts store in Northville. He later donated part of that property to the village, which is known as the "Village Green". As they saved some more money, they purchased the large white house on the corner of Main and Division St. (next to the Post Office). They also owned the red barn that is behind the house (now "The Flower Barn"), and the building on the corner of Division and First St. which used to be a school, a glove shop, and apartments.

After William sold the ice cream and grocery businesses, he became a real estate broker. He bought several different properties, some to be used as rentals and others he sold. Hampton Point is one property that he bought, sub-divided, and sold off. The Hartwell Place is the property across from the bridge that was a rental property, and now will be the location of the new museum. He purchased Stoney Creek Hill (Smith's Mountain), and that property is still owned by the family. He also donated the beach rights where the Northville Beach is located and Smith's Beach to the town. He was very impressed with the Lake Placid Olympics, and wanted to help build Northville to become a winter recreation destination as well. He became the mayor of Northville for a time too!

William's daughter Cecelia (Cel, as most people knew her), lived in the house on Main and Division most of her life. She never married, but had many good friends and family members that would visit her often. I have very fond memories of being in that house and spending time with her. She lived to be 103 years old! Williams's son Lewis married Irene LaRue Simons, and they had four children: Douglas, Richard, Robert (my father), and Cynthia Smith. They have all helped me to gather this information about William, and our family history. Richard (Dick) and Robert (Bob) both reside on Seven Hills Road in Northville. My husband Scott and I were lucky enough to buy a house on Seven Hills Road seven years ago, and are very happy to be near the lake and our family.

It is great to see how Northville has grown, but also remains the quaint little town that so many people love. It makes me happy to see so many

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small businesses thrive year round in this town. We are very lucky to have all of the shopping choices right here, and prefer to shop local to support them. It is the life of so many people, and I believe my Great Grandfather had a lot to do with that. My Uncle Doug remembers him as being a very generous person. He was also known to pick up hitchhikers on the road to Gloversville!

I believe it is very important to preserve and protect this lake that we have all come to love, so it can be enjoyed by many generations to come. The Sacandaga Protection Committee (SPC) is a non-profit organization with a great group of people, who volunteer their time in hopes of doing just that. I am proud to be a member of this committee, and I urge you to learn more about us. For more information on what we do and how you can help, please visit us at [sanandagaprotectioncommittee.com](http://sanandagaprotectioncommittee.com).

Written by:

Keely (Smith) Ferguson

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## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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### The Handbell Choir of Northville

A handbell is exactly as it sounds, a small bell with a handle.

A handbell choir performs music on a set of handheld bells tuned to the chromatic scale. An entire handbell choir is itself a single instrument, with a musician responsible for only one or a very few select notes that, when played together with other musicians, becomes rich melodies and harmonies, ([www.bells.org/handbells](http://www.bells.org/handbells)). In 1990, Kathy Becker returned to the Northville area, after living in Maryland, where she played handbells for many years at her church. She and her sister

Betsy Gunther decided that Northville needed a handbell choir, so they started a successful fundraising effort, resulting in the Northville United Presbyterian Church, (NUPC), purchasing a three-octave set of bells from Malmark Bellcraftsmen.

The bell choir, under Kathy Becker's leadership, played regularly from 1990 to 2001 at NUPC, ecumenical services, senior groups, and even parades. There were usually eleven ringers, normal for a three-octave group, and about thirty different people played with them at one time or another. After Kathy stepped down as leader in 2001, the bell choir continued intermittently, whenever leaders and ringers were available.

By 2018, the choir had not rung for some years. The NUPC pastor, Rebecca Putman, convinced John Lawson, who had recently retired to Edinburg with his spouse, Barbara, to assume leadership of the bell choir. John had rung in bell choirs in New Jersey and Texas for close to twenty years. Reviving the bell choir with old-timers and new ringers, they were able to ring regularly at NUPC and at ecumenical services at other churches. The addition of summer people who had rung in the original bell choir allowed the choir to perform at Batchellerville as an octet.

The advent of COVID restrictions created new challenges, with the cancellation of church services, and the need for practices to be held with masking and social distancing. The choir settled on performing as a quartet, playing eight-bell music specifically written for these circumstances. They played as often as they could, and posted recorded performances on Facebook as part of contactless services. Right now, the choir plays at NUPC as often as possible as a quartet, with John Lawson still leading.

