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## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

THE LAKE IS NOT SAFE TO BE ON WITH SNOWMOBILES AND MAY NOT EVEN BE SAFE FOR ICE FISHING. THERE ARE SPOTS THAT HAVE OPEN WATER SO BE VERY CAREFUL.

### Covid Rapid Test Kits

The town has Covid Rapid Test Kits available for town residents. There is no charge.

### Sand at Town Hall Highway Garage

The town maintains a pile of sand at the Highway Garage for town residents. It is located just beyond the garage on the right side of the parking lot. It is free to town residents (only) for personal use. Please bring up to 5 gallon containers and a shovel when you come to get sand. It is NOT for commercial use.

### Free Fresh Water Fishing Days

The Governor has announced that the following dates will be free fresh water fishing dates, February 18 & 19, June 24 & 25, September 23 and November 11. Those 6 days anyone can fish without a license. It is a great opportunity to borrow a fishing rod and try the sport.

### Garbage and Recycling Rules

For the information of new residents the town collects garbage on the North Shore on Monday and South Shore on Tuesday (unless Monday is a holiday and collection moves to Tuesday and Wednesday). During the winter months collection may be delayed in the event of a winter storm. Garbage must be bagged (no black bags) and be placed in 33 gallon or smaller cans or in a wire mesh bin that opens from the top and is no taller than 40" from the ground. No un-bagged loose garbage will be collected. The bin must be able to be seen through. Recyclables are collected on Thursday unless the day is a holiday. All recyclables must be co-mingled and placed in a blue plastic tote or box no larger than 24" by 18" and not more than 15" deep with drainage in the bottom. DO NOT USE A GARBAGE CAN OR PLASTIC BAG FOR RECYCLABLES. For

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# MARCH 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

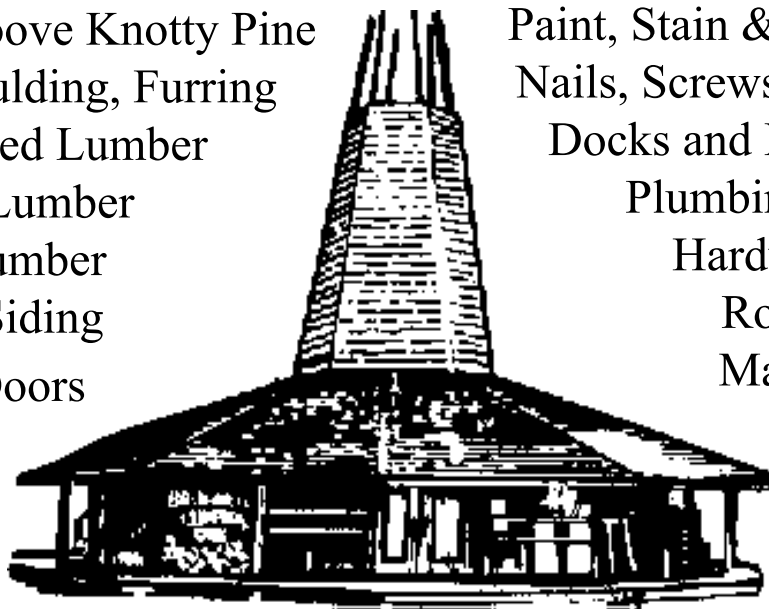
Here's a list of some notable dates and meetings.  
Please send your information to the Edinburg Newsletter at [edinburgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgnewsletter@gmail.com)

- Thurs 2 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Sat 11 5 - 8:00 pm STFSL Pasta and Wine Tasting *(more on page 40)*
- Sun 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Tues 14 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Thurs 16 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 16 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Fri 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- Thurs 23 7:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting
- Sun 26 3:00 pm SVAN Concert - Erin Harkes *(more on page 36)*



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## DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,  
Priscilla L. Edwards

### Early Bridges

Living in the Adirondack foothills one is used to seeing streams large and small flowing off the hillsides on their way to a larger body of water at the bottom. Where these streams cross a roadway, some form of barrier over the water must be built to allow traffic to continue on down the road.

Our early settlers in the 1780's and 90's depended on "fords" to cross the Sacandaga River since very few- if any- roads existed at that time. Foot paths were even few and far between. Fords were shallow places in the river where one could wade safely across, leading livestock and carrying household possessions. Unfortunately, good fords were also few and far between-leaving folks to walk great distances to reach their destinations.

Our early town minutes tell us how the "town fathers" solved some of these problems.

In 1801, at the first Edinburgh (then called Northfield) town meeting, it was voted to build a

bridge across the Sacandaga River. Remember- there was no lake here until 1930. The bridge was started in the fall of 1801 and completed the following year.

The bridge was three spans long of hewn timber; between two to three hundred feet long (can't find an exact length) and was to cross the river near the home of Jonathan Anderson two miles below Fish House--meaning between Edinburgh and Fish House. In clocking the distance, I believe this bridge crossed the river just south of the Anderson Schoolhouse on South Shore Road and joining what was-until a few years ago - the Rockwell farm's lower fields on Sinclair Road. The building committee was comprised of Robert Sumner, Daniel Washburn Jr. and Jordan Sprague.

Northfield became Edinburgh in 1808.

The above bridge was destroyed in 1827-probably by flood waters- and the town voted to spend \$150.00 and build a new bridge. The new bridge, built of logs and planks in July 1827 was a floating bridge, chained to the river banks at either end. This floating bridge crossed the river at Beecher Hollow on the west and hit the east side of the river just north of Batchellerville. Ely Beecher, Azariah Ellithorp and Samuel Noyes were the bridge's work committee.

