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EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

www.edinburgny.com Jean Raymond, Supervisor

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Election November 7th

The General Election is Tuesday, November 7th. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 9:00 pm. Edinburg votes at the Community Center at 47 Military Road.

Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that assists low income households with the cost of heating their homes during the winter months. The 2023-2024 Regular HEAP program begins November 1, 2023. Emergency HEAP will open on January 2, 2023. The Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services will be accepting applications for persons that are 60 years of age and older and for anyone who is deemed disabled. If you are not able



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Oil kerosene and propane	\$900.00
Wood products, pellets, coal	\$635.00
Utilities electric, natural gas	\$400.00

Regular benefit amounts are based upon the household gross monthly income and commodity used to heat your home.

This year's income guidelines are:

Household	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
Size	\$3,035
	\$3,970
	\$4,904

Winter Plowing

Please move garbage bins back if you will be away for the winter to allow room for snowplowing. If you are gone all winter you may want to remove your mailbox as well.

Recycle, Refuse and Reuse Center Time Changes

The Center begins Friday hours on November 3rd for the winter. It will be open from 12:00 until 3:00 each Friday until May. The Center will be closed on Saturday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. There will be no recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd and the Center will be closed on Friday November 24th.

REMINDERS:

HALLOWEEN IS OCTOBER 31ST DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 5TH AT 2:00 AM CEMETERY CLEAN UP BEGINS AFTER VETERANS DAY



NOVEMBER 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- Sat 4 4:00 7:00 pm Edinburg Common School Roast Beef Dinner
- Sun 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Tues 7 Election Day
- Thurs 9 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Sat 11 Veterans Day
- Tues 14 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Tues 21 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 16 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 23 Thanksgiving Day

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DID YOU KNOW THAT---By Town of Edinburg Historian, Priscilla L. Edwards

Did you ever know a new- comer in town that fit in so easily and completely that you couldn't remember when he or she didn't live here? Such was the case when Edinburg resident and historical society member Joe Raiola passed away on April 16, 2023 at Albany Medical Center.

Joe was born July 24, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York. He attended school in Brooklyn and worked for over 20 years for Pincchik Floors in the city.

On October 25, 1969 Joe married a local girl he had grown up with, Maureen Hughes. They have a son, daughter-in-law and 2 grandchildren. Nieces and nephews adored Joe.

Joe's brother-in-law owned a seasonal home on Stone Road in the Town of Day. Joe and Maureen liked our area so much that in 1983 they bought a seasonal home in Edinburg, coming up to visit whenever they could. In or about 2011 Joe moved to Edinburg to start converting their home into permanent living quarters. Maureen, still working as a nurse in NYC, came up every other week-end to visit. She retired at the end of 2013 and retired permanently to Edinburg.

Joe and Maureen joined the Edinburg Historical society in 2014. They attended all our meetings and were always there to lend a hand with all our events. They baked delicious goodies for our food sales. Joe was a wonderful cook and baker!

One thing that most folks didn't know was that Joe's arms and hands were numb as the result of a serious work-related accident many years before. This didn't prevent him from lending a hand wherever needed.

As things turned out Joe and Maureen became neighbors to both of my daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Mike across the corner and Andrea and George, right next door. Coleen helped Joe dig out under his house in order to build a cellar. Joe was always at hand to help







Andrea out (like starting the generator) if George was at work.

Our Old English sheepdog, Honey, loved Joe and a dog's trust was enough for me. I'll always remember the day that Joe helped Coleen and me to re-paper my sewing room.

A Memorial for Joe was held for family and friends on September 23, 2023 in the Town of Hadley at the home of his sister and brother-inlaw.

Rest in Peace, Joe.



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Edinburg Common School PTO's

Annual Roast Beef Dinner & Basket Raffles



Saturday November 4, 2023 4 - 7pm

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Dinners include a generous portion of mouth-watering roast beef served up beside mashed potatoes & gravy with corn, coleslaw, and a dinner roll *Drinks & dessert included*

> 50/50 Basket Raffles



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VOTE Tuesday, November 7th



PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134 EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org Claudette Koza - Secretary

The Edinburg Historical Society has three ways for you to visit us online!

The EHS Official Website - Here you will find information about our organization, upcoming events, etc.

www.edinburghistoricalsociety.org - The EHS Online Store – Here you can view and purchase EHS merchandise and have it shipped to you. We have new sweatshirts, T-shirts, tank tops and hats. "My Mountains, My People" by Priscilla Edwards can be purchased and mailed to you. (See Below)

PICKLE IN THE PARK

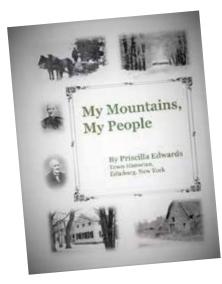


Pickle in the Park is a pickleball membership club in Sacandaga Park. There are 5 outdoor courts and 1 heated indoor court. Access to the courts and parking is off Rt30, on the East side, at the 45mph sign just North of McKinley Avenue. We have games and practices most days. Our indoor season officially started on October 15. Since many of our members go south during the Winter, we are looking for Winter indoor season players. The indoor membership fee per player for 2023/4 is \$175 each. Members sign up and play in the scheduled open sessions. Members and guests can also reserve playing sessions for private games, practices or organized coaching sessions - once, for a month or the whole season. Private session fees depend on membership status, time of day and group size. The indoor court is suitable for other activities such a TaiChi, Yoga and Badminton. For further info call Willem at 518 332 6896.

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If you would like to join the EHS and meet other members simple, send a check for \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family to the above address and be sure to give us your email address and you will receive a reminder of our monthly meeting and the speaker or program. We



especially need people with a tool belt to work on exhibits.

ALL proceeds from the book "My Mountains, My People" by Priscilla Edwards, Edinburg Town Historian goes directly to the Edinburg Historical Society.

The \$25 book is available for purchase online or at the Edinburg Town Hall; It can also be purchased in Northville at the Adirondack Country Store, The Flower Barn, and The Red Barn.



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EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

-when caring counts, you can count on us -

For the thirty day period to include September 12th through October 12th, the Fire

Company responded to a total of fourteen calls for assistance. They were as follows:

- 9/13 Glasshouse Road, Fire Alarm Activation
- 9/15 Mutual Aid to Broadalbin
- 9/21 Morris Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- 9/22 North Shore Road, EMS Assistance
- 9/22 North SHore Road, EMS Assistance
- 9/24 Lakeside Avenue, Fire Alarm Activation 9/30 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 9/30 Mutual Ald to Northville
- 10/2 North Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- 10/6 North Shore Road, EMS Assistance
- 10/7 South Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident

10/7 South Shore Road, Fire Alarm Activation10/7 Jensen Road, Structure Fire10/8 Elmer Brown Road, Water Rescue10/9 Mutual Aid to Providence

A word about fire extinguishers; buy one now!

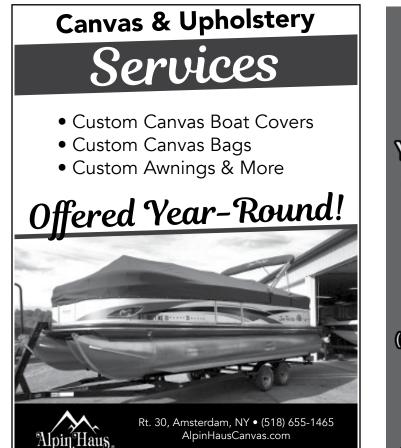
In fact, buy at least two, keeping one in the kitchen and one on every floor you have an occupied bedroom. You can't go wrong with a five pound "ABC" all purpose fire extinguisher.

Next; go on You Tube and watch several videos of how you put out a small fire. I emphasize small, as anything else you should be immediately exiting your home and leaving it to us.

Keep in mind there are others, and perhaps correctly so, who would suggest you should not undertake any fire fighting efforts, simply close the doors as you exit your home, and call 911. You certainly can't go wrong by saving yourself. Your possessions can all be replaced, you can not be.

Then some will argue, why should I have any fire extinguishers at all? The reason being, you may need the extinguisher to force your way

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through a fire condition, just to leave your home safely.

And although not a recommended use; a CO2 powered extinguisher (and cast iron frying pan) might be effective defensive tools in the event of an attempted home invasion. Hey, anything is worth trying. In an emergency you have got to think out of the box. At least it is putting something between you and the intruder, perhaps giving you a brief advantage. Or like me, you could own a twelve gauge, double barrel shot gun.

Also giving you perhaps a brief advantage, as they collect their respective body parts.

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country, and this world."





Sacandaga Protection Committee

It was a very cold night in 2018, Superbowl Sunday to be exact. My wife Sandi and I had just moved to the lake full time, year-round. Wow we were so excited. Our only concern was that we might feel a little "off the grid". That is not the case. We love it here and can't believe it is almost six years.

