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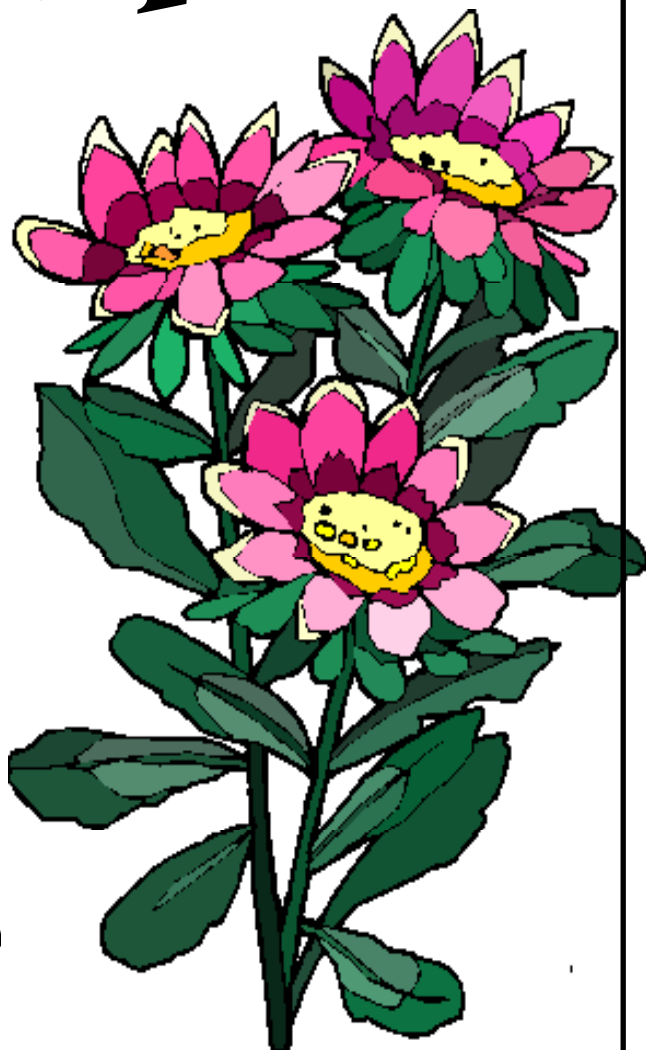
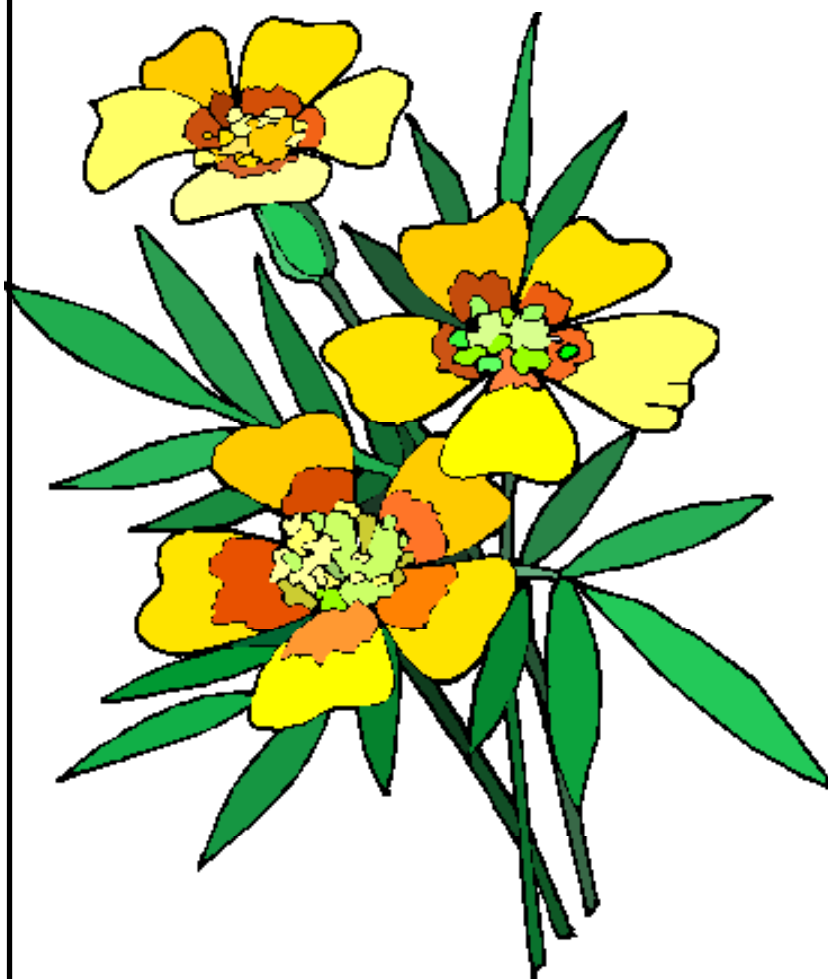
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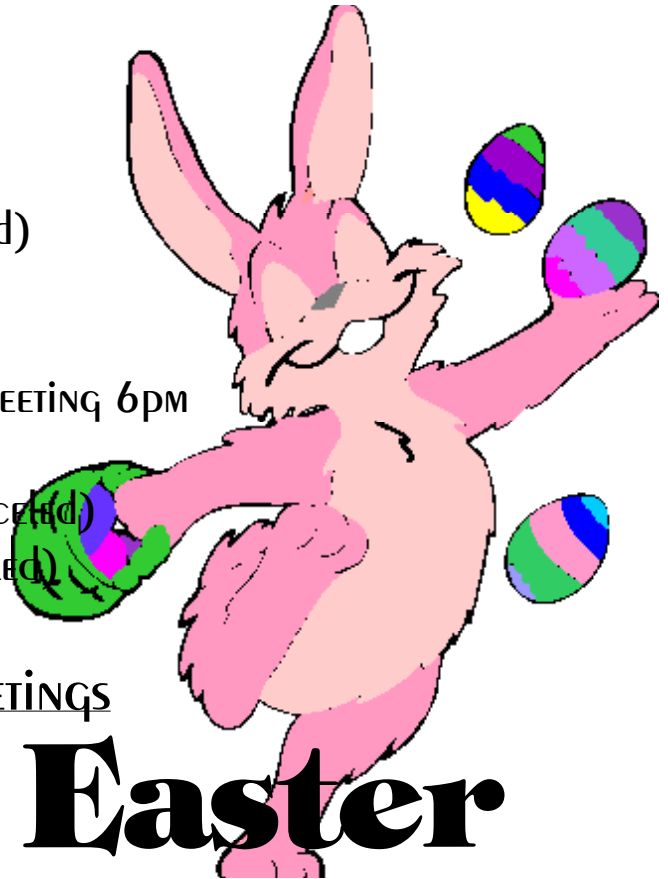
APRIL 2020 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

THURS 2	Ed ZONING BOARD (CANCELED)
Fri. 10	SACANDAGA SENIORS 1:00
SUN 12	HAPPY EASTER
MON 14	Edinburg School BOARD MEETING 6pm
THURS 16	Ed TOWN BOARD 6:30pm
TUES 21	Ed HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CANCELED)
THURS 23	Ed PLANNING BOARD (CANCELED)
Fri 24	SACANDAGA SENIORS 1:00

CHECK BEFORE GOING TO ANY MEETINGS

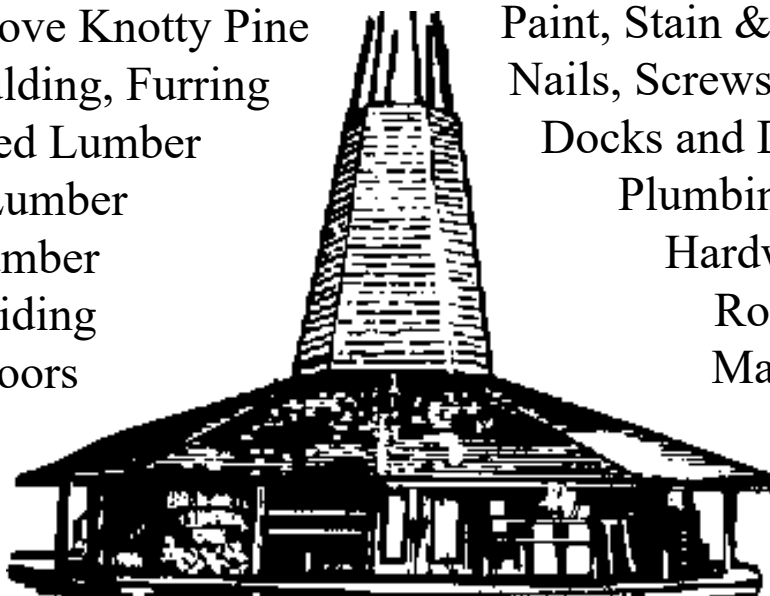
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Emma L.

Tiffany F.

Butch R.

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STFSL Thank You

The Sacandaga Task Force For Senior Living wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make our 6th Annual Pasta and Wine Tasting Event a complete success. Held on March 7th at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Northville, the following restaurants contributed some of their best dishes to the evening. The Inn at the Bridge, Timeless Tavern, Klippels Kozy Korner, Jay's Village Pizza, Cristiano's Pizza, and the newest member of our community, the Local Five and Dine represented Northville. In addition, we had offerings from Placid Pines, Sport Island Pub, Shelby's Four Corners, and Vic's Tavern. During the evening those present were able to vote for their favorite dish. This year the winner was Buffalo Chicken Tortellini prepared by the chef at Placid Pines. The restaurant will receive a plaque which they can display in their dining area.