If you haven't had a chance to listen to the mesmerizing performances of the Northville Handbell Choir, I strongly recommend listening. Performances will be updated on the Northville United Presbyterian Church Facebook site. They are free and all are welcome to attend.

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## Baptist Church of Northville

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Sr. Pastor: Pastor Andrew Larson

*by Barbara Klueg*

### Jesus Died and Rose Again for Us!

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the greatest event in history, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Jesus came down from Heaven to live on earth with a purpose . . . to die for sinners. He was mocked, beaten, crucified on a cross, died and buried in a tomb. And, then on the third day He conquered death . . . He rose from the dead!

Easter is the time when we remember the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf. Over this busy season with special activities and family get-togethers, may we first of all, put God first, thank Him and celebrate that God gave His own Son so we may be saved. Let's share this great news with others, so they also may be saved from their sins and know the Lord personally. Praise God . . . He arose!

Our church family is happy to announce a wonderful answer to prayer. For the last four years we have been praying for God to provide us with an Associate Pastor to help with the ministry. He called one of our very own men, Isaiah Philo, who grew up right here in Northville. Isaiah has been serving the Lord in our church for many years now. We all love Isaiah, his wife, Jamie, and their wonderful family. And, of course, Pastor Larson and his wife Sara are also very thankful for God's perfect will and for another family to come along side to share in God's work. We are excited for God's leading and how He answers prayer at the perfect time, in the perfect way. God

is good!

Contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Philo at church (518.863.8001). They have a heart for God, will pray with you and share more of God's Word with you. Come and join us in worshipping our Great God! Check out our Sunday services on our church website: [bconny.org](http://bconny.org).

Our weekly schedule is:

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

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## Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House

PO Box 455  
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Broadalbin, NY 12025

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

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM  
Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM  
Discussion Group Monday at 6:00 PM &  
Wednesday at 10:00 AM

### SPECIAL LENTEN / EASTER EVENTS

3/24 Palm Sunday – Distribution of Palms – 9:00 AM. Pancake Breakfast – Following Morning Worship  
3/28 Maundy Thursday – Celebration Last Supper – 6:00 PM

3/29 Good Friday – Jesus' Sacrifice – Prayer Service – Noon – 3:00 PM (free come and go during)  
3/31 Easter – Celebration of Resurrection – 9:00 AM

### UPCOMING SERMONS

3/03 "Show Me" – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22  
3/10 "Redeemed" – Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:24-21  
3/17 "Beyond Rules" – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-16  
3/24 "Praise to Betrayal" – Mark 11:1-11; John 14:32-46  
3/28 "The Sacrifice" – John 3:1-17, 31b-35  
3/29 Prayer Service (Open for Prayer from Noon – 3:00 PM - time of music, readings, silence)  
3/31 "He's Alive" – John 20:1-18

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

## Clergy Column

### World Changing Events

This month we celebrate a series of World Changing Events. Events which offer an alternative to the violence and suffering that seems all too prevalent.

Events that find their foundation in the celebration of Passover and the story of a God who heard the cries of his people and freed them from slavery in Egypt. As a small group of devout and committed individuals gathered to celebrate there was an air of optimism among them for it seemed all of Jerusalem had recognized that their leader Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. God in human form was present in the world, surely now there would be freedom and prosperity. But their leader Jesus didn't talk about revolt, instead he talked about sacrifice, saying words familiar to every Christian, this is my body broken for you, this is my blood shed for you. Today we understand what must have puzzled the disciples that



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Jesus was offering something far more significant than one more violent revolution. Jesus was offering a sacrifice designed to change the hearts and minds of individuals. Jesus was offering a pathway to forgiveness for all our misdeeds and a way of life characterized by love. It seems like an impossible dream, and some would think Jesus was just one more martyr sacrificed in opposition to the powerful. But this was not the end of the story, three days after Jesus' cruel death upon a cross, he rose from the dead. Jesus was indeed the very son of God who offered a way of life that would rock the world. A way of life that is life changing and can do what philosophers and mighty armies have failed to do.

Jesus offers life changing power. Individuals sent to prison for their crimes have found a new way of life and made a difference in the lives of others. Those relegated to second class status have secured freedom due to a young preacher who believed in the non-violent ways of Jesus. Children in Africa have been freed from the treat of death from water borne disease because of a commitment to Jesus that reached out from Faith Communities in the United States. Individuals with troubled minds and hearts have found hope in the promises of Jesus.

