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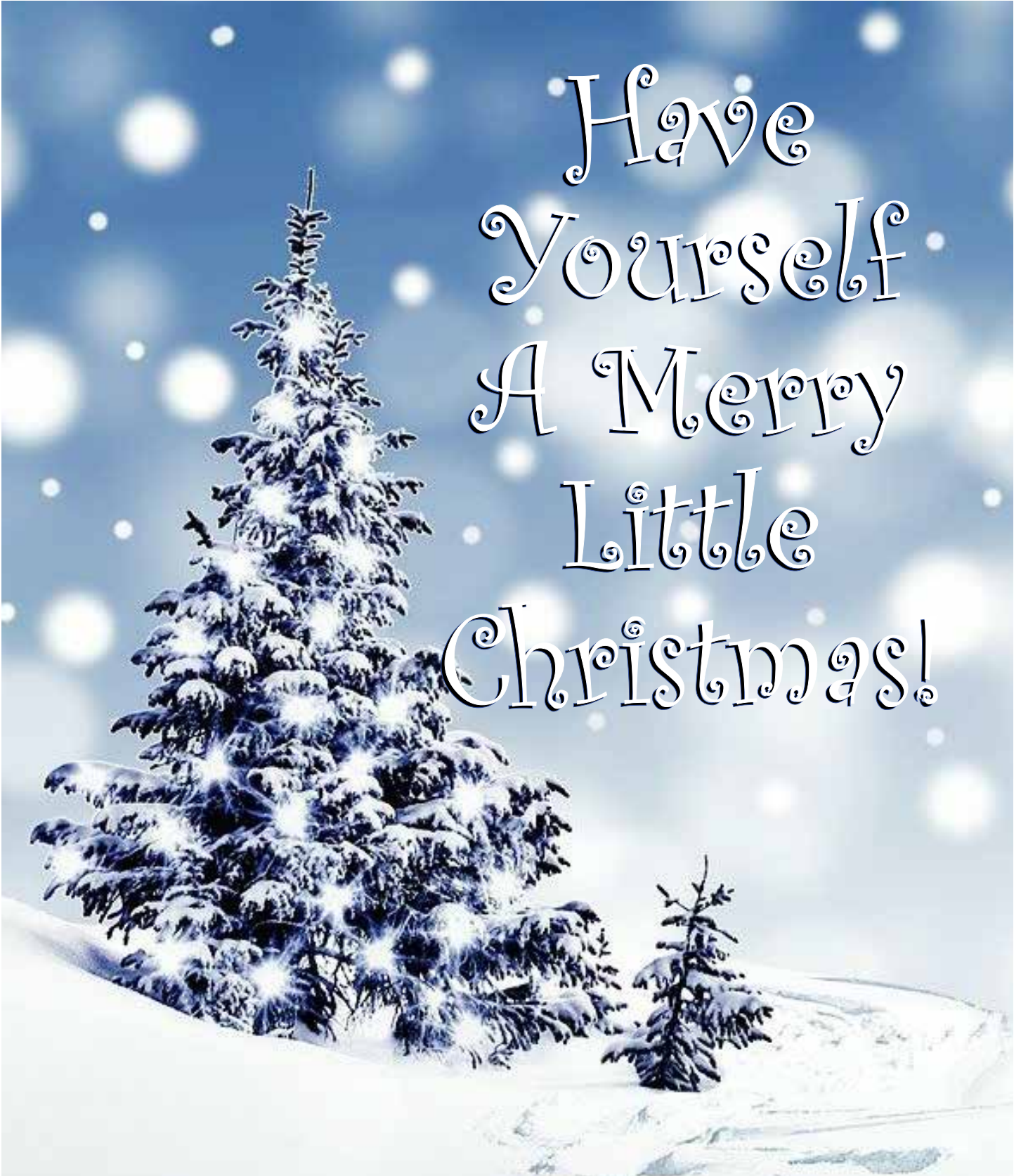
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## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

### MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

#### Economic Development Grant from Saratoga County

The Town has been approved for a grant from the county of \$14,200.00 to have the town map updated and enhanced and to have a brochure created. The updated map and brochure will show historic marker locations and other features such as the Copeland Covered Bridge.

#### Edinburg Town Budget

The 2023 budget has been adopted. The budget stayed within the 2% cap allowed by New York State. It includes funding for participation in the Northville/Northampton Youth Program activities. The funding for fuel and heating oil for the General and Highway funds was increased to allow for higher prices. Solid Waste disposal fees paid to Fulton County were increased by \$2.00 per ton to \$64.00 per ton for the year. The budget includes a new garbage truck and a new Highway Plow truck. Both trucks will be paid for from funds

saved for the purchases. We will need to see if they will be produced since the factories are behind on production. The town tax rate will increase slightly but the county rate will decrease in 2023.

#### Cemetery Closure for the Winter

Edinburg cemeteries close for burials on December 1st for the winter. Visitors may walk in but the roads are not plowed and are closed to vehicles. It is possible they could close sooner if weather conditions warrant.

#### Garbage, Recycling and Town Hall Holiday Schedule

The Town Hall will be closed next Wednesday at noon and Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. There will be no recycling collection that week and the Recycling Center will be closed on Friday November 28th.

The employees of the Recycling Center have asked for December 24th off to be able to spend time with their families on Christmas Eve. There will be recycling collection on Thursday, December 22nd. The Recycling Center will be open on Friday, December 23rd from noon until 3:00pm and then closed on Saturday December 24th and Monday, December 26th. Garbage will be collected on Tuesday and Wednesday and recycling on Thursday. The following week the Center will be closed on Monday for the New Year's holiday and garbage and recycling will be collected Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week.

The Town Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday January 3rd. Town officials may be

reached at their homes if needed and the phones will be checked daily for messages.

Please be sure to move garbage bins back from the roadside so that the snowplows do not damage them. Bins must be kept shoveled out and assessable so employees can empty the garbage. Also, please do not park cars along roads that will cause garbage removal and plowing problems during snow storms.

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# DECEMBER 2022 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Here's a list of some notable dates and meetings.

Please send your information to the Edinburg Newsletter at [edinburgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgnewsletter@gmail.com)

- Thurs 1 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board
- Sat 3 2:00 pm Edinburg Christmas Tree Lighting** (read more on page 10)
- Sat 3 3:00 pm Northville Christmas Parade** (read more on page 30)
- Sun 4 3:30 pm Hadley Christmas Tree Lighting - Fowler Park**  
(read more on page 42)
- Sat 10 Edinburg Emergency Squad Christmas Cookie Sale / Basket Raffle**  
(read more on page 6)
- Tues 13 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Thurs 15 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board
- Wed 21 First Day of Winter**
- Thurs 22 7:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board
- Sun 25 Christmas Day**

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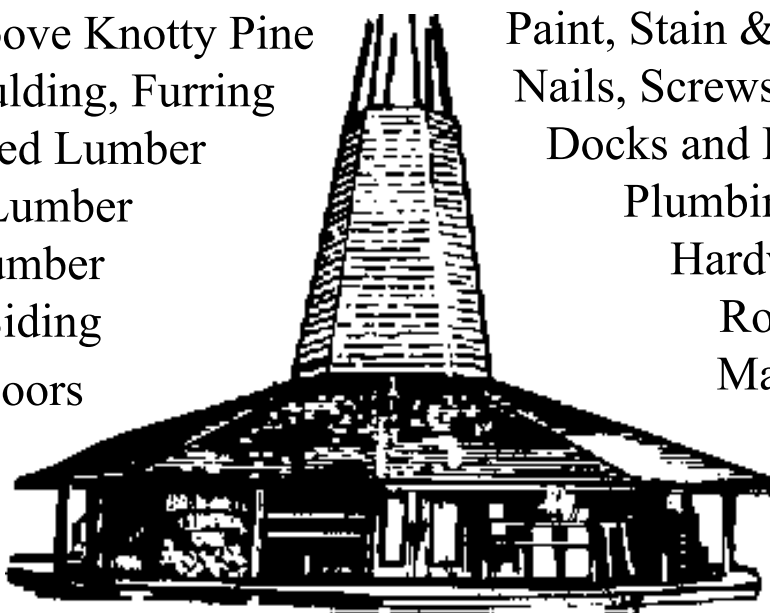


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## DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

### Doctors

Today many of us think nothing of driving forty-five minutes to an hour to get to a doctor. In the early days of Edinburg and the surrounding communities this would have been unheard of.

