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# EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

## Shields Road Storm Damage

On Friday, July 7th a narrow and powerful rainstorm dumped up to 6 inches of rain in less than an hour on Shields Road and caused the road to completely wash out. The highway department had to shut the road down to fill in the wash outs and replace culvert pipes. They will be completely rebuilding the road at a considerable cost but at this writing are doing a great job and it should reopen shortly. Thank you to Wayne and the highway employees as well as Saratoga County and neighboring towns who have been assisting with labor and equipment.

## 2023-24 Hunting License from Town Clerk Denise Ferguson

It is hard to believe but, it's that time of year again! The new license year will begin on August 1st. Licenses can be purchased beginning

then. Anyone who purchased a Lifetime or Senior Lifetime license should have received or will be receiving your license through the mail. Deer management permits must be purchased at a license issuing agent's location or may be purchased on line at NYS DEC. If you should have any questions you should contact a license issuing agent.

## Dog Licenses from Town Clerk Denise Ferguson

Just a reminder to dog owners in New York State. All dogs whether they are an inside dog or your trusty sidekick that goes with you everywhere must be licensed, it is the law! In order to license your dog, you must show a valid rabies vaccination and if your dog is spayed or neutered you must show proof. A dog must be licensed within the town, city or village you live in. Dogs can be licensed at your local town clerk's office.

## Saratoga County Annual Senior Picnic SAVE THE DATE

The annual Saratoga County Senior Picnic will be held on Thursday, September 7th at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds.

## REMINDER

RING OF FIRE is traditionally held around the lake on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. This year it is September 3rd.

Labor Day is September 4th and garbage collection that week will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Town Hall will be closed Friday September 1st and Monday September 4th.

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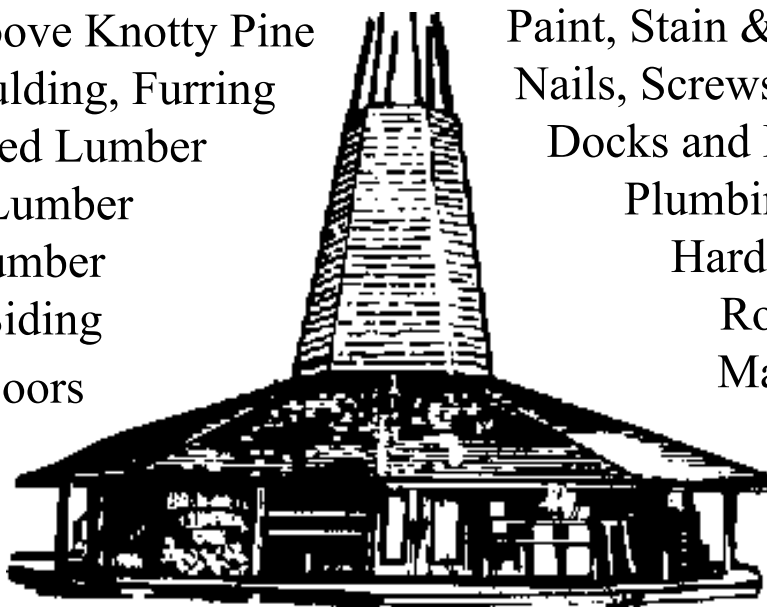
- Thurs 3 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Sat 5 Dusk **Town of Day Fireworks (info on p 66)**
- Sat 12 **Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbeque (info on p 21)**
- Tues 8 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Tues 15 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 17 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 24 7:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting



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## DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

### The Beginning of Historic Edinburg Day

It's hard to believe that it's been 31 years since our first "Historic Edinburg Day". After many months of hard work by many Edinburg folks we celebrated "Rural Museum Dedication Day" on June 27, 1992. The whole idea of this day was to involve all organizations, churches and businesses within the Town of Edinburg. The entire idea started because of a barn.

The Rural Museum (next door to the firehouse), originally a barn, is located on property that in the 1850's was part of the farm owned by Joseph and Jemima Covell. The farmhouse-which is still standing- is directly across the road behind Fuller's Store. In 1856 the Covells deeded the property to Solomon Sumner. Mr. Sumner ran the farm until his death in 1906. His widow, Helen sold the farm to a Thomas Stainhos shortly before her death in 1912. Nothing more is known of Stainhos but it's possible he held the mortgage on the property

for George B. Jenkins since in 1915 Jenkins and his wife, Estelle were operating the farm. In 1925 Estelle Jenkins (possibly a widow) sold the property to Harold V. and Rosena Wessells. Rosena and Nellie Tyrrell were sisters and the granddaughters of Arad Copeland, the builder of our Covered Bridge. Nellie was our town's first historian.

The Town of Edinburg purchased this lot from the Wessells' in 1930.

The barn was converted into the town's highway barn. It remained the highway barn until 1974 when a new town hall (now our community center) and highway barn complex was built at its present site on Military Road. The barn continued to be used for storage by the town and fire company until 1990 when with great thanks to our town supervisor, Jean Raymond, with help from then Senator Hugh Farley, a grant was obtained to convert the building into our Rural Museum.

This was a long-time dream of former town historian, the late Nellie Tyrrell and local businessman, the late Victor Brownell.

The highway crew and firemen cleaned out what they wanted leaving the rest for us. Jean arranged for inmates from the now defunct Wilton Correctional Facility to help us with heavy lifting "bullwork" while 3 or 4 of us made the decisions as to what to save and what to throw away. A concrete floor was poured by Marty McClary and his crew from Mayfield, NY and an up-to-date electrical system was installed. Windows were replaced or repaired, a new entry door installed and some painting done. The guard in charge of the inmates was a good carpenter and he and the late Fred Trudy installed the railings and gates for several exhibit areas.

My late husband Jay brought logs on his truck and our driver, "Bim" Vandenburg and my son-in-

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law George Blackwood placed the logs on the horse-drawn sleighs under the shed.

After the heavy duty work was finished we set up work days to clean, set up exhibits, etc. Many folks showed up-young and old alike-not all historical society members either. There were family members, friends, neighbors, as well as EHS members. One older couple I especially remember was Mr. and Mrs. Davis from Sinclair Road. We had a wonderful time and accomplished so much. We'd go to the firehouse with our bag lunches, eat, relax, enjoy some fresh air-then back to work!

Doug Sterling and the Edinburg Newsletter helped us put together a 46-page "Historic Edinburg" booklet with historic articles and photos. Ads paid for the booklets which were sold for the benefit of the historical society. Boy scout, Aaron Frasier chose the Rural Museum to complete his Eagle Scout project. Aaron made many stand-alone wooden sign holders which were used to identify many items within the museum. A great job well done, many of these sign holders are still in use today while others are stored.

Letters were sent out to all contacts we could think of that would be willing to demonstrate old-

time crafts as well as music makers. A wonderful response was received!

Supervisor Jean Raymond, Sen. Hugh Farley, Eagle Scout, Aaron Frasier and your truly along with many friends and volunteers opened the doors of the Rural Museum to the public on June 27, 1992 in conjunction with the town's first "Historic Edinburgh Day."

The entire town was "abuzz". We had a self-guided tour of Beecher Hollow; the model railroad crew gave demonstrations in the old Sumner house behind Fullers' Store; the Methodist Church had a "yummy" strawberry festival and the emergency squad offered a blood pressure clinic. There were airplane rides at the airport, while white elephant and bake sales were offered in various places about town.

In the middle of the quilt show (41 in all) at the firehouse were sisters Vivien Berlein of Northville and Maxine Stuk of Gloversville. The two of them with mop caps on their heads and shawls about their shoulders spent the day stitching up a storm in the age-old art of quilting. They also created stitching in other ways—just chatting with them

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would put a person into gales of laughter.

At the Rural Museum were Gene Valk, master weaver and Libby Van Nostrand, spinner. Neither of these gals were strangers to Edinburg since Libby is a native now living in Mayfield and also my youngest sister. Gene of Gloversville was a descendent of Edinburg's Albro and Grinnell families. Instead of bringing her regular 4-shaft floor loom Gene worked all day on her inkle loom. Inkle weaving produces beautiful narrow tapes that can be used as bracelets, belts, camera straps, suspenders and other useful items.

Libby was becoming known in the area for using Kool-Aid to die wool and spinning dog hair into yarn. She is also an accomplished knitter having completed a pair of wool long-johns which she had of display. I have a beautiful shawl she made for me from wool yarn and hair from one of our Old English Sheepdogs.

All the above ladies at that time could often be found at historical functions in the tri-county area of Fulton, Montgomery or Saratoga counties.