The story of God reaching out to us through Jesus is a fascinating and life-changing story. During this season of Lent that leads to the events celebrated in the last week of March; I invite you to read the story of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and the fantastic story of the early Christian community. Jesus offers transformation for individual, communities, and our world.

Your Faith Community is a place that exists to support you in experiencing all that Jesus can do for you and through you.

If you don't currently belong to a Faith Community, Northampton at Fish House welcomes you to be part of our community. We gather on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, meet on Monday evening at 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM Wednesday

morning to discuss life issues and ways our faith can address them. The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

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## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

*Linda Brown, Board Member*

We are about to embark on what is known in the Sacandaga Region as Mud Season. The winter activities, what we have had with the lack of snow and ice, have ended and the Lake Season is far off. It can be a good time to let your creative side emerge. SVAN is a good place for inspiration and encouragement.



SVAN is grateful to friends of our organization, Judy Webster and Leslie Bare, who guided beginner and intermediate crochet classes. It was a warm fun group that gathered at the Northville Gallery. The crochet group was followed by a paper sculpture class where beautifully designed orbs fulfilled the desire to create. Watch for future workshops to inspire your creativity.

SVAN is widely known for its big summer concerts in the Park, but winter holds great musical entertainment in a variety of forms. Many community members found a great way to spend a few Sunday afternoons with SVAN. In January "Mark and Jill Sing the Blues" entertained a full house at the Local Dining and Spirits. Thanks to Rob and Beverly for the great musical venue. In February a concert featuring Michael Jerling and Orion Kribs created a cozy coffee house atmosphere at the United Methodist Church Hall. Thank you Methodist Church, for all you do for SVAN! The next musical event from SVAN will be completely different. Please make a reservation to join us at the Sport Island Pub on Saturday, April 13th. "Johnny and the Triumphs" will be playing some

old-time rockabilly music at SVAN's Cabin Fever Dinner/Dance. The dinner will begin at 5 with the music playing from 6-8. The cost is \$45 (\$40 for members). Please call or text Barb 518-863-8047 for reservations.

SVAN's theater arm, The Sacandaga Musical Theater, put on another Fantastic "Hot Night" at Sport Island Pub. Under the direction of Shelley Murphy. The community was treated to great food and excellent entertainment.

Our Gallery managers, Linda Hinkle and Sandy Peters, are calling for artwork. Art for the first rotation of art will be accepted on April 27, 2024. Our gallery space in the Northville Library Gallery is in need of a curator/coordinator. In the meantime we are trying to keep the space filled with wonderful visual images for your enjoyment. If you're interested in showing work, coordinating the gallery or know of someone who fits the bill please contact [vicepresident@svanarts.com](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.com).

If you are not currently a member of SVAN please consider joining. You don't need to be an artist or a musician in order to join. All you need is a love for the Arts! Membership fees are low for members but add up to be a good source of income



for the organization. Member benefits give you a front row seat to all that is happening in the arts in the area. Our quarterly newsletters and email Grapevine will keep you informed as to all the events and opportunities that SVAN offers. Visit our [svanarts.org](http://svanarts.org) web page for details on how to join.



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# Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! The winter has been mild thus far, so we are excited for warmer weather soon! We have a lot of fun things happening at ECS other than what you read in this monthly newsletter, so please follow our district Facebook page for our latest and greatest updates!

**HIP HIP HOORAY for the 100th DAY!** On Monday, February 12th, the Edinburg Common School District celebrated the 100th day of school! All classrooms participated in activities, arts and crafts, stories and writing opportunities around the 100th day of school. We surely cannot believe we have been in school 100 days already!





## “An Eagle Eye on . . . ”

Students in grades PK through 2nd grade are honored monthly for their great character, being a good friend to their peers, making great choices, and displaying great work ethic in class. The teachers and staff at ECS think you are doing a fantastic job! Keep up the hard work!

The Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being student of the month for March 2023:

- PK - Jackson
- K - Margaret
- 1st - Julian
- 2nd - Matthew

We would like to congratulate the following students that have been identified for being named in Honor Roll/High Honor Roll in grades 3rd through 6th for the 2nd marking quarter. We are so proud of you all! These students along with the students of the month will be honored at the next Eagle Afternoon on Friday, March 1st at 2:15 PM in the gymnasium.

