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EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

Town New and Improved Web Site

The new town web site is now up and available at edinburgny.com. There are still a number of things to be added in the months to come. We are now able to add items from the town hall directly. The Town Clerk will include items such as minutes, dates for events in Edinburg, date when roads may be closed for culvert replacement or paving etc. The update was done through Behan Associates using a grant from Saratoga County with Board members Gene Greco and Marie Penino and Town Clerk Denise Ferguson assistance.

Behan Associates Town Map

Behan Associates are also working on a new town of Edinburg map that will include the location historical markers and public sites and their GPS locations. Some of the map information

will also be added to the web site. This is also being paid for from a grant from Saratoga County.

Edinburg Highway Paving 2024

The Highway Department plans to pave Horse Hill Road, Trainor Road and possibly Airport Road, Johnson Road and DeGolia Road. The Highway Department is waiting to see the price of paving materials and what the final amount of state aid to the town will be in the adopted state budget.

County Bridge on North Shore Road Replacement

Saratoga County will be replacing the bridge on North Shore Road over Beecher Creek just before Military Road. They will construct a one lane bridge with traffic light to allow traffic to not have to go through a long detour. They hope to complete the work by early fall.

Senior Luncheon

The annual senior luncheon is May 17, at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Tickets are available for \$4.00 per person by calling the Department of Aging and Youth Services at 518-884-4100.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Increase

Town Assessor Ron Beckering has recommended to the Board that the sliding scale Senior exemption should be increased. The Board is expected to adopt the increased changes at the May meeting

REMINDERS

- Saturday, July 13th is Historic Edinburg Day
- Saturday, July 27th is the Fire Company Chicken Barbeque
- Friday, May 3rd Recycle Center Opens from 9:00 until 3:00
- Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. Garbage will be collected on Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

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MAY 2024 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thurs 2 National Day of Prayer

Sat-Sun 4,5 Northville Garage Sale Weekend

Sun 12 Mother's Day

Tues 16 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting

Tue 21 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting

Thurs 16 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting

Sat 25 9:00 am Edinburg Historical Society Baked Goods/Salad Sale (more info on p 39)

Mon 27 Memorial Day

Mon 27 6:00 pm Village of Northville Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony

Fri 31- June 2 Northville Placid Trail/100th Anniversary (more info on p 7 & 44)

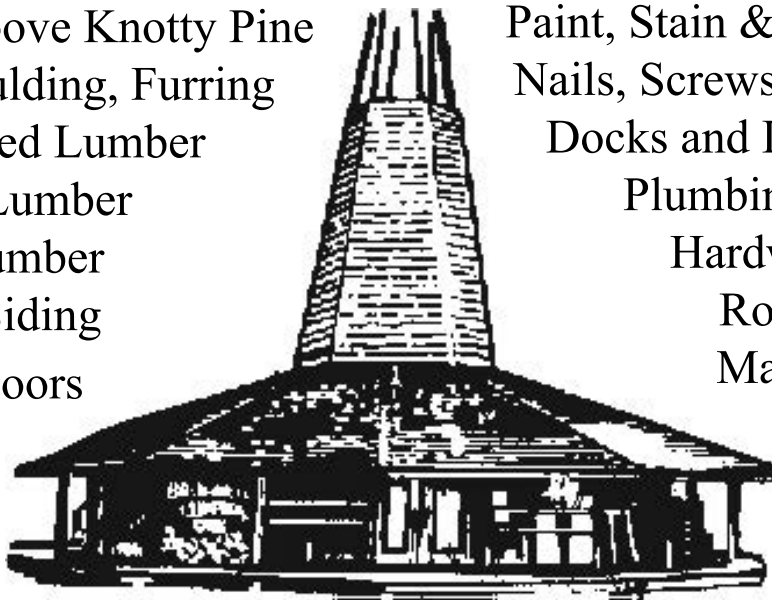
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DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,
Priscilla L. Edwards

Edinburg's Museums and Historical Society

Edinburg has three museums and two acquisitions that are managed or maintained by the Edinburg Historical Society. Each one has a history of usefulness in our past.

Our Nellie Tyrrell Museum was built as the Beecher Hollow one-room school in 1860 on farmland given by Walter and Deborah Vaughn who lived on the opposite side of the road. It replaced an earlier log school on the River Road (now North Shore, County Rt. 4) that was located just above the current Copeland Covered Bridge.

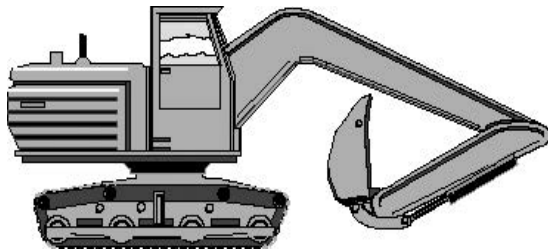
School continued in the wood-framed building until 1930 when Edinburg's one-room schools were consolidated into a new two-room school on Sinclair Road. The Beecher Hollow School then served as Edinburg's town hall from 1931-1974 when a new town hall/barn complex was built on Military Road.

How exciting it was every two years during local elections to be at the old town hall on Election Day evening as the polls closed. The building and yard were full of people, children included, eagerly awaiting the election results. The biggest treat for the kids on this night was the fact that the winning politicians always passed out cigars to the men in the crowd and candy bars to the women and children. Such simple pleasures!!

In 1975 under the direction of then town historian Miss Nellie Tyrrell, the building opened as a town museum. Many of the first items on display were donated from Nellie and her sister Sylvia's brick home in Beecher Hollow. This home had belonged to their grandparents, Arad and Anna Copeland. Nellie was the prime mover and shaker of the entire project and the museum was named in her honor in 1979.

The Edinburg Rural Museum (next door to the firehouse), originally a barn, is located on property that in the 1850's was part of the farm owned by Joseph and Jemima Covell. The farmhouse-which is still standing-is directly across the road behind Fuller's Store. In 1856 the Covells' deeded the property to Solomon Sumner. Mr. Sumner ran the

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farm until his death in 1906. His widow, Helen sold the farm to a Thomas Stainhos shortly before her death in 1912. Nothing more is known of Stainhos but it's possible he held the mortgage on the property for George B. Jenkins since in 1915 Jenkins and his wife Estelle were operating the farm. In 1925 Estelle Jenkins (possibly a widow) sold the property to Harold V. and Rosena Wessells. Rosena was Nellie Tyrrell's sister. The Town of Edinburg purchased this lot from the Wessells in 1930.

The barn was converted in 1930 into the town's highway barn. It remained the highway barn until 1974 when the new town hall/barn complex was constructed on Military Road. The barn continued to be used for storage by the town and fire company until 1990 when a grant was acquired by our town supervisor Jean Raymond to turn the building into our Rural Museum—a long-time dream of former town historian the late Nellie Tyrrell and local businessman the late Victor Brownell.

Inmates from the Wilton Correctional Facility did a fine job of cleaning out the barn; doing a lot of the "bullwork". They also helped to build exhibit stalls. With much help from many volunteers including family members, friends, neighbors, Eagle Scout Aaron Frasier and historical society members the Rural Museum opened its doors to the public in 1992 in conjunction with our first "Historic Edinburgh Day."