Each season on the Great Sacandaga Lake ("GSL"), has something special to offer. Whether it be the unofficial end of summer, Ring of Fire and leaf peeping, snowmobiling, or ice fishing, a spring thaw that turns ice into waves and the return of ducks or the smell of campfires, with the hum of boats in the distance, the GSL is a magical place to be. By far the best part of it all is the people





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we've met! So many great friends, acquaintances or passerby make every day its own.

Our life on the GSL has far exceeded our expectations. We can now say "everyday feels like a vacation"! We're able to share our love of the lake with our three sons, daughters – in -law and grandbabies too !

Growing up, while being tucked into bed, my Dad (who was an avid boater) used to say "dream about sailboats" as he left our bedroom. And that's just what we did ! Living on the GSL has been a dream come true!

It's important to maintain our beautiful lake, it's beaches and all it has to offer. The Sacandaga Protection Committee helps do just that!

Please consider a monetary donation to help support our committee and its work. Please visit Sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com

Joe Moran is president of the Sacandaga Protection Committee. To learn how the committee protects the current system of lake access and our way of life on the GSL please visit www. SacandgaProtectionCommittee.com

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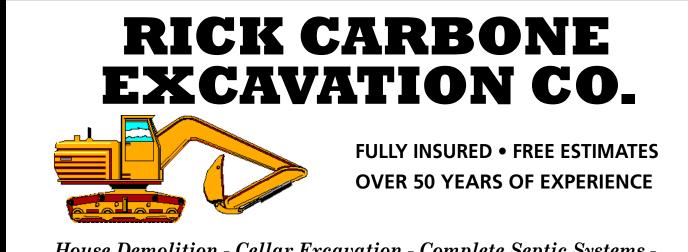
Brian DeFeo

This article is a continuation from last month, regarding key figures in the history of product advertising. People that existed and those that really didn't. And those forever associated in our minds, with the products we grew up with. Last month, I touched on: Dr. Pepper, Oscar Mayer, and Mrs. Filbert, among others.

One of the more interesting figures is Chef "Boyardee", or as he was actually known, Ettore Hector Boiardi. Who after leaving Italy in 1897 worked in Paris and London, honing his cooking skills along the way. He eventually landed in New York City and with influence of his brother became employed at The Plaza Hotel. Ultimately, Chef Boiardi became the Head Chef at the Greenbrier Hotel in West Virginia. Legend has it, his fame grew after catering President Woodrow Wilson's wedding.

After World War I, he moved to Cleveland and opened a restaurant in 1926. Boiardi was noted

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in particular for his delicious spaghetti sauce. Customers made such a fuss for it that he often sent them home with an empty milk bottle full of his creation. This kindness paid off when he purchased a chain of grocery stores in 1927 and also began canning his sauce outright. It was with mass production that he decided to Americanize Boiardi into Boyardee.

With the crash of 1929 Americans found pasta one of the few food stuffs they could afford. Boyardee took full advantage of this new trend with the manufacture of both pasta and sauce at a new plant in Milton, Pa. During World War II the plant had five thousand employees and was cranking out an incredible 250,000 meal rations daily. After the War ended, Boiardi did not want to lay off his employees, opting instead to sell to new owners with perhaps bigger plans. Ettore Boiardi passed in 1987, one hundred years after Dr. Pepper was first introduced.

Little Debbie is in fact, another actual person. She was the four year old granddaughter of the founders of the McKee Baking Company in 1960. Debbie McKee-Fowler went on to grow up and become Executive Vice-President of the Company. The likeness of Little Debbie on the packaging supposedly did not look like the actual little girl. Interestingly, the baking company sponsored the Wood Brothers NASCAR racing team in the 1990s. All references to the Company and the famous logo had to be removed from the Wood Brother's car every Friday night through sundown Saturday, as the McKee family were devout Seventh Day Adventists.





Because Advertising is essentially symbolism, it can sometimes find itself embroiled in controversy. Such is the case of Aunt Jemima's fast rising pancake mix. It was the invention of the Pearl Milling Baking Company in 1889. Legend has it that references to "Aunt Jemima" can be found as far back as 1875 Minstrel Shows. In 1889 one of the Bakery founders attended such a show where a song was played titled "Jemima's Wedding Day". The idea of a black Mammy representing the Company was presented at the 1893 World's Colombian Exposition. A real life maid from Chicago, Nancy Green, was first hired to play the part of Aunt Jemima. As she made pancakes, she would verbalize a rehearsed script of flattering stories of the old south. Cooking, cleaning, and raising the white folks children, were not likely part of the scripts back then. Ironically, Green herself had reportedly been born into slavery in Kentucky.

Black women continued to play the character of Aunt Jemima until 1967. Given the March towards social justice, pressures were mounting on the then owners, the Quaker Oats company, to make some changes. (I wonder what real Quakers would have thought about all this). By 1968, some subtle changes were starting to occur. Yet, Aunt Jemima continued to be known as not only a pancake mix, but as a term for subservience.

A true tipping point would not occur for another roughly fifty years, with the murder

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Please email edinburgnews2023@gmail.com with your ad or copy of George Floyd, by the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department. PepsiCo, the current owners of the Aunt Jemima brand decided to retire this long- standing advertising campaign and return to the original company name, the Pearl Milling Company - Quaker Foods, North America. So there you have it. It only took one hundred and thirty or so years for folks to do the right thing. And the pancakes, well they still taste just as good.

To my friends in Edinburg:

Thank you so much for allowing me into your homes during this election cycle. It was my pleasure to spend time with you. I encourage you to come out and vote on Tuesday, November 7th for the candidates of your choice. We have both the responsibility and the right to vote. But the latter did not come without a steep price. Our freedoms were built on the backs of those who came before us. Many of who made the ultimate sacrifice, so that we could vote for our elected leaders in a legitimate democratic process. These same freedoms are being protected by brave women and men today. Let's not forget them this Election Day.



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Most importantly: library cards expire. For most individuals, their account data needs to be updated every 3 years.

The Sacandaga Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov 14 at 10 am in the library's program room. Joanne Sweet will lead a discussion of Lisa Wingate's "Book of Lost Friends", a dramatic historical novel of three young women searching for family amid the destruction of the post–Civil War South. The author brings to life startling stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away.

Story Time, scheduled for Wed Nov 15 at 10 am, will celebrate "Turkey Tales" with stories, snack, and a craft, coordinated by Shirl Doherty.

The Friends of the Library's Annual Holiday Raffle will begin on November 9. See the baskets displayed and take a chance! This year's baskets are "Winter Comfort"", "Kids' Fun", "Winter Warmth" and "Holiday Cheer". The drawing is December 14. This is the final fundraiser of the year that allows the Friends to support the library

Hours: September - March		
Monday	9am - Noon	
Tuesday	9am - 8pm	
Wednesday	9am - 4pm	
Thursday	9am - 4pm	
Friday	9am - Noon	
Saturday	9am - Noon	

with programming, materials, and the gardens.

Watch for these titles to be arriving:

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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Autumn is the season of colors, where forests and hills look like fields of flowers, emanating colors of red, orange, yellows, purples and fuchsia. Pumpkins abound for decorating, cooking and carving. In the midst of all this color and fun is the Chinese Lantern flower, adorning gardens and dried floral arrangements and wreaths. This lantern flower symbolizes life within death. They

are considered modern symbols of protection because of the way that the lantern-like seed pod protects its internal fruit (berry).

Since the mode of growth is virtually identical to the Goji berry plant, the Lantern flower is its cousin. The genus name is Physalis Alkekengi. 'Alkekengi'

comes from the Arabic word for bladder cherry, which refers to the fruits of the berry contained in the husk/calyx. 'Physalis' is the Greek word which means "bladder'. Again, this is due to the inflated calyx (the part of the flower that encloses the petals and forms a protective layer around the flower bud) that surrounds the fruit. The Mandarin name is 'Hua Jin Deng' which translates to hanging gold lighting. Other common names for this perennial is Japanese Lantern, Bladder Cherry, Winter Cherry and Strawberry Groundcherry. It is native to Northern China, Japan and Korea. It was first introduced to Europe in the 18th century and didn't take long for it to become popular as an ornamental plant. In the summer a creamy white flower blooms, until Fall. Then the calyx dries around the red berry within, taking on a texture resembling paper lanterns making them so great to decorate with. Growing them is super easy, however, things to keep in mind other than the toxicity, is their tendency to be invasive. It will spread itself under the ground, drawing on all the nutrients contained in the soil, leaving little left for other plants in close proximity.