Transportation was by foot, horse or horse and wagon. Every community needed its own doctor. From its very beginnings Edinburg has either had her own doctor or shared one with the neighboring towns of Day, Fish House or Northampton. Unfortunately today there seems to be fewer doctors and more patients so that in rural areas such as ours we often have to share a doctor with several other communities.

All doctors made house calls.

The first recorded physician to serve Edinburg (at the time, Northfield) was in 1803 when a Dr. Benham presented his bill to a town meeting. The bill \$7.75, was for "doctoring William Clark's

widow" and was probably an annual fee for doctoring the poor.

Sylvesters's "History of Saratoga County" mentions a Dr. Gaylor and a Dr. Edson being in Edinburg prior to 1800 but no other records have ever been found of these men.

Another doctor we know little about was Benjamin Cross, MD, other than he died in his 68th year on January 24, 1812 and is buried in the Partridge Cemetery on Sinclair Road. Also evasive was Dr. Hiram Mann. The only record we have of him is that in 1814 the town paid him \$4.25 for his services.

Between the years 1815-1818 Dr. David Wells billed the town \$11.10 ½. These bills presented to the town were charges for caring for the poor. Dr. Wells was a very active doctor in town from 1815 to August 18, 1823 when he committed suicide at the age of 33, leaving a wife and 3 children behind. He had grown up in the community of Osborn Bridge, was buried in the Osborn Bridge Cemetery from which his body was removed to the King Cemetery at Sacandaga Park due to the creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir.

Dr. Nathaniel Seaver was practicing medicine in Edinburg between the years 1812-1834. He died in 1834 at the age of 52 years. He and his wife Lydia are buried in the Edinburg Cemetery.

Dr. Danford Edmonds—coming from Lake Pleasant in Hamilton County—was carrying on an extensive practice in town in 1830. Obviously civic-minded, he was town clerk in 1833/34. Married three times—his first wife gave him three children: Jay, James and Mary. His second wife was Eunice Deming Barker by whom he also had three children: George B., Danford R. and Margaret. He had no children with his third wife, widow, Mary Flynn. Dr. Edmonds died c. 1860 and is buried in

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the King Cemetery, Sacandaga Park.

A Dr. Almond Edmonds born in 1815 married Betsy Maria Corey in 1839. She was the daughter of Gideon Corey who lived in Clarkville on the Tennantville Road opposite the Edwards farm. Almond and Betsy moved to Albion, NY and no record has ever been found of his practicing in Edinburg.

In 1820 Dr. John Mitchell settled in Northville and is believed to be Northville's first physician. It is believed that he also served Edinburg since his name appeared in local account books in the years 1837-43. Dr. Mitchell's first wife, Melinda and their son, William are buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Fish House. His second wife Ann Eliza and his son John A. (of Melinda) are buried in the South Main Street Cemetery in Northville. Where's Dr. Mitchell buried? My guess would be next to Ann Eliza.

David Copeland was an "herb doctor" who came to the Town of Day (then Concord) in 1815. Here he kept store and practiced his herbal medicine in Day and Edinburg. He seemed to be rather accomplished at "bleeding", which was an old medical practice of leeching blood from a patient

believing that this would draw out the poison or disease. Often fatal!! He and his wife Betsey moved to Beecher's Hollow in the 1830's and spent their later years with their son, Arad who built our famous covered bridge and operated the Copeland Carriage Shop. David died December 25, 1846. He and Betsey were buried in the Coldbrook Cemetery and removed to the Edinburg Cemetery with the creation of the Sacandaga reservoir.

Alvah Wood, MD came to Fish House from Montgomery County in 1825. He practiced his entire life in the Fish House community passing away 1878. He and his wife Maria are buried in the Fish House Cemetery on the hill.

Dr. Wood served the same area at the same time as Dr. Langdon Marvin. Dr. Marvin had served as a captain and surgeon during the Civil War. When he returned home to Fish House he brought with him a young black man, Ashton Hodges. "Ash" spent the rest of his life managing the Marvin and Sinclair farms. Dr. Marvin's wife Laura Beecher came from one of the earliest families in Fish House and Edinburg. Dr. Marvin passed away in 1869. He and Laura are also buried in the

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Fish House Cemetery. Dr. Marvin was the great grandfather of the late Lucy Sinclaire Warren of Sinclaire Road.

All of these doctors also served the people of Edinburg. Prior to the Sacandaga Reservoir the roads on both sides of the Sacandaga River led from Edinburg to Fish House.

Dr. Lemuel D. Sabin appeared in Edinburg's records in 1825 when he billed the town \$15 for treating Hannah Hall and her children. In 1826 he presented a bill of \$5 for treating Mrs. Hall. In 1829 his bill was \$42.28 for caring for the poor. In 1840 Arad Copeland credited Dr. Sabin \$29.71 for medical attention against Arad's bill of \$43.98 for his services as a wheelwright and carriage

maker—the good old barter system. Dr. Sabin died in 1848 at the age of 57, having been a faithful public servant. He and his wife Relief were buried in the Beecher Hollow Cemetery and removed to the Edinburg Cemetery in the 1920's due the creation of the Reservoir.

With cash on short supply in most rural small towns it's very possible that the only real money most doctors saw was that which they collected from the town in caring for the poor.

Payments from other patients—no health insurance back then—consisted of a chicken, dozen eggs, a quarter of beef, pork or deer; bushel of potatoes or apples or trading services such as Arad Copeland did.

## Doctors—continued next month

Correction for my Spanish Flu article.

I had written that family cousin Susie Edwards Conkling lost 3 family members to the Flu Epidemic of 1918-19. She actually lost 5. Her father Loren Eugene Edwards(Gene) died 7-15-1918, age 59. The other four died within a week of each other. Brother Frank Edwards passed on 10-26-1918, age 17; husband George E. Conkling on 10-27-1918, age 44; brother Leamon Edwards on 10-28-1918, age 25 and Susie's 3 ½ yr. old daughter, Ruth Marion Conkling on 11-1-1918. What a heart breaking experience!

Thanks so much to Susie's granddaughter Susan Roosa Jones of Edinburg for correcting this for me. Susie was the first cousin of my late father-in-law, Walter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!



Edinburg Emergency Squad  
**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE**  
**December 10, 11:00 - 2:00**  
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## Edinburg Historical Society

PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134

[EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org](http://EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org)

Claudette Koza - Secretary

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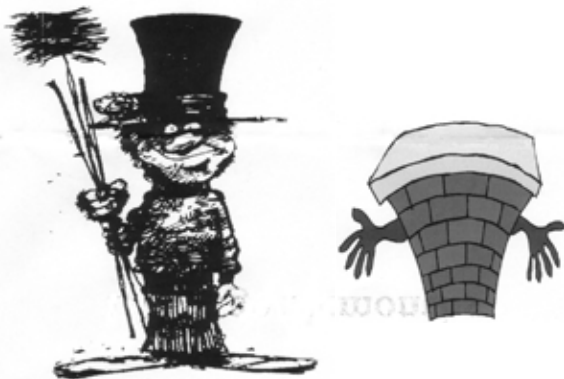
Membership in the Edinburg Historical Society is just \$5 per person and \$10 for a family. There

are monthly meetings with interesting speakers and programs. Make friends and meet your neighbors. Help out at festivals selling soups, chili, and baked goods. Send your request for membership to the above address. Meetings are open to the public.