Our guests enjoyed all of this delicious food, and were also able to pair some tasty wines from the Northville Liquor Store with the pasta. Desert was handled as always by Mernin's Pie Shop, which brought many of their sweet treats, including of course, their signature rice pudding.

We must also thank the members of the Interact Club from the Northville Central School. These students, under the supervision of Board Member Carla Williams, set up all the tables and dressed them with tablecloths, napkins, and silverware. Their help was invaluable.

During the event the Task Force sold chances for a 50/50 prize. The amount collected totaled just over \$200. The woman who won her half of the prize very graciously donated it back to the Task Force. Thank you!

Thanks also to several members of the Northville community who contributed by serving the food, and we mustn't forget our friend from Mayfield who took charge of pouring the wine. This annual event is one of our Task Force's major fundraisers, and the money we collect goes to our Senior Transportation program, which includes both driving seniors to medical appointments, and taking them on trips to cultural, musical, and scenic sites in the area.

Again, thank you to all who were involved in this very successful evening!

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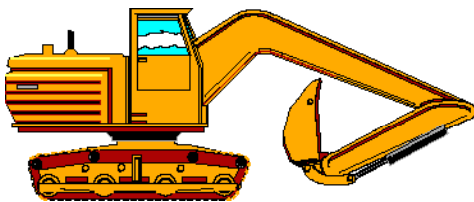
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Free Tax Return Preparation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is offering free tax help to families and individuals whose household income is below \$57,000. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit for which you may qualify. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing (e-filing) will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account. To schedule a tax appointment for Warren & Washington County call 1-800-211-5128.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Annual Plant Sale

Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th 8:30am – 4:30pm

Please join us for our annual plant sale fundraiser which benefits both 4-H Youth Program and the Master Gardener Program.

We will have a large variety of annual and perennial flowers, herbs, and vegetables.

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EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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by Jean Raymond



The Town of Edinburg has declared a State of Emergency due to the coronavirus outbreak. The town offices are closed to the public, minimizing direct contact with anyone for the well-being of all. Anyone needing assistance please contact the Town Hall via telephone at 518-863-2034, email at edinburg@roadrunner.com or fax to 518-863-2985 and you will be contacted. Residents who have any questions -please call or email so we can try to help you with any problems or concerns.

The Community Center is also closed and the Congregate Senior Meal Site is closed. Home delivered meals will be delivered by the Saratoga County Office of the Aging. No outside groups will be using the facilities during the shutdown. The Court have been closed until May 4th. All schools are closed.

Garbage and Recycling will be collected on the normal schedule. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station will be closed on Friday and open from 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday for disposal of garbage and recycling ONLY.

The reuse area and book lending area will be closed. Residents are asked to dispose of their items and NOT PARK or linger at the center and to avoid close contact with the employees or other users.

The health and safety of our employees, residents and visitors at this difficult time is our concern. We ask that everyone use good judgment, wash your hands frequently, keep your hands away from your face and maintain safe social distances.

The situation is changing daily and we will make adjustments as circumstances warrant. At this

writing there are 26 Saratoga County residents who have tested positive for the coronavirus and well over 100 in mandatory or voluntary quarantine. The Governor today ordered 100% of non-essential workers to stay at home and many businesses to shut down completely. Restaurants and bars may only offer pickup or delivery and malls are being closed. This is taking a major toll on small as well as large businesses. Please make every effort to support our local businesses. They may need each of us to help them survive.

For Additional Information on Coronavirus/ Covid-19 go to the Saratoga County Web Page at: saratogacountyny.gov Under Departments go to Public Health Services.

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GOVERNOR CUOMO SIGNS THE 'NEW YORK STATE ON PAUSE' EXECUTIVE ORDER

10-Point Policy that Assures Uniform Safety for Everyone

**100% Closure of Non-Essential Businesses
Statewide, Effective 8pm Sunday — Exceptions
Made For Essential Services Such as Groceries and
Healthcare**

**“Matilda’s Law” Will Provide New Protections for
Most Vulnerable Populations - New Yorkers Age
70 and Older, People with Compromised Immune
Systems and Those With Underlying Illnesses**

**Directs 90-Day Moratorium on Any Residential or
Commercial Evictions**

**Asks PPE Product Providers to Sell Non-Essential
Products to the State and Encourages Companies to
Begin Manufacturing PPE Products**

**Confirms 2,950 Additional Coronavirus Cases in
New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 7,102;
New Cases in 23 Counties**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the
“New York State on PAUSE” executive order, a
10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone.
It includes a new directive that all non-essential
businesses statewide must close in-office personnel

functions, and temporarily bans all non-essential
gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason.

Governor Cuomo also announced “Matilda’s
Law” - named for the Governor’s mother - to protect
New York’s most vulnerable populations, including
individuals age 70 and older, those with compromised
immune systems and those with underlying
illnesses. The measure requires this group of New
Yorkers to stay home and limit home visitation to
immediate family members or close friends in need
of emergency assistance. If it is necessary to visit
such individuals, the visitor should get prescreened by
taking temperature and seeing if person is exhibiting
other flu-like symptoms. Both individuals should
wear a mask for the duration of the visit.

The Governor also announced a 90-day
moratorium on any residential or commercial
evictions.

Additionally, amid a shortage of personal
protective equipment — or PPE — products in
the state, including gloves, masks and gowns, the
Governor is asking all PPE product providers to sell
to the state any products that are not essential or not
currently being used. Businesses interested in selling
products to the state should contact Simonida Subotic
at 646-522-8477 or covid19supplies@exec.ny.gov.

The Governor is also encouraging any
company with the proper equipment or personnel to
begin to manufacture PPE products if possible. The
state is willing to provide funding to any company
to obtain the proper equipment and personnel.

Businesses interested in receiving
state funding to manufacture PPE
products should contact Eric Gertler at
212-803-3100 or COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov.

“We know the most effective
way to reduce the spread of this
virus is through social distancing
and density reduction measures,”
Governor Cuomo said. “I have said
from the start that any policy decision
we make will be based on the facts,
and as we get more facts we will
calibrate our response accordingly.
This executive order builds on the
actions we have taken to reduce the



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spread of the virus and protect the wellbeing of our friends, colleagues and neighbors. But again, I want to remind New Yorkers that the panic we are seeing is outpacing the reality of the virus — and we will get through this period of time together.”

The Governor’s 10-point NYS on PAUSE plan is as follows:

1. Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide will be closed;

2. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;

3. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;

4. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;

5. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;

6. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;

7. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;

8. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;

9. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and

10. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes.

“Matilda’s Law” includes the following rules for vulnerable populations:

- Remain indoors;
- Can go outside for solitary exercise;
- Pre-screen all visitors and aides by taking their

temperature and seeing if person is exhibiting other flu-like symptoms;

- Do not visit households with multiple people;
- Wear a mask when in the company of others;
- To the greatest extent possible, everyone in the presence of vulnerable people should wear a mask;
- Always stay at least six feet away from individuals; and
- Do not take public transportation unless urgent and absolutely necessary.

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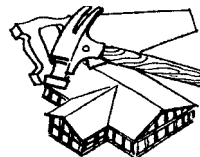
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The Library will change to its Spring and Summer hours beginning Friday, April 3. At this time, through August, the library will extend Friday hours until 4 pm.

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Apr 14 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jane Washburn will lead a discussion of "Truth Worth Telling" by Scott Pelley. A memoir by a correspondent who was witness to events that changed our world. The book offers a collection of inspiring tales that reminds us of the importance of values in uncertain times.

Hours:

April - August

Monday	9am - Noon
Tuesday	9am - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - Noon

The Friends of the Library Executive Committee has announced the dates of its summer fund raisers. The Mammoth Book Sale will be held July 2, 3, and 4 from 9 am to 5 pm, and the Ice Cream Social and Raffle is slated for Saturday, July 25; 5 - 8 pm.

The Friends have scheduled their Annual Meeting for Thursday, July 9 at 7pm with award winning songwriters and singers Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudel. Their program "Adirondack Lumber Camp Songs" includes music as well as informative narratives about the logging camps in the 1800s.

