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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Sun	2	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
Tues	4	Election Day	
Tues	11	Veteran's Day	
Wed	12	5:30 pm	BOT Meeting
Tues	18	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	20	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Thurs	27	Thanksgiving Day	



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Who would believe I have been in this position for one year and there is not a day that I am not running into something new, my favorite saying is "I take one step forward and six back." Each day is a new frontier! Enough of that for now on to November. It is hard to believe November is upon us; the holiday season has begun. Leaves have been falling; Hunting season has been in full swing and Winter is on its way. Let's take a moment and slow down to enjoy the season and our loved ones and at this time I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminder

Clocks go back at 2:00am on Sunday, November 2nd.

Town Hall Closure Dates

The Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, Veteran's Day and will be closing at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 26th and will remain closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday November 28th, Thanksgiving.

Election Day, November 4th

Just a reminder election day is Tuesday, November 4th. The polling place for the Town of Edinburg has been moved to the Town Hall. The polls are open at 6am and close at 9pm.

Veteran's Day, November 11th

Thank you to all of the veterans past and present for their service to our country. The flags will be removed from the

cemeteries after Veteran's Day and if you have anything on the graves you would like to keep; please remove them, the men will be cleaning up at this time also for the winter season.

Solid Waste Pickup and Recycling Center Hours, November

Winter Hours: The winter hours will begin the week of November 3rd. Friday hours will be 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm and Saturday hours will remain the same; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Veterans Day: Solid waste pickup will be kicked on Tuesday, November 11th to Wednesday, November 12th for the South Shore. The North Shore will be picked up on Monday with no changes

Thanksgiving Solid Waste Schedule: There will be no recycling pickup on Thursday, November 26th and the Recycle and Reuse Center will be closed on Friday, November 27th.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN THE TOWN OF EDINBURG!!

We have found it has become a very big problem within the town; building is going on without permits. If you are planning to do any type of building, restoration, septic, and replacement, wells or demolition you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (518) 863-2793 to see if you need a permit. The CEO is out looking, anything that is being done without a permit will be halted and the landowner will be contacted and will be prosecuted to the full extent.

Certificates of Occupancy and Certificates of Compliance

The Code Enforcement Officer has found landowners within the Town of Edinburg are not receiving their CO's or CCs before their final payment to their contractor, please make sure you get these before you make your final payment reason being if anything does not pass you will need to contact the contractor to get the matter rectified and this would cause delays in getting your CO or CC. You must receive a CO or CC before moving into your new home, addition or other project you may have done. If you have questions pertaining to obtaining a CO or CC, please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Officer.

Garbage Bins and Mailboxes

With the winter months coming upon us please remember to move your roadside bins back so that the plows do not destroy them when pushing snow. Also, if you will be away for the winter consider moving or removing your garbage bin and mailbox from the highway right-of-way to avoid damage from snowplowing or from snow being thrown by the plows.

Again, I hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Bob

Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

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EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

For the period of September 12th through October 12th, the Fire Company responded to fifteen call for assistance. With the end of a very hectic Summer, we have at last seen our monthly totals start to diminish.

However, we expect to set a record number of total calls for 2025. The following is our service log:

09/14 Mutual aid to Northville
09/15 Mutual Aid to Hadley-Luzern
09/18 Landing Zone, Airport Road
09/23 Fire Alarm, White Birch Road
09/25 Mutual Aid to Northville
09/27 Vehicle Fire, Oak Circle
10/3 Mutual Aid to Northville
10/3 Mutual Aid to Northville

10/4 North Shore Road, Rescue
10/4 Mutual Aid to Northville
10/7 Mutual Aid to Northville (standby)
10/7 Mutual Aid to Northville
10/11 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road
10/11 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road
10/12 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road

The Fire Company is very pleased to announce, that we have been awarded a grant under the "Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program" from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. This funding will have a tremendous positive impact on the Fire Company's ability to safely outfit our interior fire fighters, with the latest and safest equipment. The price of personal protection gear and breathing apparatus has escalated over the years to dollar amounts frankly find hard to conceive. It costs approximately fifteen thousand dollars to outfit ONE interior fire fighter! This writer can remember when one could pick up a decent used fire truck for less money.

The Grant is for a total of \$163,809.52, with the Fire Company responsible for \$8,190.48. This Grant will allow us to purchase fifteen complete sets of gear to include: helmets, boots, gloves, bunker pants and flame retardant hoods. We will also purchase ten Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), what the public often refers to as our air packs, and ten spare fiberglass woven bottles. It is not unusual for an interior fire fighter to go through at least two bottles if not more, at the scene of a major fire.

This grant represents a tremendous opportunity to step forward and purchase the latest (and mandated) fire fighting gear. Protecting our members, your friends and neighbors, as we do the important work of protecting our community. The monies we save here and now, will be applied to unforeseen costs down the road. We are serious about looking after your fire tax dollars, and are all the more grateful to FEMA for including a small department like ours, in their grant cycle.

We want to take a moment to thank those members who worked hard on our recent Spaghetti Dinner, and those of who supported us on October 11th. We also wanted to say that as in every Fall, we enjoyed celebrating Fire Safety Awareness Day recently, with the children of the Edinburg Common School District. We are never quite sure who has more fun, the kids or the Fire Company.

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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

Mark your calendars! The first-ever Holiday Market at the Northville Public Library will take place on Friday, December 5 from 3 to 7 pm.

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the event which will include a pop-up book sale featuring a wide assortment of children's books that will make wonderful gifts, coffee table books, cookbooks to inspire festive meals, puzzles to wile away the hours while on Christmas break (or on snowdays), travel books for planning new year adventures, DVDs, and assorted popular books, series and collections for all readers.

Local crafters are invited to set up tables to sell their handmade wares. Due to space constraints, we are limiting the number to ten crafters. To reserve a spot, stop by the library at 341 South Third Street to pick up a commitment form. Crafters are asked to staff their tables during the four-hour sale. The Friends ask that 10 percent of the crafters' profits be given as a donation.

In addition, bagged treats will be sold as part of our fundraising efforts.

All proceeds from the Holiday Market will go to benefit the library.

The Friends always welcomes new members. Membership

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is \$10 per year for individuals and \$25 for households. Also, volunteers are always needed to help set up, staff and clean up after events and fundraisers. If you are interested in helping out, stop by the library and ask at the circulation desk.

TOWN OF DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Day Town Board hereby gives notice that there will be no parking of vehicles on Town Roads or placing of objects on Town Right-of-Ways, beginning October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, due to the problems created for snow removal. Warnings will not be given, vehicles will be towed at owners expense immediately.

EDINBURG



PO Box 801,
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EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org
Tim Blydenburgh

The Edinburg Historical Society's Holiday Bazaar, one of the town's featured occasions for the season, will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse on 8 Tange Road.

We'll feature an assortment of baked goods and other homemade foods, vendors, holiday basket raffles and music of the season to keep your spirits high. There will not be a 50/50 raffle this time.

Several local businesses are supporting EHS with gift certificates, and we thank them.

This annual event is an excellent way to celebrate the season, chat and mingle with your fellow area residents, and pick up a few gifts for December's holidays. It also helps support the efforts of our historical society to preserve our past and educate people about the town's many landmarks.

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The historical society wishes to thank all those who came to the Fall Festival on Sept. 27 at the Rural Museum — families, couples and individuals as well as vendors and volunteers who cooked and cleaned. We've officially closed the Rural Museum and Nellie Tyrrell Museum on North Shore Road for the year, but we're already planning our programs and exhibits for 2026.

Remember: We're always looking for more members, so see our website edinburghhistoricalsociety.org to learn more. You can also purchase books and pamphlets online or by visiting the town historian's office at Town Hall.

Whoever would like to donate a basket filled with goodies for the Nov. 8 EHS fundraiser can contact Renee at 518-774-5638.

Also, the historical society needs to close off the platform at the end of the covered bridge until it is fixed, and that won't happen until the spring.



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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Alisha Rivera Holmes - Director - 518-863-6922

Dear Edinburg Residents,

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

Book Club:

Amy Jo Stewart will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book *The Paper Girls of Chinatown* by Heather B. Moore on Tuesday, November 18th at 10am. Summary: "When Donaldina Cameron arrives at the Occidental Mission Home for Girls in 1895, she intends to teach sewing skills to young Chinese women immigrants, but, within days, she discovers that the job is much more complicated than perfect stitches and even hems. San Francisco has a dark side, one where a powerful underground organization--the criminal tong--brings Chinese young women to America to sell them as slaves. With the help of Chinese interpreters and the Chinatown police squad, Donaldina becomes a tireless social reformer to stop the abominable slave and prostitution trade."

Programs at the Library:

Adult Programs:

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

Teen Programs:

- Teen D&D: Every First and Third Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Writing Club: Every Second Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Game Night: every Fourth Thursday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Art Guild: Every Fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm

- Community Club: Every First Thursday of the month from 3pm-4pm
- Study Club: Second Thursday of the month from 6pm-8pm

Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: First and Third Tuesdays of the month starting at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
- Lego Afternoons: Saturday from 11am-12pm

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30pm.

Libby:

Looking for a book we don't have in the library? It might be on Libby! The library provides E-resources for our patrons. Go to our new website: <http://northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.com/> and click "eBooks/eAudios" or add the Libby app to your reader. This will take you to the site where you may borrow E-books for Kindles, tablets and similar devices and E-audiobooks for your listening pleasure. You may search by author, title, or subject. If you have a problem with your device, come see us!

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Carol Johnston working the Homemade Pie Sale at The Rice Homestead's Christmas Open House



The Rice Homestead in Mayfield



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Assoc. Pastor: Isaiah Philo

by Barbara Klueg

Trust the Man!

Have you ever felt anxious? Of course, you have. If your answer was no, then check to see if you have a pulse!

God has provided us with the perfect way to deal with our anxiety . . . the little and the big things that keep us awake at night. This way is called . . . prayer. Prayer is having a little talk with Jesus, about anything and everything. In prayer we thank and praise God for who He is and that He is in control. We confess our sins to Him, ask for His forgiveness and help to live our lives to please Him. In prayer we can hand our problems, needs and worries over to Him. Why? Because we can Trust the Man!

Rejoice in the Lord because He is near, takes care of things and . . . watches over you. When you tuck your little ones into bed they might say, "I'm afraid." So, you comfort them and say, "I'm here honey. Don't be afraid." They give you a big hug with a sigh of relief. That is exactly what we need to do when we are scared, worried, or just at our wit's end. We need to remember that God is right here with us. We need to Trust the Man!