The EHS maintains the Sand Hill One-room Schoolhouse on Tange Road, the Copeland Covered Bridge, and the Carriage House. The Nellie Tyrrell and the Edinburg Rural Museums are owned by the town but are leased to EHS. The Nellie has exhibits and is used for the preservation of Edinburg photos and documents and the Rural has exhibits on a country kitchen and parlor. Other exhibits show rural life, logging, hunting, fishing, tools for wood working and the making of maple syrup. Visitors can see the threads, fiber and fabric exhibit that has a working loom.



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## NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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On Thursday, Dec 8, the Friends of the Library will hold the drawing for their Annual Holiday Raffle. Three baskets will be awarded: "Happy Holidays" - wine, glasses, snacks, candles; "Kid's Fun" - books, snacks, games & crafts; "Sacandaga Breakfast" - coffee, honey, pancake mix, snacks. Tickets are available at the library: \$1 each or \$5 for six.

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 13 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Borrelli will lead a discussion of "Sound of a Wild Snail Eating" by Elizabeth Bailey. While an illness keeps her bedridden, the author watches a wild snail that has taken

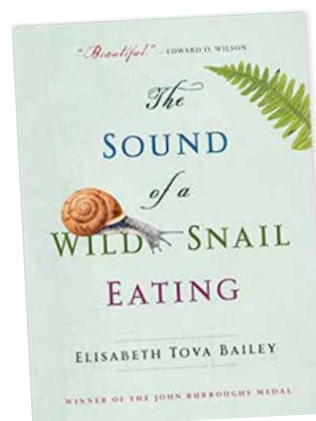
up residence on her nightstand. As a result, she discovers the solace and sense of wonder that this mysterious creature brings and comes to a greater understanding of her own place in the world. Intrigued by the snail's molluscan anatomy, cryptic defenses, clear decision making, hydraulic locomotion, and courtship activities, Bailey becomes an astute and amused observer, offering a candid and engaging look into the curious life of this underappreciated small animal. The book is a remarkable journey of survival and resilience, showing us how a small part of the natural world can illuminate our own human existence, while providing an appreciation of what it means to be fully alive.

The "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" bags are available for borrowing. Each bag contains 10 books that are appropriate for most 3-5 year olds. The Baby Bags contain board books for toddlers. Track what is read by using the app from [<http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/resources>].

Story Time "Welcome Winter" event is scheduled for Tues, Dec 20 at 10 am coordinated by Shirl Doherty.

Many holiday reads and DVDs are on display. Enjoy a quiet moment or share a story with the kids.

The library's new website launched in late October: [northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.info](http://northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.info).



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## Celebrating 200 Years!

by Dave Davidson  
Town of Day Historian

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### 1880-1930 DECLINE

By 1880, the intense logging had taken its toll. Prime timber was depleted, and the river was beginning to fill with silt washed in from the erosion of the cleared ridges.

Business declined as large scale logging left the Adirondacks for Michigan.

Tanning was changed when vegetable based tanning agents (hemlock bark) were replaced by synthesized chemicals. Tanning moved to where the hides were, not where the trees were.

In 1903, the wood products factory moved to Batchellerville, and subsequently closed.

The Whippoorwill, Conkling's 2nd steam boat tug, made its last trip in 1883.

As manufacturing left the valley, so did people. In 1875, the population of Day was 1199. In 1905, the population was 641 – a 47% decline in 30 years. In 1860, Day schools enrolled 556 students. In 1888, school registration was 86.

While logging continued, economic life became primarily agriculture, but the level of agriculture was that of the family farm. The cash economy had left Day.







## Edinburg Tree Lighting 2022

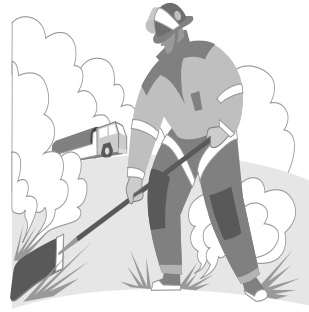
At the Edinburg United Methodist  
Church Pavilion

**December 3, 2022**

Horse and wagon rides –  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Santa Arrives - 3:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting – 4:15 p.m



## EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

### WISHING YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS

Our monthly reporting period is from October 8th, through November 8th, 2022.

The running log is as follows:

October 9th: Mutual Aid Fulton County,  
Sacandaga Lake, Aircraft down.

October 12th: Northville Road, Fire Alarm.

October 14th: Mutual Aid NYS Police,  
Bachelorville Bridge, Search.

October 21st: South Shore Road, Motor Vehicle  
Accident.

October 31st: Fox Hill Road, Motor Vehicle  
Accident.

November 7th: Hadley Hill Road, Lines down.

### Spontaneous Combustion - fact or fiction?

Spontaneous Combustion is not what happens  
between two teenagers in love.

Nor, is it when two opposing political parties get  
together for a meeting.

Although that is pretty close.

Rather, Spontaneous Combustion is a fire  
caused without the benefit of an external source of  
heat. It may be the result of a chemical, biological,  
or physical process, that creates a spontaneous  
ignition. Okay, that sounds pretty complicated,  
but what does that have to do with me you ask.  
Well the Nation Fire Protection Association has  
estimated that fourteen thousands fires occur each  
year the result of Spontaneous Combustion.

The idea is really very simple, the physical  
properties of numerous items can change over a  
relatively short period of time. Vapors may collect,  
heat from a reaction could be generated, but can  
not be sufficiently expelled. A tipping point is  
reached and the fire erupts.





There are some surprising sources of Spontaneous Combustion to include: mulch, leaf piles, rags soaked with cooking oils, hay bales. If you have ever broken a bale of green hay and put your hand inside, it is really surprising how warm the bale has gotten over time. Particularly dangerous items are rags soaked with Linseed oil.

There are a few practical things you can do to lessen your risk factors. First, keep ventilation in mind, whatever your activity. Fumes can easily build up from flammable liquids. Even too much saw dust in the air of an enclosed space can become an issue.

If you are using rags to stain furniture spread them outside individually to dry, away from direct sunlight. Let them become hard and brittle. If this is not a possibility seal them in a metal container with water and something like Dawn detergent, which will act to break down some of the oils.

There is nothing wrong with being spontaneous. Just make sure it's your personality and not the garage on fire.



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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

**"Kiss me baby-Nothing makes me sick"**  
An oldie but a goodie from Steve Lucas.

But Steve must have not known about Mistletoe, which can do both. Let me explain. Mistletoe is a semi-parasitic plant that produces small white berries and grows almost exclusively in trees. It finds its home like many seeds do – through bird droppings. As the seed begins to grow, the plant attaches itself to the "host" tree. Its roots work their way into the bark to steal water and essential nutrients that it needs to survive, killing the tree over time. Mistletoe is capable of creating its own food source through photosynthesis, like other plants, but it seems lazy and prefers to feed from a host source. The origin of the name itself is fairly unattractive for a plant with such history. It's derived from two Anglo



Saxon words "Mistel" meaning dung, and "Tan" meaning stick or branch. However, it didn't go unrecognized, capturing the attention of people for centuries.

Greek mythology contains references to mistletoe. They thought of mistletoe as a life-giving plant, a symbol of sexuality. They used it during their special holiday of Saturnalia, a winter holiday which also coincided with the Druidic Winter Solstice. Later on, because mistletoe was thought to impart fertility, it was used as part of the ancient Greek marriage rites.

First century AD, the Celtic Druids, an ancient

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civilization of people who lived on the British Isles, (what is now Ireland and Scotland) came to prize mistletoe as a symbol of vitality, fertility and good health, incorporating it into religious ceremonies. Mistletoe grows on two types of trees: apple and oak. Because it's more rare on oaks and retains its green color and blooms during the harsh winters the Druids revered mistletoe growing on the oak. According to legend, the mistletoe on the oak trees represented the oak's heart or soul. The Druids would slice off the mistletoe during a special ceremony held twice a year. The ceremony was held on the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, and the Summer Solstice, the longest day. They initiated the custom of hanging it over their door around the winter solstice to protect against evil and bring good tidings. It soon became a central focus of the 'Ritual of Oak and Mistletoe', a ceremony that led the Romans to call the Druids 'barbarians.'