In Chinese medicine, the plant has been used for centuries to treat a variety of ailments, including sore throats, colds and fevers. However, parts of the Chinese Lantern are also poisonous. So even though some of the plant is edible and used in delicacies it is advised against doing so. If you are not an expert on this, it's best to err on the side of caution and avoid doing so altogether.



In the Obon Festival in Japan they are very prominent. During the festival, they are given as offerings to help guide the souls of the dead. The lantern-like fruits symbolize joy, celebration, and happiness.

In the language of flowers, the Chinese Lanterns symbolize new beginnings, prosperity, abundance and good luck. The bright orange or red fruits resembling miniature lanterns are associated with illumination and positive energy. Having Chinese lantern plants in the home or garden is believed to bring good fortune and blessings. In folklore,

> Chinese lantern plants are believed to possess protective qualities and can ward off evil spirits. It is common to find them displayed near entrances or windows to safeguard homes and bring positive energy. The bright color of the lanterns is thought to act as a deterrent

to negative forces. The lantern flower has a long lifespan and remains vibrant throughout the Autumn and is known for its ability to thrive in

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various environments. From this, they symbolize longevity, resilience, and perseverance. The plant also goes through a transformation process as it matures. Initially, the lanterns are green and enclose the fruit, but as the fruit ripens, the husks dry out, revealing the bright orange or red seed pods inside. This transformation represents the cycle of life, growth, and change, symbolizing transformation and transition.

I would like to conclude with this quote by Zen Shin, "A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

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If you have a birthday that you would like to put in the Edinburg Newsletter, please email it to: edinburgnews2023@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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Happy Birthday to my beautiful wife Amy VanDerwerker. Love, Your loving husband Bruce



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Northville Rotary Sponsors Honor Luncheon, November 12

The Northville Rotary will sponsor an Honors Lunch for all for all former service members from the Northville and Edinburg areas on November 12, at the Sport Island Pub, 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Former members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and their reserves will be thanked and honored. Following the luncheon, representatives from Saratoga and Fulton County Veterans Service Agency will be there to discuss veterans benefits and answer questions. This luncheon is free for our vets. Fee for guests is \$10.00. Please call and leave a message or text Cliff Parker at 518-331-6439 for reservations by Nov. 9, 2023. Seating is limited so kindly make reservations early.









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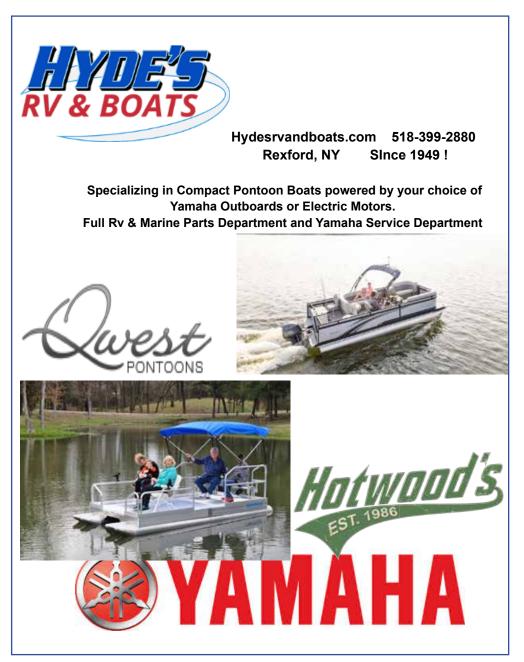
The last few weeks we have had a series of thunderstorms with periods of torrential rain. I always love a good thunderstorm. Big Hoss, our four legged fur baby, does not! Six o'clock this morning he had to potty. I knew it was not going to be good. I could hear the thunder and see the

lightening move down the Atlantic. Even laying with my eyes closed, I could still see the lightening flashes. As soon as we walked outside the heavens lit up, the sky roared and it started to pour. Hoss was having no part of that. We came back into the house, soaking wet. He ran to his safe place under our bed. The storm was magnificent. A lightening show that lit up the sky for several minutes serenaded by the loudest and longest thunder that I have ever seen or heard. The heavens totally opened up the floodgates and a huge deluge of rain came down on us. for over an hour. As the storm slowly moved on down the Atlantic it gradually became quieter and quieter. Suddenly it just stopped and there was complete quiet again.

Thankfully Big Hoss is becoming desensitized to thunder and lightning. Since the rain storms have been a daily occurrence, for the last few weeks, he is tolerating them better. I got up and checked on him. He did not make a peep during the storm. He was still under the bed but he was not curled up in a ball cowering in fear. He was calm and came right out and climbed back in bed. This is a huge step for him. A few hours later we went back out for his potty walk. These post rain potty walks are often longer because everything is wiped clean and all of the smells disappear. The sky is still gray and there were huge puddles everywhere. Flooding in the low lying areas is inevitable as Key West is about eight feet above sea level. Thankfully the water disappears as fast as it comes. In a few short hours the sun will shine brightly again.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving ina little over a month away.

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Preparing for the holidays can be like a storm. Everything happens at once and the preparation and anxiety can be overwhelming for some people. As you start preparing for the holidays remember to stop in the midst of the storm and appreciate what is going on around you. Take a moment to breathe in slowing and observe the beauty and not the chaos around you. Always remember that no matter what " storm" comes along we can weather it. Take a moment to sway in the breeze, give thanks and be grateful for family, friends and community.



"Every election is determined by the people who show up."

Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

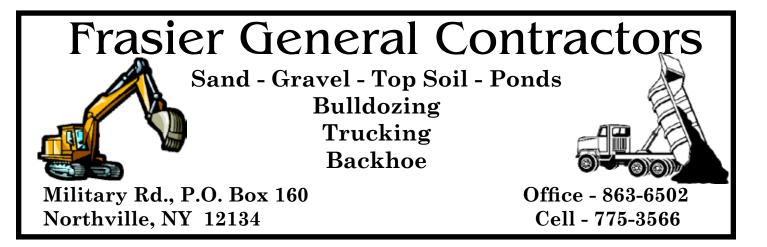
The fall colors are starting to fade but there are still some to enjoy around the Village. November is a great time to take in all that we have to offer. Take a stroll through our commercial district, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the scenery.

We had a very rainy Fall Fest at the beginning of October but that didn't keep the diehards away! I wanted to take a moment to express thanks to Dr. Sarah Chauncey and Northville Central School for allowing the Village to utilize the gym for the outdoor events that were planned! It was a relief to have a dry place for our vendors and visitors! We are glad to host this annual event and hope it grows in the future. Fall Fest 2024 will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

As always, Trick or Treat is October 31st from 5-7 p.m. If you want to participate, make sure you have your outside lights on! The Northville elementary costume parade will also be on October 31st at 1:15 p.m.

Police Chief Rick Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for September 2023 was 79 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). There have been reports of burglaries and criminal mischief around the Village and Town. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity and are reminded to keep their vehicles and outbuildings locked.

DPW Superintendent Dan Reidell reports



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that the last day for brush pickup in the Village will be November 16th. He reported that leaves can still be raked to the curb for pickup until the first significant snowfall. Please remember that it is illegal to burn leaves and brush in any incorporated Village in NYS.

Speaking of snow, the Winter Parking Ban



will go into effect on November 1st at midnight. Parking is not allowed on Village streets from midnight to 6 a.m. from November 1st through April 1st.

Small Business Saturday...Shop Small, Shop Local, will be Saturday, November 25th. The Village will be compiling a list of merchants and dining establishments that will be hosting specials on that day. Please email your Small Business Saturday promotion to clerk@villageofnorthville. com no later than November 10th to be included in our advertisement. Mountain Club, along with Hamilton and Fulton Counties, to create a three-part celebration that will span across communities the trail traverses through. Northville will be the kickoff event to the celebration. The celebration will continue midsummer in Hamilton County and will conclude at Lake Placid in the fall. We are still in the initial planning stages of our local event, which will feature music, vendors, activities and displays in and around the Village on the Saturday of the National Trails Day event, June 1st. We encourage local merchants, dining establishments and churches to be part of the fun and host events or specials on that day. This event will be advertised across NYS through the I Love NY program along with ADK mountain publication and we anticipate a large crowd. Please email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to add your special Trails Day event/promotion to our schedule of events. We have monthly meetings with County and ADK Mountain Club representatives and anticipate advertisement for this event to begin in early 2024, so now is the time to get your name on the list. It is a great opportunity to plan a fund raiser or host an activity station as outreach for your group or organization. As plans progress on this celebration, I will keep you posted in future articles.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

We are still putting together our Tree Lighting and Lighted Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at 5 p.m. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, please email clerk@ villageofnorthville.com.