Bruce Frasier, master soap-maker of Edinburg, was not in attendance simply because we could not

supply him with a stove to produce his wares. Bruce was kind enough to supply us with a box of soap samples and the recipe for anyone interested in making their own.

Steve Gleeman, our local plumber by day, sweltered over his blacksmith forge and tools. A newcomer to demonstrations Steve turned out fireplace tools, dinner bells, all kinds of hooks and beautiful antique door latches and hinges.

Down the road by the Nellie Tyrrell Museum were our musicians of the day. If you have never done any foot-stomping then you never heard Sue Gleeman, Ann Miller, Joe Barnett, Gary Van Slyke and Barbara and Keith Silvestri when they got together with their guitars, banjos, dulcimers, piano and all the other instruments they each can play. Sue could make a piano talk. She and Ann gave piano lessons as their day jobs while Keith made dulcimers as well as playing one. One of the younger musicians was 10-year-old Caitlin Rivera who played the spoons and dulcimer.

The entire Rural Museum project showed a community working together. It entailed a tremendous amount of work but was also a lot of fun.

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There was a nice turnout for Historic Edinburg Day and EHS raised funds with its home baked goods and hot dog sale. These funds are used for the restoration and maintenance of three museums and the covered bridge. EHS also sells share certificates for \$25 in the Copeland Covered Bridge for yourself or in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or in memory of a loved one. The names are posted at the front of the Rural Museum on the bulletin board. Due to vandalism at the bridge the sign had to be moved to a more prominent place.

### FORAGING WOODLAND PLANTS

On Tuesday, August 15 at 7 p.m. Shellie Kovaleski will speak at the Sandhill School House on Tange Road on woodland plants and their rich contents and the gathering habits of early people. Shellie is a self-taught botanist.

The book on Edinburg history and families, "My Mountains, My People" by Priscilla Edwards, Edinburg Town Historian is now available for purchase at the Edinburg Town Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and the Rural Museum on Saturdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m.



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Our log entries were as follows:

June 13th, Mutual Aid to Providence  
 June 13th, South Shore Road, MVA  
 June 20th, Shields Road, Lines Down  
 June 25th, Mutual Aid to Providence  
 June 26th, Mutual Aid to Northville  
 June 27th, Mutual Aid to Northville  
 June 28th, Town of Day, Lake Rescue  
 July 5th, South Shore Road, EMS Assistance  
 July 7th, Shields Road, Service Call  
 July 8th, Mutual Aid, Northville  
 July 8th, Mutual Aid, Providence  
 July 9th, Mutual Aid, Northville  
 July 11th, South Shore Road, Fire Alarm  
 July 12th, Mutual Aid, Northville

Each year across our Nation there are scores of boating fatalities, many I suspect could have been avoided with the application of a little common sense. Foremost in my mind would be alcohol consumption and power boat operation. Who doesn't want to have a few cold ones while sitting on your boat on a hot August afternoon? And there is nothing wrong with that, provided you first recognize your own limits, and also the legal limits as prescribed by law. People who do not are not only risking their own lives, but the lives of family, friends, and even total strangers.

I have another area of concern on the Lake and that is excessive speed. Last season I observed two very large high performance boats going north along the South Shore side of the Lake. They were moving. Later that day I ran into those folks at Stewart's as they were gassing up. I told them I had seen them go by my place today and wondered how fast they were traveling. They casually replied

that they were both going one hundred miles an hour!

At that speed you can not really maneuver, have no time to recognize the dangers ahead, certainly you can't stop. I contrast Sacandaga Lake with that of Lake George which has a forty five mph limit over the entire Lake. I am not sure what the ultimate answer is for the Sacandaga. However, I implore folks to enjoy the beauty of our Lake, yet boat with common sense.

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# Dondi's Walk

## Peek-for-a-Picture Boards

Thank you all!

To all who have helped me take Dondi's Walk from inception to reality, and to those of you who have taken the walk and discovered the charm of our village, I thank you!

I developed the project because I think that it is important to support and promote our lovely village and merchants. A healthy vibrant village will grow and prosper.

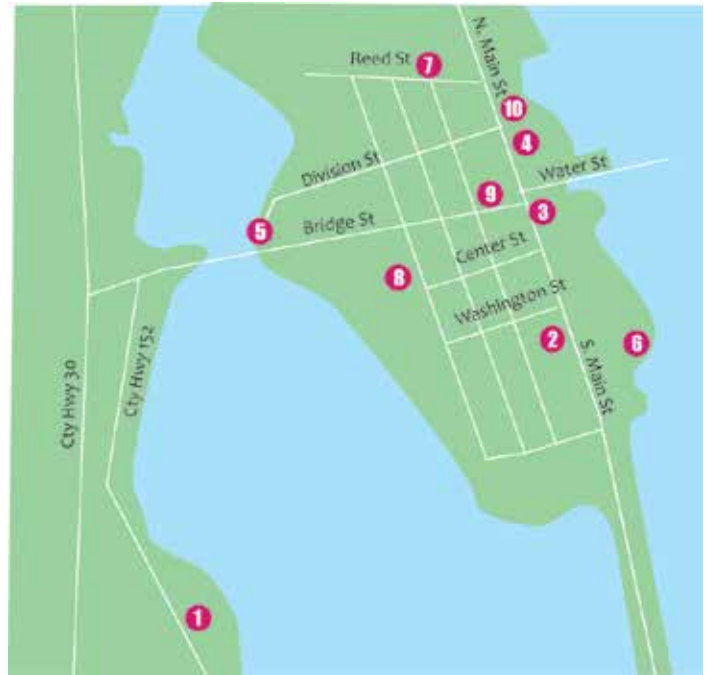
Personally, I have no artistic gifts but know that we have a great deal of talent in the area. Developing a walking tour that promotes the village and gives our artists exposure while offering visitors and local people an enjoyable experience worked for me.

With assistance from The Northville Rotary, Allen and Palmer, the NCS Shop Class, and Northern Lights Design, as well as individuals, I was able to make the idea move forward.

From purchasing of wood and supplies, cutting the boards, and painting by the talented artists to placing the finished boards throughout the village and at Sport Island Pub, the project was completed.

All ages can enjoy the walk! The boards will be in place until the middle of September.

I hope everyone who takes the walk leaves with a lilt in their step, a smile on their face and has felt the charm of our village.



| WHERE                       | WHAT                              | ARTIST           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Sport Island Pub          | <i>A Toot to the FJG Railroad</i> | Patricia Purtell |
| 2 Methodist Church          | <i>Fishing on the Sacandaga</i>   | Gary Curnow      |
| 3 Timeless Tavern           | <i>Northern Pike World Record</i> | Linda Finch      |
| 4 Northville Liquor Store   | <i>Sunflower Summer</i>           | Naomi Parker     |
| 5 Inn at The Bridge         | <i>Adirondack Winter Fun</i>      | Shirl Doherty    |
| 6 Town Park                 | <i>Ring of Fire</i>               | Margaret Draffen |
| 7 Northville Presbyt Church | <i>ADK Wildlife</i>               | Susan Schmidt    |
| 8 Northville Central School | <i>NCS Rocks</i>                  | Harmony Filo     |
| 9 Village Green             | <i>The Flying Fairy</i>           | Janet Mitchell   |
| 10 Adirondack Country Store | <i>Loons on the Lake</i>          | Jenifer Royal    |

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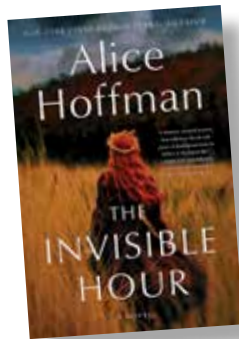
On Tues, Aug 1, the library will host author Richard Maturro who will lead a discussion of his book "Janey". Maturro, a native of Rye, NY, holds a doctorate in English with a specialization in Shakespeare and Greek Mythology. After sixteen years at the Albany Times Union, he taught literature at UAlbany for fourteen years. He now lives on an old farm in the foothills of the Berkshires. "Edgy, cynical, and shamelessly self-centered, Janey is a 46-year-old artist with an aversion to all things female, especially motherhood. When her husband announces on their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary that he wants a divorce, she moves into her studio, an empty warehouse in Boston's South End, but her already disjointed life is made still more chaotic when she gets a call from her estranged sister. The family's long-vacant, Depression-era hotel is to be sold, and all their parent possessions must be disposed of. To complicate matters, Janey meets Bugs, an aging disc jockey on an oldies station in Schenectady, and ends up sharing quarters with him in the deserted hotel. Thus begin Janey's strange 'twelve labors,' a series of spiritual and emotional trials that will challenge her previously

unshakable conviction that she is not an ordinary mortal, but a 'prince'.