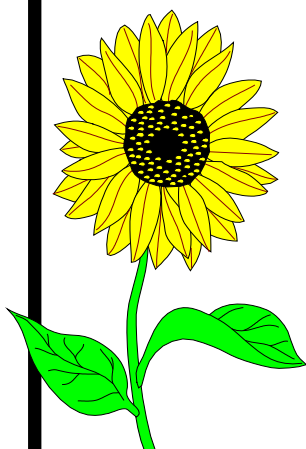
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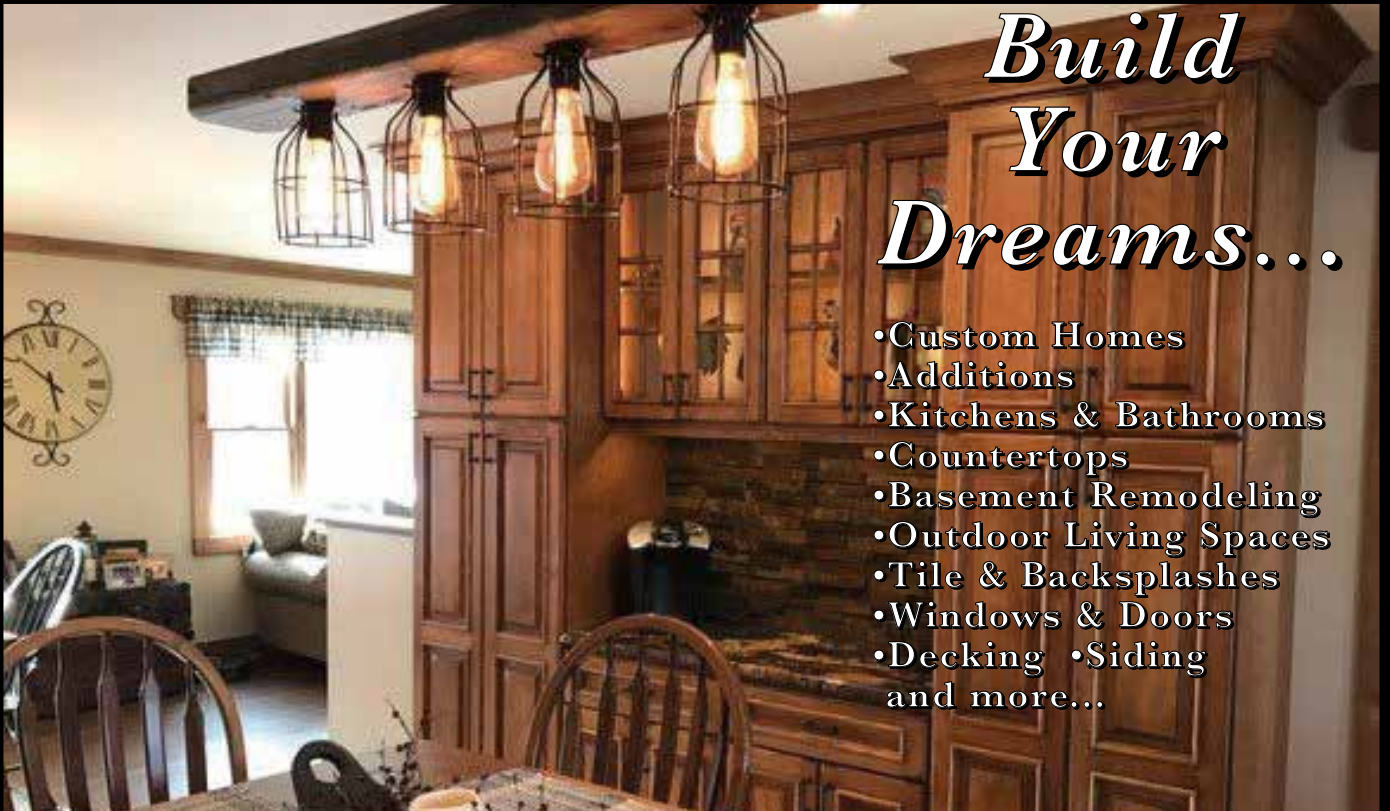
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The week preceding Easter is called the Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, a Celebration of Jesus Triumphant entry to Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after his Crucifixion and burial. Palm Sunday service is April 5 at 9: AM. A Special Maundy Thursday service is at 5:PM April 9. Easter service is Sunday April 12 at 9:AM.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT—

*by Town of Edinburg Historian,
Priscilla L. Edwards*

The calendar tells us there are four seasons in each year. Those of us living in the North Country are well aware of two more seasons: “mud” and “black fly”.

Mud season is basically the “spring thaw”, when the weather warms and the earth starts to thaw, taking away the frost and leaving mud.

In this day and age mud season probably affects farmers and loggers more than anyone else. At the first signs of warm days and soft ground, loggers start pushing the hours of daylight to finish a job while the truckers hauling the logs and pulpwood to the mills are working almost night and day to clean up a job. For many farmers who are seasonal loggers, mud season coincides with maple syrup season. This is a farmer’s advantage allowing him to work the sugar bush while the log roads dry up.

Pulp mills and saw mills always stock-piled wood and logs ahead of time so as to have enough materials to continue operating during mud season. Sad to say-saw mills have been fast disappearing from our rural scene in the past few years.

Mud season was never a wasted season. Long before the automobile this time was spent repairing farm machinery, wagons, harnesses, out buildings and even dooryards. Years ago lawns did not exist as they do today. The driveway and yard was often one big dooryard which became very muddy in the spring. To solve this problem the owner would ditch and drain what he could; then fill the mud holes with wagon-loads of stone. Thus if anyone living in an old farmhouse finds it next to impossible to till up a flower bed, that might be the reason.

Maintenance work wasn’t restricted to the farmers either. Vic Brownell, founder of Brownell Lumber Company would send his men—I especially remember Fred “Curley” LaPort and my dad, Ashley Olmstead—to the airport hangar (Vic’s garage at the time) to do maintenance and major repairs to bulldozers, trucks and whatever other equipment needed work. Both men were good mechanics. The rest of the year my dad drove a log truck while Curley was a truck driver and bulldozer operator. When the snow was gone Vic would send his woods boss, Ken Hopkins, to check and repaint the property lines on the company’s many timber lots.

Even today’s farmers, loggers and truckers with all their huge equipment of tractors, skidders, harvesters, feller-bunchers and tractor trailers still count on mud season to make major repairs that will keep them running for the rest of the year.

Muddy roads may have been easier to travel with the use of horses or oxen but my guess would be that all the heavy hauling was completed before spring thaw if possible. Traveling during mud season may have been restricted to a horse and much lighter buggy or on horseback. Even before paved roads the towns and some counties posted their roads to a much lower load limit during mud season as they still do today, protecting the road beds from the extreme stress of heavier loads.

Prior to the mid 1950’s all of Edinburg’s town roads were of dirt. In mud season the roads would have terrible ruts and sink holes making them a real challenge to navigate. In the 1920’s and 30’s many a car owner found him or herself stranded in the middle of what had been a road just a few weeks earlier. What a smile was on the farmer’s face as he pulled the car out with his team of horses. “Anyone should know better than to buy one of those rattletrap machines.”

Anna Craig—who with her husband Lucian, lived on the corner of Morris and Military roads—tells us in her diary on March 15, 1946 “the buses (school) did not come this way AM but did PM, the road is mud.” The next day a neighbor, Walt Parr, brought their mail and got stuck in the mud. On March 19th “they honed the road”. A hone—owned by the town highway department—was a framework of iron approximately 8-8 ½ feet square with zig-zag pieces of angle iron going in all directions inside the framework. Pieces were attached to the top of the frame allowing it to be hooked and dragged by a team of horses. The hone would smooth the humps and bumps in the road by scraping off the high spots; depositing the mud and dirt into the low spots. This in essence helped to aerate the soil, drying up the mud. The same principal of “honing” can be seen if one tows a York rake over a muddy area. Ken Hopkins often pulled the town’s hone with his team of horses. Later on the town’s Colman truck may have been used. In time the grader replaced the hone and was towed by the Caterpillar tractor.

Interestingly enough—a couple days of steady rain does a lot to settle a muddy site.

Today many folks have black-topped driveways

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and even some sidewalks. Those with dirt driveways parked further from the house each day as the mud got worse. Many ended up parking at the very end of their driveway or even on the side of the main road for a few days. Wide wooden planks were put down on the path from driveway to house. Many homes had a boot scraper attached to the back stoop with a boot jack available to remove muddy boots or a burlap bag or gunny sack placed by the door to wipe your boots off. This was no time of year to shed your boots either. Did you ever step in the mud—only to lose your boot when you pulled your foot out?

As cars and roads improved one could manage fairly well if you stayed in the track and didn't venture to the edge of the road. Even today one would be wise to not wander onto dirt roads you're unfamiliar with especially in mud season. In the early 1960's a friend and neighbor, Dave Noyes, came to get my husband and his dump truck to help a stranger out of the mud up in Tennantville. The man had driven almost 2 miles from the end of the town road onto private property along a muddy logging road before getting stuck; then walking out for help. Since he was a native of India might explain his unconcern for dirt roads but we never did find out what he was doing in Tennantville. This was long before GPS's and cell phones.

Mud season often lasts until May and on rare occasions we might have more than one a year. In the early 1990's we experienced a spring thaw in February bringing all logging to a halt. Then we got a really hard freeze—back to work—only to have the second mud season in April. In 2009 we had a mud season in the fall due to all the rain we'd received all summer and fall. Most loggers were at a standstill until the winter freeze came in December.

My husband always thought one of the best things about the spring thaw years ago was when the old timers shed their long underwear and took a bath! It always helps to keep a sense of humor in mud season.

Black fly season strikes every year usually in early to mid-May and hopefully is over by mid-June. Some years are much worse than others. The flies always strike when we're trying to get our gardens and flower beds prepared for planting. They are especially attracted to the head, ears, eyes and facial area. It's really hard to work outside when both hands are swatting flies. I prefer using "Deep Woods Off" to discourage the hungry critters while others use "Old Woodsman" which has a much stronger scent. Over the years many folks have mixed up their own concoctions to keep the bugs away especially loggers and others who have to spend their days working outside. Some of these mixtures can be smelled a mile away but if it works—that's all that matters.

Gardeners and those wishing to spend some time outside will start a "smudge pot". All you need is an old metal bucket, start a small fire in it and gradually add a handful of grass. You'll soon have a smokey little smudge that the bugs won't like.