In 2022 the Edinburg Historical Society-EHS was fortunate enough to receive a Covid Grant from Saratoga County. The timing couldn't have been better! This grant allowed us to enclose the long shed at the Rural Museum with doors built by our EHS president, George Blackwood. Staining and finishing the doors will be done this spring. Overhead lights were also installed. These projects will allow us to create new and better display areas for our larger machinery pieces and logging exhibit.

Both the Nellie Tyrrell and Rural Museums are owned and maintained by the Town of Edinburg with the collections owned and managed by the Edinburg Historical Society.

In 2017 the late Roy Pearsall generously left the Sand Hill School on Tange Road to the EHS. The school was built in or about 1817. The first building was probably of logs, replaced by lumber a few years later. It was active as a one-room school

until 1940 when the students were absorbed into a new two-room consolidated school on Sinclaire Road. At some point in the 1940's the Sacandaga Grange Organization purchased the old school; putting an addition on the back for meetings, dinners and fund raisers. Declining membership caused the Grange to close its doors in the 1980's-putting the property on the market.

Former Northville resident Roy Pearsall purchased the property in the 1990's converting the back addition into living quarters. He vowed that the front part would always remain the one-room Sand Hill School.

In 2016 the EHS was fortunate enough to receive a trust from the late Dorothy and Dr. Robert W. Hayden, giving us the means to start work on the school house. {Dr. Hayden's families were early settlers in the Sacandaga Valley and several lost their homes with the arrival of the Sacandaga Reservoir. More on the Haydens' at another time}.

In the past few years the EHS has worked hard to repair and restore the building. The roof was replaced and the building painted inside and out. The desks in the school have been scrubbed, the floor refinished and the room freshly painted. The Pearsall living quarters were completely remodeled: replacing windows, floors, the rest room and kitchen. This has provided the historical society with an entirely new meeting room.

The Sand Hill School has also become the location in November for our last Holiday Festival fund raiser.

An open house will be held at the Sand Hill School #2 on Saturday June 8, 2024 at 1-3PM. Come and see us—

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The EHS has also made two acquisitions in the past 20 plus years.

In 1997 Robert Tyrrell-gr. gr. grandson of Arad Copeland-and his wife Betty graciously donated the Copeland Covered Bridge to the EHS. Once again with the help of Jean Raymond the historical society acquired several grants in which to restore the bridge and make site improvements.

A committee from the NYS Covered Bridge Society submitted the paperwork and the bridge was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Sites in 1998.

On a beautiful day in June 2002 we had a re-dedication celebration of the bridge opening it officially to the public.

Just above the covered bridge stands the Copeland Carriage Shop/Latcher Machine Shop. The shop was owned and operated by Arad Copeland until 1884 when the shop was taken over by Arad's son-in-law John W. Latcher, and operated as a machine shop. Upon Latcher's death in 1919 the shop was vacant. Latcher's niece-Edinburg's first town historian Nellie Tyrrell, inherited the shop. The property was eventually sold-a couple of times- and was again on the market. Again-thanks to Jean Raymond-a grant was acquired and the property including beautiful Beecher Falls was purchased by the town in 2005. With the remaining grant money a restoration specialist and expert carpenter, Andre Garand, was hired to make immediate, necessary stabilization repairs to the shop.

The EHS acquired the shop from the town in 2009.

The EHS sells shares on the Copeland site-the bridge and shop-to raise money to maintain the site and to make further restoration work on the shop to make the building usable and open to the public. One of our next projects will be to look for available grants to further our work on the shop.

The Edinburg Historical Society started as a Bi-Centennial Committee in 1975 to celebrate our nation's 200th anniversary.

The eight-member committee at that time included Beulah Brownell, Bruce Brownell, Fred Brownell, Delano "Duddy" Canfield, Charles Frasier, Gebeon Racicot, Nellie Tyrrell and her sister Sylvia Tyrrell.

A group of citizens under Duddy's directions cleaned out and painted the old Beecher Hollow school house/town hall. Much of the collection in this museum was donated by Nellie and Sylvia from their brick house-the former Copeland home-across from the covered bridge. Three historic walking tours of Beecher Hollow were held that first year with app. 1000 people taking the tours. I joined the group shortly after and Nellie immediately put me to work.

Nellie Tyrrell was appointed town historian in 1976. I continued to work with her and in 1983 became an unofficial deputy historian. Nellie retired in 1986 at the age of 90 at which time I was appointed town historian.

The bi-centennial committee grew from meeting once a year to meeting once a month. Finally in the 1980's the name was changed to the Edinburg Historical Society. With dedication and hard work the EHS has accomplished much in past years to preserve Edinburg's history and I hope will continue to do the same. One of our biggest events was in 2001 when our town celebrated its 200th birthday. We celebrated all year and the EHS did their part to make the year one to be remembered.

Due to lack of heat the Rural and Nellie Tyrrell Museums are closed from October to May. Due also to the danger of visiting mice and squirrels a great deal of time is spent each fall packing away collections and unpacking in the spring to put exhibits back in order.

We try to be open every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Our Historic Edinburgh Day in July and our Fall Festival Day in September are well attended. Our new Holiday Festival Day was also well attended last year.

New members are welcome at any time!

If you're one of those folks that isn't a joiner but would like to lend a hand or swing a hammer or paint brush—that's OK too. If you'd like to help with a certain project—we'd welcome your help also! We can always use the help!

For more information on the Edinburg Historical Society—Contact:

Edinburg Historical Society, PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134 or <http://EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org>



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The village, merchants, clubs, organizations and Northville Central School are invited to participate. Northville's Waterfront Park will host vendors, food, entertainment and information. A trolley will bring visitors throughout the village to various participating locations.

OPENING CEREMONY – Friday, May 31, 6 pm at Northville's Waterfront Park entrance NPT Arch, - presentation of the NPT100 Centennial Medallion created by artisan William Coffey

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 – National Trails Day village-wide celebration starting at 9 am, vendors, storytellers, activities, trolley... with live music in Northville Waterfront Park 6—8 pm

CLOSING CEREMONY – 1 pm at Northville Waterfront Park, ceremonial passing of the ADK Walking Stick - designed by William Coffey, to Hamilton County to continue on the trail.

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by Brian DeFeo

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For the thirty day period from March 12th through April 12th, the Fire Company responded to a total of eight Calls. Our runs were as follows:

- 3/11 Brush Fire. South Shore Road.
- 3/14 Mutual Aid. Northville.
- 3/22 Mutual Aid. Northville.
- 3/23 Mutual Aid. Northville.
- 3/26 Good Intent (gas fumes). Fox Hill Road.
- 3/26 EMS Assistance. Robin Street (Day)
- 4/4 Lines Down. South Shore Road
- 4/8 Brush Fire. South Shore Road.

We wanted to remind everyone that the brush burning ban, as designated by New York State, remains in effect until May 15th. Often, people choose to ignore this ban at their own peril, that of their neighbors, and of the emergency personnel charged with responding to the Call. At best, these bans lasts for a few months, yet they have a very important purpose. People under estimate just how easy it is to accidentally start an out of control brush fire.