### Honor Roll 89.5-94.4

- Koupas
- Sadie
- Amelia

### High Honor Roll 94.5-100

- Iris
- Jeanette
- Mackenzie

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For more information please go to our school website at [www.edinburgcs.org](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and/or like our school Facebook page.

### Dates to Remember:

- March 11th - Half Professional Development Day
- March 12th - ECS Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- March 18th - Superintendent’s Conference Day
- March 27th - PTO MiSci Assembly
- March 29th - April 5th - Spring Break



## Discovery Kids and Pre - K

The Edinburg Common School District is also accepting enrollment packets for students in the 3 year old program (Discovery Kids) and the full day Pre-K program (students must be 4 years old by December 1, 2024). If you know of a family or have children that would qualify to enter these programs, please call Miss Peceri in the office at 518-863-8412 to request an enrollment packet. You may also find our enrollment packet and information to the Discovery Kids and Pre-K program at <http://www.edinburgcs.org/enrollment.html>. Please remember the Edinburg Common School District still has an

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## Edinburg Common School Kindergarten Orientation and Screening

**WHO:**  
Open to any children who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2024 that plan to enroll and attend the Edinburg Common School District for the fall of 2024. Students can enroll from any school district pending the class size, per our open enrollment agreement.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, April 18th, 2024  
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

**WHERE:** **Edinburg Common School  
4 Johnson Road  
Edinburg, NY 12134**

**WHAT:**  
Incoming kindergarten students and their families will have screenings with the following teachers/staff: kindergarten teacher, building nurse, speech pathologist, physical therapist, school counselor, occupational therapists, and intervention teacher.

**\*\*If your child did NOT attend Pre-K this year, please try to bring the following items with you.**

- Recent Physical
- Recent eye exam record
- Recent hearing exam record
- Dental exam record

**Please arrange to have younger siblings stay at home with another guardian, so your soon-to-be kindergarten student can have a positive experience. Thank you!**





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## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Join With Local Church to Rise Up Against Food Insecurity

BROADALBIN, N.Y. (Feb. 4, 2024) - The Broadalbin-Perth Lions participated in the "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event held today at the Broadalbin-Perth High School. The event was sponsored by Broadalbin's First Presbyterian Church and more than 45,000 meals were packaged during the course of the afternoon.

Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is growing a global movement to end hunger



*Broadalbin-Perth Lions and friends, from left, club president Rob Townsend, Tim Ott, Linda Swietlicki, Tom Kevlin, Valerie Kevlin and grandson Jamas, Rise Against Hunger Participation Manager Bill Maniscalco, Maddy Andrews, Jillian Kenna and her daughter Katelyn, Rise Against Hunger Events Manager Tori Giordano, and Bill Suchy. The Lions along with about 180 other volunteers packaged over 45,000 meals during the event. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).*

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All funds donated to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions  
Foundation will be used exclusively to support the needs  
of the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community.

Bob Townsend, Broadalbin-Perth Lions President, said that "food insecurity and addressing hunger is one of the Lions' global causes and we serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods. Joining with Broadalbin's First Presbyterian Church to support Rise Against Hunger in this effort is a prime example of how we as individuals and organizations can act locally and have a global impact."

Rise Against Hunger Partnership Manager Bill Maniscalco was grateful for the Lions' involvement, who were part of about 180 people who participated in the event.

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A young volunteer, left strikes the gong held by Rise Against Hunger Participation Manager Bill Maniscalco, right, to announce a milestone 10,000 meals packaged early in the event held at Broadalbin-Perth High School. The event was sponsored by Broadalbin's First Presbyterian Church and more than 45,000 meals were packaged during the course of the afternoon. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).

### Broadalbin-Perth Lions Support Camp Abilities and Scout Troop 51

GALWAY, N.Y. (Feb. 8, 2024) - At their meeting held at C&R Restaurant this evening, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions hosted members of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club and Boy Scout Troop 51.

The Saratoga Springs Lions gave a presentation about Camp Abilities, an adaptive and educational sports camp for blind and visually impaired youth. Camp Abilities-Saratoga is entering its 11th year and has been recognized by Lions Clubs International as one of the 10 most impactful programs of its kind in the United States, and is in the top 30 programs of its kind in the world.