Many years ago a young man from NYC purchased a wooded lot in town. For several years he would come up from the city between mid-summer and mid-fall and stay a few weeks. A pleasant fellow he made friends with many townspeople, even donating some old maps to our museum. In time he became engaged and one year brought his fiancé to see his wooded property. He made one mistake however. They came up in black fly season! Within weeks the property was for sale and we've never seen him since. Those little critters can be very persuasive!

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EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

This year, the Fire Company responded to a total of nineteen calls. Among these: eight were mutual aid assistance to neighboring departments, two were to motor vehicle accidents, two were vehicle fires, and one structure fire. Other calls included: power lines down, CO2 detector response, an automatic fire alarm.

As we approach Summer many of us have gotten out the lawn mower or the garden tractor in preparation of doing battle with our lawns. There are a surprising number of lawn mower fires across the country each year, many are preventable. This article will address some of the practical things you can do to avoid a fire.

First, let's talk about gasoline and storage. Always use an approved storage container. Never store gas the same place you park your mower / tractor. Never add gas when your mower is hot. Go do some trimming or get a drink then come back to it. Only pour gas when you are in a well ventilated area. Use a plastic funnel and touch the spout of the storage container to the funnel when pouring. This will reduce the chance of a static electricity discharge. I know that sounds like a bit much, yet it can happen. That is the same reason you see a warning at gas pumps to set your container on the ground before adding fuel. Lastly, for those of you who smoke, it might be a good time to consider quitting.

Buying the correct type of gas for your

mower / tractor is also important in terms of fire safety. Small motors in my estimation don't run particularly well on an ethanol blend. But more importantly ethanol is very corrosive particularly to some of the plastic and rubber parts. It may cause deterioration over time. You need to check these parts every season for wear.

One scenario could be the deterioration of the needle valve in your small engine carburetor. It is this valve which holds back the gas until it is called for. If the valve is not working properly gas can continue flowing into the carburetor once you have parked your equipment in the shed, next to your gas can, closing the door, as you go into the house for a cold one. Your muffler up until just a few minutes prior, was at a temp of almost 1,200 degrees. You can see how this could go south in a hurry. Some simple solutions; install your own shut off valve if the unit does not have one. If it already does - use it. And let it cool down outside before storing your mower / tractor.

While not really a fire safety danger, please take a moment to remember the blades are spinning at a rate approaching two hundred miles per hour. If you are working on your equipment for any reason first remove the wire from your spark plug(s) to prevent accidental starting and people from calling you "Lefty" the rest of your life. Don't use your walk behind mower in situations it was not designed. I treated old 5hp. large wheel Craftsman as if it was a sickle bar mower, out there cutting dried grass which was a foot higher than the mower deck. That's a good way to start a fire in late July. Don't do it.

Lastly, keep your mower/ tractor clean by removing dead plant material, particular on the top of the deck and near the muffler. By doing these few small steps you may be saving yourself a lot of needless expense, while keeping yourself safe.



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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Edinburg Historical Society has cancelled their meeting for Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Edinburg Community Center.

The Sand Hill One-Room Schoolhouse has been completely renovated with a new roof, has been painted in and out by Joey Shield. Heat and air

conditioning will be installed in April. The original schoolroom part will be cleaned in the spring and kept just as Roy Pearsall left it with the flag, old schoolbooks, desks, antique stove and the picture of George Washington.

The 2019 Taste of Edinburg Cookbook may be purchased for \$10 at the Historian's office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 noon.

EHS continues to raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of the Copeland Historic Site which is comprised of the Copeland Covered Bridge and Carriage Shop. Your donation of \$25 will purchase a share certificate for yourself, as a gift, in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. An acknowledgement of your contribution will be sent to the recipient you requested, and the name will be posted at the Copeland Covered Bridge. Send your check and information to the above address.

IN MEMORY OF ROGER HOFF

The Edinburg Historical Society has lost an active and longtime member. Roger loved his summering in Edinburg for a good portion of his life, beginning in the 1940s, when he vacationed at the Palmer place on Pucker Street and continuing



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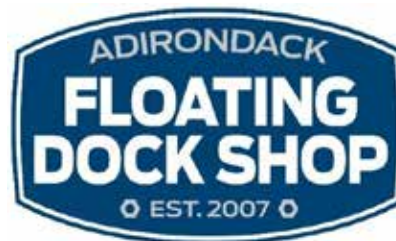
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after he bought Ross Mack's house on North Shore Road in 1980. Sitting on the backscreen porch listening to the music of Beecher Creek was his happiest time. He enjoyed sociability with the Lathers, Fred Brownell, Dona and Marshall Robinson in Beecher Hollow and with all of his friends in the Edinburg Historical Society.

Roger held various positions while a member of EHS, staffing the museums, the takeover of the Copeland Covered Bridge, co-chairing the Edinburg Walking Tours, Chairing the Nominating Committee for many years, and physical jobs like sealing the floor of the rural. In 2001 Roger invited antique dealers for an end of the year sale at the Rural Museum and that started the Annual Edinburg Fall Festival. Roger donated his 1917 Old Time Canoe for the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping exhibit. With his wife, Kathy they did a layout of the Rural Museum. Both Kathy and Roger were given the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2011 and in 2018 were honored to become Lifetime Trustees.



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Flower Talk

by Sally Peck of The Flower Barn

Will the Real Lily Flower please stand up? If you get that line, then I know how old you are not. :) There are hundreds of different true Lilies that all fall under the same Lilium genus. Any flowers called Lilies that don't fit in this group, such as the day lily or water lily, are not considered a true Lily. Lilium is a Latin term, derived from the Greek term leirion, which traces back through numerous civilizations to one of the first words for flower! This shows the importance of the Lily Flower through the centuries.

The Lilium Longiflorum is also called the Easter Lily because in Christianity it is a symbol of the resurrection of Christ. Also, according to legend, after Jesus' death and resurrection, these flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray the night before His crucifixion. Legend also has it that these flowers sprung up where drops of Jesus' sweat fell as he prayed.

Roman mythology links it to Juno, the queen

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of the gods. The story goes that while Juno was nursing her son Hercules, excess milk fell from the sky. Although part of it remained above the earth (creating the group of stars known as the Milky Way), the remainder fell to the earth, creating Lilies. Across religions, these lovely white flowers symbolize purity and grace.

Before the 1940's, Lily bulbs were mostly imported from Japan. The supply of bulbs was suddenly cut off after the attack on Pearl Harbor and Easter lilies became extremely valuable in the USA. Currently, nearly all Easter lily bulbs used in America are grown in Calif., Oregon as well as Canada,

All Lilies emerge from a humble bulb, but old-fashioned and heirloom Lilies produce true seeds you can share with loved ones and friends to spread the beauty around.

When you get your potted Lily home, remove the anthers (the pollen / the tip of the stems that grow from the center of the bloom). In the flower business we call that "Picking their Noses". This can extend the life of the flower and prevent pollen from staining the petals. Find a bright spot for it to grow (not intense sunlight) and avoid over-

watering. Once your lily has survived the colder days of Spring, you can plant it outside and enjoy it throughout summer! Plant the bulb to the same depth it was in the pot, then add a few inches of mulch around the roots. Be sure to water thoroughly at the beginning and during periods of growth. Be patient, you may have to wait until the next summer to see a second bloom on some plants. Like the Lily, you can take a regal stance and embrace your own power. Remember that renewal is just around the corner and the end of one thing heralds the beginning of another.

Floriography The beautiful flowers are actually related to another popular spring flower: the lily. Tulips are a part of the Liliaceae family, which also contains lilies, onions, garlic and asparagus. : White Lilies are a symbol of purity, hope and life. The striped pink Lily known as the Stargazer means ambition and encouragement when faced with a difficult challenge. Yellow Lilies commonly symbolize good health and healing, while red blooms speak of passion. Remember, Trust your Local Florist, contact them direct. Avoid the impersonal Order Gatherers, (E-Commerce 'flower' dealers) with their middleman and added fee\$.

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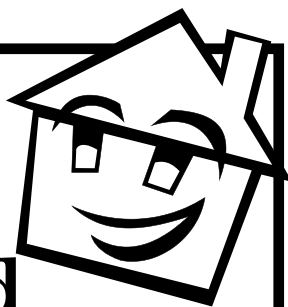
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by Capt. Stephen George, Secretary

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Spring fish stocking will be taking place this April and we anticipate putting over 4,000 trout into the lake. They will be a combination of brown and rainbow trout. This is a yearly event and the trout that grow in the lake are gorgeous. I've seen quite a few caught this fall and winter. The



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trout inhabit the entire lake until the waters start to warm up above 55-60 degrees. Once the temperature gets warm, they seek colder water which is usually found between the Batchellerville Bridge and the dam. Late in the summer those fishing out of the Town of Day public launch do very well on trout.

Remember that on Saturday May 2nd, the first open-water GSLFF tournament of the year will take place. Awards will be available for trout, walleye, and pike. Look for the flyers to sign up for the contest at our local shops; they should be out in April.

How do you get involved in a great organization that promotes the overall health of the GSL fishery? How about come to a meeting, join as a member for \$10, help out with walleye and fish stocking, hang out with the coolest fishermen and woman in the state ... it's that easy! The GSLFF meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Fish House Fish & Game Club located at 478 Fayville Rd, Broadalbin, NY. Additional Information can be obtained at our Website www.gslff.com or the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation facebook page.

Good luck and tight lines everyone!