Unlike few things in life, there is no immediate urgency to burn your brush pile. Should you get caught, and a Forrest Ranger becomes involved, you will likely be Sited for a violation and have to pay a substantial fine. So pay attention to when the annual burn is enacted, generally in March and lifted usually in May. And don't break the law.

Lights and more lights. What are the rules when you are on the road and approached by an emergency vehicle? I am not an expert in NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law, but I will tell you what I know as it relates to our Fire Company. Our vehicles are equipped with red and white flashing lights facing front, and red and blue flashing lights in the rear. When these lights are in operation, it means we are going to an emergency call, and that drivers must yield immediately the right of way to the Fire Company vehicle. Once we pass, you

should maintain at least five hundred five behind our vehicle, as we will likely be coming to a sudden stop, perhaps even blocking the road to further traffic.

You may likely observe private vehicles with blue flashing lights, either going to the fire house or closely following a fire truck. These are operated by volunteer fire fighters who are responding to an alarm. In our particular Fire Company, we sometimes roll a truck with only one fire fighter. The other members go directly to the scene. Thus reducing our response time. The blue flashing lights are what I refer to as a courtesy light. It is designated in the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law. It allows traffic to recognize that the operator of this vehicle is on a critical mission and that your consideration, although not mandatory, is in fact very much appreciated. Many people choose to reduce their speed or pull over to the side and let the volunteer fire fighter pass. We cannot empathize enough how helpful this is, when minutes mean so much.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Barbecue this Summer.

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! *“Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant.”* (Native American proverb). In April, we celebrated Native American Ministries in our worship with prayers, music (so much fun to watch little children playing Native American instruments during a hymn), and with our gifts to support this ministry. This proverb is so fitting because Mother Earth is indeed pregnant with spring gifts – forsythia bushes are in bloom; crocus, daffodil, tulip, and hyacinth flowers are

bursting forth; trees are budding and soon will leaf out. How glorious is God’s world when spring arrives, especially here in the North Country where it takes just a little bit longer!

The month of May has many special Sundays on the church calendar:

May 12 – Mother’s Day: People hold many feelings on Mother’s Day. We pray for those celebrating, mourning, yearning or experiencing mixed emotions. Wrap all in your care, God of love.

May 12 – Ascension Sunday: Remembering when Christ left this earth and ascended to heaven.

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday: A celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

May 26 – Trinity Sunday: A celebration of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three in one.

May 26 – Memorial Day Sunday: Honoring those who’ve died for our country and remembering all deceased loved ones (Memorial Day, May 27).

An extra note about Mother’s Day: Anna Jarvis, a Methodist and the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-



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mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers. At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”

If stairs present difficulty for those who are mobility challenged, there is a ramp at the front entry to the building and a chair glide inside attached to the stairs to assist in getting into the sanctuary. We also have hearing devices that work with the sound system and are available for use during worship services.

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

Our Sunday morning worship services are at 11 am. *We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and everyone is invited to the Lord’s table. We welcome you to an hour of music (sometimes with flutes), prayer, contemplation and meditation. We hope you will join us in joyful praise. May God’s blessing be upon you and your families.*



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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Petunias. Everyone grows them. They are as common as dandelions. We take them for granted. And as the saying goes, “If you can’t grow petunias, you probably should be doing something else.” The Petunia we are most familiar with is known as the Petunia x hybrida which is a cross between 2 types of Petunias. A little known fact is that they are a member of the Tobacco Family, native to South America. It got its name in 1803 by French Botanist Antoine Laurent de Jussieu. Derived from the word Petun, the Brazilian Tupian Indian name which roughly translates to “worthless tobacco plant”. I kid you not. They weren’t always a welcome flower. Back in the 1500’s most British people believed they were a symbol of demonic flowers of satanism (I can’t make this stuff up). Thousands of years later they have become the nation’s most loved summer flower. In Great Britain you can’t go more than a few yards without seeing a basket or window box of Petunias.

It all began in the 1500’s with Spanish explorers in South America discovering this low-growing, white flower which the Tupi-Guarani called Petun. Because of its perceived ugliness, the explorers didn’t think it was worth sending samples back to Spain. About 300 years later, French King Joseph Bonapart (Napoleon’s brother) sent explorers back to Argentina. This time they did collect samples of the plant which were sent to Spain. A few



years later a Scottish Explorer, John Tweedie came across the purple Petunia (another species). He sent them to the Glasgow Botanical Gardens. Tweedie was such a respected man that of the known 35 species of petunias, one was named after him, the Petunia Tweedia.

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The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 10 am in the library's program room. Shirl Doherty will lead a discussion of Fredrick Backman's "The Sentence". Summary: A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Tookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration that she survived by reading "with murderous attention", must solve the mystery of this haunting while at the same time trying to understand all that occurs in Minneapolis during a year of grief, astonishment, isolation, and furious reckoning.

The Library is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Call the library during normal operating hours for more information.

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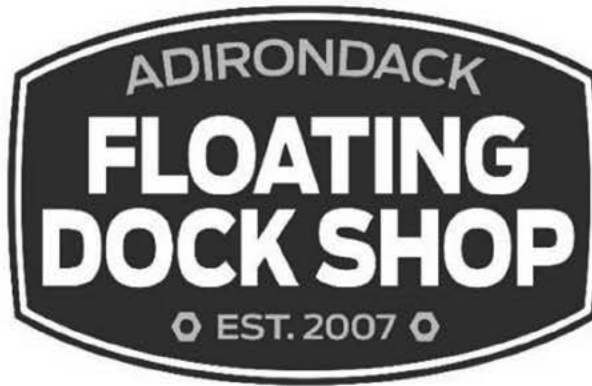
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FRACTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

I must have watched way too much television while growing up, because I have an uncanny memory for recalling meaningless TV commercials. One in particular was from the Mobil Oil Corporation. This grungy looking mechanic, sitting on top of a car's engine, was talking into the camera and saying, "you can pay me now, or you can pay me later". Funny (scary) how one's mind works. This came back to me, when considering the fate of Ukraine. A country which has dominated international news, since Russia's most recent invasion of 2022. While America's support for this democratic state was initially rock solid, it has waned significantly over these many months. To the point where further support appears to be polarizing our nation. Beyond the politics and the news hype, I wanted to look at the underlying issues. To look into the future, you often have to start with the past, in this case Russia. I never realized the complexity of Russian history. So much so having to do with conquests and being conquered. A valid starting point to access the Russia of today, might be the dissolution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1991. This was also an event that appears to have had a profound effect on one, Vladimir Putin. The Soviet Union was broken up into fifteen separate independent states, which included Russia. It was Putin himself, who years later termed this, the collapse of historical Russia. It was less than two years later Russia began tipping its hand, as to how it might try to slowly reunite these newly independent countries back into the fold. Russia would plant the seeds of unrest in territories, within its new neighbors. Often sighting unfair treatment of native Russians living within these

areas. Using this same playbook, Russia started stirring political unrest to regain territories as early as 1992, starting in Moldova. Russia sponsored wars via proxy, or sometimes through direct intervention: 1992 - 1993 with Abkhazian, two wars in Chechnya 1994 - 96, 1999 - 09. Then in Abkhazia and South Ossetia, Georgia in 2008, and in four territories to include Crimea in Ukraine, 2014.