"Now Showing" movies at the library on Thursdays at 1 pm will feature the Oscar Winning Best Movie of 2022:

- Aug 3: "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once"

Trustee Stella Williams was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award. Stella has been a Library Board Trustees for 23 years, serving as President, VP, and Secretary. She has also been Treasurer for the Friends of the Library and has been active in their fundraising activities. Thank you, Stella, for your many years of service and dedication.



The Sacandaga Book Group meets monthly at the library to share their thoughts about books. The Group is in their 15th year with their first meeting of 23-24 on Tues, Sept 12 at 10 am.

New releases coming this Fall:

- Kathy Reichs – Bone Hacker
- Alice Hoffman – Invisible Hour
- Ann Patchett – Tom Lake



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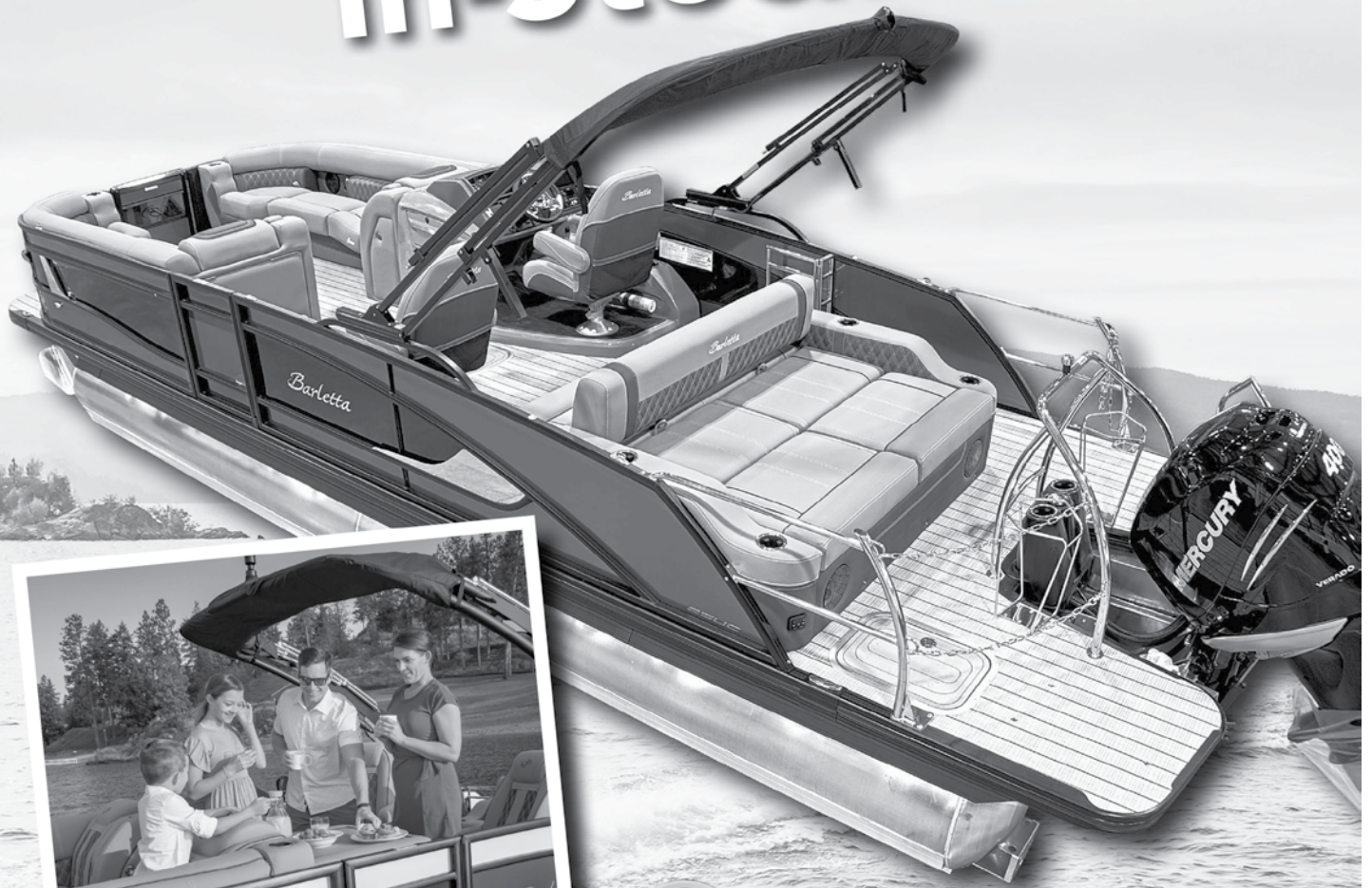
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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

The Morning Glory, a beautiful and fragrant vining flower that has been around for centuries. Although it's actually a perennial in areas that don't get below 45°, it's often planted as an annual in most regions and attaches to anything vertical. A 'cousin' to the Morning Glory is the sweet potato. Each morning a fresh bud blooms (hence the name) and then withers in the evening. When we were more observant of such things, this blooming process prompted a lot of ideas and myths about the flower in many cultures. The flower is native to China and the Middle East, but it has been cultivated in many other parts of the world. In Chinese culture the flower has been associated with the sun and new beginnings. Often it was given as a gift to celebrate a new baby or a new year. It's also associated with eternal love and marriage, and given as a symbol of love and fidelity. This is because the Morning Glory Flower is known for its ability to continually bloom for long periods of time and grow in a wide range of climates, thus symbolizing the fact that love can bloom in any situation. In Chinese folklore the flower symbolizes lovers that could only meet one time a year. It was said that Chien Niu and

Chih Neu were in love. Because of this love, they neglected their labors so much that it made the gods angry and punished them so that they can only see each other one day annually.

The Japanese have been cultivating the morning glory since the 9th century. They have become so adept at this art they have developed more varieties than any other nation.

They were greatly respected by the ancient Mayans, Aztecs and Native Americans tribes of Mexico for the spiritual properties they were believed to possess. The seeds with their psychoactive properties were used for vision quests and to communicate with the gods. The Aztecs believed that plants had spirits and certain plants had special spirits that could communicate directly with the gods. The Chenthal and Maztec Indian tribes also believed that a highly evolved spirit

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lived in Morning Glories. The Shamans would prepare the seeds to produce visions and allow communications with the gods. Sadly many died, became violently ill or suffered nerve damage because the seeds are highly toxic and poisonous.

Unlike the seeds, the flower of the Morning Glory is presumed edible (but with caution and professional knowledge). The most popular use for Morning Glory Flowers is to make tea. It is said to have a calming and sedative effect, used to treat anxiety and depression. The tea can also be used as a compress for treating bruises, burns and insect bites. When used in a tincture or extract, it is thought to be helpful in treating nervous disorders and chronic pain.

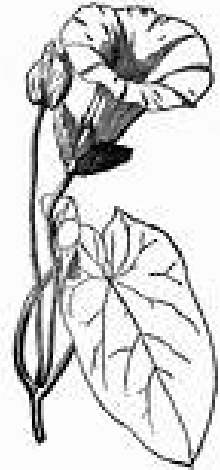
During the Victorian era, Morning Glories became recognized as a symbol of love and affection. The Christians honored the flower as a symbol of the temporary nature of this life on earth. Each flower resembles our time alive and that it's all destined to come to an end. The sunlight opening the flower represents our time alive, while at night when the flower closes, symbolizes death. In England the flower represents the stages of life; the morning bud represents youth, the mid day flower in full bloom adulthood and the wilting flower of dusk old age.

An interesting tidbit to the plant's history is that some 3,000 years before Charles Goodyear discovered how to strengthen rubber through a process called vulcanization, the Aztecs made rubber balls that would bounce by treating them with the juice of the morning glory plant. Another fact that gets overlooked is that this flower is very valuable to nectar feeders such as hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and moths.

So plant a Morning Glory

for love or attracting birds, butterflies and bees or simply because having Morning Glory in your garden makes you feel good (and Grandma had one) The Morning Glory message is simple, \*"Tenacity and tenderness in all things, be gentle but strong in your endeavors with other people, animals, and nature. Above all, hold fast to your goals."