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a National Trails Day event, which will be held May 31, 2024 through June 2, 2024. The event will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Northville-Placid Trail. We are working with ADK





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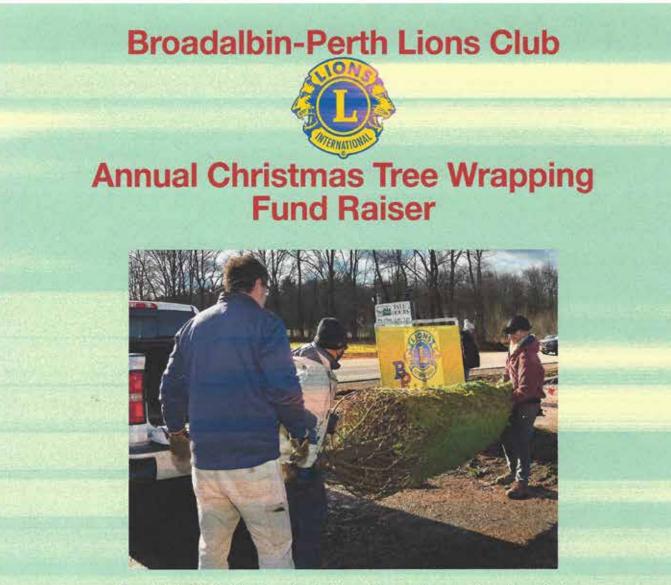


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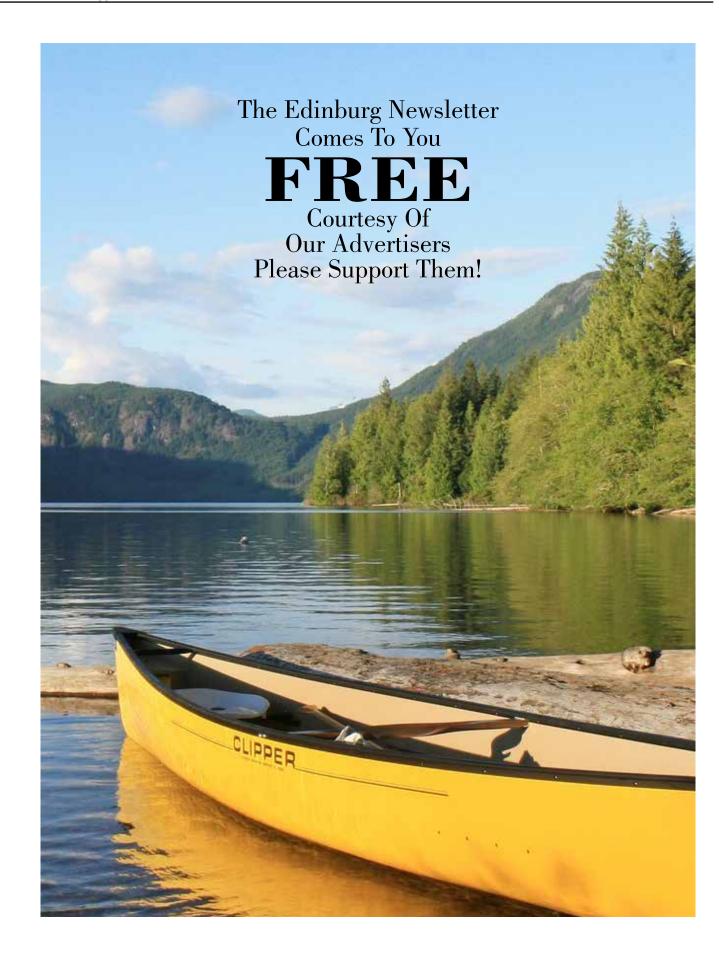




Broadalbin-Perth Lions load a freshly cut tree onto a customer's vehicle during their annual tree wrapping fund raiser at Bob's Trees last year. Volunteers from Broadalbin-Perth High School, Mayfield High School, and Boy Scout Troop 5051B will again earn community service credit for collaborating with the Broadalbin-Perth Lions on this project.

> Saturday, November 25, 2022 8 AM - 5 PM Bob's Trees 1227 West Galway Road Hagaman, NY 12086











This past Thursday over 100 guests joined us in celebrating the grand opening of Chad Majewski Real Estate! We enjoyed live music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and tours of the new offices. Federal. State. and local government representatives who attended, as well as City officials, Tourism & Recreation, Economic Development, community members, neighborhood friends, and Fulton and Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Members. It was an amazing crowd and great to see everyone truly enjoying the networking and comradery a ribbon-cutting event provides.

Chad Majewski became a licensed NYS real estate broker in 2021 and formed Chad Majewski Real Estate. He has quickly grown his agency into one of the premier brokerages in Fulton and Montgomery County. Last year the brokerage earned the title "Best Capital District Brokerage" by the Daily Gazette. For the second year in row the brokerage was named "Best Real Estate Brokerage in Fulton and Montgomery County" by the Leader Herald and The Recorder. There's currently a staff of 13 which includes 9 salespersons. With lack of commercial office space available in Amsterdam Chad thought outside the box and recently completed a quarter million dollar renovation to a 60 year old former gas/mechanic garage in Amsterdam Rockton neighborhood. Renovated from head to toe, the office has a industrial look and vibe and is the talk of the town.

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Over my lifetime my career has taken me literally from coast to coast across our great country before landing me here in Upstate New York, where for the last 14 years I have had the honor and pleasure to live and raise my family.



BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Roberta MacIntyre Games

It is that time of year when the forest has changed it's attire, no longer red, yellow and orange but now almost unclothed, garments laying on the earth below. The cool crisp air has us layering sweaters and fleece, firing up the woodstoves and the little ones are tracing their hands to create paper turkeys to hang on the fridge. As summer transitions to fall the wildlife around us are preparing for what is ahead. Bears are gorging to fatten up for winter slumber, squirrels and chipmunks are scurrying about packing their stashes, birds, hawks and geese are migrating and so are some of us never wanting summer to end escaping to warmer climes.

I remember one day in my yard hearing hundreds of birds up on the mountain. I was drawn to what seemed like another realm, scanning the treetops for answers. What was this? Who were they? They were so small and moving so quickly I couldn't make one out even



with binoculars. Later I asked a few experts. One said blackbirds? Definitely not. Another a "warbler wave". Not sure. Still another thought pine siskins. Possibly.

But nothing prepared me for what I experienced years ago while driving up the mountain road. I had to stop the car as a flock of wild turkeys, at least 20 or more, came gliding over the car from their roosts in the trees up higher on the mountain. I thought that was



something until another group of a dozen or more followed, then another and another! They say that winter flocks can exceed 200 turkeys or more. Large flocks of turkeys are not uncommon in the yard, sometimes groups of 30 under the birdfeeders, the males all puffed out and slowly rotating around strutting for the female's attention.

The wild turkey, native to North America, had decreased in numbers in New York due to forest loss and overhunting but game managers were very successful in increasing the populations. I must have seen at least a dozen hens with poults this year and as of this writing we just saw a flock of 30 or so mixed sizes on South Shore Road.



Unlike the barnyard turkey the wild turkey is intelligent, wary and colorful. I have seen the adult males colorful head intensify while courting, the red, white and blue skin becoming vivid. Perhaps that is why Ben Franklin thought the turkey should be the National Symbol. I cannot quite picture a turkey on the dollar bill though!!!

I was thinking lately about the benefits of wild game as healthier meat choices, venison, salmon, trout and wild turkey. It is said that after deer, turkey is the most sought game for hunters. The wildlife we encounter, photograph, and have excited conversations about can give us sustenance. So there may be a turkey on the Thanksgiving table for dinner, might even be a wild turkey. Either way it is still easy to be thankful that we live in a region where Backyard Wildlife is so abundant.

Roberta is a longtime Sacandaga area resident and loves sharing about her encounters with wildlife.







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Thanksgiving greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! November ... already but still October at this writing! Weather is getting cooler, leaves are falling from the trees, the mountains are looking gray instead of vibrant with color, and warm coats, hats, gloves are coming out of summer storage. The Falcons and Lady Falcons at NCS are in playoff season for sectionals; it's wonderful how well-supported these kids are by their families and the community. For professional sports enthusiasts, baseball playoffs are deciding who goes to the world series, football, hockey and basketball games are being played and this writer can hear the cheering and shouting from here!

Along with weather changes, November brings us moments to reflect: Election Day when we have the privilege of voting people into public office, people who we think will make a difference, a decision that is between ourselves and the ballot. Veterans Day when we think about people in our own families and friends who have served in the armed services of our country and who are still living. How grateful we are for your service, ladies and gentlemen. Then, at the end of the month, we



celebrate Thanksgiving Day. While most of us do not need a special day to express thanks, it's nice to have a time of grateful praise with family and friends. Growing up, this day was spent over the river and through the woods (well, down the road a couple miles; woods were in front of and next to the house with no need to drive through them!) to grandmother's with parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, respective spouses, and cousins. It was a noisy, crowded dining room but the noise stopped when grace was said, giving thanks for our meal, our family and the world/community where we lived. So many of these wonderful family members and friends made over time are gone now but they are remembered with gratitude and love.