In several of the other fifteen former Soviet states, Russia had not needed to take action as they have remained under strong Russian influence. With many ruled by iron fisted dictators sympathetic to the old Soviet style of life. Vladimir Putin was certainly not the president of Russia when many of these earlier actions occurred. However it is not hard to see how they impacted on his desire to reconstitute Mother Russia, into the country it was at its height of power. This is his driving force in conquering Ukraine. The cost in terms of human lives is irrelevant to him. The condemnation of world opinion of little consequence. Putin has a single minded purpose, to reunite the former Soviet satellites, whether via

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bogus elections or brute force. Putin is throwing all of his chips into taking back Ukraine, the gemstone of the old regime. And if he succeeds, what then? Putin has proven time and time again, that you can't believe a word he says. Why would anyone give him credence when he claims no intention of further invading - Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania - all former members of the Soviet Union.

However, Putin failed to correctly estimate Ukraine's resolve and that of the free world. Putin will throw every possible resource into this war, as his political future is now tied to it. Where does that leave the United States? We have pumped billions of dollars into Ukraine in various forms of aid. At considerable cost to our own defense readiness. Yet, what it hasn't cost us, is the lives of our servicemen and women. Because for all of the complaints from those who object to supporting Ukraine, we are still an arm's length from the actual fighting. This all changes however, should Ukraine fall. For Putin's Russia will be content with their great victory for only a short while. And then, it is off to the three tiny Baltic states. Yes, they are NATO members, but easily over run by a neighboring superpower. No longer a sleeping

bear, but a bear invited by some to consume its neighbors, should they not be up to date with their NATO financial obligations. As the grungy Mobil Oil mechanic said, you can pay me now, or pay me later. Either way, we are going to pay. Personally, I would much rather continue paying in dollars, than have to pay with the lives of our sons and daughters. Putin only understands one thing, force! Everything else to him is weakness. Let us stop the political posturing, and support Ukraine to the fullest extent possible. Before we find ourselves involved in a worldwide conflict.

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Spring has finally sprung and the flowers are in bloom. Soon our area will be alive with activity. People will be returning to their camps for the summer to relax and enjoy lake life. We invite all to join us.

Sunday, May 12th we celebrate Mother's Day. This is a day to acknowledge the sacrifice and hard work mothers make in raising their children. Proverbs 31:25 tells us "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." Proverbs 31:31 also tells us to "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Sunday, May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. This day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion,

Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. Acts Chapter 2 contains the story of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Sunday, May 26th is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost which we celebrate the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. This is a day to honor those who have given their lives to defend our country.

Coming up in June we will be having our Salad and Side Sale. On June 15th from 10am -2pm we will be offering delicious salads and sides for a very reasonable price.

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For a number of years, Northville Rotarians have provided \$1000 scholarship awards to four NCS seniors. The criteria in addition to academic achievement is service to the community in conjunction with our motto of "Service Above Self". Applications are due in May for this year's awards can be found at the Guidance Counselor's office.

Last year, Northville Rotary provided the funds to build an Environmental Lab near the Northville Beach to store materials that students need to

test for the health of the Great Sacandaga Lake. NCS students have been involved in these classes. Other schools can use facility as well.



Without nutritious food, students cannot perform at their best. In conjunction with the Food Pantry in Northville, Northville Rotarians have been providing backpacks of food that are delivered to homes by Rotary members. These locations have been provided by both schools.

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For both Edinburg and Northville students during the holidays, Rotary purchased turkeys for Thanksgiving and individual Rotarians purchased and wrapped gifts suggested by students and parents who would not have had the means to purchase them. In addition, coats and snow pants were included for the children. Rotarians also assisted at the "Breakfast with Santa" event sponsored by the Northville PTO. A fun event for all involved!



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BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Roberta MacIntyre Games

The Canada Geese are pairing off, I see them everywhere, moms and dads getting ready to nest and raise their families. The heron was sitting on last year's nest, could be the male ahead of the female's arrival building the nursery. Backyard birds are singing, mating & preparing for their broods, males and females working together. But many of the Backyard Wildlife are on their own raising families as single mothers yet wildlife moms are hardwired to handle the task.

I was driving home one night on my back country road. All of a sudden my headlights caught movement ahead and revealed dark shapes stretching across the road. I slammed on the brakes thankful that no one was following too closely behind me. As seconds ticked by I watched as a family of baby raccoons were trying to

decide which way to go. There were 10 of them. I saw no momma raccoon but as they were now all across the road she may have been in the woods already. It didn't take them long to decide which way to go, soon all of them safely in the woods. Most raccoon litters are 2-5 kits. As soon as they are able to climb and run their nurturing and protective mother leads them out of the den to start exploring their world. The large number of kits perplexed me but I found that some raccoon family groups do travel together like that.


As many of the wildlife (esp. mammals) in our region are single mothers like the raccoon the male abandons the female after mating. These wildlife moms bear healthy babies, find safe environs for a nursery, feed themselves as well as their offspring and protect and prepare them



Photo by Lynn Bystrom

for life on their own. That is pretty amazing! When black bears are born in the den during torpor, nursing sows lose 1/3 or more of their body weight with full time babysitting. When 2-3 months old

the cubs will need constant care outside of the den staying with mom for up to 2 years. Bear mothers are responsible for their entire rearing. We have Eastern Cottontail rabbits in the yard. The babies, when they appear, are adorable miniatures. Mom bunny keeps her kits warm in a properly prepared nest, but doesn't stay with them. She only returns to the nest to nurse them and then carefully hides them. Whitetail Deer are numerous and easily seen in the region. When born the fawns are about 6-8 pounds about the size of a housecat. A mother doe will leave her fawns alone in a safe place while she feeds and



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returns a few times a day to nurse and move them, her presence apart from them is protective. If you find a small fawn curled up in the grass or leaves mom is most likely nearby.

Bats often congregate in maternity roosts, their babies clinging to mother until it is time to fly off on their own. From the smallest mouse or chipmunk to the bobcat and moose single wildlife moms continue their species with vigilant care. Unfortunately in our area sometimes a wildlife mom will lose their life usually along a roadside. I came upon a porcupine one day while out for a walk. I usually take time to move them off of the road. This day I heard muffled cries and saw movement in the grass and I started to respond. The cries intensified and out came a porcupette a tiny prickly grapefruit sized baby running to me. I grabbed my gloves and scooped him up. He quieted right down, safe at last. Off to the rehabbers our substitute wildlife moms.

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



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by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

According to the calendar spring has arrived. I know that up in New York the winter weather finally arrived, just when you wanted it to get warm. Billy flew to New York, to work for two weeks, with our son Jeremy. As usual when either of us steps foot in New York, the weather turns crazy. I feel like it is a curse that we have no control over. The two weeks he was there, the weather went from freezing cold in the 20's to several days of heavy rain and wind. Thankfully you all had two days in the 50's with some sunshine. Since he left, you have had a lot of cold days with more snow than you wanted. He has been home for almost two weeks now so I hope your weather turns warmer soon.