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## Northville Rotary Grows "Service Above Self"

### Four Northville Seniors Receive Awards from Rotary

Rotary has long believed in advancing educational opportunities. Over the years, Northville Rotarians have been giving monetary awards of varying amounts to Northville Central School seniors. This year, four graduating seniors, Makayla LaPort, Ryann Morgan, Emma Peck, and Sophia Reidell were awarded checks for \$1,000 each to help with college expenses. Applications

were made and reviewed by the Northville Rotary Education Committee. The awards are based on scholarship and service to the community in keeping with Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

At our July 6th meeting, Education Committee chair, Bob Smith, introduced each of the award winners and noted their accomplishments in and out of school. Makayla LaPort is valedictorian of the class of '23. She was active in student Council and served as Class President. She participated in peer tutoring, conducted blood drives and helped with food drives. Makayla will be attending Nazareth College and has been accepted in their Bio-medical program. In addition to maintaining a high academic average, Ryann Morgan served as class Vice President all four years. She is

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an avid soccer player, helps with Little League Baseball, President of National Honor Society, and a member of SADD. Ryann will be attending St. Rose and majoring in Childhood Education with a concentration in math. Emma Peck, Salutatorian of the class, played a number of sports, served as the class co-secretary, took a number of courses at FMCC in her senior year and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She will be finishing her two years at FMCC and then applying to 4 year colleges to finish a degree in Engineering and Management. Sophia Reidell, is a scholar athlete with both academic and athletic awards. She managed the school store, treasurer of SADD, tutored younger students, helped at the food pantry and the Little League Concession stand. Sophia plans to attend SUNY Cortland and obtain a Bachelor's Degree.

Best wishes to all four award winners. They will be excellent representatives of Northville!



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

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mission and wish all permit holders would realize that the threats to the permit system are real.

To learn more about the SPC and how we protect your lake access and the way of life in our lake communities or to donate to support our mission, please visit our website [www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com](http://www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com). You may also contact us at [SPCGSL@gmail.com](mailto:SPCGSL@gmail.com).

Thanks for reading Bob Jones secretary / treasurer SPC , full time lake resident for 10 years and lifelong summer resident. Keep making memories !

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# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

The Summer season is in full swing in the Village! There are several reasons to make Northville part of your summer destination plans. In addition to our downtown merchants and dining establishments, the SVAN summer concert series continues every Saturday night at 6 p.m. in the Waterfront Park through August 26th. SVAN Art Trails will be August 19th and 20th. The Arts Trails weekend provides opportunities to visit several local artisans in the Village and surrounding communities. See SVAN Facebook and/or website for additional information. Our Farmers' Market will continue every Saturday, 10-2, in the Waterfront Park through Labor Day weekend. The Northville Youth and Family Events group will be hosting movies nights in the Waterfront Park on July 28th and August 11th. Our Joint Youth Summer camp continues through August 10th. Please see the Northville Youth and Family Events Facebook page for more details

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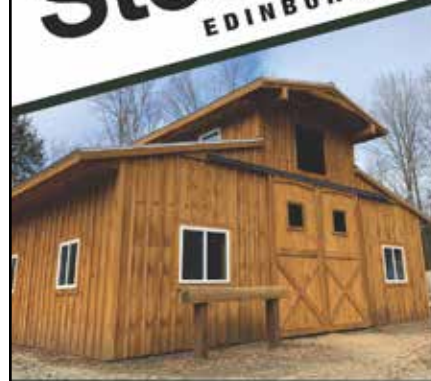
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about movie nights and camp.

Police Chief Rick Richardson continues to be busy in his new position. He reported 63 calls were handled by the department during the month of June. This does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP. Chief Richardson continues to build the part time police force and is advancing the department through the accreditation process. We currently have police coverage every day of the week, with hours that vary and include late night and overnight shifts.



The Town of Northampton was recently awarded a grant of \$ 1.897 million, from NYS through the Bridge NY initiative to replace the bridge at the spillway on South Main Street in the Village. Supervisor Groff reported they anticipate starting the bridge replacement project in early 2025. Obviously, when work does start on the bridge replacement project, there will be detours in place. We will do our best to keep the public informed as that project advances.

The Village is moving forward with submitting a Department of State (DOS) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant application for funding to construct a safe route for pedestrians

and bicyclists at the spillway area on South Main Street. The application will be submitted by July 27th and awards will be announced toward the end of the year. We will keep you posted as further details become available.

Looking forward, upcoming events being scheduled in the Village include Fall Fest, which will be held on Saturday, October 7th, and the Christmas Tree Lighting and Lighted Christmas Parade, held on December 2nd. It is never too early to start thinking about participating in these events. We are taking applications for vendors for Fall Fest and interested parties can email [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com) for more details. We are also encouraging local businesses and organizations that are hosting events that weekend to also contact the Clerk's office to be included in future publications that will be distributed for the event. As for the Christmas parade, last year we had a great turnout of participants, and we are hoping to add more this year. Everyone can be part of the fun! Email the Clerk if you would like to sign up.

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they encounter adversity later on in life.

Religion can have a positive impact on families and children in several ways. One benefit is the promotion of family cohesion and identity. Religious practices, such as attending worship services together, engaging in religious rituals, and participating in community activities, can strengthen the bond between family members and create a sense of shared values and purpose[1]. This sense of belonging and unity within the family can contribute to better communication, support, and overall family well-being.

Furthermore, religion often provides a moral framework that guides parents in teaching and instilling values in their children. Religious teachings often emphasize virtues such as kindness, compassion, honesty, and empathy, which can help shape children's character and behavior[2]. Research suggests that religious families are more likely to prioritize family time and engage in positive parenting practices, such as warmth, acceptance, and consistent discipline, all of which contribute to positive child outcomes[3][4].

Religion can also provide children with a sense of identity and purpose. Being part of a religious community can help children develop a strong sense of self and belonging. Religious rituals, traditions, and teachings provide children with a framework to understand themselves and their place in the world, offering guidance, support, and a sense of meaning and hope[2][4].

There is evidence suggesting that children raised in religious families may experience certain benefits. For example, studies have shown that religious involvement is associated with lower rates of delinquency, substance abuse, and risky behaviors among adolescents[5]. Additionally, religious involvement has been linked to positive psychological outcomes, such as higher life satisfaction and resilience in the face of adversity[4][5].

It's important to note that these benefits can vary based on the specific religious beliefs and practices, as well as individual factors. Not all families will experience the same benefits, and the significance of religion in family life may depend on the personal experiences and choices of each family.

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## FRACTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

If you are a fan of Fractured Facts you recognize the point of this column is not to have a point at all. I describe reading Fractured Facts as time “you will never get back”. Yet every few years I feel compelled to write something which might be interpreted as having some merit. I write today on The State of The Union.

Every January our President, at some point in their State of The Union address proclaims “...the state of our Union is strong ...” even if it is not. The fact is, the state of the Union by design is in a perpetual state of flux. It is seldom neither in a state of extreme strength nor extreme weakness. The founding leaders of our young nation, tired of non - representation and scarred by war, were if nothing else pragmatists. They designed a country with no permanent leader, counter opposing branches of government, all founded on a Republic of peoples of various backgrounds and beliefs. How could it not evolve into what looks from the outside, a slow moving amoeba at best, or semi organized chaos at its worst. This has by one



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degree or another, been the story of our Country. Proud, stubborn, independent, and when it is called for, united in our determination.

And yet many today believe our Nation is approaching a point of great peril, from which there is no conceivable return. There seems to be a great polarization in our Country. An alienation that prevents people from believing that tomorrow can be better than today. That they have somehow been disenfranchised and left behind on the heap of humanity. These feelings for many are legitimate, as history has proven such during the short lifetime of The United States of America. We spend a lot of time moving forward, yet not much time looking back.

If this be the true fate of our Nation, then how might we change our collective course?

I feel the solution to be a simply one; consult your mirror. The Evil Queen in Snow White used a magic mirror to see into the future. However your own mirror is not without special powers. I challenge you to stand before it and take a good hard look at the person you see there. Ask yourself this simply question, what is the state of YOUR Union? Or better said, what have you done in your

lifetime to make your Country a better place for those who come after you?

Have you ever stepped forward and done something clearly for the good of others and not yourself? Random or not so random acts of kindness and patriotism, come in all forms. But it all starts with one person, willing to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to make our Union a better one. We cannot simply continue to sit on the sidelines and say, let someone else do it. I am too old, or not old enough, or too busy, or too shy, not a leader, but not really a follower. The excuses are as endless as the problems we collectively need to overcome.

I look in the mirror and I don't always like what I see. I don't mean the extra twenty-five pounds that has enveloped me. More so, I seem to be content with what is happening around me, rather than to get involved. It is easy to ignore the News, until my little world has permanently changed and I can no longer keep my head in the sand. Is that what it takes to move one forward, to get involved, to make a difference?