Especially at this time of year, take a few moments every day to thank God for the joys and blessings he has given, no matter how small or large those may be. Thank your friends and family for being in your life; pray for the ability to forgive and pray for those you don't even know who may be in need. God knows you, he knows what you need and he knows the needs of others. While our prayers may not be answered quickly or the way we think they should, remember they are answered in God's time. In all things, be grateful.

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

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

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We give thanks every day to God for His Grace, Love and Mercy. We also pray for those in Israel, the Ukraine and all suffering from the violence and hatred in this world. We pray for those suffering from illness, going through hard times and those struggling to get by. Philippians 4:6 tells us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

November 1st is All Saint's Day. We will have a special service of prayer and lighting of candles in memory of those that have been called home to rest in eternal peace on November 5th.

November 11th celebrates Veterans Day. A day to give thanks and honor all the men and women who have provided protection both here and abroad.

November 19th we will celebrate Bible Sunday. We will take up a collection for the American Bible Society that has been supplying Bibles to service men, women and veterans since 1816. A donation of \$5.00 will provide 1 Bible. If you would like to make a donation please attend the service or you can mail a check to the church with a memo "Bible Sunday".

November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day. Remember to give thanks everyday for all that our Lord provides. When we give thanks, we turn our attention away from ourselves, away from the brokenness of this world, away from troubles and worries. We open our hearts to the Lord, remembering all the blessings He gives, and we feel good.

In a similar way, gratitude encourages the people around you. When you give thanks to others you set an example for others to follow.

If you are new to the area or do not have a home church please come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Our service is a traditional service with messages based on the Scriptures as written. We welcome everyone! Our church motto is: Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.



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They Live On...in Word and Song will debut November 12

Edinburg resident Patricia Nugent will read excerpts from her memoir, "They Live On: Saying Goodbye to Mom and Dad," paired with original music by Michael Jerling at Caffe Lena on Sunday, November 12 at 2pm. A CD of the readings and music will also be launched at that event.

This collaboration between artists employing two different forms of creative expression has resulted in a tribute to life, loss, and love titled "They Live On...in Word and Song" featuring spoken memoir readings coupled with nine original songs by well-known singer/songwriter Michael Jerling.

Many in the area are familiar with Nugent's memoir as she has presented widely to community groups on the topics of caregiving and loss, and has conducted journaling workshops based on her book. Of Jerling's songs, music journalist Don Wilcock recently wrote, "His lyrics are replete with anecdotes strung together in miniature short stories that draw the listener in. You aren't on the outside looking in but a part of the story through images that are intimate, graphic and quietly powerful."

The project received partial funding from the Community Arts Regrant program through the New York State Council on the Arts. Tickets for the 90-minute debut performance and CD launch are available at www.caffelena.org/live-events/. For more information, email journalartspress@ gmail.com.



As night length increases in the autumn, chlorophyll production

autumn, chlorophyll production slows down and then stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanin that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.







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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM Study Group Wednesday at 10:00 AM & Monday at 7:00 PM SUNDAY, November 5 - All Saints Sunday (Honoring Saints)
9:00 AM Communion (All Welcome)
SATURDAY, November 11 – 10:00 am – Church Council (Open Meeting)

UPCOMING SERMONS

11/05 A Cloud of Witnesses (Celebrating the Saints) 11/12 Unanswered Prayer 11/19 Death Then What 11/26 What's It All About

Study Group

We are starting a Monday evening group for those who can't make Wednesday morning. We will be selecting topics designed to help us in discerning and following God's voice. Our first session in November we will be listening too and discussing contemporary Christian music. We will also discuss what topics would be helpful to explore in future sessions. All are welcome regardless of church affiliation or lack of any current affiliation.

You are also invited to join us in our Mission Project of providing safe water to Africa communities. Marion Medical Mission reminds us





that: "Globally 1,800 children die every day from water-borne disease."

Searching for Answers

These past few days have brought tears to my eyes and weigh heavily on my heart. I mourn for the people of Israel as they deal with the violence that has surrounded the invasions of their country by Hamas militants. I weep for the innocent lives lost in by Israel and the residents of Gaza during Israel's response to an act of incredible terrorism. I am frustrated by the inability of Palestinian and Israel leaders to find a just settlement to issues that have existed for generations.

I pray for some miraculous breakthrough that brings an end to violence and mars the history of this land, which is site places Holy to Jew, Muslim, and Christian. Religions who all proclaim that we are called to love one another. Judaism proclaims that the greatest of all the commandments given them was to love God and one's neighbor. Jesus who Christians claim as Savior and Lord reaffirmed love as the Great Commandment calling upon all who would follow him to love one another. Islam's Koran proclaims that in several the centrality of love and lists giving of one's wealth to relieve suffering and assist the poor as one of the five pillars of Islam.

So, what do I make of the violence in the world? Does it prove there is no God or God is powerless? I believe that God can indeed change the hearts of those who are open to God. I also believe that a loving God choses to allow us the freedom to chose rather make us puppets manipulated on some great stage according to God's whims. God may push and pull at our conscience, encourage or chastise us through individuals responding to God; but ultimately we can support or frustrate God's desire for us and our planet.

I believe Faith Communities exist to support as we seek to discover and remain faithful to God's will and be channels of God's love.

I pray that each of you will do all you can to encourage individuals to respond in love to what is happening and its impact on individuals on both sides. There is a saying I heard once in a movie that responds to the doctrine of an eye for eye and a tooth for tooth. If eye embrace this doctrine that ultimately the whole world goes blind.

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In closing I believe that love can make a difference and that God can through individuals who respond to God's voice make this world a better place. In the prayer that Jesus taught his followers we told to pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." God's kingdom is where God's will is embraced and followed as closely as it is in Heaven. It is a wish and a command for all who would follow Jesus, the presence of God in flesh and blood form, and work to transform our world into the paradise God created it to be.

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

You also can join us in our weekly Bible study on Wednesday at 10:00 AM and in receiving the Daily Photo Devotion by email, revdavid76@gmail.com or on the pastor's blog at www. adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/.

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"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."—Martin Luther King, Jr.

That word "creative" often brings forth a fear or shyness in adults. It's not unusual to hear "I'm not creative or talented...." when I invite someone to participate in an activity or workshop. Young children don't worry about talent, they just enjoy the creative process that is hard-wired in the human spirit. Picasso's well-known quote says it all. "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Picasso also shared his wisdom with this quote: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." To be a teacher was my childhood wish. Luckily, I was granted a teaching career. I still find joy in guiding people to enjoy creativity. The focus of the children drawing on the SVAN haunted house during the Northville Fall Festival was topped only by their wide smiles of accomplishment.



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Why do I volunteer with SVAN? It is a question that haunts me when I struggle with the administrative duties. It is a question that haunts me when I can't get to my personal "to do" list. SVAN's mission to "Promote the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region" is intended to improve the quantity, quality and diversity of cultural programming throughout the region, assist local artists working in any artistic area to improve their skills, to grow social and economic opportunities for artists, act as a regional economic catalyst by providing inviting opportunities, and to improve the quality of life in our communities. The mission statement is my answer. "Creative altruism..." I feel good when my efforts support someone in some way. It feels right when that young child beams with pride after drawing herself in her Halloween Costume. It is very rewarding when a reluctant adult finds the creativity she/he put aside in adulthood. It feels good to contribute, period.

Dr. Mike Eisenberg, also known as "Seattle Mike", has offered a creative music opportunity for a number of years: a jam session in the Northville Waterfront Park. It took place every Saturday during the farmers market. We're grateful for the opportunity and the entertainment. Another creative opportunity,



SVAN's Art Club, will resume in November. Working in-person at the Northville Library once a month and a second time virtually. 11/14 & 12/12 @ 2:30-4:00 are the first library dates scheduled. 11/28, 1/23 2/27 & 3/27 @ 7pm are the ZOOM meetings. Contact vicepresident@svanarts.

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Our three galleries remain busy. Vail Mills Tourist Center is hosted by their employees. The Northville Gallery is open during library hours. The Northville Gallery and Gift Shop opens Fridays 2-6, Saturdays 11-4, and Sundays 11-2 if we have volunteers to sit at the desk. Contact Sandra Peters if you are interested in showing work or volunteering. artcenter@svanarts. org. Watch for special events coming this fall and winter.