As newlyweds we drove an old beater car. Most of the time our heater did not work, which was OK in the summer but not when the weather turned cold. While driving home to visit our families for Thanksgiving we decided not to complain how cold it was . . . and our freezing car, but instead we would thank God for His blessings to us. We decided to Trust the Man! We loudly sang the old song, "Count Your Blessings . . . Name Them One by One." We paused often and shouted out our blessings. "We have each other! Awesome families! Great friends! We love our cute apartment ... and adorable puppy! We have jobs and food on the table. Good health! We don't have huge bills!" (You get the idea.) Soon our car problems did not seem so big. We remembered that God was bigger than our problems and He would take care of us. (And, after this trip God provided us with a better car with heat! Praise the Lord!)

God tells us to pray . . . with a thankful heart. In other words, be thankful that He is in control. Leaving your problems and worries at the cross takes them off your plate and hands them over to God. He will take care of them. On top of that He gives

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us His peace . . . which goes way beyond our understanding. His peace will guard our hearts and minds! I love the fact that Jesus guards my heart and mind! I'm so thankful that we can Trust the Man!

Philippians 4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near! Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

This Thanksgiving when you sit down with family and friends before digging into that great meal, go around the table and have everyone name a blessing God has given them. Remember to not only 'Trust the Man' but Thank Him too!

Come, worship and serve the Lord with us! If you are housebound you can watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org Do you need spiritual guidance or encouragement? Contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Philo at 518.863.8001. They love the Lord and are here to help anyone and everyone!

Our church ministries are:

- Sunday: (8:45 a.m.) Sunday School for all ages, (10 a.m.) Worship Service (Nursery & Children's Church provided), (6 p.m.) Family Night Fellowship & Teaching (1st Sun. of the month with refreshments), (7 p.m.) Jr. and Sr High Youth Groups
- Monday: Bible Club (K-5th grades after school), (8 p.m.) Man Up Bible Study for young men at BCON Corner
- Wednesday: (10 a.m.) Northville Food Pantry at BCON Corner, (7 p.m.) Girls' Sr. High Bible study
- Thursday: (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Prayer Meeting, (6:45 p.m.) Girls' Jr. High Bible Study, (10:30 a.m.) NLH Nursing Home Service on 3rd Thursday.
- Saturday: (6:30 a.m.) Men's Coffee Hour at BCON Corner
- Small Groups: Call the church for times and locations

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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We give thanks every day to the Lord for His Grace, Love and Mercy. The first Sunday of every month Holy Communion is offered. This is an invitation from our Lord who invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent and seek to live in peace.

November 2nd we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will have a special service of prayer and lighting of candles in memory of those that have been called home to rest in eternal peace.

November 11th celebrates Veterans Day. A day to give thanks

and honor all the men and women who have provided protection both here and abroad.

November 27th is Thanksgiving Day. Remember to give thanks everyday for all that our Lord provides. When we give thanks, we turn our attention away from ourselves, away from the brokenness of this world, away from troubles and worries. We open our hearts to the Lord, remembering all the blessings He gives and we feel good.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and personal hygiene products, white t-shirts, socks, gloves, hats & umbrellas for the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events and missions in the community.

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

We welcome everyone! Our church motto is: Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.

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Northville Rotary Grows

Service Above Self

Rotary Continues Service to the Community After 75 Years

Thank you to everyone who attended our 75th Anniversary Gala at Lanzis on the Lake on September 26th. By all accounts, it was a great event with wonderful food, surprise fashion show, short speeches and great company. Dan Reidell was celebrated as our Community Member of the Year. Many of the activities and projects of the Northville Rotary over the past 75 years were listed on each table. Through events like these, the Woodworking and Fine Arts Shows, as well as donations from individuals, projects to benefit the community are possible.

As a result of a vote taken of the members, Northville Rotary will be continuing many of the projects we have been involved in for a number of years. This November we will continue providing

Thanksgiving turkeys to those in need. Each month food from individual Rotarians, monetary donations from community members as well as the Club, provide food for the Backpack Program. In the middle of the month, Rotary purchases coupons from Stewarts for a gallon of milk for each family. A number of Rotarians make deliveries,

In the schools, Rotary will continue supplying items for the necessity closets when needed and will use some of our funds to make sure there are snacks available for students who need them.

For the holidays, Rotary will again provide hats, gloves, coats, snow pants and boots through a generous donation. In addition, a number of individual Rotarians who volunteer, are assigned a child in need that has been selected by the schools. They then purchase items wanted by the child. Each child receives a \$50 gift card they or their family can use at Klippels.

Let us know if you have any other ideas for projects Rotary may be able to fund or work on for the community. Contact Sue Owens at sowens26@gmail.com.

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Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

Janice Hawk-Baldwin

We have been home for ten days and October is going by, in a blink of an eye. It seems that the older we get, the faster time passes by. I celebrated my birthday, this past weekend. I keep wondering how I got old so fast. I have heard so many people, near and dear to me, say the same thing through out the years. When I was young and growing up I thought time was moving very slowly. I learned years ago, the older and busier you get, time just flies. We have been retired for 5 years. We have adapted well to a retired life style. That being said, it was hard to adjust to at first. Now we are rocking it. We like that we don't have to get up early in the morning to prepare for the day. It made our 60 hour work weeks go smoother, especially on the nights we home late at night. It is a luxury to not have to set an alarm clock to start our day. We lay in bed until 9:00 in the morning, if we want to. Big Hoss but doesn't show his head until

almost 9:00 either. We love the rhythm of our Key West life.

We were all very happy to get home on October 3. We had a fabulous trip visiting family and long time friends. While we had a great time, a month away from home, is a long time. Not to mention that when we got home it took us four days to get everything out of the RV, clean and put it all away. Last year, we inadvertently left some coffee cake in the microwave. It didn't turn green or stink, thankfully, but it was rock solid hard. If you camp or own a seasonal home, you don't want anything to entice vermin to enter and make a nasty mess inside. That has happened despite our attempts to prevent it. We were lucky.

We love this time of year because there are less tourists in town. All of that, will end on Friday as the tourist season officially starts with Fantasy Fest. The town will hustle until the beginning of December. We are fortunate to get a break then. The Christmas holiday season is usually quiet and truly magical here. That is a good thing because after the beginning of the year everyone flocks to town for warm weather and partying. We will be bursting at the seams.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. The local restaurants are all advertising their Thanksgiving specials and taking reservations. We will go to our favorite neighborhood restaurant. The food is always good, the staff is always nice and the local people, you meet there, all have a story to tell.

Be proud to be a local, no matter where you live. Get involved and volunteer your time in the community. Make the time to meet and know your neighbors. Work together to make things even better, where you live.

Most importantly be thankful for your family, your friends, your neighbors and all of those people in the community who lend a helping hand. Give thanks for all that you have.

From our home to yours, Bill, Big Hoss and I are wishing every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Autumn is the season of colors, where forests and hills look like fields of flowers, emanating colors of red, orange, yellows, purples and fuchsia. Pumpkins abound for decorating, cooking and carving. In the midst of all this color and fun is the Chinese Lantern flower, adorning gardens and dried floral arrangements and wreaths. This lantern flower symbolizes life within death. They are considered modern symbols of protection because of the way that the lantern-like seed pod protects its internal fruit (berry).

Since the mode of growth is virtually identical to the Goji berry plant, the Lantern flower is its cousin. The genus name is *Physalis Alkekengi*. 'Alkekengi' comes from the Arabic word for bladder cherry, which refers to the fruits of the berry contained in the husk/calyx. 'Physalis' is the Greek word which means "bladder". Again, this is due to the inflated calyx (the part of the flower that encloses the petals and forms a protective layer around the flower bud) that surrounds the fruit. The Mandarin name is 'Hua Jin Deng' which translates to hanging gold lighting. Other common names for this perennial is Japanese Lantern, Bladder Cherry, Winter Cherry and Strawberry

Groundcherry. It is native to Northern China, Japan and Korea. It was first introduced to Europe in the 18th century and didn't take long for it to become popular as an ornamental plant. In the summer a creamy white flower blooms, until Fall. Then the



calyx dries around the red berry within, taking on a texture resembling paper lanterns making them so great to decorate with. Growing them is super easy, however, things to keep in mind other than the toxicity, is their tendency to be invasive. It will spread itself under the ground, drawing on all the nutrients contained in the soil, leaving little left for other plants in close proximity.

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

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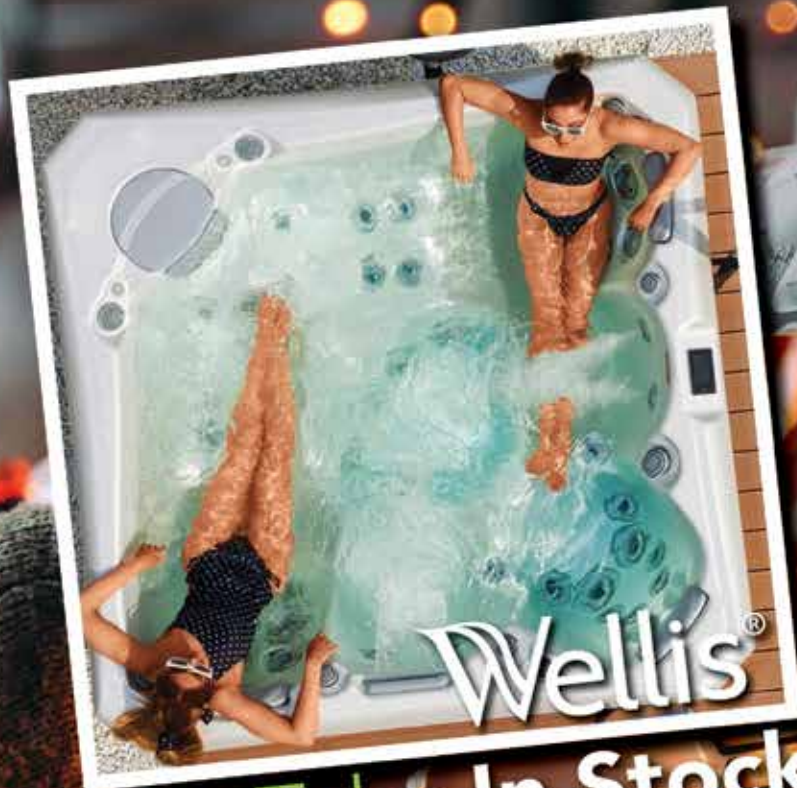
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doing so altogether.