Sacandaga Seniors

Sacandaga Seniors meet ever 2nd and 4th Fri. of each month at the Edinburg Senior Center. As I am writing this in Feb. and the United States has just started "Social Distancing", I am not sure if we will be open for the Month of April. If you are a member of the Sacandaga Seniors, you will get a phone call letting you know if we are open or not. If you are "not" a member and would like to join our Seniors, please call Carmen (518) 213-3536 to see if we are going to have a meeting in April.

Our tentative future meetings are:
 AARP Driver Safety Course-May 5th & 6th 8:30-11:30 & Sept. 1st & 2nd 8:30-11:30 pm
 *Contact Brian Griffin (518) 924-2216
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At TOPS 1005 Northville, our chapter provides the ideas & support to help you achieve your plan!

We are looking forward to Spring!! Thanks to Carmen Durkin and Terry Poulin for holding down the fort during the past Winter months!!

Carmen introduced a star contest to members... one earned a star for exercising, drinking water, no soda/candy, writing down what one eats, not eating between meals, eating on a smaller plate, park farther away from your destination are just a few of the things one can do during the day to earn a star! A little motivation to help members lose weight!

Members that lost weight this month were: Carmen Durkin and Nancy Franks!

Join us at TOPS NY 1005 Northville on Tuesdays! Weigh in begins at 4pm with the meeting to begin soon after...

We meet downstairs at the Bradt building (South Main St. in Northville) The first meeting is free.

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Hadley Business Association

Keeping Community Active

Dear Community Friends and Festival Vendors:
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Many of you have questions regarding the Maple in April Festival that the Hadley Business Association currently has scheduled for April 25 & 26, 2020. With the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, we are just like everyone else - treading on unfamiliar territory.

The Maple in April Festival committee met to discuss the upcoming festival and the current events with the Coronavirus. We decided to monitor the situation and come together March 31, 2020 to make a more informed decision to either cancel or postpone the festival until the middle of May. We believe that fresh air, sunshine, and exercise are key to a healthy lifestyle and thankfully, most of the Maple in April Festival activities / programs offered are outside, where visitors can choose how much - or how little - direct contact they have with others. With that said, the Hadley Business Association will approach each activity of the festival on an activity-by-activity basis.

We are taking this coronavirus seriously and doing the best we can to move forward as planned by paying close attention to the recommendations and guidance of local, state, and federal officials and health organizations. We will adjust the festival activities according to the Guidelines for Large Gatherings from the CDC and World Health Organization along with the latest NYS updates from Governor Cuomo. This will allow us to make the best decision we can from the information we have on hand. Striving to keep the many festival activities within the guidelines provided, we will "reduce group density" in confined areas by eliminating stage performers, and children's bounce-houses.

We ask that all of our festival-goers and vendors decide for themselves whether or not they feel comfortable joining us for the Maple in April Festival. If there is a hint of not feeling well or uncertainty, we ask they not attend out of concern for others' health.

The Hadley Business Association is a non-profit

organization, we depend on volunteers, festival events, and fundraisers to provide scholarships and to continue to offer all that we do for our communities. We all have concerns about the

potential negative economic impact COVID-19 will have on our communities. So, it has never been more important than now to support your favorite local businesses, organizations, and non-profits. We know that just as our communities have supported each other during the good times that we will all band together during this difficult time as well.

Be well, take care of yourself - and in the words of Teddy Roosevelt - do what you can, where you are, with what you have.

Sue Wilder
H.B.A. president

For up-to-date information regarding the Maple in April Festival visit our website: www.HadleyNYbusiness.org and [facebook.com/MapleInAprilFestival](https://www.facebook.com/MapleInAprilFestival)



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Northville United Presbyterian Church News

As Christians, Lent culminates in the good news that Easter Sunday brings to us: the news that all is, or will be well and the hope and promise of resurrection and salvation.

In today's environment particularly, when we are seemingly blindsided by challenging events, we may become overwhelmed and ask "why are we tested so?" Without definitive answers, we turn to each other... our friends, families, pastors, and communities as a whole... not for hope of receiving all the answers, but for comfort and the knowledge

that we all share the same degrees of fragility, and that we depend on each other to persevere. Many of us also turn to God through the Holy Bible, for stories and verses that provide comfort or a bit more insight into "what it is all about."

Sometimes, the best we can do to cope is to pray, hope, and wait for answers, hope for justice, hope for peace and the health and safety of our loved ones and our kindred humans. Those of us who are Christians believe that a strong FAITH can guide us through difficult times, even though we are severely challenged by seemingly unfathomable events.

In these times, it is well to reflect on a verse from Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." God has promised us the ASSURANCE that all will be well, with our conviction of God's promise, that is, with our FAITH.

On a more secular level, words that have always remained with me, paraphrased from the writings of Viktor Frankl, states that we must focus NOT on what we expect from LIFE, but instead, focus ON what Life expects from US. I believe that this calls us to always seek to meet life's challenges with courage, compassion, dignity, and love, no matter how hard the circumstances. And I also choose to equate "life" with "God" in this philosophy.

As we do our waiting and praying for challenges to be lessened, particularly with regard to the COVID-19 virus, we can help our Lord by following the guidance of our health care providers and experts and by WASHING OUR HANDS !

Until Next Month, WELLNESS, PEACE, LOVE, AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL !

(Please note that these are the thoughts of Frank Ralbovsky, Congregant and Elder of the Northville United Presbyterian Church)

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The Force is with Broadalbin Perth Middle School

Tedisco Honors Broadalbin-Perth Middle School Future City Team for Their Star Wars-Themed City of the Future Design
Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C,I,REF-Glenville) honored the Broadalbin-Perth Middle School Future City Team for their 2nd Place finish at the Capital

Region Future City Competition.

The Broadalbin-Perth students created a Star Wars-themed presentation of a city with a tainted water supply and an action plan for how to fix it. The team wrote an essay, built a 3D model of their city and presented before a panel of judges. In addition to winning second place in the completion, the team also won for Best Use of Construction Materials, Best Complete Streets Design and Best City to Live In.

Senator Tedisco welcomed the Broadalbin-Perth

Team to the state Capitol and presented them with a NYS Senate Proclamation. "The Force was with the Broadalbin Perth Middle School students who demonstrated their ingenuity and creativity with their Star Wars-themed City of the Future design as they won Second Place at the Capital Region Future City Competition. The students and their instructors did a fantastic job and should be proud of their great work," said Senator Jim Tedisco.



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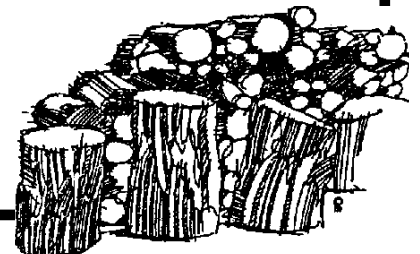
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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2.3 million people have a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) – a disease that effects the central nervous system (CNS).

The central nervous system is made up of the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves. When damage occurs in the CNS, it interferes with the transmission of nerve signals and can cause symptoms like numbness and tingling, blurred vision, double vision, weakness, poor coordination, imbalance, pain, depression, fatigue and problems with memory and concentration.

MS is a difficult disease to diagnose because the symptoms can be vague, they differ from person to person, and there is no single lab test to confirm the disease. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and spinal fluid analysis are helpful in diagnosing.

Most often people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 but it can occur in any age group. Women are 2-3 times more likely to have MS than men.

There is no evidence that MS is directly inherited but there are genetic factors that increase the risk of developing MS, and there are environmental factors such as low vitamin D and cigarette smoking that increase a person's risk.

There are 4 different courses that MS can take:

Clinically Isolated Syndrome – The first episode of neurologic symptoms caused by inflammation and demyelination in the CNS.
Relapsing-Remitting MS – Characterized by periods of relapses



also called attacks or exacerbations that subside, a person may return to their previous state or they may have disease progression after.

Secondary Progressive MS – Occurs after the relapsing-remitting and is usually more progressive.

Primary Progressive MS – A gradual but steady progression of disability from the onset of symptoms, with few or no relapses or remissions or new MRI activity.

Although there is no cure for MS, there are now medications that help to change the course of the disease and limit new areas of damage in the CNS in certain courses. These drugs are called “disease-modifying” drugs and they can help reduce the frequency and severity of MS attacks, the number of new lesions in the CNS, and they may slow the progression of disability. If you have MS, talk to your health care provider to see if there is a drug that could benefit you.