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So I have decided to announce publicly via this column, that I intend to run this fall for a Council seat in the Town of Edinburg. This is something I have some history with, having been a council member in the Town of Middleburgh for nine years. Being a member of any publicly elected body is generally not an easy row to hoe, particularly in these times. My late Father in a very rare advice giving mood once told me,

“if everybody likes you, you are probably not doing your job”. Dad nailed it.

Yet, that does not mean there aren't plenty of activities out there that you can't contribute to in some way. Serving temporally on a school committee, big brothers / big sisters, volunteering at church, folks who completely on their own taken time to pick up trash on the side of the road.

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# BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Roberta MacIntyre Games

What a summer it has been! I am sitting in my air conditioned house wondering how the animals can take the heat. With all the rain the gardens are becoming lush with foliage, that's unless our "backyard wildlife" have been visiting. First it was the bear, that hairy beast, stealing the birdfeeders. Then it was those adorable little varmint chipmunks digging up the flowerpots. Back to the lush foliage. Because of the continuous rain it has been fruitless applying the "deer off" which of course created an open door to the backyard buffet. One morning Emma the cat was fixated on something outside of her window. Yep, the deer was finishing off the last of the hostas. Are slugs wildlife? Good thing I got to them before my sugar snap peas were gone!



Photo by Don Polunci

But there is a ray of sunshine in this gloomy forecast, Great Blue Heron babies. Near my home, not in my backyard but my neighbor's, there is a beaver pond. The herons have always been there, a perfect habitat for them with plenty of fish, frogs, turtles, snakes and rodents as well as large dead craggy trees. They are often seen standing very



still ready to spear a meal with a deadly strike of their long bill.

They can also hunt very well at night due to amazing night vision and eyesight with great depth perception and zoom to closeup mode.

This year there was a new nest. The male chooses the site and they both construct it. It is almost hilarious spotting those large birds perched high upon a branch some 20-30 feet above the pond near a nest almost 3 feet across. Often herons will gather in nesting colonies called rookeries but, on this pond, only one. I watched daily for almost a month as the heron laid down low in the nest on the eggs. Herons usually lay 3-5 eggs and it takes that long for incubation. When the eggs hatched I could only make out movement but soon the miniature herons were visible. Over the weeks they grew quickly their heads and bills outsizing their small bodies and before long they were standing up in the nest. When alarmed they would crunch themselves down not realizing they could still be seen(those heads!) One day one little guy was way out on a limb. He very slowly felt around with his huge foot gaining confidence grabbing

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on until he felt secure, then onto the other foot gaining enough bravery to make the plunge, little wings out for balance. He was safely back into the nest. The chicks will stay in the nest another month or so until they are capable of flight, their parents feeding them by regurgitation. They make such a racket kak-kak kak-ing you cannot miss them!

Great Blue Herons are widespread and common, hard to miss with their huge wings and dangling legs crossing overhead on slow wing beats. My sister says that on their lake they call them the "pterodactyls" a pretty good comparison I think.

*Roberta enjoys sharing about her many encounters with our local wildlife.*

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! Welcome to August; it's been a hot, rainy summer so far. We are in prayer for: those who have been impacted by the horrific flooding in so many areas; those who are suffering from extreme heat; those having breathing problems because of the residual smoke from the wildfires in Canada and also those who are fighting those fires. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with their relief partners throughout our country and the world where there are disasters. First UMC of Northville supports with mission. We have a tube that holds quarters and, when full, provides for two "cleaning buckets". While we don't physically provide the buckets and the cleaning supplies that go in them, we do send the money to UMCOR where they have a warehouse stocked with these items at costs far below what we would spend individually. We also

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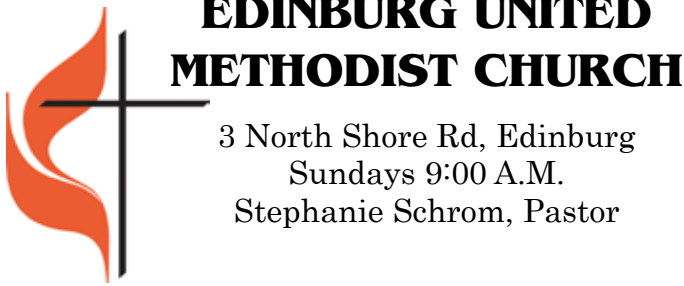
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"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:11.

We have many ideas in the works for community events and projects to serve our Lord. Please like and follow our Facebook page as events will be posted there. All are welcome to join us and participate.

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*Norine Fay Hopkins Colvin*

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**Clergy Column**

**Facing the Day's Bad News**

It sometimes seems as if every day brings bad news. There are stories not just of distant wars but violence in cities and small villages, worries about the future of our very planet, higher education whose cost makes it out of reach for many, differences that divide us and all too often lead to violence.

Yet in the face of times much like these God brought a message of hope through Jesus. In fact, the first four books of what is referred to as the New Testament of the Bible that tell of Jesus' ministry are called Gospels or Good News.

Jesus acknowledged that that problems do indeed abound in our world but that they are not the last word. Despite all of life's problems we can be confident that God is ultimately in charge. The message that Jesus proclaimed of a loving God who forgives walks with us through life and is able to make all things work together for good. Saints and sinners have testified through the ages of the power of God's love to transform lives. Those convicted of serious crimes and sent to prison have turned to Jesus and become channels for sharing God's love. I think of Charles Colson sent to prison for his role in Watergate who established Prison Fellowship International, the world's largest outreach organization for prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families. I think of Mother Theresa

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who left a ministry of teaching to minister to the dying outcasts of India. I think of the outreach of religious organizations to victims of disasters.

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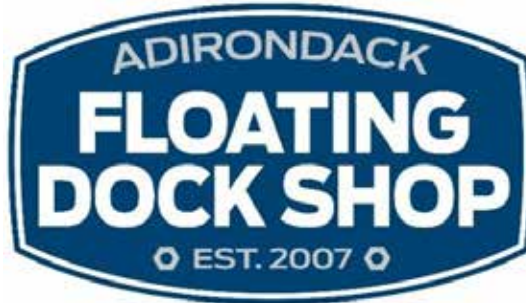
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newsletters and e-news alerts (SVAN Grapevine) of the wealth of art, music and theater events, classes and shows. Membership also provides discounted admission to some events. I hope you will check out all that SVAN has to offer and consider joining to support this very worthwhile Sacandaga group. Their website [www.svanarts.org](http://www.svanarts.org) outlines all that they do. There is also a link for joining.

### CHECK OUT THESE SVAN AUGUST EVENTS:

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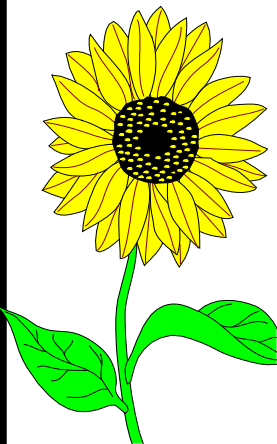
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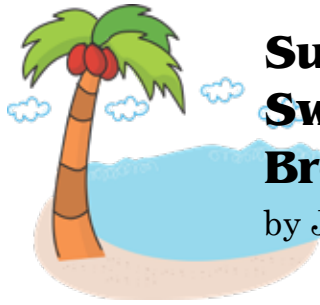


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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

This morning I was laying in bed with my eyes closed, listening to the low voices talking in the kitchen. Lucas and Bill were making sandwiches for their last fishing trip together (for this vacation) in Key West. I could hear them discussing where they were going to fish. They were hoping to catch enough fish, to bring to New York, to share with family and friends. It made me smile and reminded me of all of the early mornings the boys gathered together, to hunt or

fish. I am happy to know this tradition is still going on 47 years into our marriage. The most exciting thing is, that almost seven hours later, they returned with 11 good size mahi mahi! They said that fishing started off slow. After a few hours they decided to go into shallower water. That was fortuitous as they finally found a good weed line. They said they were catching three fish at a time. They actually caught seven more mahi but they sent them back to the water, to grow bigger. The boys came home exhausted but they had huge smiles on their faces. It was a great ending to a month of Bubba and Lucas fishing adventures

-My mind is now busily thinking of all of the things I have to finish up before the kids and I fly back to New York. There are so many things that I neglected to do because our grandchildren were our first priority. We have had so much fun together. Our house is small and it has been in disarray for

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a month, although I do not regret it. I do admit to it driving me crazy from time to time. God is still trying to teach me patience and to enjoy all of the little things in life. I am now packing up all of the things we want to take to New York. Our boat is cleaned and tied down and our outdoor furniture is patiently waiting to be stowed in our house, while we are gone. As I write this I am making macaroni and cheese. It was a special request from the kids even though I made some a few weeks ago. They said they have had enough fish for a while. We have had many delicious dinners of grouper, mahi, trigger fish, yellow tail, wahoo, tuna, shrimp and crab. The only fish I ever had, when I was their age, was trout and tuna fish. I strongly disliked both. These kids have such refined palates. Their mom and dad did a great job introducing them to a wide array of food. Times sure have changed!