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

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

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Program Calendar for November 2025

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

Nov 6, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Cheesy Ham and Rice Casserole, Beets, Brussels Sprouts, Fruit cup, No Program this date. We will celebrate November birthdays with a cake provided by John Knapp.

Nov 13 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Lemon Chicken, Seasoned Noodles, Broccoli, Brownie
STFSL Program at 12:30: Immigrants and the Erie Canal by David Brooks and Jeanne, his associate.

Nov 20 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Tangy Meatloaf, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Cookie. STFSL Program at 12:30: Blood Pressure Clinic Today. Bingo!

Nov 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Meal site is closed

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

Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org. For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave a message.

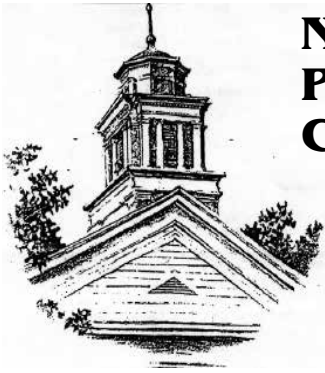
Upcoming Trips:

Early November - Historic Cherry Hill. Explore American history through the lens of one Albany household. Cost is \$5 for seniors.

November 7th - Christmas shopping trip to Colonie Center in Albany, with lunch and stops at other stores.

December 6th - Holiday Tea at Old Fort Johnson. Cost is \$30 prepaid.

December - Drive through Northville and Mayfield to view Christmas lights and decorations.



Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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Grace and Peace to you from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

Recently I preached a sermon about having an “attitude of gratitude.” As we enter the month of November, and many are making plans to celebrate Thanksgiving with family or friends, now is a good time to reflect on the benefits of gratitude.

For many people these days, the pressures of life can begin to drown out any sense of gratitude. Many are finding it harder to afford the necessities of life – food, utilities, clothing, transportation. In addition, we are bombarded with daily messages of scarcity; we’re told there just isn’t enough to go around, so we need to anxiously hoard our resources, time, concern and more. These messages engender fear, and when we are afraid, it is hard to find gratitude within our hearts.

And yet, in turbulent times such as we are living in, gratitude is actually a powerful antidote to those feelings of fear. Because here’s the thing: gratitude isn’t just a polite response to the good things we experience; it’s not simply saying thank you. It is an acknowledgment of the interconnectedness of life and the positivity that arises from relationships, experiences, and even challenges. Spiritual teachings often emphasize gratitude as a way to shift our focus from what we lack to what we have.

In our current social and political context, where materialism and competition often overshadow personal fulfillment or compassion and empathy for others, choosing gratitude can serve as a spiritual antidote. It invites us to appreciate life’s simple pleasures—the beauty of nature, meaningful relationships, or music and arts. By doing so, we elevate our consciousness and begin to see life through a lens of abundance rather than scarcity.

And gratitude is a choice, one that can help anchor us in the present moment, and give us a sense of well-being. It is a choice, and it is a discipline that takes practice. Some folks make a daily gratitude list; some start and end the day with prayers of thanksgiving; some try to notice and name the various moments of goodness and grace that occur during the course of the day. However you choose to practice gratitude, studies

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When we acknowledge what we are thankful for in the present moment, we cultivate awareness and an appreciation for “now.” This can lead to a more profound recognition of life’s impermanence, leading us to cherish what we have and appreciate, rather than fixating on what we perceive we are lacking. By focusing on what we appreciate—be it a warm meal or the company of loved ones—we anchor ourselves in the here and now, reducing anxiety about the past or future.

Another profound way to embrace gratitude is through service—giving back allows us to express appreciation for what we’ve received by helping others in need. Volunteering at local organizations or simply offering kindness through small acts can reinforce feelings of interconnectedness and compassion while fostering humility.

When we extend ourselves for others, we recognize our own blessings more profoundly—transforming gratitude into an active force that enriches both giver and receiver alike.

Strengthening our sense and practice of gratitude is a lifelong journey; however, by intentionally integrating expressions of gratitude into our lives—through journaling, verbal acknowledgment, rituals, and acts of service—we open ourselves up to deeper spiritual experiences. Ultimately, this journey

leads us not only toward a sense of personal fulfillment, but also toward contributing positively within our communities as engaged participants in life’s tapestry of people, experiences, and blessings.

May you know the blessings of God’s goodness and grace in your daily lives, and may your gratitude run deeper and stronger day by day.

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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

NOVEMBER NOD TO HERITAGE

Once, scholars, archeologists, and historians believed that the American Indian never really lived in the Adirondacks for any non-transitory purpose or any earlier than a couple of thousand years ago at most, but recent evidence tells us a different story, one we might want to acknowledge this month, National Native American Heritage Month. This month, begun as a single day in 1916, evolving to a week-long celebration in 1976, and finally becoming a month-long observance in 2009, according to the United States Department of the Interior on Indian Affairs, this year embraces a theme of “Preserving Legacies, Building Futures: Empowering Communities Through Heritage.”

The heritage here in the Adirondacks probably dates back 13,000 years. According to Curt Stager, a professor at Paul Smith’s College, for centuries many have believed Native Americans did not populate our mountains because they were too cold or the sand by the waterways too sandy, so they only passed through the region to hunt. Stager notes that artifacts – everything from “stone objects, beaded wampum belts, baskets, [. . .] pots, dug-out canoes, and the charcoal of hearths” confirm that “Native people were cooking on the shores of Long Lake when the Vikings settled Greenland.” He adds that though hunting, fishing, and gathering dominated the Native American lifestyle, agriculture – the growing of maize – also worked well in the uplands and lowlands. Contrary to popular belief, most American Indian projectiles located in this area did not serve as arrowheads; according to Stager, they “were used to tip spears or long, slender darts that were hurled with atlatls, throwing sticks.” These, too, date back further and existed higher in the mountains than once previously thought.

Lynn Woods, New York State Museum historian, archeologist, and writer adds to that list of ancient artifacts from Tupper Lake, Saranac, Piseco, Long Lake, and Raquette River areas, “stone gouges for shaping wood, celts (stone ax heads), massive pestles, [. . .] fire-cracked stones, potsherds, and pipes.” She tells us that more remains undiscovered than discovered, for “Although a 1985 survey conducted by Hartgen Associates for the State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites lists more than 351 prehistoric sites within the Blue Line, only a handful have been examined or dug by archeologists.” Sometimes, individuals may unearth artifacts quite by accident and then keep them for their own treasured displays, so no one truly knows how much individuals have discovered. As guide Joseph Bruchar says, the Haudenosaunee and Abenaki people

were here, living, hunting, and fishing our mountains long before Europeans arrived. He adds that these people “traveled widely and quickly on rivers and lakes – those original superhighways.” That very travel may have made later people consider the American Indians as transient and noninhabitants or absent landowners, but in reality, they simply possessed a different concept of community property and needed to travel to survive.

According to Fulton County historian, William Loveday, Jr., “centuries of use by Mohawk Indians for hunting and fishing for winter food stocks and for travel to and from the Champlain Corridor and Canada had established their territorial rights and the use of the land in the eyes of other tribes.” However, that situation changed with the arrival of the Europeans. Their desire to develop what was then called the Colony of New York and to maintain their own farmland led to a host of British government land grants and patents promoted by land speculators. Native Americans’ concept of land ownership varied so greatly from that of the Europeans that they may not have fully understood the deals they made. Nonetheless, as William Loveday, Jr. notes, “Attorney General of the British Colony of New York, Samson Broughton, in 1704 purchased 700,000 acres” in what became Fulton County. This land sale marked only the first of many, with grants and patents for tracts of land as large as hundreds of thousands of acres to as small as 12,710 acres running from 1705 – 1753, and all for entities such as “3 pieces of showed (shoddy wool), 6 pieces of gailing linen, 3 barrels of beer, 6 gallons of rum, and a fatt ‘beast.’” Eventually, almost all of today’s New York counties became European-settler-owned. Settlers abandoned much of that land during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, as they feared attacks from Native Americans fighting for various sides. Eventually, however, the settlers returned and claimed their ownership.

Ultimately, however, the Native Americans survived and lived alongside the settlers. As Lynn Woods detail, they worked as guides (Sabael Benedict and Mitchell Sabattis, two of the

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most well-known, respected, and prosperous among them), iron miners and iron mine owners, iron workers, loggers, and tourist industry workers (including female housekeepers, laundresses, and native craft merchants). Even today, Curt Stager tells us, “Native Americans now comprise six percent of the population of Franklin County,” and that statistic holds consistently across all of the counties in the Adirondack Park. Lynn Wood adds that, “As they always have, Native Americans continue to travel seasonally throughout the Park – but now as storytellers, dancers, sweetgrass basket-weavers, and lecturers, performing and teaching.”

Such activities honor the legacy of a culture, and every November, the nation and New York State acknowledge those traditions and that culture. Many of these activities occur year-round, but some, such as the Annual Spirit of the Wolf Native American Festival and Pow Wow held every August in Johnstown, the Annual Saratoga Native American Festival held every September in Saratoga Springs, and the annual Indigenous People Day events in October throughout our region occur just once each year outside of the designated November observances. The year-round activities offer perhaps a constant reminder of an integral part of the heritage of our Adirondacks.

One such venue includes the Akwesasne Cultural Center and

Museum in Franklin County near St. Regis. According to its website, this center showcases new exhibits, images, artifacts, and interactive displays. It also brings in local artisans to exhibit their work and offers a library and a gift shop. At this center, one can see, for example, “traditional black ash baskets, wampum belts, and a wolf belt, a traditional belt dating back to the 1700s.” Open from Tuesday through Saturday at various hours and asking only a voluntary donation, this museum and cultural center provide a look into some Adirondack area Mohawk history.

According to its website, combining “a partnership with the Akwesasne Cultural Center, the Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center, and the Native American College, the Ways of Knowing Project” at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake gives visitors several opportunities to learn about Haudenosaunee (“People of the Longhouse”: a confederation of Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora Nations) culture and history. Offering the “Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address,” climate solution natural world exhibits and videos, wild walk, trails, and storytelling by elders and teachers such as Tom Porter, John Fadden, and Robert Kimmerer, the Wild Center “invites us to consider different perspectives of nature and people.” Open on Monday through Saturday from May through Indigenous

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For those interested in more participatory experiences of Native American culture, a trip to Fonda to the Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community may provide engaged learning. This community, reestablished in 1993, tells us on its website that it offers "educational and hands-on workshop and skill-sharing series" and demonstrations in everything from gardening to food preservation to farm-to-table cooking to lacrosse stick-making to bead working to moose-hair-tufting to basket-making to drum-making. In addition, it offers lectures and presentations on the group's history and traditions. Its online newsletter provides many of the details of such events.