The majority of people with MS do not become severely disabled. Two-thirds remain able to walk, though many will need an aid, such as a cane or crutches. Some people will use a scooter

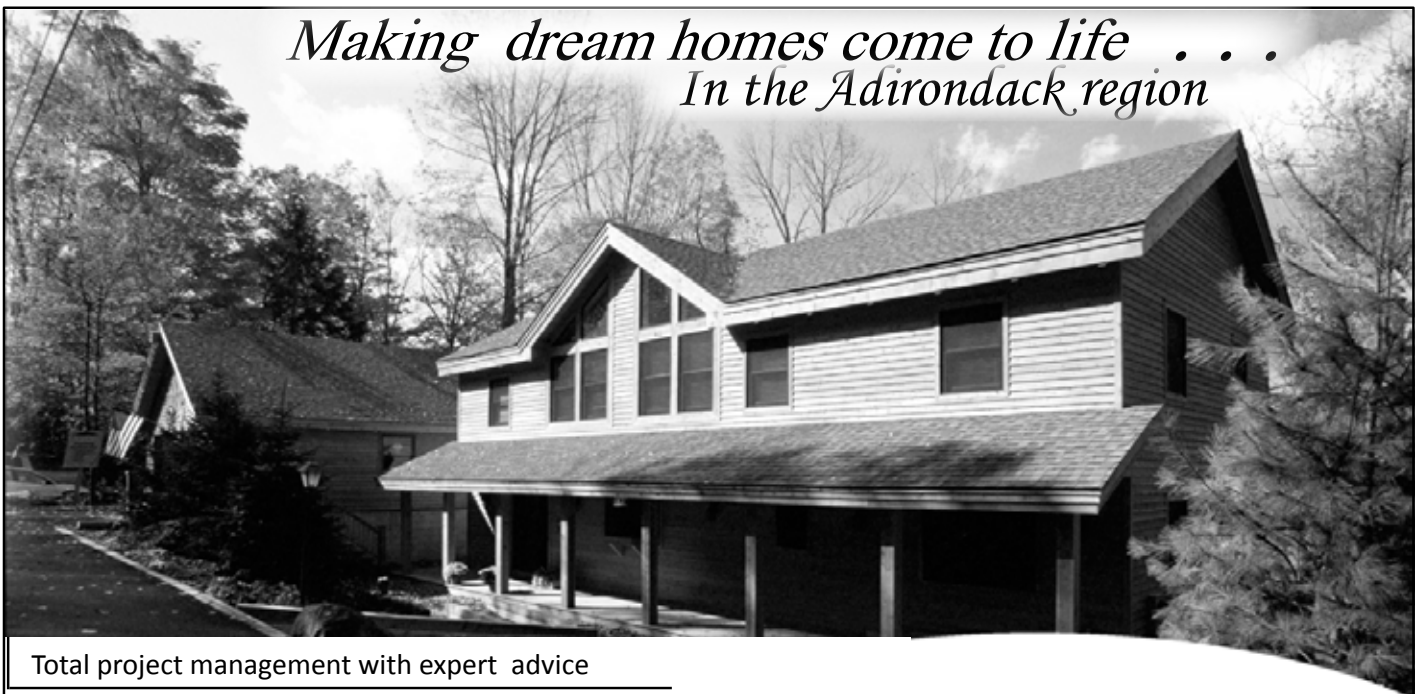
or wheelchair because of fatigue, weakness, and balance problems or to conserve energy.

Things to remember if you or a loved one has MS is that everyone is different. Some people may be able to do more than others before they need to take a rest break. It is important that people with MS listen to their bodies, pace themselves, and be aware of what triggers them. Over all, anyone and everyone can benefit from a healthy diet and exercise, by managing stress and utilizing positive coping mechanisms, and keeping your mind organized and stimulated.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has MS Navigators available to help anyone with MS identify solutions and provide access to resources by calling 1-800-344-4867 for assistance.

For more information, talk to your healthcare provider or contact HealthLink Littauer at 518-736-1120. You can email us at healthlink@nlh.org or visit our wellness center located at 2 Colonial Court in downtown Johnstown. We're your community health & wellness service of Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home.

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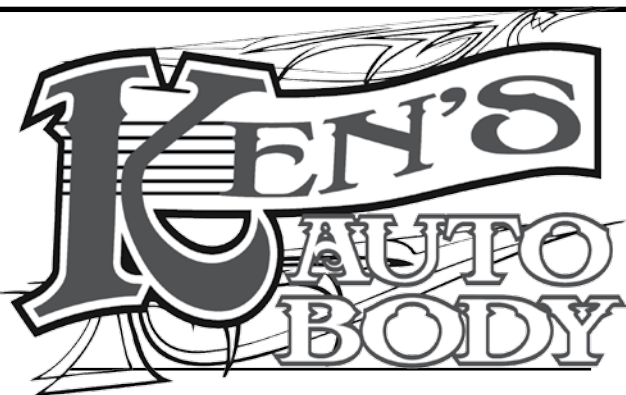
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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC. As we move through the season of Lent and look forward to Easter, we find ourselves in very uncertain times because of COVID-19 virus. It's a real threat to our health and the health of our loved ones. Events, schools, churches, restaurants are being closed temporarily. Children are being taught at home and group activities are canceled. Take-out only is available at many of our favorite restaurants. Worship is being done over computers, from TV, or through personal study and reflection. Sadly, some people will be out of employment because of this turn of events. We are out of our comfort zone and it's scary. We hope and we pray that by hunkering down and "social distancing", we can remain healthy. Take care of each other; treat each other with love and respect; help others calm their fears. Be kind; be thoughtful; be in prayer.

We still plan to have an Easter Sunrise Service, shared with our Presbyterian sisters and brothers, at 6:00 am, April 12, at First UMC, where a breakfast will follow in the dining room. Other Holy Week events are under discussion and everything is subject to change. Please contact the church or follow us on Facebook for more information.

All children are invited to enjoy our Sunday school program - F.R.O.G.S. (Forever Relying On God's Son). They meet at 11 am on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and are dismissed for time together following a moment with the pastor during worship. Call the



church if you have any questions about our Sunday School program.

Thrift Shop Hours are: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am-12:30 pm. We only accept CLEAN gently worn clothing, free of animal hair, stains, tears, and cigarette smoke. We appreciate donations from the community but respectfully request that these guidelines be followed. Please do not leave bedding, toys, books or household items. If you are interested in volunteering for this mission outreach project, please let us know. New workers are always welcome.

Scouts meet weekly at First UMC on Thursdays starting at 6 pm; TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Our choir meets on Thursday evenings at 5 pm for rehearsals.

We look forward to seeing you at worship on Sunday mornings at 11 am. The choir sings every Sunday and our Flute Ensemble provides additional music from time to time.

Diabetes Classes

Dining with Diabetes, a program for people with diabetes or prediabetes and their family members is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension at their office, 50 West High St., Ballston Spa on Wednesdays, May 6, 13 and 20, 6:00-8:00 pm. Register by calling 518-885-8995. This free program is sponsored by the Ballston Spa Lions Club.

Participants will learn how to fit carbohydrates into a healthy menu, effectively use food labels, choose meals at a restaurant and adopt other healthy habits to help manage diabetes through healthy eating. Recipe demonstration and samples provided. For program details call Diane Whitten at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 518-885-8995.

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The Bistro & Wine Bar will remain closed until further notice. Events for the time being must follow the guidelines and limitations set by the State, Federal Government and CDC, please call us to further discuss possible options.

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Safe travels & as always be well and look forward to your stay here at The Inn.

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What is Easter All About?

For the young-at-heart, Easter might mean eating gooey-marshmallow peeps and a chocolate bunny or two. For others, it could be Spring break and going south. For parents with little ones Easter might be an egg hunt and having the kids' picture taken with the Easter bunny. When I was a little girl we would color eggs, get Easter baskets full of goodies and my sisters and I would each get a new

Easter outfit (white gloves and all). Our family-of-eight did not go to church very often, but our parents made sure we all attended every Easter. After church we would have a big family dinner with a houseful of noisy relatives. I loved it!

The week leading up to Easter I would watch the TV version of the Last Supper, and Jesus' death and resurrection. As a kid it made a huge impression on me. I was awe-struck, wishing to know more about this man on the cross. We never read the Bible at home when I was growing up, but we did have a copy of the Bible sitting on the coffee table. Years later someone explained to me what the Bible said about God's Son coming to earth with one express purpose . . . to save His people from their sins. I always felt that I was a pretty good person and that I was hopefully good enough

to make it into Heaven. Plus, I really did not want to become a so-called born-again Christian. I wanted to have fun in life! I did not want to admit that I was really a sinner deserving of God's wrath and that no one could earn salvation. But, God kept working on me, and finally two years later I cried out to God. I asked Him to forgive me for my sins and believed He died for me and rose again to pay the price for my sins. I told Him that I wanted to live my life for Him . . . yes, I became a born-again Christian. I immediately felt as though a backpack of rocks had fallen off my back! I was SO happy! And guess what, I started having the most fun ever after that day! That was a long time ago (August 1966 to be exact, when I was 16 years old. I know . . . I'm old now. You can do the math.) That day was the BEST day of my life! I did not become sinless on that day, but I did become forgiven and God's child forever!

If you have never turned to God, you can right now. 2 Corinthians 6 says "Now is the

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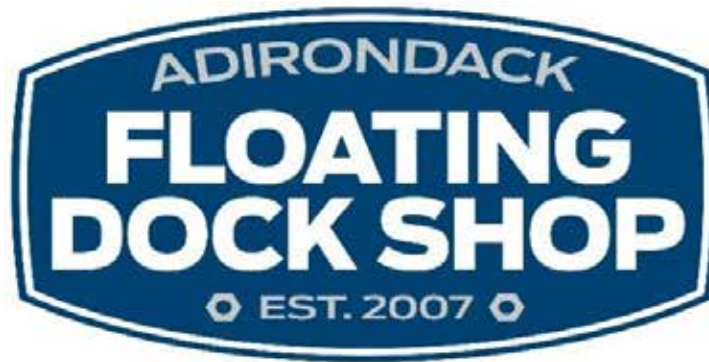
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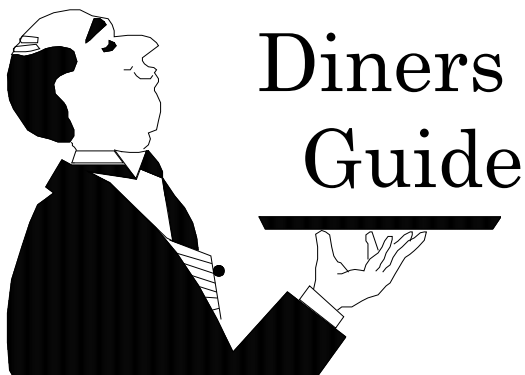


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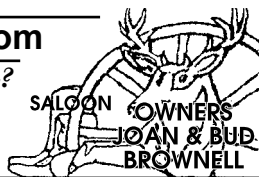
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day of salvation!" No one knows for certain when they will take their last breath. Don't put salvation off. We need to go to the Rock, who is Jesus! I am forever thankful that someone told me that I needed to repent and believe on Jesus! Romans 10:13 is one of my favorite Bible verses. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Turn to God and find forgiveness and grace this Easter.