In Norse culture, the Mistletoe plant was a sign of love and peace. The story goes that the goddess, Figg lost her son, the god Baldur, to an arrow made of mistletoe. After his death, she vowed that Mistletoe would kiss anyone who passed beneath so long as it was never again used as a weapon. It also meant reconciliation in which enemies would lay their troubles to the side for a truce, or spouses undergoing hardship could kiss and make up.

This leads us to the tradition that we know and love today, known as the kissing plant. Starting with the serving class in 18th or 19th-century. According to the rules of the day, any man was able to kiss any woman standing under the mistletoe. It was considered bad luck to refuse the kiss and good

luck to accept. With each kiss, a berry would be plucked until there were none remaining. In 1820, Washington Irving wrote of mistletoe in 'Christmas Eve' contributing to the festive feel. Shortly after, Charles Dickens made mention of the romantic herb again in 'The Pickwick Papers'. The tradition spread quickly throughout the world. It Began as a custom among the lower classes and made its way to all classes, becoming a universal holiday ritual.

It has been also used as an herbal remedy in Europe and among Native Americans extending back to ancient times. Native Americans brewed it into a liquid and people suffering from headaches bathed their heads in the tincture. It's believed to have medicinal value and supposedly alleviate



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conditions such as arthritis, hypertension, epilepsy, and infertility. Ironically, its association is with love, it became known as a heart tonic. Its action as a stimulant nicely ties in the myth with reality. Processed mistletoe has an unusual effect on the heart and has been used to treat angina and heart ailments. Researchers have isolated a chemical called phoratoxin that causes changes in heartbeat. In Germany, researchers studying mistletoe believe it may contain compounds useful to fight cancer. One compound, galactose-specific lectin, may improve the quality of life and treatment outcomes for people undergoing chemotherapy. However, mistletoe's laboratory and clinical trials demonstrate mixed results. Many varieties are poisonous and raw consumption could lead to sickness or even death. So leave the elixirs, and tonics to the professionals.

So, Next time you find yourself puckering up under the Mistletoe, remember that it all started with bird droppings, a parasite, barbarians, and a Norse goddess. At the same time, the beauty of mistletoe is truly within and what it allows us to do: to move the confines of the social norm to the side in the name of something much more noble—love.



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

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## National and State Boating Reports

*Captain Peter M. Byron*

The November-December 2022 Edition of the BoatU.S. Magazine was just delivered in Mid-October! It is starting to get colder and thank goodness, the falling leaves are almost under control for the season. So, why not take a look?

This edition has some local flavor to it as it highlights a couple on Lake George and their '1971 wooden Lyman runabout' which marked ten years of business on the Lake. It is well worth a reading! However, apart from the local flavor, the issue provides an interesting review of U.S. Coast Guard data on boat accidents during the pandemic as well as marketing updates. It also moved me to look at the local numbers on the same topic. Here is a quick dive into both sets of information, one at the national level (Boating Boom Leads to More Accidents and Fatalities) and one at the State

level (2021 New York State Recreational Boating Report).

### Increase in Boating Accidents During the Pandemic

The U.S. Coast Guard Chief of Boating Safety, Verne Gifford, reported that the period from July to August 2020 was the 'highest number of accidents for the 23 years we have on record'. (Remember that the 'prepandemic' year was 2019.)

Numbers can sometimes be confusing but it seems easier to understand if we plot the numbers by year. The number of boating deaths were: 2019 (613 deaths); 2020 (767 deaths); 2021 (658 deaths). Of course, the question which the authors attempt to solve is 'WHY?'.

### Boats, Boats and Not Enough Boats

This is a quick quiz. Question #1: Where would you think people go during a pandemic to 'be socially distanced and relax'? Question #2: Where would you think people go during a pandemic 'to make memories and connect with nature'? Answer for Both Questions: Boating.

Matt Gruhn who is the President of the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas (MRAA) was quoted in the BoatU.S. Magazine to report an incredible observation. He noted: "Dealers sold everything they could get their hands on. Their showrooms were literally empty at times." The article notes that the number of powerboats purchased by first-time boat buyers increased from 31% in 2019 to 35% in 2020 and decreased only slightly to 34% in 2021.

There is a memorable quote in the article from Captain Timothy Dunleavy of the New Hampshire State Police Marine Patrol, "We see inexperienced operators getting into trouble, not being as familiar with the hazards on our lakes ... violating routine navigation laws ... people were lost, didn't know where they were, needed directions. Those are all signs of an inexperienced boater."

### Accidents in Rental Boats

We asked an earlier question about the likelihood of boaters taking to the water to find a quiet beautiful place. Here is another Question: What would you do if the, boats were all sold and you still wanted to go boating? Answer: I would rent a boat! Of course, this is the answer and as a result, the rental deaths increased by 98% in 2020.

### National Summary

The article in the BoatU.S. Magazine is

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excellent and concise. Their conclusion on the national level is that boaters increased during the pandemic year with an overlap into the latest year. They also note by quoting from both Federal and State sources that the best way to make boating safe is to have a strong boater safety program!

There is only one more question which remains unanswered on this issue. What about the figures for New York State?

### New York State Boat Registrations, Fatalities/Injuries, and Boater Safety Education

The data in the 2021 New York State Recreational Boating Report do not track the specific sales information provided in the BoatU.S. Magazine article. New York State reported an increase of 6051 registrations in 2021 with a total of 431,229 registration of recreational vessels. However, the report indicates a significant decrease in fatalities compared to the 2020 year.

### New York State Boat Fatalities/Injuries

In 2021, the boating report noted a total of 17 fatalities with 5 recorded each for Cabin Motorboats and Kayaks, 3 for Canoes, 2 reported for Open Motorboats and 1 each for Pontoon Boats and Standup Paddleboards. In the same year,

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there were 112 injuries. A total of 48 injuries were recorded for Open Motorboats, 25 for Personal Watercraft, 20 for Cabin Motorboats, 7 for Pontoon Boats, 5 for Unknown Vessels, 3 for Sail Only, 2 for Kayaks, and 1 each for Auxiliary Sail and Standup Paddleboards.

Available 2021 data indicate that boat operators who are older than 60 years of age account for the most recorded injuries or fatalities (17%) followed by age 50-60 (15%), age 41-50 (12%), age 31-40 (10%), age 21-30 (9%), and under age 21 (6%). The age data are not available for 31% of the injuries or fatalities. The State report summarizes its findings by stating that "New York had fewer total reported accidents (192) and injuries (118) in 2021, compared to 2020."

For those readers who have the interest, the State has provided an extensive review of the types of accidents and the identification of the vessels who have been involved in mishaps on the water.

## New York State Boater Safety Instruction

Don't forget that New York State has begun a phase-in process which will require that all boat operators will be required to hold a Boater Safety Certificate by 2025. Currently, boat operators born after January 1, 1993 are required to hold a Boater Safety Certificate.

The 2021 New York State Recreational Boating Report provides data on the boater safety program since 2000. The number of students enrolled in the online option has outpaced those who were involved in classroom instruction!

Instruction was modified to include an online option in 2015. Instruction provided through the online option grew from 8904 in 2015 to 38,016 in 2020 and was reduced slightly to 31,464 in 2021. Classroom instruction recorded the following attendance over the same period: 12,635 (2015), 2113 (2020) and 4243 (2021). The largest yearly cumulative age group for 2021 classroom instruction was 1400 for students under the age of

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19 and the largest number for online instruction was 6804 for students between the ages of 36-55.