While he was in New York, working hard and freezing his butt off, I stayed home and cleaned our house from the ceiling to the floor. I cleaned out every single closet, cupboard and drawer we have. Bill and I made an agreement to get rid of anything that we have not used in over two years. It is no wonder we had a hard time closing our drawers. When I emptied the drawers I had piles of clothes everywhere. It was a little overwhelming. I took eight large outdoor garbage bags to Goodwill and three bags to the SPCA. This was the perfect distraction for me, while Billy was gone. Our nightly phone calls were short, as he worked long hours in the cold. Our conversations,

were mostly daily updates.

Billy and I have never been apart, for two weeks, in our entire marriage. Fifteen days apart seemed like years to Big Hoss and I. We were so excited the day he returned. When he watch Billy walk out of the airport, Hoss went wild. Since his return we have laid low. Billy is finally able to relax and we are very happy to be settling back into our daily routine. It feels good!

The positive side to being away from each other and working on our own projects, is that, we both accomplished a lot of work. Bill was so happy to work with Jeremy and I was happy that our house was in order and clean. The bonus was Bill and I both lost weight, without trying. Throwing yourself into a project takes your mind of food and when you do decide to eat you are too tired to care about it. It was a win-win all the way around.

In May, Billy will be celebrating a big birthday. It is the number that most of us do not want to think about, because it never really occurred to us, that we would become this old. Time does not slow down for anyone! When we talk about how old we are, how long we have known each other and how long we have been married, it puts everything in perspective. The reality is we did get everything we wanted in life and God has blessed us. He gave us everything that we needed and many times he gave us more than we asked for.

Being old is not a curse. Gray hair, wrinkles and saggy skin should be treated with reverence and not looked down on. Every wrinkle was earned. We need to show our respect for them by trying hard to stay in shape and taking care of ourselves. Everyone is not as fortunate to live to an "old age". Age is about attitude and being thankful for everything we have. Birthdays of any age should be celebrated. As we pass through the decades

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we need to look back and give thanks. We need to look at how far we have come in life. We need to remember to remember to celebrate each day. Everyone is a gift.

Billy does not know it yet but our friends and family are going to celebrate this milestone with him, for the next few months. There will be a lot of fanfare, drum rolls and loud music. Billy is going to rock on and we are going to help him.

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May 2nd, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, and Pudding.. We will also celebrate all May birthdays with a cake provided by Enola Woznack There will be no program this date.

May 9th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Salisbury Steak, Rice Pilaf, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, Lemon cake with Glaze

STFSL Program at 12:30: Linda Eastman will present, "Downsizing-How to do it and feel good about it. "

May 16th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Cheddar Baked Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spinach and Berries in a Cloud. There will be no program this date.

May 23rd, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
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at 12:30: David Brooks , Education Director, NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will present "Kilboy Was Here : The Erie Canal Balladeer" There will be a blood pressure clinic this date.

May 30th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Macaroni and Cheese , Stewed tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, and Pudding. STFSL Program at 12:30: "Summer Singing with the Northville Central School Choirs".

Call Fulton County OFA at 736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. . For closure information check channels 6, 10 or 13 and WENT 1340 radio. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 752-8737 and leave a message.

The Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living will be presenting the following trip this spring:

On Wednesday, May 22nd, we will travel to the Armory Studios in Schenectady for the Dinos Alive Immersive Experience, featuring over 80 life-sized animated dinosaurs. Tickets are \$19.90 per person. We will leave the Northville Baptist Church parking lot at 12 noon. If you are interested in this trip please call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave your name and contact information, or email

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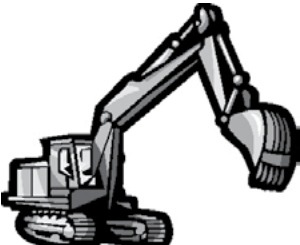
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Hello Spring. You are coming, correct ? The calendar said you arrived many weeks ago, however since your purported arrival we have had 2 snow storms dumping more than 2 feet of the white stuff and many more days of cold and rainy weather ! When are you truly arriving with some sunshine and warmth?

Hopefully as you are reading this spring has truly arrived. With the mild winter I'm sure many are looking for an early start to the boating season. I know we are. I'm sure many are getting the urge to be on the water, fishing, sight-seeing etc.,(still a little too cold for waterskiing or tubing, though

kids don't seem to mind) or sitting around a camp fire with family and friends. However you enjoy the lake environment remember that the SPC is the only Lake organization that is allowed by its charter to hire lawyers and lobbyist to help us in protecting the way of life on the Great Sacandaga . Our largest fundraising event is a golf outing June 1 at Hales Mills Country Club in Johnstown. We are quickly filling up with golfers so If you would like to play contact Bob Jones (518-257-0282) asap to get one of the final spots. If you are not a golfer there are many sponsor ship opportunities available. See elsewhere in this publication for a list and a response form. Or for \$20 you may attend the cocktail reception and bid on many of the wonderful silent auction items available from local merchants and artists.

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by Barbara Klueg

Because I Said So!

This is the time of year when we show extra-special love, honor and appreciation for our Mothers and Fathers. As a kid, many years ago, (and as a teenager who thought she was smarter than her parents), I would try begging and arguing with Mom and Dad. I vividly remember pleading with Dad to let me do something. I always seemed to mistakenly say to him, “but Dad, other kids” ... And his answer was always, you’re not other kids, you’re our child and your mother and I said no. End of conversation!

Occasionally, while our own Fab Five were growing up, they would beg and present their various (crazy) requests to my husband and me.

After hearing their case, we answered a simple no, and when they asked why, we said, “Because I said so!” One of our 4 daughters answered back to us (more than once), “I’m never saying “Because I said so” to my kids!” Well, guess what – she now says those very same words to her own 3 kids. (Life can be funny and so satisfying!)

Our Heavenly Father loves us SO MUCH! He loves us so much more than we earthly parents could ever love our own children. Do we say, ‘but God’ and give Him our weak arguments and pleas? Yes, we do. We are all born sinners and often argue with God. But, thankfully we have a very patient Heavenly Father. He doesn’t just strike us down with lightning, but instead gives us second and third chances (and often, more), and lovingly waits for us to come to Him. He wants us to come to Him, repent of our sins and to love and serve Him.

The Bible talks a lot about repenting, our love for God . . . and obedience to Him. “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)



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And, since Mother's Day is in May, and Father's Day next month, let's remember these Bible verses and teach them to our children. (Ephesians 6:1-4) "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise— so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Jesus said, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (Revelation 3:20) How different our lives would be if we simply stopped arguing with God. We need to humbly come to Him . . . when He says, "Because I said so."

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Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m.
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Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Worship Choir Practice: 8 p.m.

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5/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter
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John 15:9-17; Acts 10:44-48
5/12 Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day
Set Aside
John 17:6-19; Acts 1:15-17, 2-26

5/19 Pentecost

Called to Be Dreamers
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

5/26 Trinity Sunday – Memorial Day Sunday
Beyond Earthly Bonds
John 3:1-17

The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, revdavid76@gmail.com or on the pastor's blog at www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/.