There is a movie about Jesus coming to our area. The original stage production was at Sight n Sound in Lancaster, PA. My husband and I have seen it . . . and it was GREAT! They have now made a movie of the stage version and it's showing April 7th, 9th, and 11th in Albany at Crossgates Mall Movie Theater and Colonie Mall Movie Theater at 6:30 PM. (Check their websites to make sure of the times and dates.) You should go see it! Take your family and friends. You will be on the edge of your seat as you watch Jesus' life and miracles, but most of all, your heart will overflow with gratitude and love as you view Jesus' resurrection from the dead! This is what Easter is all about!

If you don't have a church family, we would love to have you attend our church. Sunday, April 5th is Palm Sunday and Bible Club Sunday. Our Bible Club Kids will be singing and the children will be waving palm leaves. Our choir will be singing and Pastor Larson will be sharing a stirring message from God's Word. Monday, April 6th is our Bible Club Closing Pizza Party. We have eight 5th grade students graduating from Bible Club this year. Thursday April 9th we have a special Communion Service at 7 PM as we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. And, finally on Easter Sunday morning April 12th we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection, when He had victory over death! Hallelujah! Christ Arose! This is THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT in history! Praise the Lord! See ya' in church . . . as we worship the one worthy of all of our praise!

Our Church Weekly Schedule: Sunday: Sunday School (8:45 a.m.) Worship (10 a.m.) Evening Service (6 p.m.) Monday: Ladies Bible Study (11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) Bible Club (2:45 – 4:00 p.m. at church). Wednesday: BCON Corner: Food Pantry (10 a.m.) Youth Groups Jr. High 6 p.m. Sr. High 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study/Prayer @ 7 p.m. 3rd Thurs: Nursing Home Service @ Nathan Littauer (10 a.m.) Saturday: Men's Bible Doctrine Study & Coffee Hour (6 a.m.)

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Friday April 3

Herbal Approaches to Lyme with Amy Cason. #1707-0403. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$45.

Friday April 3

Traditional Soap Making with Christine Eberhardt. #1598-0403. 1/2 day. 1pm-4:30pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$15.

NOTE: Make sure to wear old clothes and bring an apron.

Friday – Monday, April 3-6

Traditional Trivet Forging with Dick Sargent. #1697-0403. 4 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$365. Member Tuition \$315.

Materials fee \$100.

NOTE: Hard shoes, non-synthetic clothing and long pants are required for student's safety.

Saturday April 4

Variations on Penobscot Tote with Beverly Cornelius. #1720-0404. 1 day. 8:30am-4:30pm. Tuition \$140. Member Tuition \$120. Materials fee \$35.

NOTE: Student to bring to class: Basin for water, sheetrock knife, an old towel and washcloth, clip clothespins and a spray bottle.

Saturday & Sunday, April 4&5

Introduction to Chip Carving with Dennis Wilson. #1622-0404. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210. Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$21.

NOTE: Chip carving knives will be supplied by the school. Students wishing to purchase a chip carving knife should do so from either mychipcarving.com or chipcarving.com. An Introductory Chip Carving book may be helpful, as well.

Sunday April 5

Live Edge Bowl with John Kingsley. #1565-0329. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$25.

NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended. The introductory class or some knowledge of wood turning is a prerequisite for this class.

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Thursday April 9

AFS Sewing Circle with Various Instructors. #1694-0409. 1/2 day. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$0. Member Tuition \$0. Materials fee \$0.

NOTE: Registration is not required, and tuition is free for AFS Sewing Circle.

Friday April 10

Scroll Saw Puzzle Making with Walt Ulrich. #1610-0410. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$15.

Friday April 10

Introduction to Woodturning with John Kingsley. #1564-0410. 1/2 day. 6pm-9pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$15.

NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended.

Saturday April 11

Woodturning: Hollow Forms with John Kingsley. #1566-0411. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$25.

NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended. The introductory class or some knowledge of wood turning is a prerequisite for this class.

Friday April 17

Stained Glass Workshop with John Vaughn. #1692-0417. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$30.

NOTE: Closed toe shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

Friday April 17

Introduction to Pyrography with Bret Collier. #1535-0417. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$30.

Friday – Sunday. April 17-19

Camp Knife - Introduction to Bladesmithing with Jordan LaMothe. #1586-0417. 3 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$365. Member Tuition \$315. Materials fee \$75.

NOTE: Students are required to wear non-synthetic clothing, long pants and closed-toe shoes.

Saturday April 18

Fly Fishing - Casting Basics with Paul Sinicki. #1544-0418. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$10.

NOTE: This is an active casting course. Students 16 or older who have a NYS fishing license can cast into the lake. Those without will cast on dry land. Students must bring a hat and glasses to wear for safety.

Saturday April 18

Sharpening and Honing Blades with Howard Schechter. #1534-0418. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$10.

NOTE: Come prepared to work in a dirty process so wear work or old clothes. Closed toe shoes required.

Sunday April 19

Herbal Approaches to Pain with Amy Cason. #1592-0419. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition

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Sunday April 19

Woodturning: Hollow Forms with John Kingsley. #1566-0419. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$25.

NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust registration for turning classes is not recommended. The introductory class or some knowledge of wood turning is a prerequisite for this class.

Sunday April 19

Rugs from Rags with Caroline Dvorak. #1663-0419. 1/2 day. 12pm-4pm. Tuition \$80. Member Tuition \$60. Materials fee \$10.

Monday – Friday, April 20-24

The Blacksmith's Tool Kit with Nicholas Downing. #1638-0420. 5 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$575. Member Tuition \$525. Materials fee \$125.

NOTE: Hard shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

Wednesday April 22

Sacred Union of Plant & Water with Margo Mullen. #1594-0422. 1/2 day. 5:30pm-8:30pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$15.

NOTE: Please let us know if you have any food related allergies we need to accommodate for this class.

Friday April 24

Walking Stick with Inlaid Compass with Frank Lagace. #1672-0424. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$25.

Friday April 24

Easy Farmers' Market Tote with Elisa Schneider. #1628-0424. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$16.

NOTE: Students should bring 2 cuts of fabric - each 3/4 of a yard long (width can be 44-45" or wider). Fabrics can be solid or printed and should coordinate, as one will be used for the outside of the bag and the other for the lining. Heavier weight fabrics, such as cotton duck, denim, woven cotton or light weight quilted fabric, are best for the outside of the bag. Students should also bring a spool of thread in a coordinating color, scissors that will cut fabric, a ruler or soft tape measure and dressmaker straight pins. Instructor will have a single fabric choice on hand if needed.

Saturday April 25

A Beekeeping Journey: Your Own Apiary with Tim Norray. #1555-0425. 1/2 day. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$175.

Saturday April 25

Hike the Adirondacks with Elaine Winslow. #1699-0425. 1/2 day. 10am-1pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$0.

NOTE: This off-site offering is suitable for students 12 years of age and up. Students will meet at the Adirondack Folk School and then proceeding to the hiking destination by car.

NOTE: Take the "Make a Walking Stick" class on 4/24 and enjoy using your hand-made stick!

Saturday April 25

Felted Accessories with Robin Blakney-Carlson. #1668-0425. 1

day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$20.

Saturday April 25

Perfect Pictures Every Time with Carl Heilman II. #1576-0425. 1 day. 10am-6pm. Tuition \$205. Member Tuition \$195. Materials fee \$0.

NOTE: Class is for the beginner to advanced beginner level. Equipment requirements include a DSLR and lens system/OR full featured point and shoot camera (preferably with screw-on filter and tripod capability), a sturdy tripod, and a remote release. In addition, bring along whatever variety of lenses you have plus the manual and / or reference sheet for your camera.

Saturday & Sunday, April 25&26

Make Your Own Adirondack Chair with Ben Cerveny. #1636-0425. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210. Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$75.

Saturday & Sunday, April 25&26

Forge Welding with Derek Heidemann. #1636-0425. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$210. Materials fee \$50.

NOTE: Hard shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

Sunday April 26

Vegan Cheese Making with Christine Eberhardt. #1670-0426. 1/2 day. 1pm-4:30pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$55.

Sunday April 26

Rustic Trinket Box with Roberta Games. #1722-0426. 1/2 day. 1pm-5pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$15.

Sunday April 26

Spring Lakes and Waterways Photo Tour with Carl Heilman II. #1577-0425. 1 day. 1pm-9pm. Tuition \$205. Member Tuition \$195. Materials fee \$0.

NOTE: Equipment requirements include a DSLR and lens system/OR a full featured point and shoot camera (preferably with screw-on filter and tripod capability), a sturdy tripod and a remote release. In addition, bring along a full variety of focal length lenses from wide angle to telephoto and perhaps macro if you like so you can work with a variety of techniques through the day.