For those who want events a bit closer to home, the Saratoga Springs History Museum offers "First Saratogans: The Indigenous People of the Saratoga Springs Region" exhibit. According to its own description, this relatively new exhibit "examines the history of the Mohican, Mohawk, and Abenaki people who are indigenous to this area. The exhibit utilizes over 300 artifacts from our collections to look at indigenous life from prehistoric times, through the era of colonization to the beginning of the 20th century." Exploring entities such as the significance of High Rock Spring and the origins of the Saratoga City seal, this exhibit asks patrons to reconsider "the foundations of local history." Open daily and year-round, this exhibit rests on the third floor of the museum.

Whether we choose to acknowledge National Native American Heritage Month with a visit to a museum, a search of our property for possible artifacts, or a simple thought about who lived in these mountains before we did, we can probably all agree that what came before us still dwells here among us in culture, crafts, traditions, and story.

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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



A taste of Upstate: New York's fall honey harvest.

As the crisp autumn air settles over Upstate New York, the trees blush with color and local beekeepers eagerly begin their final harvest of the season. The flavor and character of New York honey change throughout the year, reflecting the unique floral sources the bees forage on during each season. While spring and summer honeys often taste light and delicate, the fall harvest offers a more robust, earthy sweetness.

Here are some of the distinctive honeys made by bees in Upstate New York:

Wildflower honey

Often a blend of the diverse flora of the region, wildflower honey is the signature taste of New York's varied terrain. Its flavor profile changes based on the blooms and the season.

Upstate wildflower: A medium amber honey that offers a rich, complex flavor with floral notes and a hint of earthiness.

Locally sourced: A great all-purpose honey, perfect for sweetening breakfast, adding to tea, or substituting for refined sugars in baking.

Buckwheat honey

Among the heartiest and most robust honeys produced in Upstate New York, buckwheat honey is sourced from the tiny white blossoms of the buckwheat plant.

Color and flavor: This dark brown honey is full-bodied, with an intense, molasses-like taste.

Robust qualities: Buckwheat honey is known to have more antioxidants than lighter-colored honeys.

Goldenrod and aster honey

As summer turns to fall, bees forage on the final blooms of goldenrod and aster flowers, resulting in a dark and delicious honey that is characteristic of the season.

Flavor profile: This late-season harvest has a full and richer flavor with notes of butterscotch and a buttery texture.

Harvest: Goldenrod honey is harvested in late October and is known to crystallize quickly.

Allergy benefits: Many allergy sufferers seek out this specific honey, as the pollen in the honey can help desensitize the body to seasonal allergens.

Basswood honey

Harvested in the mid-summer, this monofloral honey is a distinctive single-source variety with a unique flavor.

Flavor profile: Light in color, basswood honey has a mild, fresh, and slightly minty or woody taste.

Location: While not a fall honey, some beekeepers in Upstate New York produce this varietal in small batches.

Fall harvest and the beekeeper's year

The autumn harvest is a crucial time for beekeepers in New York. After collecting the final crop, they must leave enough honey in the hives for the bees to survive the long, cold winter. The quieter winter months allow beekeepers to repair equipment and prepare for the next season while the bees cluster together for warmth. As the last jars of the fall harvest are sealed, they capture the essence of Upstate New York's rich and flavorful autumn.



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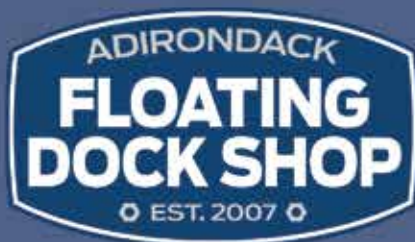
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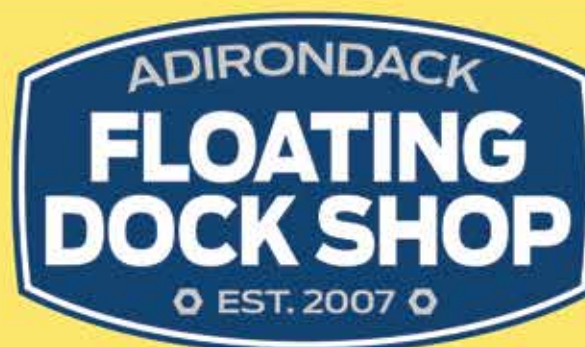
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Adirondack Veterans

By P.J. Schaefer

According to the US Census Bureau and the Rockefeller Institute of Government, 6.6% of the Adirondack Park population or 8,139 people are veterans. Once home to the now dismantled Plattsburgh Air Force Base, the Park does still host the Naval Support Facility in Saratoga Springs, but most of the veterans of the Park do not reside there, though according to the MilitaryOneSource website, it does provide 3,200 active duty personnel with a home base. There, they “deliver consistently efficient and effective shore readiness and operational support to the Fleet, Fighter, Family, and perform host command functions in support of supported commands and the military community.”

The veterans not part of that base, however, can and do create some community amid various venues couched within the mountains. They can appear in any of two dozen American Legion posts operating in the Adirondack Park. As writer Nikki Kourofsky notes, people often think of the Legion, founded in 1919, as a “dimly lit space for veterans to swap stories and sip beer from juice glasses.” However, even its official mission, “dedicated to serving other veterans, as well as active service members and their communities in the spirit of ‘mutual helpfulness’” emphasizes that the American Legion does much more than many realize. As Kourofsky tells us, Legion members place flags on veterans’ graves on Memorial Day and remove them on Veterans’ Day, provide wrapped toys for needy members of their communities, raise funds for scholarships, donate to food banks, sponsor children’s athletic leagues, help veterans with medical bills and equipment, give rides to veterans who need to get to medical appointments, maintain flags on highways, help provide fuel oil and wood for community members in need, and perform honor guard duties at local funerals. Here in the Adirondacks, an American Legion riders club also “escorts area veterans to the old Air Force base in Plattsburgh for the North Country Honor Flight that shuttles combat veterans to Washington, DC for tours.” Some American Legions do not even have bars, yet, somehow, they, too, raise money for these community causes. Ticonderoga post adjutant commander Craig Cassidy says, “We call ourselves a Legion Family.” That family supports whole communities in a multitude of ways. Likewise, the dozen or so VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) posts throughout the Park come with similar missions. Veterans’ service, it seems, never really ends.

Yet, some organizations within the Park turn the tables to serve veterans. Saratoga County, for example, offers an entire Veterans Service Agency that provides the Saratoga Peer-to-Peer Program; a health and wellness program; a trust fund (for use for veterans’ and veterans’ families’ training, education, health care, housing assistance, and essential services assistance); a float for



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the Saratoga Veterans' Parade; and the Veterans' F.A.V.O.R Program (a merchant discount program). According to its website, the primary mission of this agency, to "assist Veterans and their families with securing earned benefits and services through quality customer service and advocacy" focuses on veterans' needs post-service.

Having a similar mission, the Adirondack Vets House, Inc. in Glens Falls claims on its website that it provides a "longer term facility for homeless veterans." It serves 9 veterans at a time in a house with 9 bedrooms, "3 full bathrooms, a dining room, a sitting room, and a renovated basement for storage." At present the facility houses only male veterans, but it does "place women veterans directly into permanent housing." Unique to this institution are a lack of time limits on a veteran's stay, a rotating chore assignment that includes cooking one meal per cycle, and individually tailored programs for each resident. Veterans from Northern Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton, and Washington Counties utilize this house on their way to attaining goals such as securing a permanent job as well as a permanent housing situation.

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One place that veterans avail themselves of in achieving various after-service goals includes the SUNY Adirondack Randle Veterans Resource Center. A multi-service location, it offers not just pathways to education and new careers alongside explanations of VA educational benefits, but also the Battle Buddy Center, low-interest mortgage program information and benefit assistance, financial assistance, vocational rehabilitation, survivor benefit filings, and, in general, a safe space to meet with other veterans and to acquire information about and assistance in attaining various veterans' benefits.

For veterans who have suffered from the trauma of war, the Homeward Bound Adirondacks Program, located in Saranac Lake and funded through the William Grundy Broughton Foundation, aims "to help veterans reclaim their lives and find hope beyond trauma," as its website notes. According to that website, the organization achieves that goal by offering "services such as nature retreats, peer mentoring, crisis outreach, and suicide prevention." Many on staff are veterans, too, and providing a community and a space for shared experiences stands as a priority. They hope to "create a supportive environment where veterans can find peace, resilience, and a renewed sense of purpose."

As we think about serving and honoring our veterans on November 11th, perhaps we can bear in mind the seven best ways to thank them, according to Military.com:

1. Attending a Veterans' Day parade, event, or ceremony such as those held in Saratoga, Glens Falls, and Lake George and other local town centers;
2. Visiting the veterans residing in local VA hospitals such as the one in Plattsburgh;
3. Flying the U.S. flag correctly;
4. Writing a letter or sending a care package to a veteran;
5. Donating to a veterans' organization;
6. Supporting a veteran-owned business;
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Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

Stay warm this Winter!!

Home Energy Assistance Program The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that assists low income households with the cost of heating their homes during the winter months.

The 2025-2026 Regular HEAP program begins on: November 3rd, 2025 The Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services will be accepting applications for persons that are 60 years of age and older and for anyone who is deemed disabled. If you would like to receive an application or make an appointment for help with filling out the application, you may call the HEAP desk at (518) 884-4111 If any member of your household is on SNAP (formally known as food stamps), please contact your SNAP Case Worker at (518) 884-4155.

The HEAP program provides a once a year benefit, which is credited to your heating account. Regular benefit amounts are based upon the households gross monthly income and commodity used to heat your home.

This Year's Guidelines are as Follows:

Household Size Maximum & Gross Monthly Income

1 - \$3,473

2 - \$4,542

3 - \$5,611

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It's time to Fall Back! Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 2nd.