Two scouts from Troop 51 reported on their experiences at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Summer Camp, their enrollment funded by the Lions. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation camps combine environmental education, hunter education programs, and outdoor recreation into a fun week long adventure. A hands-on approach is used to teach about the environment. Campers have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions President Bob Townsend, left, presents the Lions' sponsorship check to Troop 51 Scouts Kaden Sweeney, center, and Tucker Pettit, right, who attended the 2023 NYS DEC Summer Camp. The Scouts accepted the check on behalf of two yet unnamed scouts who will attend the 2024 camp this summer. Supporting the Scouts and environmental education are causes in which the Lions are involved globally and take action locally. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



including backpacking, camping, and canoeing. They explore New York's diverse habitats, have the chance to learn basic ecological concepts, and how human activities affect the environment. Campers solve challenges, explore environmental concepts, practice outdoor skills, and spend the week immersed in nature.

Broadalbin-Perth Lions President Bob Townsend said that supporting both Camp Abilities and sending Scouts to the NYS DEC Summer Camp were prime examples of acting locally and embracing the Lions' global causes of youth, vision, and environment. "The continued support of the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community is what allows us to provide for these programs through a variety of service and fundraising activities, and we are grateful," said Townsend.

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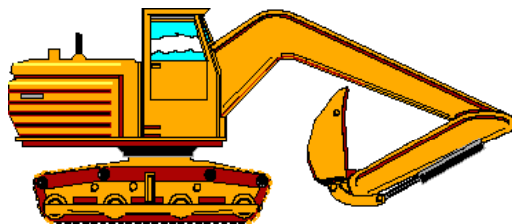


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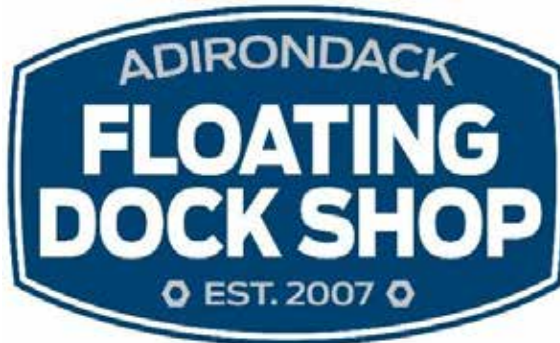
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## Spring and Easter Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC!

Well, it will be spring by the time Easter arrives, which is very early this year. Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10; don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed the night before! It seems like we just turned them back and it seems like we just had Christmas. Some of us are having a hard time wrapping our heads around this and have barely packed away the winter and Christmas décor.

Time to find the bunnies in the holiday closet!

February 14 – Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm. On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

February 18 – First Sunday in Lent; regular worship service at 11 am

March 10 – UMCOR Sunday; regular worship service at 11 am. A special offering will be taken that assists United Methodist Committee On Relief. Gifts given throughout the year are 100% used for disaster relief in our country and around the world as deemed appropriate. UMCOR Sunday is the one day a year that is set



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March 19 – First day of spring (hurrah)

March 24 – Palm Sunday; regular worship service at 11 am. We will return to the sanctuary on this day and remain worshipping there for the rest of the year.

March 28 – Holy (Maundy) Thursday; worship service at 7 pm.

March 31 – Easter Sunday; worship service at 11 am. We anticipate that our flute players will be providing special music in addition to the choir. “The story of Easter is the story of God’s wonderful window of divine surprise.” —Carl Knudsen

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The village, merchants, clubs, organizations and Northville Central School are invited to participate. Northville's Waterfront Park will host vendors, food, entertainment and information. A trolley will bring visitors throughout the village to various participating locations.

**OPENING CEREMONY** – Friday, May 31, 6 pm at Northville's Waterfront Park entrance NPT Arch, - presentation of the NPT100 Centennial Medallion created by artisan William Coffey

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1** – National Trails Day village-wide celebration starting at 9 am, vendors, storytellers, activities, trolley... with live music in Northville Waterfront Park 6—8 pm

**CLOSING CEREMONY** – 1 pm at Northville Waterfront Park, ceremonial passing of the ADK Walking Stick - designed by William Coffey, to Hamilton County to continue on the trail.