By the time you read this article there will only be one more month left of summer. I hope you were able to spend time with the ones you love and maybe even a little time with the ones you don't. If you live or have a second home on the Great Sacandaga Lake you are truly blessed. I hope you are enjoying every moment and are creating your own special memories.

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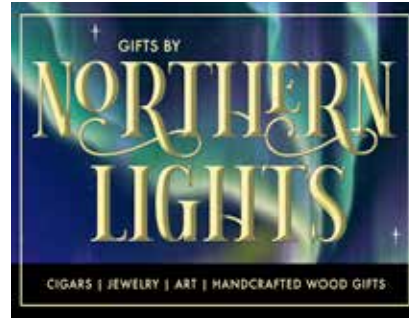
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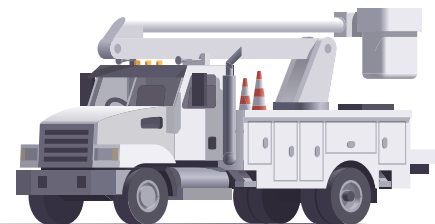
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*by Barbara Klueg*

### Live for Jesus Publicly

It is always encouraging when you hear of folks who follow the Lord and desire to do what is right. Recently I read about six famous women who have committed themselves to live this way. Maybe you have heard of them: Candace Cameron Bure (actress), Carrie Underwood (2005 American Idol winner and singer), Chonda Pierce (comedian), Patricia Heaton (actress), Lacey Chabert (actress), and Faith Hill (singer).

In an interview with World Vision, Patricia Heaton spoke boldly about her relationship with Jesus Christ: "There's a saying, 'Jesus died for us publicly. So don't live for Him privately.' But, I also think you have to talk about why you can love in difficult circumstances. It's because He first loved us. While we were still in our sin, He died for us."

Following Jesus takes guts and determination, especially in today's society. We need to remember that God is in control of this crazy world and every circumstance we encounter in life. And we must desire His ways, only. Add to this, a lot of prayer and waiting . . . and waiting, and more waiting, and even more waiting than we really want to do. I like how Isaiah 26:8 says it, "While following in Your ways, O Lord, we have waited for You. To remember You and Your name is the desire of our souls." May we all desire to follow the Lord and also wait for Him!

If you are unable to join us for worship, you can watch our Sunday morning service on-line. Our website is [bconny.org](http://bconny.org) or go to our YouTube channel or on

Facebook Live (Baptist Church of Northville NY). If you need spiritual advice and encouragement, contact Pastor Larson at church (518.863.8001). He has a heart for God, will pray with you and give you great guidance from God's Word.

#### Our weekly schedule is:

- Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m. 1st Sun. of the month: Family Night: 6 p.m. with refreshments & service following. Home Small Groups: 6 p.m. on other Sun. nights or on a weeknight. (Youth Groups take a break for the summer.)
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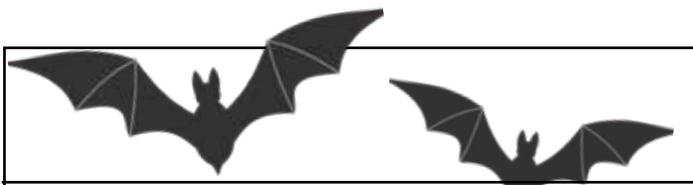
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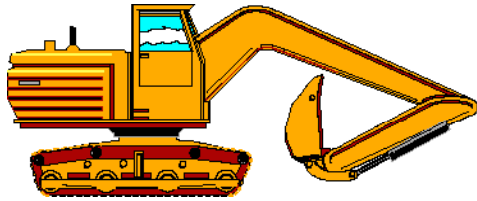
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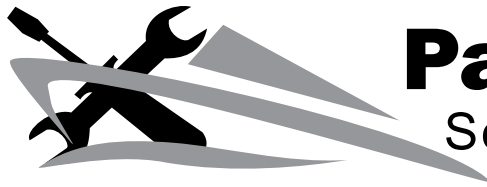
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# Please help save the Sacandaga Park Golf Course!!!

**The Town of Northampton Town Board was given a proposal in September 2022 and has yet to bring it to vote.**

**We have a way to get the golf course back open and could use your support.**

1. The Sacandaga Golf Course has been open continuously for 121 years.
2. The 2016 Town of Northampton Zoning Law says no development is allowed on the golf course, and it should remain open space.
3. Governments, all the time, pass laws saying what property owners can do with their land to benefit people in the community.
4. In 2018 the golf course was sold to a State of Delaware Corporation, MT Trident, for \$290,000.00 and it is still owned by this Delaware Corporation. Another Delaware Corporation was formed to maintain the golf course and another Delaware Corporation was formed to operate the restaurant. A total of three Delaware Corporations for the golf course.
5. A shareholder of MT Trident, in 2018, said the golf course was purchased to benefit people in the community, especially children, so the golf course could continue to be used as a golf course in the future.
6. In 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 the golf course was closed and is still closed. WHY? The same shareholder of MT Trident, in the fall of 2019, was very upset because the 2016 Town Zoning Law would not be changed to allow the corporation to develop the golf course.
7. To be vindictive MT Trident placed a large pile of dirt with 24 large boulders the south Side of Lincoln Avenue on what MT Trident believed was golf course property to prevent parking. However MT Trident did not own the property.
8. To be vindictive, in 2020 MT Trident planted a large corn and pumpkin field on the golf course along with scarecrows.
9. To be vindictive MT Trident allowed sumac trees to grow on the golf course.
10. When the same shareholder was asked why the golf course was no longer open, he stated that MT Trident was not legally bound to run a golf course and the golf course was purchased for investment [development].
11. The other two Delaware Corporations applied for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans even though the golf course was not open to the public, that loans were received totaling \$71,136.00 and not required to be paid back, and the loans were forgiven, thanks to you the taxpayer.
12. There is a person who desires to purchase the golf course and re-open it to the public and pay all of the Town of Northampton expenses so it will not cost the taxpayers anything. The person signed binding legal documents were delivered to the Town in 2022 and people are still waiting for the Town to make a Decision.
13. The person also signed binding legal documents delivered to the Town that he will not develop the golf course and the golf course will remain open space. If and when the person sells the golf course all subsequent purchasers will also have to agree to these provisions.
14. This matter is still in the hands of the Town of Northampton Town Board. They have the legal power to take title to the golf course away from MT Trident and give this person title to the golf course so it will again be open as a public golf course.
15. The Town Board members who will decide whether this legal power will be used without any cost to the taxpayers are James Groff, William Gritsavage, Molly Zullo, Darryl Roosa, and Colleen Cordone. If three of the five vote yes the golf course will again be open to the public.

**Please reach out to your town representative to show your support. Contact information is as follows:**

**James Groff** ([supervisor@townofnorthampton.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnorthampton.com)) Phone: 518-863-4040 Extension 1

**Colleen Cordone** ([ccordone@townofnorthampton.com](mailto:ccordone@townofnorthampton.com)) Phone: 518-863-4040

**William Gritsavage** ([wgritsavage@townofnorthampton.com](mailto:wgritsavage@townofnorthampton.com)) Phone: 518-863-6444

**Darryl Roosa** ([droosa@townofnorthampton.com](mailto:droosa@townofnorthampton.com)) Phone: 518-863-2312

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# Sufficiency

Shellie Kovaleski

In summer, it almost seems ridiculous to write about abundance; it's obvious, it's every where. Plenty to do, plenty of music, plenty of people, plenty of fun. Most of all plenty of zucchini. And even that's a good thing.

Remember the quip about small town life? Where the only time of year anybody locks their car is late summer, otherwise you know someone's gonna slip you a big bagful of zucchini when you're not looking.

So in case you've tried all 60 dozen of the zucchini relish recipes and are ready for something different, I submit my preferred strategy from the farmers of Terre Vivante in SE France. Their book is called PRESERVING FOOD Without Freezing or Canning.

This pickle is made in small quick batches, no marathons with steaming kettles. As much as possible, use smaller zucchinis for better quality. This method can carry your surplus crisply, well into the winter.