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BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Roberta MacIntyre Games

The clouds were hanging low in the grey sky, the summer season turning to fall as I walked along the lake. I spotted a large brown duck in the road. She was having trouble walking so I scooped her up thinking she was injured. She nestled into my arms and leaned close. I started home thinking “what am I going to do with her? The lake was right there maybe I should just let her go into the water”. I slowly approached the water stepping carefully over the rocks. As soon as I was 5 feet from the lake she perked up, struggled against me and then did an amazing swan dive into the water. She swam several yards under water before breaking the surface. After some research I discovered that she was a diving duck possibly a female canvasback that became



disoriented in the greyness as to what was water and what was road. Diving waterfowl are amazing swimmers torpedoing underwater after fish and other aquatics. They have powerful webbed feet for thrust but the disadvantage is that they have trouble walking on land as their feet are set far back on their bodies. They have to “run” on the water to take off in flight sometimes taking almost ¼ of a mile to become airborne.

In our Northern Forest Region the most popular diving waterfowl is the Common Loon. With their distinctive black and white plumage, large size, and unmistakable “tremolo” laughing calls, they are easily identifiable (although I have mistaken them for common mergansers from a distance).

Loons are like the proverbial canary in the coal mine as early predictors of environmental and ecosystem quality on lakes.

Although they have been doing well due to biologist’s efforts they are still at risk due to lake disturbances, lead sinkers, and pollution. Like my rescued brown duck, loons are sometimes stranded on late lake iceovers and wet pavement during migration.

While kayaking recently on a local lake I spotted an eagle on a branch. I was watching it completely unaware that a loon had come up behind me about 6 feet from the kayak. His “tremelo” call startled me and when I spun around I saw it. His mate was sitting on their nest and as I was approaching he needed to get my attention. I already had momentum moving toward it and she lunged off the nest wings held high and then circled my little boat. Often you will see photos of loons wings held high rising out of the water as they defend their territory. I immediately changed course but was able to spot the large brown egg on the nest. Once I was out of their danger zone I watched as they started to “fish” dropping their heads and eyes under the shallow water looking for fish then diving underwater only to surface many yards away.

Loons can live up to 20 years or more in good conditions raising one or two chicks each season, which are swimming within days of hatching and riding on their parents backs! The haunting sound of the loon’s “laughing” calls are alarm calls or sometimes together with other loons a nighttime chorus. Many consider it the call of the wilderness, their likeness and image representing that very sense of the wild.

For more info on loons visit www.adkloon.org
Photos by Roberta Games

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



Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

Our office has been receiving many phone calls regarding the recycling cans that Fulton County has begun to distribute. If you actively participate in curbside recycling in the Northville/Northampton area and you did not receive a can, please reach out to the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste at 518-736-5501 to discuss getting a can. At our October meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Highway Superintendent Reidell presented some policy changes that will affect garbage and recycling pickup. Our current garbage policy will be amended to state that all bags must be tied before being placed into the garbage cans. The new County recycling cans need to adhere to our current garbage can policy and they cannot be placed at the curb earlier than 24 hours before collection and must be removed from the curb the same day of collection. All cans need to be in the mouth of the driveway or in the terrace area (ROW). Containers should not be in the street or blocking sidewalks. Highway Superintendent Reidell reported that during the winter, containers should be in the mouth of driveways or in

ROW area that has had snow removed; no cans should be placed on snowbanks. Again, if you have questions regarding the new recycling cans, please reach out to Fulton County Solid Waste.

Chief Richardson reported that there were 66 calls during the month of September. He reported he is still actively pursuing grant opportunities for updated patrol vehicles through DCJS.

Trick or Treat in the Village will be on Friday, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. If you wish to participate and hand out candy, be sure to have your light on.

We don't have any new updates on the Town bridge replacement project at the Spillway at this time. The project is still set to begin late spring 2026. Highway Superintendent Reidell has been working with a dive team to assess the valve at the Little Lake. It will be necessary for the water level in the Little Lake to be lowered while the bridge project is being completed.

We are also waiting for news on our grant application that was submitted a few months ago pertaining to construction of a walkway at the spillway area. The Department of State CFA grants are typically awarded in mid December. It is our hope that the project will be grant funded and we can coordinate our project with the Town's bridge replacement project. We will update when we receive more information.

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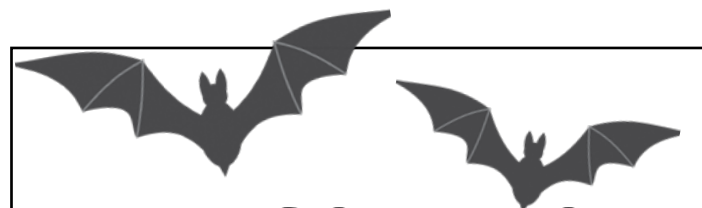
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Highway Superintendent Reidell reports that the crew have begun leaf pickup in the Village. He also reported that the final days for brush pickup are October 29th and November 18th. Please be sure to separate leaves and brush when you bring them to the curb. Highway Superintendent Reidell indicated leaves could be raked to the curb for collection, they do not need to be bagged. Leaves will continue to be picked up until the first significant snowfall.

Speaking of snow, residents and visitors are reminded that the Winter Parking Ban goes into effect November 1st. No vehicles can be parked on any street in the Village between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. through April 1st.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 2nd !

Our Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 5 p.m. We already have participants lined up for the parade and are looking for more! Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to sign up! The parade route this year will remain the same as last year. The parade will stage on North Third Street, facing NORTH, proceed to Reed Street, turn down Main Street and continue past the Waterfront Park, ending at Washington Street. Please share the new parade route with your friends! Again, we are still taking entrants for the parade....help us make this parade the biggest one yet!



SACANDAGA HISTORY COMES ALIVE

GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE DISCOVERY CENTER

An update from Fulton County



Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center Progressing

Destination: Fulton County and the Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center (GSLDC) is Fulton County's investment and commitment to its local history, tourism and recreation. The planned Discovery Center will be a regional attraction for the Fulton County and Saratoga County regions and the NYS Route 30 byway through the Adirondack Park.

The Discovery Center will be the southernmost visitor attraction along the Adirondack Route 30 corridor, complementing any trip to the Adirondack Experience in Blue Mountain Lake and The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. Half the venue is designed as a Rotunda with interactive exhibits, art displays and other attractions related to the Sacandaga's rich history and recreational assets. The remainder of the facility will house offices, a student lab and display areas to support local community organizations that are vital to the Lake's well-being.

The unique story of the lake's creation is compelling, with events that should never be forgotten. Feature Rotunda exhibits are currently in the early design stage to make the Lake's history experienceable and include:

"Ghost of the Hamlets" – A central display of

10 video Kiosks telling the story of each Sacandaga Valley hamlet that was flooded out of existence.

"Harnessing Nature: An Engineering Marvel" – Exhibit and interactive area illustrating the challenges and accomplishments involved in construction of the Conklingville Dam.

"Coney Island of the North" – A walk through time at one of the most amazing amusement parks and resorts existing in the north country in the 20th century with memories of the roller coaster, carousel, miniature train, water park, donkey rides and more.

"Children's Discovery Zone" – An interactive play area with educational features for children to learn about the Lake, its engineering, and its environmental importance.

"Harnessing Nature Theater" – A dedicated theater for feature documentaries, history lectures and community events is a main feature in the center of the building.

Created in 1930, the Great Sacandaga Lake is a manmade body of water built to mitigate catastrophic flooding that was occurring along

Hudson River communities. In an undertaking initiated and funded by the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council (GSLAC), a 2017 feature documentary "Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga" inspired the proposal to construct a state-of-the-art attraction to bring the documentary to life. In the County's "Vision 2026" Development Strategy, the Board of Supervisors advocated a priority goal of revitalizing the economy through tourism.

The plan seeks to develop additional historic, cultural and entertainment venues and to leverage the Great Sacandaga Lake's attractiveness.

The Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center will be a major step to meet these objectives by highlighting the amazing history of the 29-mile engineering marvel.

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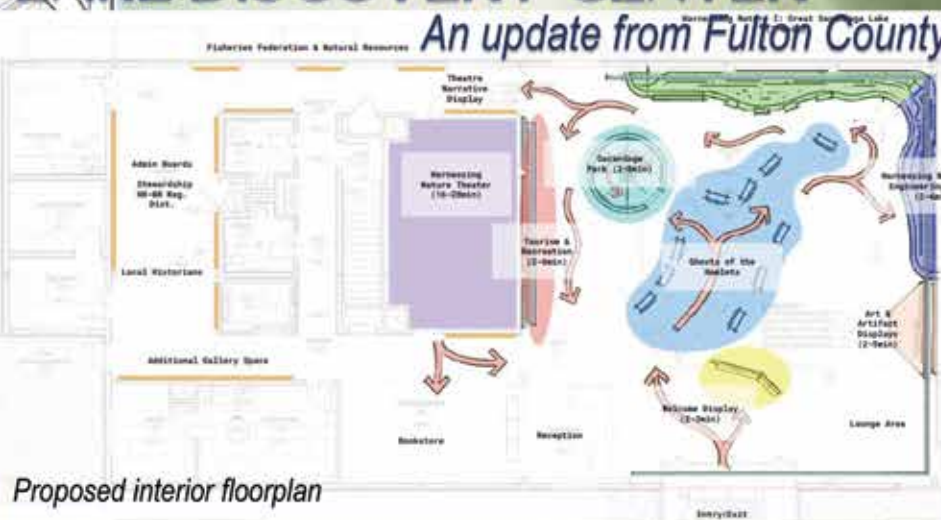
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Proposed interior rendering



Proposed interior floorplan

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The Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center promises to be a premier destination, attracting visitors with its location and accessibility to the Northville-Placid Trail, and its nationally-recognized outdoor recreation. The Education Center will include space for student research, "Trout in the Classroom" programs and much more.

Presentation space will be available for the GSLAC, Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation (GSLFF) and Hudson River-Black River Regulating District, and local historians will have a designated research office for their use. The Discovery Center will be available to host art displays by featured Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) artists and others. An additional nearby platform will host ever-changing, visiting presenters, keeping the information fresh for returning visitors. The goal is to work closely with the entire GSL community.

Fulton County retained the services of Phinney Design Group for professional Architectural services. Phinney Design Group is well known for programming spaces and developing projects within the Adirondack Park, such as The

Wild Center Bio Building, Tupper Lake; Play ADK Children's Museum, Saranac Lake, and Ticonderoga Country Club, Ticonderoga. Environmental Design Partnership is handling site engineering for the project and internationally-recognized Adirondack Studios in Argyle, New York is handling exhibit design.

The commercial section of the Route 30 corridor selected to house the Center is located on the west side of the highway overlooking the Great Sacandaga Lake in the Town of Northampton. The property ends just north of the intersection with the bridge leading into the Village of Northville. The 37 acre tract has a grand view of the Great Sacandaga Lake and will attract outdoor enthusiasts due to its close proximity to the Northville-Placid Trail.