## New York State Report Overview

I highlighted only a small amount of information in the New York State 2021 Recreational Boating Report. Although we didn't provide data, the report could help future and current boaters in acquainting themselves to long term trends as well as the most recent shifts in accidents by season, month, and boat type. It certainly allows boaters to chart safety performance.

At this point the clouds are moving in, it might be better to stay off of the icy highways and take a detailed look at:

<https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/boating/RecreationalBoatingReport2021.pdf>

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

*Peter M. Byron who holds a New York State Public Vessel license as a Joint Pilot and Engineer and has taught NYS Boater Safety Classes and USCG courses on the Great Sacandaga and in the Capital District for many years.*



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Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the  
angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love  
all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry  
with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring  
us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*



## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

### Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation Now With AmazonSmile

Broadalbin, N.Y., Nov. 14, 2022 -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charity of the parent Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, is now listed with AmazonSmile.

Club President Bob Townsend explained that "AmazonSmile is a simple way to support the Broadalbin-Perth Lions every time one shops on Amazon, at no additional cost. When one shops with AmazonSmile, the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience can be found as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation which supports a variety of causes

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Townsend said that when one initiates AmazonSmile and seeks a charitable organization, keying in "Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation" will readily appear, and following the prompts will activate the feature. The Broadalbin-Perth Lions have a direct link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4660720>. This link is also being made available on the Club's Facebook and Twitter pages.

"All funds donated to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation will be used exclusively to

support the needs of the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community," emphasized Townsend.

"As we enter the holiday shopping season, the ability to donate to our Foundation without any added pressure can be a blessing for so many. I am grateful to those who can make this arrangement and appreciate their consideration," said Townsend.



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Place your gift of mittens, gloves, hats or warm socks in the mitten baskets at any of the Northville churches or local stores before Jan 8th.

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## Reflections on the Lake

*by Kevin Donovan*

Life on the Great Sacandaga Lake really slows down this time of year. But some activities around the lake continue, and some are perfectly informal and unplanned.

For example, a woman was recently telling me about her experience as a child visiting her grandparents' house on the lake, roughly 40 years ago. In late autumn, when the lake level was low but ice and snow had not yet come, she and some local friends would walk the water's edge to see what the receding waters had revealed. They often came upon the foundations of the homes that once stood, before their residents were forced out and their homes flooded when the Sacandaga River was dammed. The displaced residents left a lot behind. Broken plates and bowls were common finds for the kids, but most sought after were the cobalt medicine bottles, with their blue glass that would glisten once dipped in the cold lake water and rubbed clean. Of course, the kids' hands got cold and wet, but it was worth it for the shiny blue treasure they had found.

She also told me that she and her friends once found an intact, 1940s era Virgin Mermaid fishing lure. An internet search reveals that the Virgin Mermaid, made by Stream-Eze in South Bend, Indiana "lures both men and fish." The anatomically correct lure apparently was crafted on the questionable premise that fishermen and fish had similar interests. It surely was an amusing find for a group of kids on the shores of the Sacandaga in late fall four decades ago.



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I find it ironic that the Sacandaga River was dammed, creating the lake and flooding the homes of people who lived there, so that downriver communities could avoid flooding that came from the spring snowmelt. In essence, some were flooded out of their homes so others could avoid floods. But despite that sad history, the lake is now vital to the region. Tourists visit the lake year round. Property taxes on lakefront homes, camps, and businesses support local communities' budgets, and the lake is ringed by docks, public beaches, boat launches, marinas, and restaurants. The region's ability to adapt is a testament to the resilience of its people.

*Kevin Donovan is vice-president of the Sacandaga Protection Committee. He wasn't born on the lake, but he got here as soon as he could. To learn how the committee protects the current system of lake access and our way of life on the Great Sacandaga Lake, please visit [www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com](http://www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com).*

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! How very strange that just a week or two ago we were having spring-like weather and, as of this writing today, we are in the middle of a giant snow globe; and, how lovely it is from the inside of the window looking out! It also reminds us that Christmas Day is not far off. We will begin the season with the first Sunday in Advent on November 27, that period of time where we begin to prepare for the Christ Child in our lives and in our hearts. It is a patient waiting, a patient anticipation, a patient love and joy for the season. There are traditions both old and new, lights to string, ornaments lovingly removed from their nest to be hung on trees once again. Christmas carols to be sung, the scent of pine in the air. It is a time of nostalgia; a time when we long for the Christmases of our childhood and the people who are no longer with us. "Christmas makes the rest of the year worthwhile" (Charles Schulz)

We invite you to spend some time with us in word, song, and prayer during worship on Sunday mornings. Regular Sunday worship is at 11:00 am in the church's sanctuary. There is a ramp at

the front of the church building and a chair glide to assist entry into the sanctuary if stairs are a problem. We also invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to join us for rehearsals on Thursdays at 3 pm.

Some dates to remember; "like" us on Facebook for updates:

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**December 3 – Christmas Concert, 3 pm in  
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**December 10 – Santa and Mrs. Claus will be  
at the Thrift Store, 10:00 am – 12 noon; stop by  
to say hello, have a snack, and bring the kids  
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**December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm**

**December 25 – Christmas Morning Service,  
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Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesday, 2-5 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags if possible. All purchases are by donation. Gently worn, good, clean, used clothing only is accepted and welcomed. Please DO NOT donate household items, toys, etc.

Peace to you as you move through the days toward Christmas. To quote Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one." (Charles Dickens)

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### Rotary Supports the NCS Outdoor Education Field Station

At our September 1st Rotary meeting, Jamie Dickinson, Northville science teacher, was our guest speaker and described an Outdoor Education Project she is attempting to develop. She is looking to build a Field Station at the beach for her Environmental Science Course students who would be able to inventory fish, test water quality, and assess the health of the Sacandaga. The activities would involve grades 4-12. It has already been approved by the Village and Town Boards as well as the HRBRD.

Rotarians attended the School Board meeting when the details of the project were reviewed. In addition to the funds approved by the Board, the Northville Rotarians voted to provide \$5,000 toward the project. The funds will be used to purchase supplies for field studies that will be conducted at a shed which is being built with the help of BOCES and the funds from Rotary.

Dr. Sarah Chauncey, Northville Central School Superintendent, and Jamie Dickinson were presented a check at our October 27th meeting.

We are excited to follow the progress of this ambitious and educational project that will benefit the community.



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# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

As this article is being written, the snow has started falling in the Village. A sure sign that winter is approaching. With that, we want to remind residents that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect November 1st through April 1st. No vehicles may be parked on any Village streets during the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. We also want to remind residents that clearing of the sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner.

**On December 3rd, please join us for the Lighted Christmas Parade at 5 p.m.**

The parade will kick off from North Third Street and proceed down Bridge to Main and end at the firehouse. We will have music on Main Street by Top Shelf Entertainment beginning at 3 p.m. Immediately after the parade, the Civic Association is hosting the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in the Waterfront Park. There will be a bonfire, cookies, horse drawn wagon rides, and a

visit from Santa!

December is a busy month for everyone, but we hope you can take a moment and experience all that Northville has to offer. Great dining establishments and quaint shops in a beautiful walking community!

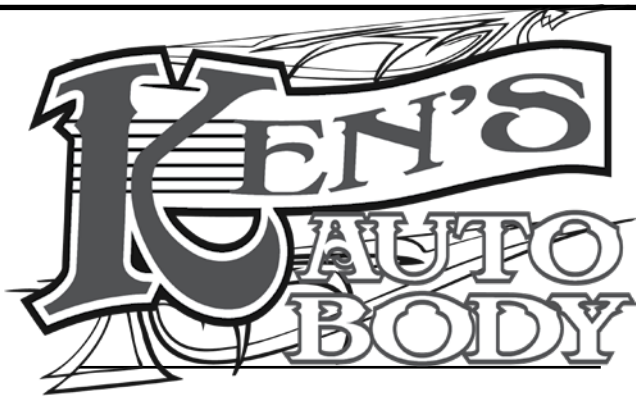
Highway Superintendent Dan Reidell and the crew will be constructing an ice-skating rink in the Waterfront Park in mid-December that will be free for community use. We are pleased to be able to provide this opportunity and hope that the area is treated with respect so all can enjoy it.