To make this provision, I like to set a small pan of vinegar on the stove before I go out to snag the day's zucchini. If I have the pan waiting for me when I come in I'm not tempted to put the veggies down and "do it later," I get right to it. Have a sterile jar or 2 ready with lids.

I like the plastic lids designed to work with canning jars so there's never any chance of rusty metal tainting the food.

First, Heat the vinegar to boil while washing and cutting veggies. Slices, sticks or rounds should be 1/4" thick.

Eggplant, sweet pepper, and cukes can be mixed in for a vegetable medley.

Drop the veggies into the pot as it begins to boil. Simmer for 1 or 2 minutes then drain liquid quickly into another pan.

Pack pickles into clean jars, alternating vegetables with layers of fresh herbs, a pinch of coarse salt and coriander seed if desired. Leave a 2" space between pickles and rim of the jar. Don't pack too tightly.

Top with 1/4 to 1/2" oil over the veggies and cover tightly. They'll be ready to eat in a month or two but can keep for a year. The ideal temperature for storage is 50-60°, but room temperature works.

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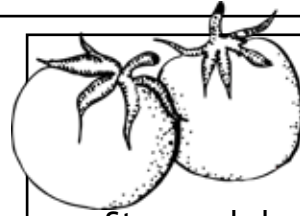
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To make best use of the vinegar, it can be used for more than one round of veggies, but remember to number the batches. If the vinegar goes into round 3 or 4, those batches should be prioritized for earlier use. They won't have the same levels of acidity. Also consider the oil, when you open a jar, as a flavored ingredient for a sauté or salad dressing.

I love opening jars of the garden's bounty that embellish winter meals so crisply and colorfully. But still, it's bound to happen, in the busyness of summer, one day when you're distracted and not looking, a dachshund-sized zucchini will appear and you won't know quite what to do about it.

Here's heartening news - they keep well. In the snowy months they stand around the edges of the kitchen like companionable green penguins. Then I grate those green beasts into pancake batter. One cup of batter gets one cup of zucchini, and we get our veggies. I actually miss them when they're gone.

And, yes, green penguins go very well with maple syrup, thank goodness.



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# Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We surely hope that everyone is enjoying their summer! At the Edinburg Common School District, the "Summer Fun Program" is in full swing! Students that have joined the program are busy working with Mr. Moore, Miss Hampton, and Mrs. Cunningham in all subject areas. They will also be participating in weekly field trips such as: the nature trail at the Town Hall in Edinburg, blueberry picking, pottery making in Mayfield, the C & R Restaurant, and the last day a beach/picnic day. The program's last day will be on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Thank you to all that participated this summer!





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The Edinburg Common School District is excited to announce and welcome Miss Ashley Shultz as the new second grade teacher. We are thrilled to have her be a part of our school community! We can't wait for everyone to meet her in the fall and/or at Open House! Please take a moment to stop by her classroom to say hello!

Please remember to check out the school supply lists on our district website! Teachers have compiled their supply lists for the upcoming school year and the lists can be found at <http://www.edinburgcs.org/school-supply-lists.html>

Enrollment is still open for the 2023-2024 school year. You may obtain enrollment paperwork at the Main Office or on our District website at [http://www.edinburgcs.org/uploads/8/6/3/2/8632029/pk-6\\_enrollment\\_packet\\_.pdf](http://www.edinburgcs.org/uploads/8/6/3/2/8632029/pk-6_enrollment_packet_.pdf)

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### Dates to Remember for the Fall:

August 29, 2023 Superintendent's Conference Day

August 30, 2023 Teacher Work Day

September 4, 2023 No School - Labor Day

September 5, 2023 Superintendent's Conference Day

September 6, 2023 First Day of School

September 11, 2023 First Day of Pre-K

September 12, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM

September 21, 2023 Open House 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

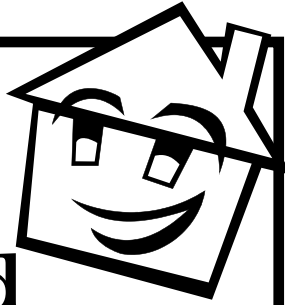
September 25, 2023 Early Dismissal 11:45 AM - Half Professional Development Day

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



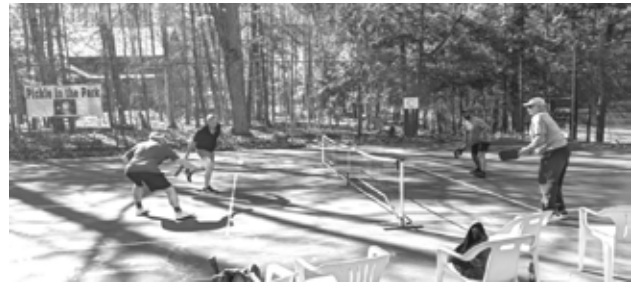


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August 3rd, OFA annual picnic at Concordia Park.  
No Meal or program this date.

August 10th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 - Chef's Choice Salad Cold Plate, Macaroni Salad, Carrot Raisin Salad, Cake. We will celebrate all July birthdays with a cake provided by Helen Cramer. STFSL Program at 12:30: Richard Richardson, Chief, Northville-Northampton Police Department will discuss the new department and answer questions..

August 17th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 - Meatloaf, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Gelatin. STFSL Program at 12:30: Kara Travis, CEO Mountain Valley Hospice will talk about healthcare proxies, living wills and other end of life documents..

August 24th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 - Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, Cake. STFSL Program at 12:30: Bill Mackey from the Northville Funeral Services will discuss, "Everything you ever wanted to know about funerals" Fittingly, there will also be a Blood Pressure Clinic this date.

August 31st, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 - Cheesy Ham and Rice Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Peaches. STFSL Program at 12:30: STFSL's Annual Ice Cream All the ice cream and toppings you can eat with a side of cake!!

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### We will be taking the following trips over the next few months:

- 1 - July 24th to the spectacular Cohoes Falls, lunch afterwards, possibly at the newly reopened Smith's Restaurant.
  - 2 - August 21st to Great Camp Sagamore, lunch at the camp. Cost of Tour and lunch is \$35.95 for Seniors.
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*Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle*

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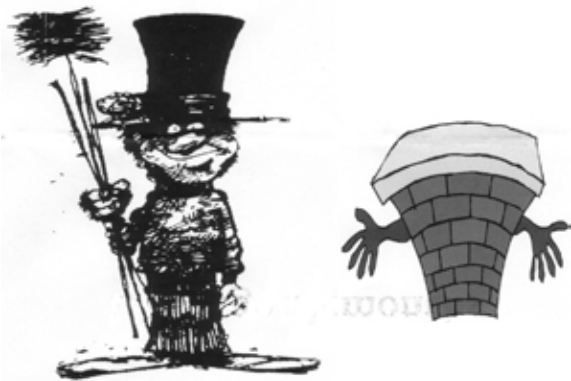
## Apologies from the editor:

In July's issue, page 65, the wrong caption was under this picture of Isabella Towne, getting well deserved recognition.



*Mayfield Central School senior Isabella Towne, right, receives a \$2000 check and certificate recognizing her community service from B-P Lions President Bob Townsend, left. Towne will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall and hopes to be a nurse. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club / Lion Ed Balaban).*

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# Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Install New Officers and Induct New Members

Galway, N.Y., June 15, 2023 -- A slate of new officers was installed and two new members were inducted at the June 15th meeting of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, held at C&R's Restaurant in Galway.

The Lions officers are the leadership team that will guide the B-P Lions through their activity year which runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Past District Governor Dick Ralston, a member of the Club, did the honors of delivering the oaths of office to those assuming the positions of president, vice-president/marketing chair, secretary, treasurer, and Lion Tamer. Lions Bob

Townsend, Ed Balaban, Valerie Kevlin, Tom Kevlin, and Bill Suchy, respectively, all accepted their continuing responsibilities as each is serving a second consecutive term.

Immediately following the induction of the new officers, Ralston inducted two new members to the Club, Larry Boutillette and Tim Ott. President Bob Townsend sponsored the new members into the Broadalbin-Perth pride. 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 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.