Phase I of the project broke ground in the spring of 2025. Building construction bids opened in June 2025 came in approximately \$2.7 million higher than the original architect's estimate of \$3.8 million. In August, the Board of Supervisors directed that those bids be put on hold until outside grant funds are obtained to close the funding gap. Site excavation and

exhibit design is still ongoing with the goal to commence actual building construction in Spring 2026.

Once in operation, the Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center will have a unique ability to attract engineering enthusiasts, history fans, students and motor coach tours and to promote recreation opportunities to benefit the Fulton, Saratoga, and Hamilton County Regions.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM
Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Basic Computer Skills – 6:00 PM, Tuesday, November 4
Community Cover Dish Supper – 4:00 PM, November 15

UPCOMING - SERVICES

November 2 – All Saints Sunday – Communion
Scripture: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Luke 6:20-31; Ephesians 1:11-23
Message: "Greatness Awaits"

November 9
Scripture: Psalm 145, Luke 20:27-38; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Message: "What's Next"

November 16
Scripture: Psalm 98, Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Message: "Fear Not"

November 23
Scripture: Psalm 46, Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20
Message: "The Answer"

November 30 – First Sunday of advent
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Clergy Column Dreams

For several days I have been pondering what to say in this month's column. Last night in a dream this verse from The Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).

Words that can be difficult to embrace when we consider all of the suffering and violence that seem to be part of our world today. But ironically, I believe they are the exact words that we need to hear in times such as these. They are words that call us to dare to trust that God will have the last word. Words that seek to remind us that God can bring something good out of even tragedy.

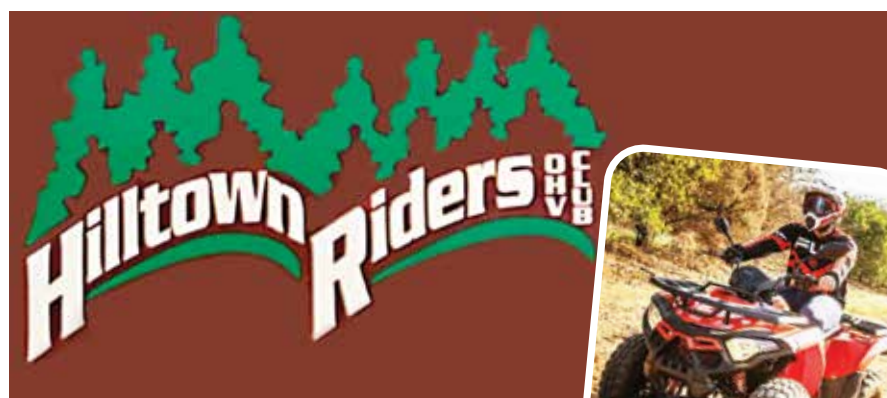
I think of the aftermath of World War 2 when the love extended through The Marshall plan not only rebuild nations but transformed former enemies into strong allies, including our fierce enemies of Germany and Japan.

I also reflect on the wisdom of the words of Jesus that Paul reminds us of that we shouldn't let worries about what tomorrow may bring deprive us the ability to enjoy the present but dare to trust in God.

Finally, the reality is that when we are grateful for our blessings our emotional and physical health improves. A study of patients experiencing heart failure found that those who kept a journal in which they recorded each day what they were thankful for did significantly better than those who didn't.

In good times and difficult times, rejoice in the Lord, dare to trust in God. Jesus promises us that if we have faith even as small as a mustard seed, we will be able to defeat even problems that seem to be immovable mountains.

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Fred Brown

As the seasons continue to change and some aspects of our lives slow down, we are reminded of a quote by Cynthia Rylant, "In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures." Perhaps as our natural world begins to slow we can make time to take stock of our achievements and relationships this past year that helped make spring and summer so enjoyable. SVAN has given us a great deal of enjoyment this past year and is already planning activities for the coming seasons. We hope you will make the most of the coming winter months, offering thanks for friends and opportunities to both receive and express the warmth that the arts have in our world.

One of the highlights of our annual meeting was the viewing of the video, "*Celebrate What's Right with the World*," with Dewitt Jones. Jones is a former photographer for National Geographic

who views the world through the lens of his camera. In his video, one of his observations is the phrase "Believe it and you'll see it." Normally we think just the opposite, that we will only believe what we already know or can see. Art can be the perfect example of Dewitt's turn of a phrase; an object, experience or discovery via SVAN activities can help us discover within our own selves events that make our lives richer and more enjoyable. We hope this is true for all of you.

Upcoming Events:

- November 5 – Gallery Planning Meeting, 12:00 PM at the 303 S. Main St. Gallery, Northville. Members are invited to help plan the future for our Northville Gallery, but must RSVP as lunch will be provided. RSVP to vicepresident@svanarts.org.
- November 5 – 29 – "Encounters II" exhibit by Janet Marie Yeates, "Adirondack Plein Air Painter." Northville Library Gallery, during regular library hours.
- November 14 – Artist talk and reception with Janet Marie Yeates, Northville Library at 6-8:00 pm.
- November 29 – Small Business Saturday, photographer Amanda Lane and fiber artist Dan Bridge will be sharing their talents at the Northville S. Main St. Gallery.
- December 6 – Artist reception with Dan Bridge at the Northville S. Main St. Gallery. 3-5 P.M.



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- 2-3 more winter/ spring programs are being planned, as well 9 summer concerts in the park.

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December 14 SVAN will present a special program open to the community from 3-5 PM, with Dr. Joseph Bruchac speaking at the United Methodist Church of Northville. Dr. Bruchac is a prolific writer and speaker with American Indian Heritage. Much of his study and work involves preservation of the Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills, including performing traditional and contemporary Abenaki music. Bruchac has presented both locally and internationally.

Dr. Bruchac, his younger sister Margaret and two grown sons, James and Jesse work extensively to preserve and promote the Abenaki Culture locally at the Ndakina Learning Center in Greenfield Center, New York. They are also sought after speakers in local schools and universities. Plan to join us for what promises to be a most interesting afternoon.

As always, we encourage you to attend and support SVAN activities throughout the year. We also encourage you to consider joining SVAN and providing input and suggestions so we can

better meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Everyone at the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network invites each of you to have a Happy Thanksgiving as you "celebrate what's right in "your" world!"

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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

-Author Unknown

Dear GSL Community,

The holiday season is upon us and the Great Sacandaga Lake's stark beauty is a sight to behold.

The weather makes it feel like the GSL is taking a much needed rest from the busy summer season, settling in for the long winter and welcoming us to enjoy ice fishing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice-skating and the great outdoors on its shores. It is also the best time of year to be sitting by a fire!

With Thanksgiving and gratitude being the theme of the month, there is no better time to think about supporting the Great Sacandaga Lake Association and the work we have been doing Advocating, Educating, Preserving, and Protecting the Great Sacandaga Lake for over 70 years, with your membership.

Join here at <https://www.gsla.org/membership> for individual, family or business memberships. You can also make a donation and if you would like the donation directed towards a specific issue (say fish stocking or water testing) you can indicate that and let us know at GSLA438@gmail.com.

The Great Sacandaga Lake Association ([gsla.org](https://www.gsla.org)) is a not-for-profit member supported organization for people who work, live, and care about Great Sacandaga Lake. Our association is governed by a board of directors who are committed to improving the quality of life on the lake. Solely funded by membership dues, all members are encouraged to voice their opinions and concerns and to join us at our monthly meetings. We are dedicated to protecting our waters, fish and wildlife, shoreline, and our homeowners. Among the many initiatives we launch, maintain, and support include: Water level tracking, Fish stocking, Water quality monitoring, Whole Picture Environmental Conservation and Community Engagement and Education.

As a lifelong volunteer and environmental advocate, I can personally speak to the incredibly rewarding nature of non-profit, grassroots community work. Combining your passions and talents, whatever they may be, and putting them to good use in your community is life enriching, if not life changing. We hope you consider joining us!

Below are a few benefits of membership:

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- Your support encourages future leaders and environmental stewards through the annual GSLA Environmental Citizenship Award.
- Being a part of the GSLA Community is a wonderful and powerful way to actively work to preserve and protect the GSL.
- Members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the GSLA monthly meetings and events: your participation makes a difference.
- The GSLA website is a go to resource for information on many aspects of the GSL and your contributions for the blog will be considered.
- The GSLA is always open to listening to your concerns and working with you and other lake organizations to raise awareness and to address critical issues.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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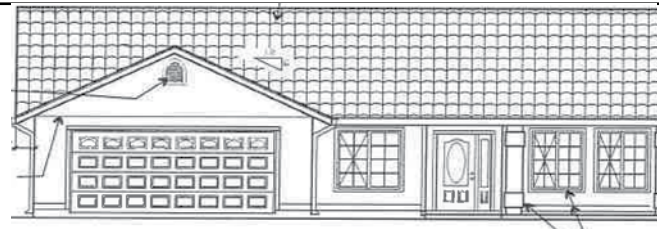


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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! At First UMC, we open our hearts and arms to welcome you to be in worship with us. It's a great time to take an hour to just rest, clear your mind, and open up your heart to God's presence. Join us on Sunday mornings at 11 am for music (occasionally including flutes), prayer, and interesting sermons, including a children's time with the pastor; and, if you are really lucky, there will be refreshments after the service! We ask God's blessing on you and your families as we celebrate the season of thanksgiving.

"If the only prayer you said in your entire life was 'thank you,' that would suffice." (Meister Eckhardt)

There are so many things happening in November in our churches, communities, and homes – All Saints Day; Election Day; Veteran's Day; Christ the King Sunday (which ends the church's liturgical year); Thanksgiving Day; and, believe it or not, the First Sunday of Advent! Autumn is moving right along; and, with it the joys and blessings that come when we look around, embrace the season, and share the joys of being thankful for all that God has given to us. Is it fun and games all the time? Well, of course not; but, even in the sad times and difficult times, we still can be thankful, embracing God's grace that gets us through those times.

November 2 – We at First UMC will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, a time when we remember those who have come before us. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour the night before so you won't be too early for worship.

November 11 – Veteran's Day is celebrated nationwide. Did you know this day used to be known as Armistice Day? Here's some information this writer stumbled upon while looking for something else: "On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember



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those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation." Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954. On this national holiday, some churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV)."

November 23 – Christ the King Sunday, "a day we honor the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together (Jeremiah 23:1–6; Colossians 1:11–20)". The congregation at First UMC will be enjoying a harvest lunch following worship. If you are in worship with us on this day, we welcome you to join in the meal.