We are also working on upgrades in the Waterfront Park in terms of security camera installation. New wiring has been installed and cameras will be in multiple areas around the park. Over the years, we have experienced a lot of vandalism in the park and our hope is that we can lessen that with a more advanced camera system.

Plans are moving forward with the replacement of the culvert on Water Street. Right now, we are in the process of obtaining the materials to complete the project and as soon as we have a starting work date, we will post the information on our website and Facebook page. When the work is being completed, Water Street will be temporarily closed but we will be sure to post the information timely so you can plan alternate routes.

The Village Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Bradt Building, located at 412 S. Main Street.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northville, we wish you all a Merry Christmas!



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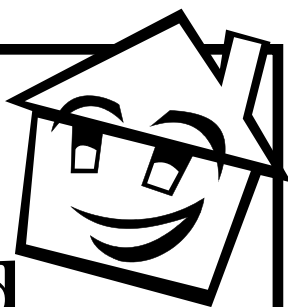
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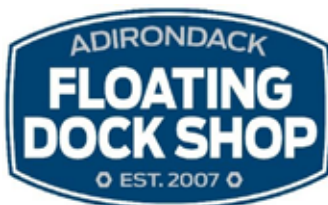
## Lake Luzerne United Methodist Church

Lake Luzerne United Methodist will be having their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 3 pm.

We will have St. Nicholas visiting again this year (with his Mrs.), the Youth Fellowship will be selling bulbs for a Memory Tree, we will have a bake table, items for gifts, crafts by our congregation and the Gingerbread Café.

For further information, our Facebook page will have some more details. Everyone is welcome and we will be on both sides of Main Street, #23 and #24 in Lake Luzerne.

May everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

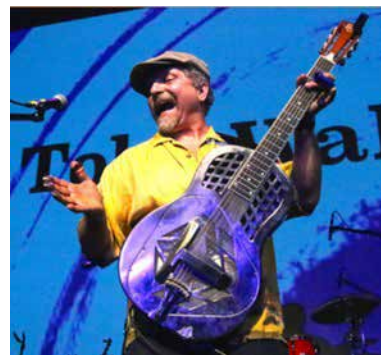
*Sandra Peters,  
SVAN Gallery Manager  
in Northville*

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network has been astir with activity this year! From exhibits at the Northville Public Library Gallery and the SVAN Gallery at 303 South Main Street in Northville, which I manage, to Art Trails 2022 in August and the SVAN 25th Anniversary Jubilee this past September, we (SVAN Board, Volunteers and Organizers) hope everyone in the Sacandaga region has found something SVAN to enjoy! One of my favorite SVAN days was during the Fall Festival, where I had a great time putting up a Halloween photo setting and taking pictures of youngsters, pets and adults at the SVAN Gallery. It was fun meeting those who participated, and with humility, I have to say it was great to receive such positive comments from those who participated, especially when they told me that the pictures came out great and captured the emotion and sentiment of the moment!

If you have been missing out, or not, we still have lots to offer during 2022! On December 3rd, from noon to 3:00 p.m., we are having a meet-the-artists reception at the SVAN Gallery at 303 South Main Street in Northville! It is a perfect time to come and mingle with artists and to see our newest rotation of wall art! As a landscape and nature photographer, who sometimes gets lucky enough to take pictures of some wildlife, I would enjoy visiting with attendees about my work and journey as a photographer. It is also perfect timing because, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Zorbas Trio Concert will be held right next door at the First United Methodist Church! If you have had the opportunity to enjoy their summer concert in the Waterfront Park, earlier this year, you know just how good they are with John Zorbas at the keyboard/piano and his sisters, Calista and Demetra, singing the songs! Both venues will be offering refreshments and beverages. Following the concert, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., help keep the energy going by participating at the Northville Village Parade and Tree Lighting!



And that's not all! Our SVAN Music Committee has been busy setting up an amazing schedule for 2023, so we want you to be in the know about what follows the holidays! January we will be revving up with a concert at the Northville United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. on January 15th, featuring "Little Toby Walker." Toby has performed for the SVAN community many times



over the years. He can play all styles of the blues, but he's a remarkable storyteller as well. As John Sheridan of the London Sunday Times stated, "He takes the audience on one heck of a ride and leaves them smiling all the way home."

There are more indoor concerts in the works for 2023. Information on the Park Concerts for the summer will be coming out soon, too. Many old favorites will be returning as well as some spectacular new shows.

SVAN is also pleased to announce that Philip Spaeth will be offering piano lessons for the Sacandaga community. Philip is an accomplished

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composer, conductor and liturgical musician. He is a graduate of the Crane School of Music and is currently working toward a MM in Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. He has held the post of Music Director at the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga Springs since 2001, serving as pianist, organist, choral conductor, and composer, and he has conducted numerous other choirs and ensembles throughout the Capital-Saratoga region. Philip has been teaching piano students in Saratoga for more than a decade, and he teaches all levels and all ages. Anyone interested in more information about learning piano with Philip can email him at [philipsaeth@yahoo.com](mailto:philipsaeth@yahoo.com). More information about Philip and his work can be found at his website, [www.northernspiremusic.com](http://www.northernspiremusic.com).



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As always, we thank the faith community of the First United Methodist Church of Northville for affording us the use of their house at 303 South Main Street in Northville for use as an art center, gallery and gift shop. Come visit our SVAN members and artists there; it will be the first of many enjoyable visits! Our regular open hours are Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (May through December).

As you may know, we rely on volunteers to work in the gallery and, sometimes, a volunteer is not available to work some of our scheduled hours. Have you come to our gallery door and found the gallery closed? If so, contact me, Sandy Peters, at [artcenter@svanarts.org](mailto:artcenter@svanarts.org), and let me know. Another visit can be arranged by appointment. Otherwise, we are sorry for the inconvenience and

hope you will come again!

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## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Perth, N.Y, Nov. 10, 2022 -- Having filled the attics and garages of members over the course of the pandemic, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club sorted through almost two years of donated eyeglasses and hearing aids after conducting their regular business meeting on Nov. 10 at the Perth Town Hall. Nearly 3000 pairs of glasses and 50 hearing aids 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 hearing, saying, "as Lions, we serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired. More



Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Kirk Hardenburg, Mary Balaban, Tom Kevlin, Bill Suchy, Debbie Murphy, Bob Townsend, Mike Auricchio and Valerie Kevlin prepare to sort through thousands of donated eyeglasses for recycling. Lions have been advocates for the blind and visually impaired since 1925. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

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than a billion people have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses, and 89% of those live in developing countries. Hearing impairment and deafness are also significant health issues on which Lions around the world are working to raise awareness, bring medical care and provide education."



Broadalbin-Perth Lions proudly stand behind their work of having sorted through and packaged 3000 sets of donated eyeglasses and 50 hearing aids for recycling for those in need. The appliances will be cleaned and processed, eventually finding their way to the visually and hearing impaired around the world. Sight and hearing preservation are one of several global causes of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).



## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Hey upstate New York you got your first snow. Many of you let me know that the snow was coming. I had to laugh. There was an array of reactions concerning this first storm. I know many hunters out there who are rejoicing. Early snow usually makes for good hunting. I also know about the people, who were waiting for the green light, to put up their Christmas decorations. Last but not least I suspect everyone who owns a snowmobile was out polishing up their sleds and saying prayers for more snow. Then last group of people, are the ones who intensely dislike snow and winter weather. I have been a member of each of these groups. We are all different. Find your place and do what makes you happy !