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*New leadership team of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club includes, from left, Treasurer Tom Kevlin, Secretary Valerie Kevlin, President Bob Townsend, Vice President/Marketing Chair Ed Balaban, and Lion Tamer Bill Suchy. Past District Governor Dick Ralston, right, officiated the installation. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Larry Boutillette).*



*Swelling with pride at the induction of new Lions are, from left, Broadalbin-Perth Lion President Bob Townsend, who sponsored both Lion Larry Boutillette and Lion Tim Ott, and presiding officer Past District Governor Dick Ralston. (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*

For the good will and benefit of all, let me tell you the back story of “The Dude Ranch Trail, a New York State Scenic Byway.” On March 17, 1984 a group of people gathered in Lake Luzerne to form the Dude Ranch Trail Association headed by Dick Schelmeyer, Edie Gardener and strongly supported by western entertainer Roy Stevens and wife Ellen. The group proposed a 40 mile trail starting at Exit 21 of the Northway going South on 9N into Lake Luzerne, through the business area along Main Street, across the Hudson River into Hadley and turning onto the Stony Creek Road. In Stony Creek, the trail continues into Warrensburg and on out to the Diamond Point Road and over the mountain where it picks up the NYS Heritage Trail back down through Lake George Village to 9N. The Trails are rich in history and easily followed because of the attractive roadside markers which bare the official “Big Hat Country” logo. (Many of which can still be seen roadside today). The Lake Luzerne businesses and organizations joined in immediately. Attracting the tourists for the many activities was the plan and included the Championship Rodeo, Jackpots at 1000 Acres, restaurants for dining, tack shops, general stores, ice cream parlors, white water rafting, horsback riding , antique shopping and museums were all part

of the promotional attraction effort. Luzerne and Warrensburg Chambers partnered seed money for the signs and promotion. The Adirondack Gymkhana Circuit, the 200 mile Liberty Ride and Horse Jamborees were created. NUGGET: On August 2, 1985 the Dude Ranch Trail was signed into NYS law and designated as a New York State Heritage Trail. With this bill passed, NYS Dept. of Transportation was now able to assist with the promotion of tourism. But, as time has it, the program effort, knowledge, leadership, caretakers, energy and concept of the designated Dude Ranch Trail has been asleep. However, recently I learned “ A NYS Scenic Highway designation never goes away. The 40 mile loop is still there and a revisit for a new promotional effort is in the works. Stay tuned. Your interest and stories are important and welcome anytime at 518-696-7184.



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## FERC did not Provide HRBRRD the Relief It was Looking for in Its Dispute with Brookfield

by David Smail – Co- Chair of the Property Owners Association of Day

The operating agreement between the Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) and the Power Company who operates the E. J. West Hydroelectric Project has expired and the Regulating

District may lose \$1.5 million in income.

Background: In the 1920's New York State created the Hudson River Regulating District whose mission was to build a dam on the Sacandaga River and create a reservoir that would impound water to help prevent flooding on the Hudson River during periods of high-water flow. Also, the water was to be released to augment river flows during periods of drought. The laws that created the Regulating District provided that the downstream beneficiaries would pay for the construction of the dam, reservoir and the ongoing operations and maintenance. This included payment of local taxes on the property that the district owns. The beneficiaries included hydro projects, landowners of property where hydro

projects could be built and five cities that would benefit from the flood protection.

During the construction of the Conklingville Dam by the Regulating District, Erie Boulevard built the E. J. West Hydro Project attached to the dam. The dam creates the impoundment and provides 71 feet of hydraulic head; an outlet structure; a spillway weir; a canal delivering water to the powerhouse. The E. J. West Hydro Project has two turbine generators, which have a capacity of 10,000 kilowatts each. The powerhouse provides 15 feet of the 71 feet of head. In 1928 Erie Boulevard agreed to pay a portion of the cost of the construction of the dam as well to make annual payments for the cost of operation and maintaining the dam. Specifically, the power company agreed to pay 15/71st of the operation and maintenance costs. Erie Boulevard and subsequent owners of E. J. West have paid the head fee since that time. This arrangement is unusual, because in most cases the owner of the dam structure and the owner of the hydro powerhouse are one and the same.

E. J. West operated without a license until 1963 when the Federal Power Commission issued an operating license. During the 1990's relicensing



of the E. J. West powerhouse and four downstream hydro projects it was determined that the entire project including the Conklingville Dam should be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). On September 25, 2002, FERC issued a new license for the Conklingville Dam to the HRBRRD and relicensed the E. J. West Hydro project. The new license has become known as the "Offer of Settlement".

In 2006, one of the downstream hydro projects owned by Albany Engineering won a lawsuit that claimed that now that the HRBRRD is operating the dam under federal license it is controlled by the Federal Powers Act (FPA), which limits the dam owner on how much the downstream hydro projects can be charged for Return on Assets (ROA). A major portion of the HRBRRD operating budget was the payment of the local taxes on the property the district owned. As a result of lawsuits, HRBRRD could no longer annually assess the hydro projects for a portion of the property taxes the regulating districts paid. To make up for the loss of revenue the HRBRRD started assessing New York State and the five downstream counties (Albany, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, and Rensselaer) for flood protection provided by the dam.

**The Dispute:** In October 2022, Erie Boulevard notified the Regulating District that it would no longer pay for the use of the district's 56 feet of head, characterizing the charge as duplicative of Erie's headwater benefits payments and that it did not wish to extend the operations agreement. The Regulating District argues that it is not bound by its license to release water through the E. J. West Project facilities absent an ROA that Erie is obligated to maintain a property right in additional 56 feet of hydraulic head created the Conklingville Dam. If the current operators of E. J. West Hydro Project (Brookfield Renewables a Canadian based company) fail to renew the agreement,

HRBRRD would lose more than a million dollars annually. In January 2023, both the HRBRRD and Brookfield Renewables submitted requests for FERC to resolve the dispute.

**FERC Determination:** The commission stated that the annual assessments for the additional 56 feet in head that the Conklingville Dam provides for the E. J. West powerhouse are not part of the assessments paid associated with generation of power that results from the regulation of the flow of the river by headwater storage. The commission further stated that licensing of the Conklingville Dam and subsequent lawsuits have not unraveled Erie Boulevard's contractual agreements with the state.

The commission further stated that the HRBRRD failed to demonstrate how it could safely meet the licensing requirements, while bypassing the E. J. West powerhouse. Should the Regulating District seek to change its operation from those approved by the Offer of Settlement they must first

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seek Commission approval to do so first. Lastly, the commission noted that if Erie and the District are unable to operate the projects in a cooperative manner, the commission is authorized to direct the licensees to “coordinate the operation of the project, electrically and hydraulically . . . in the interest of power and other beneficial public uses of water resources, and on such conditions concerning the equitable sharing of benefits by the Licensee as the Commission may order.”

On July 5th the HRBRRD wrote a letter to FERC requesting authorization to divert flow around E. J. West powerhouse. After the request, negotiations between the two parties did not resolve the dispute.

Conclusion: It is my belief that regardless of whether or not FERC authorizes bypassing the E. J. West Powerhouse the two parties will end up in a lawsuit. If the dispute ends with a new operating agreement that significantly reduces the \$1.5 Million of head water assessment, the other beneficiaries could see a significant increase in their assessments.

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We just got the kids back from Key West after a little bit of airplane delay drama. Poor Janice; Bill had already left to start driving stuff up here before the flights were cancelled. The house had been packed up and super cleaned and they had no food – and no car – for 2 days. She and the kids made the best of it, and I got them back Tuesday night. There really is nothing better than having your kids tell you they missed you and “love you so much”. The kids had their “first day back” to work this morning. Lots of cleaning, weeding, organizing – they were bored and cranky.

If anyone reading this ever gets to go to the party at Siro’s for the Center for Disability Services, you know it’s a blast. Hawk Drilling goes every year. Janice used to be a high up person there until Bill asked her to take the company over with him – we always go to support it. This year, we had the brilliant idea to rent a party bus – it was so fun! Making it even more fun, it was Alec’s 35th birthday. As part of a gift, we got him a “It’s my birthday” pin and being the sport he was, he wore it all night. It is a fun time to get all dressed up and be silly together.

This was a big month for Hawk – we purchased

a “new to us” drill rig, so now we finally have 2. It is a 2019 Epiroc DB40 – it is the sister rig to the one we currently have. Jeremy and I have been living on a prayer with only one rig, so we feel we can breath a little easier. We also purchased a brandy spankin’ new pump hoist. It took 4 months to build and we were all really excited when in pulled into the shop. We now have 3 pump teams, which is awesome!!! It still doesn’t have lettering on it, but we are too busy to wait on the lettering company. It has the DOT numbers, so at least there’s that.

Jeremy is part of a FB page for well drillers across the US and there was a post recently about whether you are really a business owner. The test was whether you could leave for a fishing trip for 2 weeks or not. Jeremy and I looked at each other and thought, “2 weeks? We’re nervous to even go away for a weekend!” I guess that meant that we are actually owners. Our annual trip is to go camping with my family down at the Yogi campground in Montgomery, NY. This was the furthest that we would allow (2.5 hours), so that if things get out of hand, Jeremy can drive back up to

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