Currently the Library Gallery is filled beautifully with the work of member artist Leslie Ford. This show will be followed by work created by a new member, Cynthia Mulvaney. Her specialty is portraiture. Don't miss the opportunity to meet this new community member. Member artists are good role models for "....find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." We have six boat paddles, beautifully designed by member artists, up for silent auction. You can participate in the auction by visiting the SVAN Northville Gallery, 303 South Main Street where the paddles are on display along with other great artwork and creative gifts. Time to do some creative holiday shopping?

Winter concerts are currently being scheduled. Information about those concerts and other SVAN news will soon be available on our website, svanarts.org, in our newsletter, in our online news, SVAN Grapevine, and on Facebook. I hope you choose creativity, as creator or partaker. It adds joy to life.



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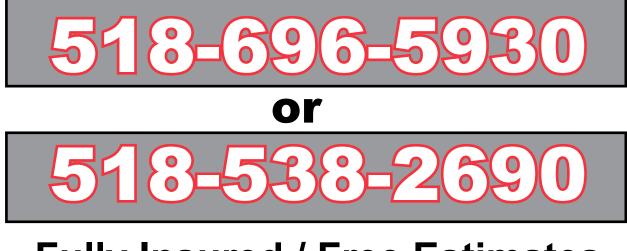
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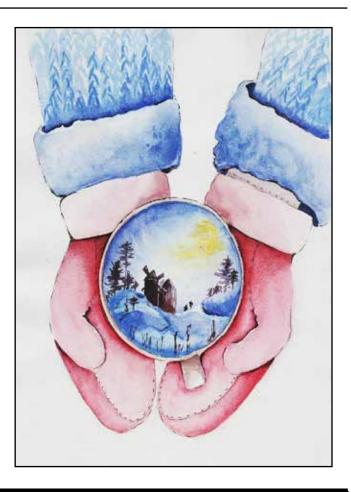
Once again I am asking for your help for my Many Mittens program. Together we can protect our kids from the wintery cold. With the offering of a simple pair of mittens or gloves, a hat or warm socks and undies, we show children that we care.

To heighten awareness of the need for warm clothing for children in our community, I am encouraging everyone to give to the program, make a difference and touch the lives of our young people. Place your gift of mittens, gloves, hats or warm socks and undies in the mitten baskets found at any of the Northville or Edinburg churches or at local stores.

YOUR PARTICIPATION INCREASES AWARENESS OF ALL NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT GO UNNOTICED.

The donated items will be distributed to the Edinburg and Northville schools for children who need them.

Jane Ferguson







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Veterans Day

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

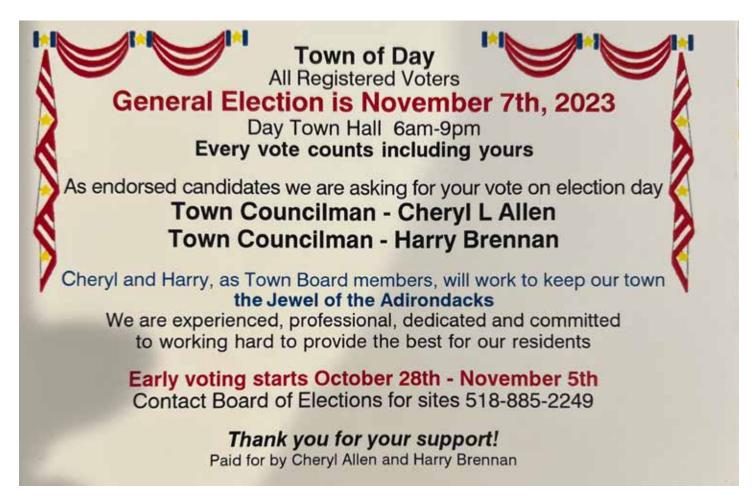
Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S.



military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

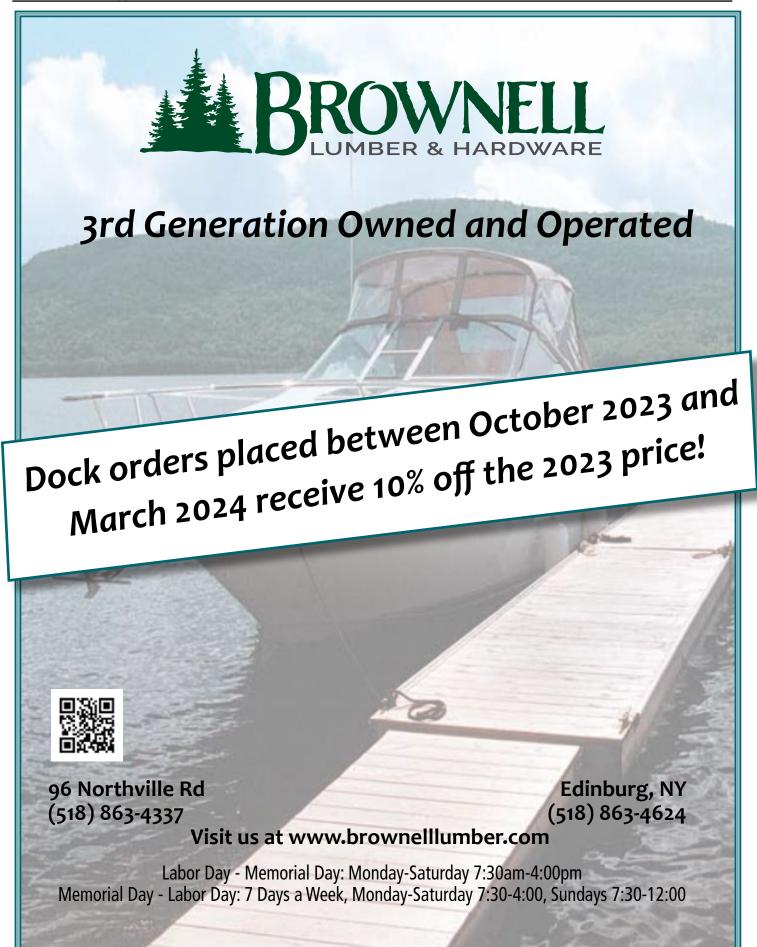
Veterans Day is a federal holiday, a bank holiday and, in most states, a state holiday. That means that federal employees, including military members, are typically given the day off and, in most states, state workers are as well.

Thank You To All Our Veterans





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by Barbara Klueg

Our Thankful List

We have so much to be thankful for . . . starting with the fact that we live in the beautiful Adirondacks. We are blessed with SO much . . . so much that we put stuff on the curb to get rid of it! We are a very wealthy country and often take for granted what we have materially . . . way more compared to the rest of the world.

Before you sit down to enjoy that mouthwatering, delicious Thanksgiving Dinner, take time to make a 'Thankful List' of everything you are thankful for . . . not just your material possessions, but your family, home, friends, good health, jobs . . . and country. The list goes on and on! We should not take our blessings for granted.

Number 1 on our 'Thankful List' should be how thankful we are to the Giver of these gifts – God Himself. He blesses us way beyond what we ask or deserve! His most sacrificial and biggest gift to us is . . . His only Son who went to the cross willingly to pay for our sins, so we could be forgiven and have eternal life with Him. God's Word says, "For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." (Romans 10, New Life Version)

This could be your BEST Thanksgiving ever! If you have not already done so, turn to Jesus today. Repent of your sins and believe in Him alone. And, then share your faith with others. "But how can we believe in Him if we have never heard about Him? And how can we hear about Him unless someone tells us?" (Romans 10, New Life Version) Tell someone today what Jesus did for you . . . a sinner saved by His grace alone.

God wants and deserves our love and worship. Come, join us Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7 p.m. as we have a special Thanksgiving service. (Childcare will be provided.) This is the perfect time to thank God for His countless blessings . . . and a good time to make plans to attend church on a regular basis. As we gather with our loved ones over Thanksgiving may we also remember to pray for those less fortunate around the world, including those in the Middle East right now. They need our prayers!

Christmas will be here before you know it! We look forward to our "Candlelight Christmas Eve" service. Hope you can join us at 7 p.m. to celebrate Christ's birth with a Sing-along, our Kids Choir, and the Adult Choir sharing the Christmas Story, ending with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah! (WOW! I can't wait. I'm sure I'll be wiping my tears of joy!)

We Live-Stream our Sunday morning services for those who are unable to get out to church. You can watch our service on our church website: bconny.org. If you need spiritual advice and guidance, contact Pastor Larson at church (518.863.8001). He has a heart for God, will pray with you and share God's Word with you.