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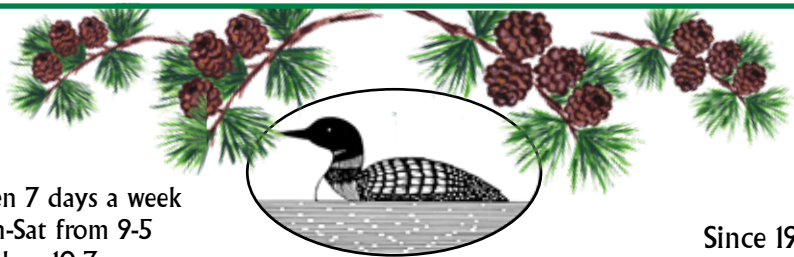




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It is in the low eighties in the Keys with light wind. Yesterday when I heard the date on the radio, I was startled. We were out on the boat in November. A week ago I would have been thinking, next week is Thanksgiving, I have to decorate. I have always decorated the day after Thanksgiving. I smiled as I thought about how my mind is at ease and I am not stressing about decorating any more. I admit I love decorating here. We can put up our outside lights and decorations in less than an hour. It is amazing what you can do without the bitter wind stinging your face and freezing your fingers off. I was pretty sad for a few weeks though. This year, I will not be putting up my usual, if any, decorations. We will be away two out of the four weeks in December. It makes no sense, to me, to do all that work for a few days of enjoyment. The more I thought about it, the sadder I got. A few days ago, my perspective suddenly changed. Big Hoss (our fur baby) and I went out for a walk. He loves walking along the sea wall where he can check for fish and other sea creatures. He gets the bonus of seeing many people. This day, there were not a lot of tourists. We talked to mostly local people on their way to work and a few homeless people that love to pet and talk to Hoss. On this particular day, Hoss chased four large iguanas off the sea wall into the mangroves. On our return home, after he chased the last iguana, people riding a three wheel bicycle passed us, on the sidewalk. A man was peddling the bike with an older woman, sitting on a home made seat behind him. She was facing backwards with her legs crossed and a smile on her face. She immediately asked to stop and see Hoss. We have talked to these friendly people before. I brought up Hoss's afternoon iguana adventures and they immediately started talking about the iguanas at their camp. The woman said most of their iguanas were larger than Hoss and told him he was brave. The man, who I always assumed was her son, told me how much his mother loves to feed them. Both of their faces lit up, in a smile, as they spoke. They did not appear to have a care in the world. Our conversation

was brief and they smiled and waved goodbye to Hoss as they peddled away. I kept thinking about them on our return walk home. I know very little about these people but I do know they are always together, friendly and polite. They are happy in their "camp" which is really just a spot in the mangroves. I have no idea where they came from or what their conditions are. They are generally clean, always respectful and have never asked for anything. They have so little but they have each other. I realized how petty I was, feeling sad, about not decorating for Christmas. I have no reason to be unhappy just because this year is going to be different. I will be seeing decorations in other places that will be far more elaborate than ours. We will be attending the National Groundwater Convention, in Las Vegas, where we go to seminars and get to see old friends and colleagues. Most importantly we will get to spend time with Jeremy, Sandra and the staff from Hawk Drilling. We will return Key West to warm up and soak in the the spirit of holiday season, island style, before we start our next adventure. Last but not least, we will fly north to celebrate the holiday with our family. ( Please do not tell them, it is a secret!) I will be wearing every warm piece of clothing I own but it does not matter. Billy and I will be on the receiving end of hugs, laughter, love and doggy kisses. Nothing keeps you warmer than memories you make to be savored for a life time. Sometimes it is the little things in life that happen to remind us how fortunate we are. Things do not always have to be the same year after year. No matter



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where you are stop, close your eyes and take a deep breath and give thanks.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you. Love, Janice, Billy and Big Hoss!

Please note: You will all know when we land in New York. Get out your warmest clothes and make sure your plows ready. ( I know all the sleds will be ready to ride.) You will definitely know when the Baldwin's are back in town.



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Come and celebrate with us! Join us at church on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Our Adult Choir will be doing Christmas selections including a Sing-along, there will be instrumentalists, and our Children's' Choir (24 kids this year) will be presenting a Christmas Musical, called Hotel Noel. The finale will be everyone in church holding a lit candle while singing Silent Night. (Talk about a Hallmark moment. Yes, my eyes will be leaking again.) And, please stay afterwards for refreshments downstairs and to share your Christmas Joy with each other.

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## Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for December, 2022

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.

### December 1st,

OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Sub Sandwich, 3 Bean Salad, Macaroni Salad, and Mousse. We will celebrate all December birthdays with a cake provided by Marion Balch. STFSL Program at 12:30 - Don Williams will present "Preserving Our Roots and History"

### December 8th

OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
BBQ Beef Sandwich, Baked Beans, Carrots, and a

Brownie. STFSL. No program this week.

### December 15th

OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Beets, and Frosted Cake. STFSL Program at 12:30  
Northville Central School High School Choir will perform Holiday Music

### December 22nd

OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Fish on a Bun, O'Brien Potatoes, Spinach and a Cookie. STFSL Program at 12:30  
Northville Central School Middle School Choir will perform Holiday Music. There will also be a Blood Pressure Clinic this Date.

### December 29th

OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Beef Stew with Vegetables and Potatoes a Biscuit and Pineapple Tidbits. STFSL Program at 12:30. We will play a "Rousing Game of Bingo!!"

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. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 752-8737 and leave a message.



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

Sunday Services at 9:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Study Group Wednesday at 10:00 AM

(No Study Group December 7th)

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Service 9:00 AM

Our study group will be looking at the life of the early Christian movement.

a small group of believers shared a faith

that became a world-wide movement

it is remains life changing and life giving today

The pastor also has a Daily Photo Devotion available by email, contact him at revdavid76@gmail.com to be added to email list.

## Christmas Preparations

Just 25 days until Christmas and many of you have probably already begun your holiday preparations. In the church we have also begun our preparations for Christmas. Sunday, November 27th marked the beginning of Advent, a season devoted to preparing for the celebration of Christmas. It is a time when we remember the promises that were made concerning God in the person of Jesus coming into the world that we might know God's love in all its fullness. A time to remember God's promise that a world of peace, the end of suffering, and plenty for all. It is also a time of self-examination and seeking to renew our commitment to the one whose birth we celebrate on Christmas so that we are ready to receive Jesus and all that he promises.

I would encourage you to make time in the midst of shopping and attending Christmas parties and celebrations to fully embrace the season of Advent and preparations for welcoming into your life the one whose birthday we celebrate. I would encourage you to make a point of attending Sunday services, making reading of the Scripture a daily discipline (suggested daily readings are included in our Sunday bulletin and available by email), start a journal as a way to reflect upon the day's events and your Spiritual journey.

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

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## Starry Night Gingerbread Stamped Cookies

(Adapted from a Nordicware recipe)

### INGREDIENTS:

Scant 4 cups flour

1 Tbsp cocoa

1 Tbsp ginger

1 1/2 tsp ground cloves

3 tsp cinnamon

1 1/2 tsp salt

1 cup butter, room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 large egg

1/2 cup molasses

Sugar or sparkling sugar for rolling

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together first six ingredients in a medium bowl and set aside. In another bowl cream butter and sugar till light and creamy. Add the egg and mix well; then add the molasses and blend in. Thoroughly mix wet ingredients into dry. Refrigerate 2-23 hours.

Roll into golf ball sized balls and roll in sugar. Press with stamp till flat but not too thin and bake 10-14 minutes.

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## What a wonderful group we have at TOPS NY 1005 Northville!

Our TOPS meetings attack the problem of overweight on many fronts, not just with diet alone. It is unique in its warmth and human compassion, not just at meeting time but all the week through

TOPS members number well over 125,000 (women, men and children), belonging to thousands of chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

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11 of our members attended Fall Rally at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. This is a time to celebrate those members who have lost and have keep their weight off!