Clergy Column

Family

May is a lovely month. It is a time when the weather is finally warm, flowers are blooming, and the promise of Summer Vacation and family outings. It is a time when we pause and express gratitude for our Mom or those who filled her shoes. In addition to parents, I think of grandparents, teachers, coaches, and the church which become surrogates for absent parents and a support system to parents as they deal with the struggles can mark the journey to adulthood. There is a great deal of truth to the saying that it takes a village to raise a child.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, I would remind you that your local Faith Community stands ready to support parents and those who fill that role in caring for our most precious gift, our children. We are here to support you and assist you as you seek to assure your children they are loved and that have something to contribute to our world. We are here to help you assure your children that

mistakes are not the end of the world, that forgiveness and the opportunity to go on with life is available. We are here to help you teach them that the God who created this world loves them and seeks to walk with them through life. We are here in times of grief to support you and them with the message that the grave is not the end.

You need not face the challenges of fulfilling the role of parent alone.

If you don't currently belong to a Faith Community, Northampton at Fish House welcomes you to be part of our community. We gather on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, meet on Monday evening at 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM Wednesday morning to



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discuss life issues and ways our faith can address them. The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, revdavid76@gmail.com or on the pastor's blog at www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/.

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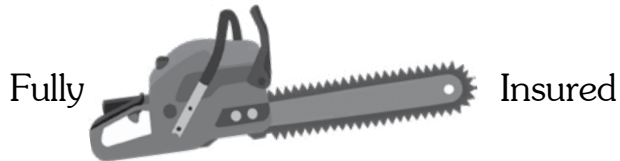
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- **Rosemarie Gardner** of Lake Luzerne, retired English teacher and active community volunteer
- **Margaret Hartley** of Hadley, director of communications at the University at Albany and former journalist
- **Ted Mirczak** of Day, retired VP of Administration at RPI
- **Janice Waterhouse** of Lake Luzerne, retired English teacher dedicated to our library

In December, Gardner, Hartley and Mirczak were appointed by the Board of Regents to the **Rockwell Falls Public Library Board** to fill vacancies that left the board unable to operate the library, which had closed three months earlier.

The three were united in their priorities: Hire a library manager, get the library reopened, and restore civility to library board meetings.

A library manager was hired in February. The library reopened March 1. Library board meetings have returned to business and the respectful exchange of ideas.

But our work isn't done. We need to restore programming, engage the community in a plan for the library's future, and make sure our library is a welcoming place for everyone in our community. Together with Janice Waterhouse, we are running to continue serving on the board of trustees.

Please **vote for Rosemarie Gardner, Margaret Hartley, Ted Mirczak and Janice Waterhouse**, May 21 at the Hadley-Luzerne School District's budget vote, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, Lake Luzerne.





Sufficiency

Shellie Kovaleski

“Never enter a room talking.” This was the advice taught to the children of a Canadian couple I knew. To do so would show disregard for whatever conversations might be already taking place. This might be incomprehensible in today’s world where many people barely even have conversations anymore. As part of their manners they were taught not to assume that whatever was on their mind was the most important thing that could be happening. “Has anyone seen my...” could wait until you make eye contact.

Soon a new group of graduates will be heading out into the larger world, probably both eager and anxious. How will they distinguish themselves in interviews for jobs and other opportunities? Parents and teachers will hope they go out with confidence and not too much cockiness.

Here’s how one couple mentored a young musician in Philadelphia. While the husband tutored and coached the young woman for an important audition, his wife prepared a meal. When she saw how ill at ease the student was engaging with her, she asked a question. “What’s the first thing you’ll do when you go into your audition?” Taken aback, the girl murmured, “I dunno.” The wife asked, “How about this? Look each judge in the eye, shake each hand and say, ‘Thank you for giving me this opportunity.’” It was a very competitive field of applicants. Perhaps the gracious beginning broke the ice and gave her confidence. Perhaps it distinguished her. She was accepted for an elite position. She succeeded.

The older generations might especially appreciate seeing a gracious person in a professional setting. It was normal a while back for retail employees to refrain from raining the f-bomb throughout their casual conversations. It seems like it’s an inescapable part of dialogue now even in business settings, but a person who wants to distinguish himself or herself professionally might note that it doesn’t sit well with everyone.

Cell phones give a great opportunity to be polite by not splitting your attention between a living being who’s spending time with you and a screen. Would there be a better way to make a person feel uninteresting or unimportant than to ignore them in favor of something that could wait till later? If you ever feel not listened to, here’s

a way to change the dynamics of that situation. Sometimes communication habits get lazy. In most homes people get in the habit of calling out to someone in another room. But if your message is important, get in the same room and make eye contact to verify that the message is being heard. It shows respect and earns respect. It’s like entering a room talking if you just throw your voice in there. Whether the other person is reading, napping, watching YouTube, or texting they are probably preoccupied with something.

It’s really not that hard for us to be polite, to be gracious, to distinguish yourself, if you practice caring about the people around you. Its lucky we are not Japanese. The Japanese are exceedingly gracious but it’s much more complicated for them. A Japanese teacher was told by her elders that it takes a lifetime to understand how to be Japanese.

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Linda Brown, Membership Team

Welcome May! After a crazy erratic winter, how great to see sunshine and our gardens popping back to life. I hope SVAN's winter concerts helped to brighten your winter, and I especially hope you got to SVAN's last concert April 13 at Sport Island Pub and you were one of the crowd who rocked the night away to Johnny and the Triumphs with Gwen Tracey. The music was amazing, and if I closed my eyes, I could have sworn I was listening to Janis Joplin! If you missed that great music, you can look forward to SVAN's top shelf music at this summer's free concerts in the Northville Waterfront Park every Saturday night at 6pm from July 13 – August 31. There will also be a concert by the excellent Caroga Lake musicians Sunday July 21. A list of the summer music schedule can be found at SVAN's website svanarts.org (under Music/Summer Concerts 2024).



Another cherished sign of Spring is the return of all the birds and their wonderful songs. Our SVAN President Dianne Knapp recently noticed two Bluebird couples scouting out the birdhouse that sits close to her front deck. She had great fun watching the very entertaining “nest negotiations” and wondering which bird couple would win the safe haven of her birdhouse. Dianne had

purchased her lovely birdhouse at a craft fair – but this summer, SVAN is “going to the birds and will be offering an opportunity to win a creative birdhouse built or decorated by local artists. Some SVAN members are already starting to work on ideas for their unique birdhouse donations, but if you're creative and would love to donate a birdhouse creation to our fundraiser raffle, email vicepresident@svanarts.org. These can be functional outdoor houses or decorative only. Raffle tickets will be sold through the summer

with the birdhouses displayed at various SVAN events, and the raffle will take place at our annual “Turn Up the Heat” fundraiser to fund our winter heating bills (probably in August).

SVAN has lots more in store for you for Spring and Summer. The Northville and Vail Mills Galleries will be accepting art on April 27th. Artist Margaret Draffin will be teaching a beginner/intermediate level painting workshop on Saturday,

May 11th. And Friday May 17 our first Gallery Reception will be held at our Northville Gallery 303 S. Main Street Northville, We're excited about hosting a booth at the National Trails Day 100 Anniversary Celebration in the Waterfront Park the weekend of May 31-June 2, Our Northville Library Gallery will be hung will Northville Student Photography from June 3-30 with a reception on June 4th from 5-7pm. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Art Trails Weekend – August 17-18.