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day. Do you take on the responsibility of praying over the thanksgiving meal and are looking for something new to say? Here is a prayer that may speak to you: Gracious God, thank you for every good gift – for the food before us, the people around us, and the love that

surrounds us. Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice in your constant goodness and grace. May our hearts overflow with gratitude, not just today, but every day. Amen.

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent, the day that begins the Advent and Christmas seasons. Advent is a time of waiting and anticipating the birth of the Christ Child. It's a time when we follow the journey of Mary and Joseph, from the time the angels come to them to tell them to not be afraid to take on this scary, new life God is giving them, through the journey to Bethlehem where the angels proclaim the birth of Jesus ... Behold! I bring you good news!

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesdays, 2-5 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags. All purchases are by donation. Gently worn, good, clean, used clothing only is accepted and welcomed. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, BEDDING, ETC. We cannot emphasize this enough! We look forward to seeing you!

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"Stones from the Creek"

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

The days are shorter now, what a perfect time to talk about longevity. The definition of longevity in business is "the ability of a company to not only survive but also to thrive and remain relevant over a long period, often through adaptation and innovation." So, if you were to look in the dictionary for a business with longevity in our town, you would see the Stony Creek Inn.

This month I will be starting with the history of the original inn. Future columns will be discussing the second inn, the third inn and ending with a conversation with Dot Bartell who has owned the current inn for 45 years. I am hoping to give a perspective into a woman owning a business, trials, tribulations, successes, and knowing Dot probably a few good stories.

H. P Smith's History of Warren County reveals that the old (the first inn) hotel was originally built by William H. Lewis in the winter of 1869-70, and was known as the Creek Center House. Smiths also says that Lewis kept the hotel a short time and next rented it to C.H. Nims for 2 years. Clark Nims is listed with his father John in the 1870 census as hotel keepers. Clark was 26 years old at the time. George Kathan next kept the hotel for one-year, next John J Winslow for 2 years. In the April 13, 1875 edition of the Glens Falls Republican it reported that Albert Day of Huntsville, Saratoga County and A. D. Scribner of Stony Creek "have purchased the Creek Centre Hotel together". Albert at the time was a mason, and A. D Scribner was a grocer and lumberman. The Republican reports on April 26, 1876 that Richard Rhodes has bought the Creek Centre Hotel...now the weary drummer can find rest and a shelter in Stony Creek. D. M. Dunlap was the proprietor from spring of 1877 to spring of 1879. Dunlap's successor was M. L. Messenger who owned it for one year. (April 25, 1881) On March 8 1882, Messenger sold the hotel to Columbus Gill. In February of 1883 Columbus Gill deeded the hotel back to M. L. Messenger. In December of 1883, M. L. Messenger deeded the property to Ruth Dunlap. Her husband was David Dunlap. (owner from 1877-1879) Dunlap ran the hotel when H.P. Smith's History book was written. It stated that "He sets a very good table and has neatly kept and neatly

furnished rooms for the thirty guests he can accommodate. The assessment for the hotel when Messenger owned it was valued at \$400.00. The next year under Dunlap's ownership it was valued at \$1000.00. Dunlap later had a successful store and post office on Harrisburg Road not far from the Four Corners. A deed shows that Wallace and Anna Miles owned the hotel for a period after Dunlap. In October of 1886, the Warrensburg News reported that "W.R. Miles advertises his hotel property for sale."

Continued next month.

Till next time,

Cindy



The original Stony Creek Inn

In 1993, Dr. Lawrence Cummings from Chenango County Museum, in Norwich New York sent me an inquiry and photo copy of it. He stated that the picture had made its way to his museum, reasons unknown. He wanted to know if I wanted the original. After some research it was determined to be the original Inn. This is the only picture know to exist.

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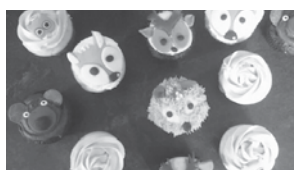
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Part 2 of 2...

Upon my request years ago for a story about “Romance at the Ranch,” I was gifted with this delightful response. In honor of my heavenly friend, Carol Whitcomb Berliner, who was a great and grand storyteller, I pass on to you her recollections of employment at the Painted Pony Ranch from 1957-1962 as a high school teenager.

Reflecting back on funny happenings – one night people checked in late at the annex. They needed a rollaway -It was delivered to the room but never opened up. The next morning, I discovered they slept in it without being totally opened up. Talk about a fetal position.

Another day, Walt was out by the pool and he heard a loud crack, Jimmy Rosano had dropped one dozen large platters-broke most. Walt came running over – he was taking the cost out of his pay – making \$18.24 a week. – how many weeks would he have had to work to pay for them??? Never happened.

Betty would have a cheesecake in the walk – in – cooler for personal use – and it would slowly disappear – we couldn’t image how a mouse got in there – and left no teeth marks.

Another job I had at PPR was a cocktail waitress at the Long Horn. We wore red sating dresses with black fishnet stockings. This was where the city girls could meet real cowboys. Walt would tell the guys to show the gals a good time. Many singles came up by bus to Lake George and Glens Falls and Charlie would pick them up at the stations and they would stay at the ranch. They could also walk up to Route 9N where there was a row of bars, dancing and music.

There were a lot of “sparks that flew” at the ranches during this time. Such as Ronnie Martin met Kathy, a guest, and later were married and went on to develop the Double M Rodeo and Western Store, Ernie Berger, a waiter, met Darcy, a cocktail waitress at the Long Horn and also later married. And, I met my husband, Don DeBasio. He came up on Labor Day Weekend with his sister and family and stayed in the Annex. Saturday morning, the chambermaid, Sharon Champagne, came in the main lodge saying what a mess the Annex was. Don had hosted a party for anyone and everyone. I told Sharon after breakfast I would help her clean it up. Then prior to lunch, Don came into the lounge at the Lodge to wait for lunch. I asked him if he had hosted the party in the Annex last night and he admitted he had. I then told him I wasn’t to have another one.....unless he invited me. He did – and the following year we were married.

After 47 years, thinking of the times I had and the people I met at Painted Pony Dude Ranch puts a smile on my face and gives me a happy heart. The ranch was the best place to work.

- Hope you enjoyed Carol’s story.

In Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War

We honor our veterans who served on those “Roads to Freedom” during 1775-1783 and are buried here in the Town of Lake Luzerne, New York Cemeteries

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	Jacob Randall
Luzerne Cemetery	Asa Rice
	Abnor Richardson
Methodist Cemetery	Abijah Adams
	John Austin
	Benjamin Beach
	Ira Even
	John Hall
	Jeremiah Russell
	Garrett Sneddier
	Aaron Vandebogert

Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

A dark salamander flashed into mind when I thought of the topic “gratitude for small things.” They remind me of scratch-off tickets. If I’m picking up fire wood that’s been on the ground for a while, I usually uncover a salamander or two under the logs and it’s fun to see them. The same with scratch-offs friends have given me. I scratch away, uncovering the winning icon once or twice under the silver paint, and it’s fun to see them, even though I realize ten seconds later there’s no prize! All in all I’d rather see the salamander.

I’m grateful for many small things.

Salamanders have not traditionally appeared in Thanksgiving writings. They are mostly hidden and mysterious and who even knows much about them? All I know is from a nature article I read. According to the Conservationist, the biomass of salamanders in the Adirondacks is greater than the biomass of all the Adirondack moose. That’s startling. In other words, if all the salamanders within the Adirondack boundaries, were rounded up and put on a scale, they would outweigh hundreds of moose! I will defer to the biologists who probably know all about this, but I had to weigh that idea a little bit. Just about every acre of damp Adirondack forest could host hundreds or thousands of these little amphibians, meanwhile, many miles stretch out between the moose families. So, okay, maybe. Small things add up.

Just like every thought.

As a Native American elder teaches a youngster, there are two wolves inside of you. One is a good wolf and one is a bad wolf. They fight each other. The boy ponders the vivid image and asks, Which will win? The elder responds, “Which one are you feeding?” Every thought counts. Change your thoughts, change your life.

When two sisters were imprisoned long ago during war, they found many small things to be grateful for. They had managed to keep possession of their family Bible. From that they drew spiritual strength and hope. Gratitude was their spiritual discipline. As they found various things to be grateful for, one of them declared with irritation that it was impossible be grateful for lice. But her sister countered that it was essential to be grateful for all things. Even lice? Yes, even lice. They survived and eventually learned that their infestation of lice had kept the guards from overseeing them more diligently. While the guards avoided the infested area, they studied Scriptures freely and were the least supervised of all the prisoners.

So am I grateful for all the bugs? Not yet. Not so much the ones that demolish my plants. They do cause me to reflect, however, and be thankful that I’m not actually going hungry if my garden fails. It’s a productive hobby, not something I desperately depend on. Every tomato or squash I tote back to the house is a bonus, a small celebration of success, just a pleasure.

There are many bugs I do enjoy. I’m grateful for darting dragonflies that eat a few mosquitoes; green lacewings - elegant eaters of aphids; ladybugs - a bright spot in my day; bees humming while they work; butterflies and fireflies, universally loved. Beetles can be beautiful. Even blackflies work as pollinators.

I’m grateful to be at home in the Adirondacks, off-the-grid, surrounded by small things that I enjoy.

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Serve Community at Village Block Party

Truly personifying the Lions' motto of "We Serve", the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club offered free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks to the hundreds who attended the Village of Broadalbin Annual Block Party held along Main Street.

The Lions manned a booth along the route and handed out food and drinks to all who strolled by. Club President Bob Townsend said "our Club's participation in this event is another opportunity to show the community that we, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, are present and always available to assist and support our neighbors here in greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield".

Along with food and drink, the Lions also distributed promotional materials for joining Lions, an ongoing fundraising car wash program at Hoffman Car Wash, and a special presentation by the FBI on elder abused to take place on Oct. 23 at the Perth Town Hall.



Taking the Lion's motto of "We Serve" literally, Broadalbin-Perth Lions, handed out free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks to the hundreds who attended the Village of Broadalbin Annual Block Party held along Main Street. Many passersby donated voluntarily and expressed their appreciation for all of the humanitarian projects the club undertakes throughout the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield area. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Open New Doors at "Field of Dreams"

Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions along with Broadalbin Youth Commission member Keith Buchanan put in some extra time this past weekend as they reconfigured one of the structures at the Broadalbin Athletic Fields by adding extra doors. The fields, also referred to as the "Field of Dreams", have been a longterm community service project of the Lions since 2008.