AND, boy did our chapter do GREAT!!

Our chapter won the David Fox Award for the best average weight loss for New York State in 2021 with 13.8 pounds!

New attendee's were: Hadley Jacobs, Barb Klueg. Kathy Terwilliger and Mary O'Hara

Hadley Jacobs won second place in her weight division in New York State for her weight loss

We were recognized for having five no gain weeks for the year.

Pat Wilcox received an award for being a KOPS (Keeping off Pounds Sensibly) for 15 years

Our KOPS in Black (staying within one's goal weight all year) were:

Cathe Bard (16 yrs), Nancy Bassett (14), Terry Poulin (19), Pat Wilcox (15), Dorothy Nielsen (8) and Carmen Durkin (4)

Certificates were given to Leslie Casey for being a TOPS for 20 years and Nancy Bassett for being a KOPS for 15 years.



Thanks to Martha Dietrich for setting up a paint and share meeting with our members! We shared low calorie treats and painted a beautiful flag!

Our TOPS best loser for the month was Barb Klueg and the KOPS best loser was Nancy Bassett.

Join us at TOPS NY 1005 Northville on Wednesday's.

Weigh in and meetings will vary during the Winter months... call the number(s) below to check for times... we meet in the morning.

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# Edinburg School Happenings

by Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

It is hard to believe we are rounding the end of the year already! As winter is approaching, please be on the lookout for any closings, delays, and/or early dismissals for inclement weather. Information and updates regarding closings or delays will be shared with families on Remind App, district Facebook, and local television/radio stations. Also, please remember that children will need to have winter gear and snow clothes (coat, hat, mittens/gloves, boots, and snowpants) everyday for outside recess. The only time we will not be outside for recess is if the temperatures (with windchill) fall below 20 degrees or there is freezing precipitation/rain. Should your child/children be in any need of winter clothing, please reach out to us for help at 518-863-8412.

On Thursday, November 10th, the students, teachers, and staff honored our local veterans in the gymnasium. We are thankful for their services and the sacrifices they have made to protect our country. Students sang patriotic songs and made projects in their honor that were displayed for the month of November. We would like to thank the Girl Scout Troop #2090 for leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance. We would also like to thank our teachers and staff for their help with another successful Veterans Day celebration.







## "An Eagle Eye on . . . "

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

PK - Alice Hand

K - Addilynn Edwards - Briskie

1st - Natalie Frasier

2nd - Clay Wagner

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!

Honor/High Honor Roll students in 3rd through 6th will be honored for the 1st quarter grades. Please stay tuned for those names in the next edition.

The Edinburg Common School District will hold the annual holiday concert on Monday, December 19th at 6:00 PM (with a snow date of Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 PM). Under the direction of Ms. Pat Zullo, the students will sing traditional and modern day holiday songs. We are excited to also hear music from our band students. It has been several years since they have been able to perform in front of a large audience. We surely hope to see everyone attend this holiday event!

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

## Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 2nd - Eagle Afternoon 2:30 PM

Monday, December 5th - Half Day Dismissal at 11:45 AM Bus, Pick-ups 11:50 AM

Tuesday, December 13th - Discovery Kids 3 year old program 1:45 pm

Tuesday, December 13th - ECS Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

Monday, December 19th - Holiday Concert at 6:00 PM, Snow Date - Wednesday, December 21st

Friday, December 23rd - January 2nd - Holiday Break



## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Announce Winter Fund Raiser with Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is sponsoring car wash packages offered by Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands.

Club President Bob Townsend said, "I am excited to announce that our organization is participating in this Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands fundraiser, which will run through the winter months."

The fastest and easiest way to sell these car wash tickets is online at our custom home page on the Helping Hands website:

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/roarwithlions2023>.

Townsend explained that one can buy tickets and have them delivered electronically directly to an email or mobile device. "These car wash tickets make terrific stocking stuffers and are very convenient for anyone looking to protect their vehicles from the salt, sand and ravages of winter," said Townsend. "Everyone is encouraged to share this address with friends, family, coworkers - everybody needs a car wash and selling them online is easy for everyone," Townsend said.

"Funds raised from this project will be used exclusively to support the needs of the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community," emphasized Townsend.

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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## DECEMBER

### Thursday December 1

Introduction to Pyrography with Bret Collier.

### Saturday December 3

Woven Hanging Hearts with Barbara Boughton.  
1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$20.

### Saturday December 3

Winter Weaving - Chenille Scarf with Teri Dvorak. 1/2 day. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$20.

### Saturday December 3

Hanging Hardwood Splint Snowflake with Barbara Boughton. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$25.

### Sunday December 4

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### Sunday December 4

**Hanging Hardwood Splint Snowflake with Barbara Boughton. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$25.**

### Thursday December 8

AFS Sewing Circle. 1/2 day. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$0. Member Tuition \$0. Materials fee \$0.

### Saturday December 10

Children's Wooden Roller Coaster Toy with Frank Lagace. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$100. Materials fee \$35.

### Saturday December 10

Winter Weaving - Chenille Scarf with Teri Dvorak. 1/2 day. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$20.

### Saturday & Sunday, December 10&11

Chip Carved Ornaments or Coasters with Dennis Wilson. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210. Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$50.

### Sunday December 11

Woodturning: Holiday Ornaments with John Kingsley. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$20.

### Sunday December 18

Herbal Electuaries and Truffles with Margo Mullein. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$35.



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## From back page

other day that he likes to take new hires under his wing and coach them. He tells them that Hawk is wonderful to work for- if you do the work and don't cause too much trouble, Sandra and Jeremy will take care of you. It made my heart swell to hear that. We love you, Eric.

Really, we love everyone here. It can be really tough (as we have learned) to be an owner and either see people leave or have to let people go. A couple people stand out the most and we miss them. We grow attached; I don't ever not want to grow attached to someone. We want everyone here to feel like (and know) they are important and valued. So, although Jeremy and I often tell each other how thankful we are for everyone, it is nice to have an opportunity like the Holiday edition in the newsletter to formally tell others.

Amanda, Chris, Josh, Alec, Spencer, Shawn, New Chris, Eric – thank you for everything you do for Hawk Drilling. We love you guys (and woman). Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!!



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The holidays are wonderful! Not that we should need a formal reminder to be grateful, but the holidays give me pause to reflect. Jeremy and I are so thankful for the last 2 years (the first 2 years of us owning Hawk Drilling). This has been a rollercoaster of employees coming (and going), plentiful money and lack of money, thrilled customers and not so happy with us customers (thankfully not many). We currently have a line up of staff that we are proud of and happy with. They are kind, smart, and want to make people happy – which is hopefully what people think about Jeremy and me.

As I am writing this, there is a funny group-chain message going about a certain governing agency that likes to give out tickets and waste time (don't send me angry letters, I know they have a purpose, but today they seem to be out on every corner – we feel like striped bass during a tournament). The guys are so funny with each other. I love that we have inside jokes.

Our newest hire, Chris – aka New Chris, is a lot of fun. First, you should know that he wanted

to be called Topher, but we couldn't get away from New Chris. He now signs cards "New Chris". Anyway, New Chris likes to make Caribbean eggnog during the holiday season – and just to answer your question, yes, it is wonderful. Makes us feel like we are enjoying Christmas on a beach in Jamaica or something. As Jeremy and I knew he would from his interview, he assimilated into the group like he has been here forever. He pulled me aside the other day and said that he couldn't be happier with how much he likes everyone. And to answer your other question – Chris is not "Old Chris", he is the original and therefore is just "Chris".

Jeremy and I are experienced enough to understand that things in this industry are temporary and we could look back in 5 years and have a completely different staff (like we do right now – literally, Jeremy and I are the only ones that have more than 5 years with Hawk), but we do allow ourselves to be hopeful with the current staff. Eric (Jeremy's helper) jokes that we will have to drag him out of here. Eric told Jeremy the

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