Besides providing Art and Music events through the year, an important part of SVAN's mission of “Promoting the Arts through the



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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

May already? You know what that means! By now, you should have already started digging through your treasures to set up your sale or developed your plan of action for attending the sales during Garage Sale Weekend, May 4th and 5th. We will post a list of sales in and around the community on our FB page and have some paper copies available for distribution by the Northampton Ambulance Squad when they conduct their coin drop on Saturday, May 4th. I will also have copies available in my office at 412 S. Main Street.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for February was 94 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). NCS Teacher, Justin Frederick, brought his Technical Mathematics class to the Police department recently. They were given a tour of the department and discussed ideas for

a sign they are making for the department. The students are competing in groups of two, and each team is creating a design to be presented to Chief Richardson.

DPW Superintendent Dan Reidell reports that they will begin picking up yard debris and brush weekly, on Wednesdays, through the end of May. He is preparing a pickup schedule for summer which we will post in future editions and on our FB page.

Don't forget the Village of Northville Memorial Day parade/ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27th at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar and join us for this solemn event.

We are in the final planning stages of the National Trails Day/100th Anniversary of Northville-Placid Trail event, which will be held May 31st through June 2nd in the Waterfront Park and various spots around the Village of Northville. Here is a brief timeline of the event:

Friday- May 31st - 4-8 pm - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 6 p.m. at the Archway. Vendors, food, entertainment.

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the BIG DAY. We will have a trolley running throughout the Village, stops yet to be determined but we estimate 6 to 8 stops. Vendors, food, entertainment, activities. There will be a fish stocking event at the Little Lake, followed by a kid's fishing derby from 10 a.m.-1p.m.

Sunday-June 2nd - 10 am to 3 pm – Closing ceremony in bandshell will be at 1 pm. Vendors, food, entertainment, activities.

For the most current information about the Trails Day/NPT event, visit our FB page. Additional information regarding the National Trails Day/NPT 100th Anniversary celebration can be found on the following websites: 44LAKES.COM and NPT100.COM.

We are still organizing the DOINS for July 4th, 5th, and 6th. and taking applications from vendors. Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to participate. The fireworks this year will be held on Friday, July 5th at dusk. The Spencer family has graciously agreed to allow their property to be used for the fireworks this year! We truly appreciate it! If you see Tom or Sharon, please be sure to thank them. During the month of May, our office will be reaching out to past parade participants to schedule them for this years' parade. If you want to be part of the fun, email the Clerk's office to be added to the list! What's the theme of the parade this year, you ask? Drumroll.....the theme for the 2024 DOINS parade is HOMETOWN HOEDOWN! We are looking for groups to show us their best version of a hoedown. Dust off your cowboy hats, shine your boots, and join in!!

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From Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

Welcome to Mud Season

We often get asked if we drill in the winter. Although it is not the most pleasant, it is not the hardest time to drill – that would be Mud season. April is historically our slowest drilling month because we just can't get trucks in and out of wet spots. Sure, we have been known to do our share of mud-tracking (moving very heavy/durable mats around for the trucks to drive on), but it is the literal worst and it often leads to having to be pulled out (and things breaking). As an example – we were pulled out of a site and broke a side of the front fender – it cost \$1600 for a replacement (that we installed).

In addition to sloppy sites, roads have set weight limits. I had never noticed this until I met Jeremy. IF you didn't know – between March and May, the towns go around and set signage at the ends of roads that may squish under heavy trucks during Mud season. We are not allowed to drive on these roads until they firm up. Fun fact – our drill rig tenders (water trucks) have to have overweight



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The dirtiest part of Mud season is how much our tires take with us when we leave. Think big tractor tires with large recesses. These get chock filled with mud. When able, Jeremy tries to drive up the shoulder of the road to knock some off. It sprays the truck, the road, and sometimes other vehicles – sorry if that has ever been you.

In case you were wondering – the Fall is our favorite time to drill. Places are typically dry and the weather is temperate. October is always our busiest month.

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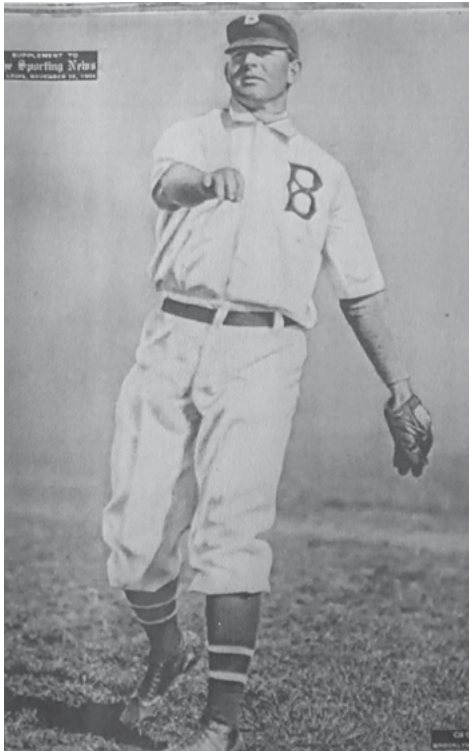


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“Stones from the Creek”

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Spring has sprung....and hopefully no more snow!

This month I would like to tell about the Incredible Stony Creek Baseball Team. Never heard them? Well let me start at the beginning. In a newspaper article from the Glens Falls Republican dated September 1876 it says a baseball team has been formed by our young men. Two weeks later in the same paper it says our baseball club has adopted the name of John P Bowman. (local tanner)

Baseball continued in town over the years, and in the 1930's the Incredible Stony Creek Baseball Team came to be. They played on the ball diamond up behind Briner's/Stony Creek Market and Cafe, once known as the old Hull property. Their opponents came from surrounding towns, Thurman, Corinth, Lake Luzerne Warrensburg and Day.

Clifford “Zip” Fuller standing 6’ 6” tall was the pitcher and “could throw a ball as fast as a bullet and just as straight”. Frank Brown was the catcher and “no ball got by “Brownie. Other players were, Al Dean, Bob Smith, Andrew Aldrich, they played third base, Jack Arehart, Grover Gill and Jim Gill played outfield. The rest of the team took turns at any position that was empty. They were, Denny Gill, Earl Burdick, Al Weber, Irving Hill, Clarence White, Joe and Lloyd Bush, Floyd Smith, John Chadwick and George Van Dusen. They didn't have a fancy water dipper, and usually not enough gloves to go around so they traded back and forth, and two to three bats for the whole team. But the lack of equipment never stopped them being a winning team. At the time they were the team to beat and if there were scouts from the major league any of these players would have been drafted.

The umpire for these games was a man named George “Farmer” Bell considered the best and he was famous in his own right. In 1907-1911 he was the right handed pitcher for the Brooklyn Superbas/Brooklyn Dodgers. During the 1930's he owned and operated the Bell Hunting Lodge on Harrisburg Road. So while here he could continue his love of baseball by being an umpire. He died in 1941 and sadly the lodge burned and all that is left is the chimney. In 1988 he was inducted in to the Hall of Fame in Wellborn Pennsylvania.