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)







Hidden behind a wall - Part 2

In 1864 Charles and Jane migrated to Iowa, along with the family of Jane's parents. Jane's parents were Theodore and Mary Hall, Theodore came to Stony Creek in 1849. He was a blacksmith and lumberman. He lived and operated a sawmill on Stony Creek about a half-mile south of the center. Charles died in Postville Iowa on October 8, 1907 and Jane died in Postville on December 18, 1924 and both are buried in Postville Iowa.

In the 1865 Stony Creek census John W age 32 is listed with his mother and siblings occupation mechanic. In the 1870 Stony Creek census John W age 38 with brother Thomas and mother occupation laborer. In both censuses they are still living near the John H Cameron family. For reference to location of Darling family see enclosed map along with this description from David and Edythe Haskell's book (see title above).This property would be about 4 miles from 1000 Acres Ranch Resort. In 1864 Fanny Darling bought from John S and Sophia McMillen of



Stony Creek 4 acres on what is now White Road. Her house was at the sharp turn a few hundred feet after White Road leaves Warrensburg Road. In the 1875 Stony Creek census John W is living with his mother called mechanic (undoubtedly operating the sawmill which had belonged to his brother Thomas O who had died June 18 1874. Thomas had operated this sawmill from 1868 until his death in 1874, being land purchased from Columbus and Lurany Gill for \$500.00. This land was adjacent to the grist mill that Columbus had built many years before. In 1887 the mill and lot were sold for \$60.00 to Hiram Truesdell of Stony Creek and Hollis Russell of Glens Falls. In the 1880 Stony Creek census John W age 42 occupation carpenter, lives alone. Newspaper article dated 1882 — John Darling has returned from Indian Lake with a pair of crutches and a lame leg, having fallen a distance of twenty six feet from a house on which he was working. He escaped with a badly sprained ankle. Newspaper article dated 1883-John Darling has returned from the north woods ill. and Newspaper article date 1884 John Darling has a very interesting dog Mr. Darling was taken suddenly ill the other day while alone in his house and was unable to get out of doors, but made it out to write a line and tie to his dogs neck and let him out the door. With the charge to go to a neighbors house about a quarter of a mile distant and let them know his condition. The obedient animal did as directed and soon brought assistance to his suffering master.

John W married Eliza Smith on April 27, 1885 in Stony Creek New York. Apparently





shortly after that they moved and were living in Madellia Minnesota. In a Warrensburg News article dated September 8, 1898 it states that John W. Darling got married in the early eighties went west and died there.

Now to return to the names found on the beams. John W and Charles P Darling had to write their names either between September 1860 and May 8th of 1861 as John W had enlisted on that date and didn't discharge until June of 1863 and Charles P had been ill, or right after John W discharged in June of 1863 and Charles P and his family migrated to Iowa in 1864. So this would make it between 160 and 163 years ago that these two brothers signed their names! What the original building was built for or for who, is unknown, but it has been enjoyed by many people over the years....a few names that come to mind are Buena Vista Farm, Central Recreation Camp, and 1000 Acres Ranch Resort.

Charles P was in town for 4 years, and John W for 25 years, a short time by some standards, but they sure left their mark. I hope that you enjoyed hearing about John and Charles and if you ever find something hidden behind your wall let me know.

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Sufficiency

Shellie Kovaleski

Gratitude is riches, Complaint is poverty.

Those words are from a hymn I've always loved. Gratitude is a habit that causes me to see, to recognize more of the wealth in my life. Gratitude is a choice we can make. It need not be merely a reaction to good things; it can be the dynamic practice that draws good into your life. Appreciativeness is attractive, an easy, appealing trait to work with.

Right now, I'm racing against the weather to get several outdoor projects in order before winter settles in. I have no idea when my time will run out but am still glad to live with the rhythm of four seasons.

Winter - I see it as a time for rest from the yard and garden, for reading, learning, planning the next round of projects. For perusing seed catalogs which plant fantastic, perfectly unrealistic expectations in my mind.

Spring - fresh air, fresh starts; anticipating short sleeves, brighter days and trading cruddy snowbanks for incredible beauty and blossoms like jewels

Summer - I've only met one person who said he didn't like summer. I like tomatoes, watermelon, sweetcorn, cherries, berries, campfires and kayaks.

Fall - have you ever met anyone who doesn't love autumn?

We all have our own way of experiencing the seasons. However you do it, there's an abundance of things to enjoy as long as you're not too busy fussing about blackflies, mud, snow, heat and rain.

I just heard an adage,

When there's food on the table, there are many problems.

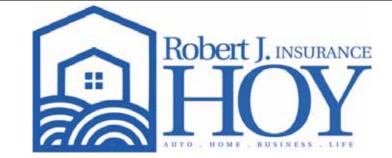
When there's no food on the table, there is one problem.

If we have the luxury of many small problems, I'm hoping most of us can take solace in the thought that our problems are mostly things we can work through. We might be fretful, inconvenienced or annoyed by them but at the same time growing wizened, experienced and educated. News of horrendous war events have made me reflect on how small and survivable my problems actually are.

Once when I couldn't put weight on my knee for over two weeks it seemed like a big problem. Since then I walk about my yard thankful for every step I can take. I need them every one of them to get where I'm going. There was the guy who pitied himself because he had no shoes - until he met a man who had no feet.

Even interruptions might have their silver lining. It probably means somebody needs you and you have something of value to share. Happy Thanksgiving.





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

- November 2nd, OAF Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 - Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans and Cake. We will celebrate all November birthdays with a cake provided by Enola Woznack. No program this date.
- November 9th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 Fish Sandwich with Tartar Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spinach, and Pudding. STFSL Program at 12:30: Larry Cramer's "Famous Variety Show"
- November 16th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, and Mousse. STFSL Program at 12:30: Polly Saltsman, Caseworker at Fulton County Office for Aging will provide information about HEAP and also demonstrate the animatronic "pets" that OFA has available for adoption.

November 23rd, Closed for Thanksgiving. November 30th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30,



Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans and Cake. STFSL Program at 12:30: Jim Groff Northampton Supervisor will be joined by an official from the Northville Fire District to give a presentation on the plan for the new Northville Firehouse.

Call Fulton County OFA at 736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. . 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 752-8737 and leave a message.

STFSL TRIPS

Please call the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living at 518-752-8737 and leave a message with your name and phone number if you are interested in any of these trips. You will get a call back.

On November 3rd we will travel to Glens Falls to view the beautiful works in the Hyde Collection. The special exhibit at Hyde until December is Degas. This museum houses paintings by Picasso, Degas, Winslow Homer, and many other great artists. Senior admission is \$10. We will also tour this historic house. Lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

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

19th catch a ride to the Soroptimist Craft Fair in Gloversville. Leave Northville at 9:30 and be back by 12:30.

December 2nd will see us once again at Old Fort Johnson for the 2:00 seating for their delicious Tea. Little triangle sandwiches, pastries, and scones with clotted cream.

We hope to see you on one or more of these trips.



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We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is hard to believe that the holiday season is right around the corner. Our students, teachers, and staff have been hard at work the first few months of school. The Edinburg Common School District recently started the afterschool and enrichment clubs. We are pleased to announce the following clubs for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Homework Club
- □ Tech Club
- Yearbook Club
- \Box Basketball Club (K-3 and 4-6)
- □ Cooking Club (After the Feb. break)
- 🗆 Drama Club

Should your child/children be interested in joining any of the clubs listed above, it's not too late to join! Just call the main office at 518-863-8412 for more details. There is a late bus offered to in-district students if needed! McCloskey, Board Member, for their ongoing support and dedication to the Edinburg Common School District.

Also the week of October 16 - 20, 2023, is National Bus Safety Week! We are thankful for the Edinburg Common School District's bus drivers, Mrs. Paula Blackwell, Ms. Becky Burden, Mrs. Doreen Cunningham, and Mr. John Flood for transporting our students safely each and every day! We thank you for your dedication to our students and families not only during this week, but always!

Students in PK - 6th grade were able to enjoy a fall field trip to the Ellms Family Farm in Ballston Spa on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Students, parents, teachers, and staff enjoyed fall activities, corn mazes, hay rides, ziplines, farm animals, the pumpkin patch, pedal carts and more! We would like to thank the Edinburg PTO for making this field trip possible!

"An Eagle Eye on . . . "

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

Edinburg Common School District would like



to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for November 2023:

PK- Anthony K- Gideon 1st- Easton and Carter 2nd- Cora

Don't forget to join us on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2:00 pm during Eagle Afternoon

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 16 - 20, 2023 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. The Edinburg Common School District is joining public school districts across the state as we honor our local Board of Trustees for their commitment to the school community and its children. We would like to thank Mrs. Angela Ludwig, Board President, Dr. Mary Ann Borden, Vice President, and Mr. Robert in the gymnasium as we honor these students. The Edinburg Common School will also be honoring our local veterans during this time. Should you be a veteran in the community, please feel free to join us as we honor you.