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Edinburg School News



Edinburg School Happenings

by *Michelle Ellis*
Superintendent



What a unique time we are in! As you are all aware, after reviewing all recent information

from the New York State, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health, and the BOCES Superintendents, Edinburg Common School District has cancelled classes, all school events, and activities for a duration of time. This concerted effort was intended to reduce the spread of the COVID-19/Coronavirus. As of March 20, 2020 (the date this newsletter was written), we have not been notified of any confirmed cases of the virus associated with our school community.

During the closure, our school community and teachers and staff, once again came together and were immediately ready for the challenge. Classrooms and buses were disinfected and cleaned top down, meal plans to continue our breakfast and lunch program to be delivered to students, instructional resources and communication plans for our families, and child care plans were created within 48 hours. That being said, our district has much to be proud of.

Here are some important facts:

Meals

Breakfast and lunch was available (and will continue) to all families, regardless of economic need during the time of need. Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Weddell contacted each family to identify the needs for the district. The breakfast and lunch food program will continue throughout the postponement of classes. The ECS bus drivers deliver meals daily from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and started on Wednesday, March 18th. The disposable bags were delivered to each and every home including classroom supplies, technology devices for in-home use, and education packets were given from teachers. We realize that during our time apart, family situations may change. Please contact the main office should you find yourself in

need of meals at 518-863-8412 or ecs1@edinburgcs.org as our office hours are limited.

Academics

The amazing team at ECS worked hard to identify meaningful instructional activities for the students while students were at home for an extended period of time. Our goal is to provide activities that are aligned with our typical school day. We worked to provide enough materials for each child to be engaged in academic learning for approximately two hours each day. We also provided a list of learning websites that students can access for learning opportunities. The students' classroom teacher will be in daily contact with students through the delivery method in which they have communicated with parents prior (Group message, Remind, email, Google Classroom etc.). We are so proud of the response from our students and families! Our parents are amazing!

Communications

We appreciate the partnerships in our community navigating through this unknown territory together. The situation has been constantly evolving and we will continue to repair the time apart from our students and families. The district will continue to evaluate the situation daily to determine next steps as we continue to help mitigate the community spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus. Please stay tuned for updates. We will be communicating with families through our school website, ECS Facebook page, Remind, and emails. Please feel free to reach out to any of our staff members through e-mail if you have any questions or concerns along the way. Staff emails would consist of their first initial and last name followed by @edinburgcs.org (ex. mellis@edinburgcs.org). Mr. Moore's email is sixth8@edinburgcs.org.

Please know, as always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness. We are here for you and look forward to normalcy in the near future. I could not be more proud of the teachers and staff at ECS! We are devoted to our families and community through this difficult time and will rise again.



**We do not want to forget
our students of the month
for February:**

PreK: Clay - Persistence

K: Aubrey Joy - Helpful

**1st: Kaitlyn - Responsible
Iris - Helpful**

2nd: Trevor - Collaborative

3rd: Kendra - Engaged

**4-6: Madysan - Accepting
Dane - Enthusiasm**

**Music/Art: Wyatt - Respectful
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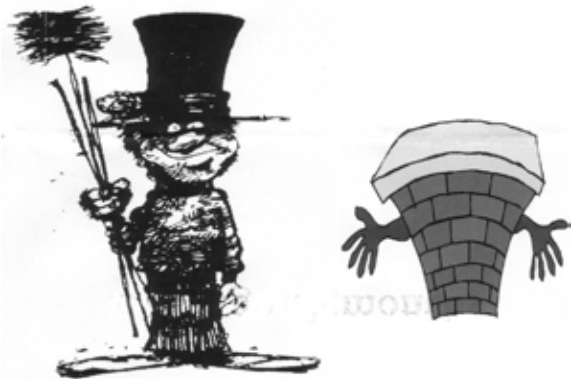
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EDINBURG	Fri 12-3 & Sat 9-3	EDINBURG	863-2034
NORTHAMPTON/N'VILLE	Mon, Tue 8-4, Sat 8-1	HADLEY	696-3112
		NORTHAMPTON	863-4040
		MAYFIELD	661-5414
TOWN CLERKS		DOG WARDENS: (HOME)	
DAY		BROADALBIN	
Carol Vaillancourt	696-2698	Joe Passino	762-6342
EDINBURG		DAY	
Denise Ferguson	863-2034	Garrett Metzler	696-3937
MAYFIELD		EDINBURG	
Dorothy Hart	661-5414	Bill VanNostrand	774-1401
HADLEY		HADLEY	
Pauline Smead	696-2055	Alicia Floud	307-1910
NORTHAMPTON		NORTHAMPTON/N'VILLE	
Elane Milhalik	863-4040	Vernon Duesler	863-6313
STATE POLICE		ELECTRIC INSP.	
HADLEY	696-2535	Mike Kratky	863-8800
MAYFIELD	725-3034	Ron Royal	924-7661
FONDA	853-3415	Joe Swanson	863-2020
BROADALBIN	883-5433	Brian Sweet	673-5123
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FIRE & BLDG. INSP.:		Ron Beckering	863-2034
EDINBURG		EDINBURG TOWN JUSTICE	
Terry Anthony	863-2034	Paula Blackwell	863-2034
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Event Date: Saturday, September 19, 10am-4pm
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Application Deadline: September 9, 2020

Saratoga Arts is seeking artists to participate in Art in the Park, a full day of fine art in Saratoga Springs' historic downtown Congress Park, curated and presented by Saratoga Arts. This exhibition features regional artists displaying and selling their original two- and three-dimensional creations and personally-designed and crafted functional fine art in a beautiful park setting. Artists who work in drawing, painting, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, photography, print-making, and work in other media are invited to apply. This year's event will include local music, great food, and a Kidz Art Zone.

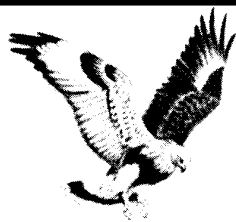
For any questions regarding Art in the Park 2020, contact Rebecca Zeh, exhibitons coordinator at rzeh@saratoga-arts.org or call 518-584-4132

From Hawk On Back Page

through some terrible hardships, with a few battle scars and renewed strength with a different outlook on life. The common theme was, again, we need to take small steps, appreciate the small victories along our way and live each day to the fullest. Today I saw a post on Face Book. There was a stick drawing and two cartoons labeled "Your Plan" which is a straight line to the goal and "God's Plan" that shows peaks and valleys and small victories along the way to the final goal. That sums it up. The post was based on James 1:2-4.

Bill and I have more family and friends coming down to visit us through the end of April. I am excited to share Key West with them and I love seeing this town through their eyes. I am especially excited that Josh, Jeremy, Sandra and the grand kids are coming down for Easter. I have to tell you, I am beyond thrilled about my whole family being here together at the same time. Acadia asked me a few weeks ago if we were going to have an Easter Egg Hunt. I told her I thought she was too old for that and she informed that she was not and I had better start thinking up some good clues. I thought the kayaking, snorkeling and boat time were going to be at the top of the list of fun things to do. I was reminded that children can still love the simple things in life. The setting may seem important but what is more important, is that we will be doing all of these fun things together. I am happy that the kids still want to spend time with us. The practical part of me also knows that kids can change their mind. Our time spent together does not have to be perfect and we need to be flexible because things can and will change. No matter what . . . live each day to the fullest.

The days on the lake are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer and winter sports have already become a memory. Thoughts of boating, barbeques and camp fires are on everyone's mind. There is at least a month of mud season to go through but green grass, leaves on the trees and flowers will be coming soon. I love the smell of spring in the air. Those days on the lake with the sun shining brightly and the wind blowing the chill off the lake, as you rake your lawn, remind you that warmer weather is on it's way. There is nothing more uplifting than rebirth of spring. Every day will not perfect and some days will not be good at all. It is our attitude towards the day that makes the difference. Every day we wake up, is a gift. It is a chance to forge on and do things differently. No matter where you are, or what is going on in your life, try to make positive choices. Don't let others rob you of your joy. Make the most of your life and be happy! Ten weeks until boating season. See you on the lake!



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Did You Know

I woke up this morning and I felt great. I had two nights of uninterrupted sleep in a row. It was wonderful. The sun was shining brightly, the day was warmer and I felt uplifted. It is amazing how a full night of sleep makes you feel. I remember how exhausted I was when the boys were babies. You think you will never sleep through the night again. Little did I know it would be a life long battle. I realize, now, that eight hours of sleep is really a myth. Maybe it just averages out, to eight hours a day, over a life time. Who knows? What I do know is that when I get that kind of restful sleep, it is a gift.

Yesterday, Heidi and Kim Colson came to visit us. Heidi and I "talk" on Face Book but we never see each other in New York. Our lives have gone down different paths but we have a lot in common. It was nice sitting outside, enjoying the beautiful day and sharing what has been happening in our lives. The last several years have been difficult for each of us, for various reasons. Life has it's ups

and downs and no one is immune from difficult times. At the end of the day, we have learned that we have to let go of the things that hold us back. Everyone will go through the stages of grief and anger but then we have to move on. We can do that by taking each day as it comes and strive to move forward. I was telling Heidi about friends who came to visit us the previous week. Debbie and I met each other at church camp when we were ten years old. We have only seen each other sporadically over the years. We laughed when we realized that we have known each other for 53 years and still had a lot in common. Oh hell when did we get so old? Sorry for digressing. The conversations with both couples were very similar. The difficulties seemed insurmountable but we all made it

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