If you happen to enjoy America's greatest pastime this summer, I hope that you think back to the boys from Stony Creek and smile.

Till next time, Cindy

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Lake Luzerne History Day – Mon. July 29 "Our 2024 NYS Scenic Byway"

Stony Creek Mountain Festival – First Full Weekend in August



Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is hard to believe we are on the home stretch of the 2023-2024 school year! We hope everyone is enjoying the change in weather and the warmer temperatures. Students have been enjoying outside recess and look forward to outside learning opportunities.

The students in grades 2nd - 6th took a field trip to the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts on April 16th to see their artwork on display at the 2024 Regional Art Show. The center presented its seventh annual Regional Art Show, displaying over 120 works by more than 50 artists. The art show featured a special showcase of art by students from the region.

ECS is beyond proud of the 24 art pieces, created by our students in grades PK through 6th grade, that were entered for display by our art teacher, Mrs. Davis. The art show is happening now until May 16, 2024 if you have an opportunity to stop and view our amazing work! You won't want to miss an opportunity.



We only have two Eagle Afternoons remaining!

If you haven't had the opportunity to join us, the two final events will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 and Friday, June 7, 2024. At Eagle Afternoon, we sing patriotic songs and celebrate birthdays, Students of the Month (PK-2), Honor/High Honor Roll (3-6) etc. We hope to see you there and everyone is welcome! Check out the District school calendar on our website for start times!

We are proud to offer the "Summer Fun Enrichment Program" once again this year! The program will be offered to ALL students in grades K- 6th and transportation will be offered to in-District students. The program will start on Monday, July 8, 2024 and end on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Students will attend the program Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The enrichment program will include "field trip Thursday" in which students will take their learning on location to enjoy what our region has to offer. If you have any questions regarding the summer enrichment program or would like to sign your child/children up, please call the main office at 518-863-8412 for more details.





MARK your calendars!

It's that time of year again to get out and support the Edinburg Common School District budget! The annual budget vote and board election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 12:00 pm through 8:00 pm. The Edinburg Common School District would like to thank the budget committee for their hard work and dedication to our students and community.

We would also like to thank our community and business partners for supporting our educational programming and learning opportunities. Please join us at our regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 for the annual budget hearing. Should you have any specific budget related questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the District.

Also on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, bring the whole family to our final Family STEM Night! There will be several stations for your family to explore, build, and create using district provided STEM kits. We will have some surprise giveaways to share as well that evening! You don't want to miss this! We held two family Monday Math Nights and two family STEM nights. We cannot thank our staff enough for their support of these learning opportunities!

We look forward to continuing the same learning opportunities for the 24-25 school year.

On Friday, June 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM, the Edinburg Common School District will hold the 2023-2024 graduation ceremony. We look forward to honoring our graduating 6th grade students to acknowledge their hard work and dedication at ECS. Light refreshments will be served after the graduation ceremony.

Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for May 2024:

PK - Jackson and Ivan

K - Harper

1 - Landon

2 - Natalie

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

Dates to Remember:

May 3rd - Eagle Afternoon 2:15 PM

May 9th - Mother's Day Event

May 13th - Half Professional Development Day

May 14th - ECS Board Meeting/Budget Hearing
6:00 PM

May 21st - Budget Vote 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

May 21st - STEM Night 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

May 23rd and 24th - Snow Day "Givebacks" - No School

May 27th - Observance of Memorial Day - No School



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

District Governor Visits Broadalbin-Perth Lions; Club and Individuals Recognized

District Governor of Northern New York Lions Priscilla Laurin and her husband, Immediate Past District Governor Ricky Laurin, made their official visit to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club. The event was held at C&R Restaurant in Galway, and featured an evening of fellowship, frivolity, and recognition.

District Governor Priscilla recognized several Club members, acknowledging them with coveted Lions Club International Milestone Chevron Awards for their respective years of service that ranged from 10 to 20 years. By virtue of this recognition it was clearly evident that the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is one of the most seasoned and experienced group of Lions in the region.

On behalf of the club, Broadalbin-Perth Lions Vice President Ed Balaban accepted the Club Excellence Award presented by District Governor Priscilla Laurin. To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific requirements in four categories: Membership, Service, Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing. The presentation of this prestigious award was for the 2022-2023 Lions Service Year. It was noted that the Broadalbin-Perth Lions were well on their way to earning another such accolade for 2023-2024.

In her remarks to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, the District Governor spoke about the need for frequent communications, and the need for Lions to rise to leadership positions in their club and beyond, all for the greater good of caring for one's community. Having already heard about the various service projects, solid fund raising, and deep community involvement of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, when compared to many of the other 48 clubs in the District, Laurin said, "This Club could serve as a model club throughout the District."

District Governor Laurin challenged the Club

to continue to grow by recruiting new members and maintaining a solid retention program. She also acknowledged the Club's broad and extensive



Northern New York Lions District Governor Priscilla Laurin, left, presents the 2022-2023 Club Excellence Award to Broadalbin-Perth Lions Vice President Ed Balaban, right, during her club visit at C&R Restaurant on March 28. To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific requirements in four categories: Membership, Service, Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Bill Suchy).



Northern New York Lions District Governor Priscilla Laurin, right, accepts gifts on behalf of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions from Club Treasurer Tom Kevlin, left. Lions' tradition holds that upon the district governor's official visit, the club presents the governor with a keepsake of the event. Kevlin made the jewelry box, center foreground, by hand. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).

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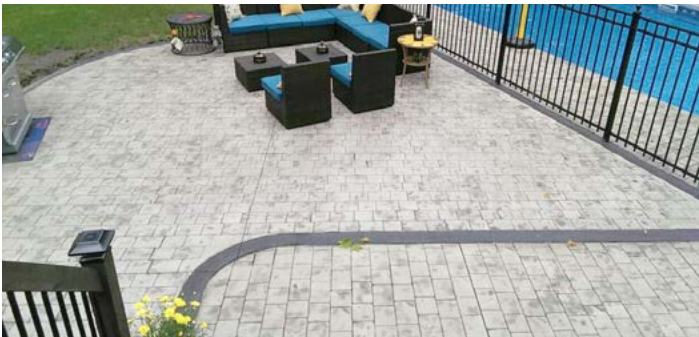
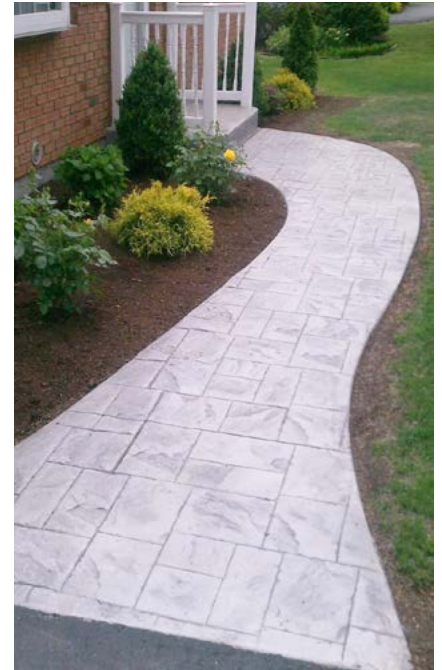


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