Please remember to support the Edinburg PTO at the annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm. We cannot wait to see you all, but if you want to enjoy this scrumptious meal at home, we will still have meals to go as well.





Basket raffles will be available to view and place your tickets for a chance to win. Good luck!

Thank you to all of our local businesses and community members that donated a basket this year!

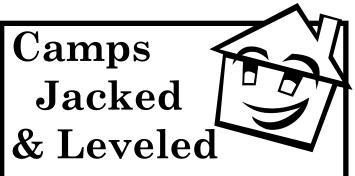
For more information please go to our school website at www.edinburgcs.org and/or like our school Facebook page.

Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd - Parent Teacher Conferences (Both Half Days Dismiss at 11:45 am and Pick-Ups at 11:50 am)
- Saturday, November 4th Annual PTO Roast Beef Dinner 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 6th First "Math Race" Family Night 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 7th PTO Meeting 4:45 pm
- Thursday, November 9th Eagle Afternoon and Veterans Day Assembly 2:00 pm
- Friday, November 10th Veterans Day Observed -No School
- Monday, November 13th Professional Development Half Day
- (Dismissal at 11:45 am and Pick-Ups at 11:50 am)
- Tuesday, November 14th ECS Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
- Friday, November 17th Discovery Kids (3 Year Old Program) 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 21st Emergency Early Release 2:30 pm

Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th Thanksgiving Holiday Break

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Welcome New Member

Galway, N.Y., Sept. 28, 2023 -- A new Lion joined the pride at the September 28th meeting of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, held at C&R's Restaurant in Galway.

Past District Governor Dick Ralston, a member of the Club, did the honors of delivering the oath to new member Linda Swietlicki. Lion Sue Phillips sponsored the new member into the Broadalbin-Perth club. Ralston challenged all the Lions present to renew their oaths to service.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is 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



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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.

in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. We 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.



Welcoming a new Lion to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions are, from left, presiding officer Past District Governor Dick Ralston, new Lion Linda Swietlicki, and her sponsor Lion Sue Phillips. The Broadalbin-Perth Lions provide a variety of humanitarian support to the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Gather Glasses Locally for Global Cause

Perth, N.Y., Oct. 10, 2023 -- Having filled the attics and garages of members over the course of the last 11 months, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club sorted through nearly a year's worth of donated eyeglasses and hearing aids at a special meeting on Oct. 10 at the Perth Town Hall. Nearly 1600 pairs of glasses were separated and packaged in preparation for delivery to a central location at which the appliances will be processed for eventual distribution to communities in need in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Club President Bob Townsend cited Lions Clubs International Global Causes regarding vision and sight preservation, saying, "as Lions, we serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired. More than a billion people

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have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses, and 89% of those live in developing countries. Lions around the world are working to raise awareness on this and other significant health issues such as diabetes, hearing preservation, and childhood cancer as well as bring medical care and provide education."



Broadalbin-Perth Lions proudly stand behind their work of having sorted through and packaged nearly 1600 sets of donated eyeglasses for recycling for those in need. The appliances will be cleaned and processed, eventually finding their way to the visually impaired around the world. Sight preservation is one of several global causes of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

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Coins Drop for Broadalbin-Perth Lions

Broadalbin, NY, Oct. 14, 2023 -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club began their weekend early, Saturday morning, Oct. 14, when they took station at the intersection of Main Street and Second Avenue in the Village of Broadalbin to conduct their annual Coin Drop. Lions safely greeted vehicles at each of the streets approaching the intersection and owing to the well publicized event, received a steady stream of donations between 9 AM through noon. The funds will be used to support Club endeavors that support the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community.

Bob Townsend, Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President, extends his gratitude to all who contributed during this event. "The community we serve is grateful for your generous contributions," said Townsend.



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Mike Auricchio receives a contribution from a passing driver during the Club's annual Coin Drop. Working the four streets of the intersection in the Village of Broadalbin, a steady stream of donations was donated to the Club which will be used to support Club endeavors that support the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

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"Nuggets and News" from the Town of Lake Luzerne

Historian, Pam Morin

"A Salute to Veterans" shall be for the good will and benefit of all. As many of you may already know the New York State Historian's Office has taken the lead with the planning of the New York State 250th Commemoration of the American Revolutionary War (1774 – 1783) Programs of recognition have begun and many more yet to happen for the next several years. The following links may be very helpful to follow along if you like history. Also, the Saratoga County Historian Office is also a tremendous resource for upcoming events.

The New York State 250 Commemoration Field Guide (nysed. gov)

https://www.nps.gov/sara/learn/ historyculture/index.htm

https://www.britannica.com/list/ timeline-of-the-american-revolution

www.warrenny250.com

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As the local historian for Lake Luzerne, we have embraced being part of this project and will focus on our local veterans who served during this era. Though we were not a strategic battlefield, we will SALUTE them by locating and cleaning their markers researching their military and family history and will document all finds of each. Our 14 veterans that served during this era definitely traveled miles along "paths and roads for our country's independence and freedom." To date those identified are Abijah Adams, John Austin, Benjamin Beach, Ira Even, John Hall, Gilbert Ogden, Thomas Orton, Joel Phelps, Jacob Randall, Asa Rice, Abnor Richardson, Jeremiah Russell, Garrett Sneddler and Aaron Vandebogert.

I welcome the chance to hear comments, see stories, photos and/or documents from family members or additional names of folks that may have served from our area. In my family, my grandfather James, my Aunt Grace and my Uncles Billy, Franklyn and Howard all served during WWII, my husband during the Korean Era and plenty of friends and classmates during Viet Nam. Saturday, November 11, 2023 is Veteran's Day. However, as a federal holiday it is to be observed this year on Friday, November 10th.



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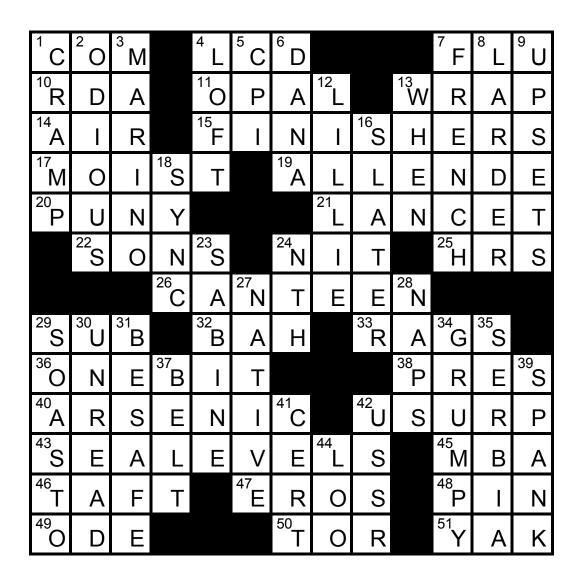
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We have office kittens!!! Only for 2 weeks, but it is fun having them. This started with one of my kittens passing away from a seizure disorder last year. It was so upsetting. Her brother is fine, but we figure he is lonely, so we thought we would get him a friend. When we went to the shelter, there was an adorable brother/sister pair that we "needed". Sadly, the shelter had Distemper running through it and a bunch of the cats had died. The two kittens were healthy and away from the group, but we were told we had to be very careful not to bring it home. We were told that even though the animals were on quarantine, we could only put them on a 24 hour hold – meaning someone else could come in and adopt them. So.... they are temporarily living in the kitchen at the shop.

It is really fun for me to watch the techs get mushy with the kittens. PstPstPst is now the language here. They are still pretty nervous, but they are warming up. Jeremy is frustrated because he really wants the cats to want to be around him. The kids are frustrated because they don't get to see them. I get to see them though. :)

October starts our new fiscal year and we all are so proud of this company. Jeremy and

I believe in transparency and having everyone that works with us understand what we are doing with the monies. It is important to us that everyone feels included and knows that we do not "live off their backs". As we did last year, we are having a schmancy company dinner to discuss this past year's finances. We will discuss what we purchased this year, who our biggest vendors were, what goals were met, where the profit went and what goals we have for the future. And because I love presents, Hawk bought duffle bags and backpacks with their names and logo. Chris told me once that my love-language is gift-giving... so true. I believe it is important for everyone to see what we are spending...especially insurances (sheesh insurances), truck payments and interest, job supplies, etc. We decided to go to the Wishing Well this year – Bob is a great guy and the food is excellent! I do love a party!

As a final note – thank you to everyone that reached out asking about my Dad. It means a lot. He is doing great and I plan to go visit again for Thanksgiving. I hope everyone reading this gets to have a wonderful T-day, relaxing and enjoying their families.