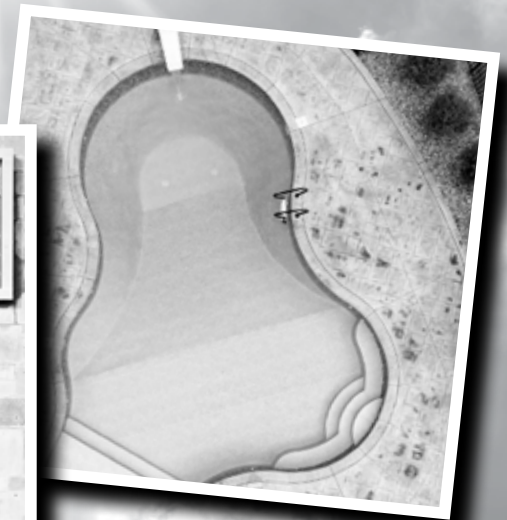
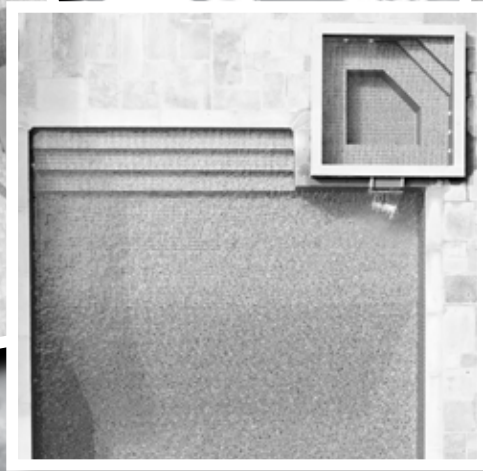
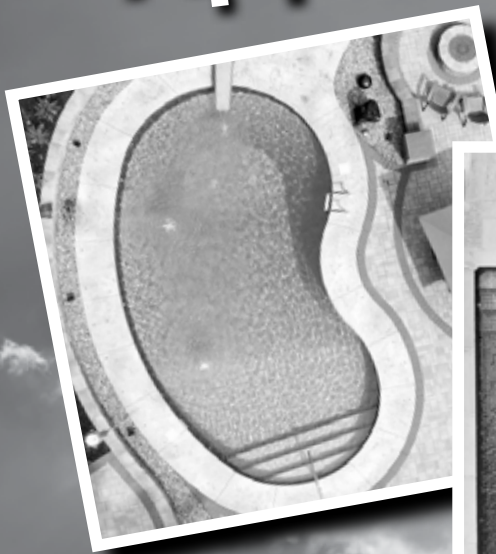
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Hello readers! I would say Happy-almost Spring, but I'm not really sure we had a Winter?

I'm very excited to say that Jeremy and I are taking our first real vacation since we got married (2005). We are going on a vendor-paid (yup) vacation to Cabo! It is only 5 days away and I am only just able to get excited. Jeremy has been working 7 days straight for the last 3 weeks so we can accommodate this and has been vocally unhappy about it. Basically, we have a large geothermal job that we were supposed to start on 3/2 that called and said we needed to get in sooner, so we had 4 weeks of work that had to be compressed into 3. Jeremy wasn't happy, but what are we going to do – cancel a paid for trip to paradise? Can't wait!!!! Some friends that are also going wanted to make dinner reservations with us...our response was that food could be sent to the beach, because we are not leaving. I love that he and I are always on the same page. Plant us in the sand with our feet in the water and we will see you in 4 days. Oh...with drinks in our hands (or coffee – either is bliss). I would sleep in the sand if I wasn't worried about tide changes. Sorry, small lie – we will leave the beach to go snorkeling or fishing. Like many, I get sea-sick, but I wasn't going to miss some of the best fishing in the world, so I got a prescription for Ondansetron.

Jeremy and I have been trying to shed a couple of pounds in prep for the trip, and it drives me (and I assume many women) nuts that Jeremy loses twice what I lose. Sure, sure, he works harder. He keeps offering for me to come and help him pull mud tracks – I'll pass.

Bill, Jeremy's Dad, is coming up to help on the big Geothermal job and we couldn't be more grateful. He is actually arriving while we are still away and plans to go into the office to make sure we are all set up to start the following Monday. We only get him for 2 weeks, so I asked the contractors if we were allowed to work weekends and late into the evenings. Only sort of a joke. Wisely, Janice is staying where it is warm and sunny.

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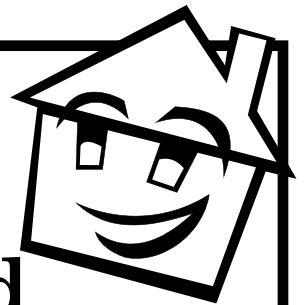
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