Broadalbin Youth Commission member Keith Buchanan, center, is flanked by Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Bob Townsend, Tom Kevlin, Tim Ott, and Mike Auricchio who proudly point to their handiwork after having installed additional doors at one of the structures at Broadalbin's "Field of Dreams". (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Bob Townsend, left, and Mike Auricchio, right, work on cutting pieces that will frame out the new doors being installed on one of the structures at the Broadalbin Athletic Fields. The fields, also referred to as the "Field of Dreams", have been a longterm community service project of the Lions since 2008. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Valerie Kevlin).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Tom Kevlin, left, and Mike Auricchio, right, team up to install the locking hardware on one of the new doors on one of the structures at the Broadalbin Athletic Fields. The fields, also referred to as the "Field of Dreams", have been a longterm community service project of the Lions since 2008. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Valerie Kevlin).



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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is hard to believe that the holiday season is right around the corner. Our students, teachers, and staff have been hard at work the first few months of school.

On Thursday, October 2, 2025, students presented Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brennan with special thank you's for National Custodian Day! We thank you for taking such great care of our building and grounds! We truly appreciate you both!



On Friday, October 3, 2025 during Eagle Morning Program, we honored Students and a Staff Member of the Month. The PBIS word of the month was "remarkable"! We would like to congratulate the following students and staff member for being "remarkable". Way to go, everyone!:

PK - Finnegan

K - Adalynn

1 - Michael

2 - Gideon

3 - 6th - Gabby and Koupas

Teacher/Staff: Ms. Millington



The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 13 - 17, 2025 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. The Edinburg Common School District is joining public school districts across the state as we honor our local Board of Trustees for their commitment to the school community and its children. We would like to thank Mrs. Angela Ludwig, Board President, Dr. Mary Ann Borden, Vice President, and Mr. Robert McCloskey, Board Member, for their ongoing support and dedication to the Edinburg Common School District.



Also celebrated October 20 - 24, 2025 is National School Bus Safety Week! We are thankful for the Edinburg Common School District's bus drivers, Ms. Becky Burden, Mrs. Doreen

Cunningham, and Mr. John Flood for transporting our students safely each and every day! We thank you for your dedication to our students and families!



Parent Teacher Conferences for the fall of 2025-2026 will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and Friday, November 7, 2025. During these two half days and evening hours, teachers will have conferences with parents and/or guardians to discuss the first months of school. It is very important for our teachers and families to have these connections to discuss the positive things happening in the classroom and/or any concerns since returning to school. Teachers will be in contact with parents to schedule those meetings if you didn't have the opportunity to sign up during Open House. Please make every effort to attend.

Please remember to support the Edinburg PTO at the annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. We cannot wait to see everyone, but if you want to enjoy this meal at home we will still have meals to go as well. Basket raffles will be available to view and place your tickets for a chance to win. Good luck! Thank you to all of our local businesses and community members that donated a basket this year!



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

Dates to Remember:

- November 4th - PTO Meeting 4:45 PM
- November 6th - Parent Teacher Conference Half Day Dismissal 11:45 AM
- November 7th - Eagle Morning Program (Veterans Day Assembly) 8:00 AM
- November 7th - Parent Teacher Conferences Half Day Dismissal 11:45 AM
- November 8th - Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Basket Raffles 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- November 10th - Superintendent Conference Day - No School
- November 11th - Veterans Day Observance - No School
- November 12th - Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM
- November 14th - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- November 25th - Emergency Early Release 2:30 PM
- November 26th - 28th Thanksgiving Break

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What is Veteran's Day?

Veterans Day honors all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, whether living or deceased, and is a day for expressing gratitude for their courage, honor, and sacrifice in protecting American freedoms. The holiday began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, and was renamed in 1954 to include all veterans of all wars.

Origins and Meaning

Armistice Day:

The holiday's roots are in the end of World War I, a conflict that ceased at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919, as Armistice Day to honor the veterans of World War I and for world peace.

Renaming to Veterans Day:

After World War II and the Korean War, veteran service organizations lobbied for the holiday's name to change to Veterans Day to recognize the sacrifices of all veterans who served in the armed forces.

Distinction from Memorial Day

While Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the military, Veterans Day is a broader observance that honors all who have worn the uniform, whether their service was during wartime or peacetime.

Purpose and Observance

Veterans Day is a solemn day to reflect on and express appreciation for the service and sacrifices of veterans and their families.

It is a day to thank living veterans for their contributions and to acknowledge their dedication to protecting the nation's freedoms.



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Sacandaga Protection Committee

This time of year, I often become reflective about all the things I have done, the places I've been and people I have met and known along the way.

Sometimes when I am with my friends, we talk about all the changes we have been a witness to. We all agree that some were good things, some bad and some were bound to happen for the sake of progress.

We decided to write a list of all the businesses we could think of that have closed. This list included a variety of businesses, restaurants, bars, various types of store, lumber companies, funeral homes and factories. Our latest total came to 60 business. That is probably a conservative number. I am sure there are many more but our memories are not what they used to be. This spans the 50-60 years of our memories.

We have also seen growth and progress in many areas. We saw the old blue bridge in Northville replaced as well as the Batchellorville bridge in Edinburg. These were huge projects that made a huge impact on our everyday lives during their construction but were a greatly needed improvement. We have seen a new Edinburg Common School built several additions and improvements done at Northville Central School and the merging of Broadalbin-Perth Schools and their expansions and additions.

We have residents in the area whose families have been here since before the construction of the Sacandaga Reservoir. These families lost property, homes and businesses but many are still here raising their families because of their love of the area. We've had a great deal of new residential buildings being constructed over the years. We have many new residents here now. There are people who have taken a keen interest in the

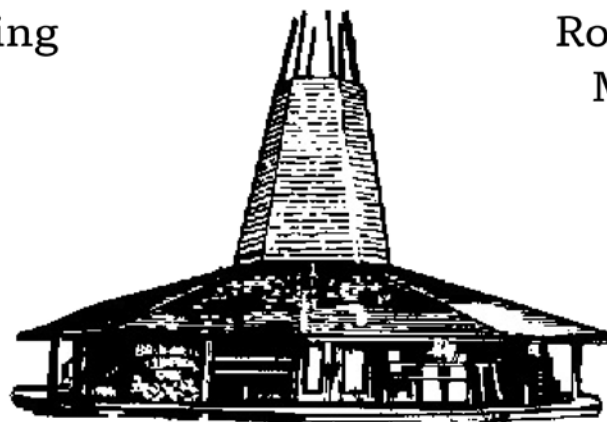
history of the area, some are learning as they go and there are possibly some that have no real interest in it's history but are enjoying the area.

The GSL and surrounding areas are great recreational areas that can be enjoyed year-round. It is not just a summer place for boating and fishing in the summer. During the winter there is snow machining, skating, skiing and ice fishing. The fall has the changing of the leaves and can be enjoyed during a hike, or a drive around the area. There are many local businesses to stop at to shop or go for a bite to eat. Spring is the time 4 wheeling and the beginning of fishing season.

There is much to learn about the area past present and future it is our hope that everyone will begin to understand that the economic health of the whole area is important to all people. All people, part time, full time and those just visiting. Supporting local businesses is good for all involved and maintaining the health of the GSL is crucial to all of us. The SPC works to keep access as it is for all to enjoy. Follow us on Facebook and to support our mission please consider a donation to the SPC at PO Box 86 Mayfield, NY 12117.



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From Hawk....

Lucas told me his eyes bounced over him to the next person. :t) I love that he can laugh at himself. The coach told him to come back next year and he will get more field action. I think he would be okay, regardless.

Changing topics - As many of you have already realized, upstate NY has been in a pretty significant drought for the last few months. I have not seen it this dry in all my years being here (since 2013). Many people have been struggling – and we have been doing what we could to keep up with the crazy. Thankfully, the forecast shows rain, but it will take a long time before the ground re-saturates. Now that we have 3 drill rigs and 2 crews, we are able to service people more quickly. The third rig is a buffer – there is ALWAYS something broken down; these rigs take a beating. I have the schedule run pretty tightly and always have my fingers crossed for no drama.

When Jeremy and I first took over (now 5 years ago), we only had 1 drill rig. It was very nerve-racking; we always felt like we were on borrowed time. We purchased a sister rig from a friend who owns a drilling company in southern NY, but just had our new rig delivered this past September. It was important to first have a sister rig to our rig, because you can rob parts from each other. The new rig is a different brand and is very cool because it is much more automated. Jeremy can now easily drill by himself (not that he wants to, but sometimes he has to). There is an arm that grabs the drill rod and brings it over to the table for drilling, just by pressing some buttons. The other 2 rigs require a person to climb up the side of the rig, attach an insert into the drill rod to allow it to be pulled up and over to the table by a crane. Granted, cool things can also mean more things that can break. I don't want to think about what it would cost to fix the auto-arm.

Final story – we purchased a Sambar – you know, one of the Japanese mini-trucks! A customer came in and I followed him out to his car and he was driving it. I commented that Jeremy and I have wanted one for years. He told me that he was selling it and literally going up to Lake George to put a for-sale sign on it. I told him, “no you aren't, I'm buying it”. We got it wrapped in an American flag and the front looks like it is smiling. I hope you get to see it around, because it's adorable. It is road-legal, but not good in the winter (I doubt we would even be able to get it to start). Jeremy loves driving it – I don't know how to drive standard and to make matters worse, the steering is on the right side...so it is Jeremy's toy. We are talking about driving it in local parades and throwing candy from the back. It just makes me happy.

Anyway, Happy T-day to everyone!

Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

The last month has been like a whole new life for Jeremy and I, now that Lucas is driving. He picks Acadia up from practices, they go to late night games and don't walk in until near 10. He also goes grocery shopping for me (although this needs work). It is really bizarre that he comes and goes as he pleases now, but it is hard to even recall what it was like before this. At first, I had to push him out the door, "Go see your friends!". Now he just texts me that he is going somewhere.

Both kids are back at Corinth now – pretty sure I wrote about that in a previous article. They both decided to join Soccer. Admittedly, Acadia is better than Lucas, but they are still very new to playing Soccer and, unsurprisingly, get little field time. Acadia gets frustrated because she is competitive and wants the opportunity to get better and prove herself, but I think Lucas is perfectly fine cheering on his team from the sidelines. He made me laugh over a story of his coach scouring through the residual guys on the bench, looking for someone to send in.

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