At the town meeting of 1842 the board approved a permanent bridge to be built across the river at a cost not to exceed \$ 2000.00. In 1845 a committee petitioned the Legislature for a bridge. Built on dykes, this new bridge was placed at the site of the old floating bridge.

In 1848 our town refused to pay a tax for use of the North River Bridge at Hadley.

In 1852 the debt was paid off on our 1845 river bridge. Over the next several years the bridge and

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its dykes were repaired.

At the town meeting of 1863, a committee was appointed to contract for a new bridge to replace the old one, but it wasn't until 1887 when a new bridge to Batchellerville was constructed. This was a wooden covered bridge on dykes, crossing the river near the old dyke bridge just east of our present Edinburg Marina.

In 1888 the beautiful stone-arched bridge was built over Beecher Creek in Beecher Hollow. It was re-built when the road was widened in or about 1937 as a WPA\* project. Unfortunately with the widening of the road the stonework on the lower side disappeared, but if one takes a short walk up Pucker Street, you can see the beautiful stonework on the upper side of the old bridge. One wonders how long this might be possible since I understand the old bridge will be receiving repairs in the near future.

Our famous Copeland Covered Bridge was built in 1879 by Arad Copeland to get his cows to pasture. It's now in the possession of the Edinburg Historical Society.

The town board, in 1925, moved to place "No

Parking" signs at either end of the Batchellerville Covered Bridge. Not many cars in Edinburg in 1925 but better keep those horses moving!!

In 1927, the all steel Batchellerville Bridge- the largest ever in our area- a part of the Sacandaga Reservoir project of the 1920s, was under construction. Six-tenths of a mile long it was not yet completed when the gates closed on the Conklingville Dam in March 1930.

The old Batchellerville Covered Bridge was intentionally burned in 1929 to make way for the Reservoir, causing much sadness to many observers.

The deck and railings of the 1930 Batchellerville Bridge were replaced in 1982.

Our current Batchellerville Bridge opened to the public in 2012. The old bridge was torn down.

A couple of years ago the little bridge on Fox Hill, just above the Horse Hill intersection, was replaced.

Last year the bridge over Sand Creek at the intersection of Military and Sand Lake Roads was

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Early bridges were often built of nature’s products such as timber and stone. Later concrete was often used, along with concrete culverts. Today’s large metal culverts can often replace a small bridge if the water flow isn’t too heavy. The culvert is placed in the stream bed and then covered by road materials.

Wooden bridges are now only seen in private driveways or roads. They work great on a logging operation giving a safe roadway for logging trucks to transport logs and pulpwood from a logging job.

There are many other smaller bridges on Edinburg roads that we take for granted. How many bridges do you cross every day on your travels and never give it a second thought?

\*WPA—Works Progress Administration

A federal agency formed in 1934 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s New Deal Administration offering employment to the jobless during the Great Depression of the 1930’s. In operation from 1935-1943, WPA workers built hospitals, schools, post offices, even outhouses. 1.4 million Projects were covered by the WPA including work on 75,000 bridges, 651,000 miles of roads, 800 parks, 125,000 public buildings and over 800 landing strips.



## Edinburg Historical Society

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Claudette Koza - Secretary

Mark your calendars for the Edinburg Historical Society’s two festivals, Bake Goods and Salad Sales and our successful 2022 Pork Roast Dinner.

May 27 – Bake Goods and Salad Sales – 9 am to Noon

July 8 – Historic Edinburg Day - 10 am to 3 pm

September 9 – Pork Roast Dinner – 4 to 7 pm

September 23 – Edinburg Fall Festival - 10 am to 3 pm

Make sure to pick up the monthly Edinburg Newsletter for information on our meetings. The first meeting will be held on May 18 at 7 pm at the Sand Hill One Room Schoolhouse.

If you have not paid your membership dues, send your check of \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family to the above address. Be sure to include your email address. Members will receive a reminder once a month of coming meetings and events.

A share in the Copeland Covered Bridge has been purchased in honor of Cynthia Frasier by Patricia and Thomas Green. Donations make a thoughtful memorial for a loved one, or in honor of someone’s special occasion and also helps the society with the maintenance of the bridge. The \$25 share certificate can be purchased by sending your request to the address above.



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## Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for March 2023

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

March 2nd - OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Lemon Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Cake. We will celebrate all March birthdays with a cake provided by Georgia Jacquard. No program this date.

March 9th - OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Ziti with Meatballs, Italian Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges. STFSL Program at 12:30  
Larry Cramer will entertain with Stories from Uncle Josh.

March 16th - OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Roast Turkey with Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, and a Cookie. No Program this date.!

March 23rd - OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Spanish Rice, Cauliflower, 3-Bean Salad, Gelatin.  
STFSL Program at 12:30  
Kara Travis, CEO of Mountain Valley Hospice will talk about Hospice Care and in home Palliative Care. There will also be a blood pressure clinic this date.

March 30th - OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Lemon Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Cake. No program this date.

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. Please check closings on TV or internet. 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.

## Pasta and Wine Tasting

The Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living will be holding their 7th annual Pasta and Wine Tasting event on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm. This event will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall on Bridge Street in Northville. Advance tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Pre-sale tickets will be available at the Northville Liquor Store or through STFSL board members. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 518-752-8737, leaving a message with your name, phone number, and how many people are coming.

Proceeds will go towards the WHEELS program for Senior Transportation, which includes both medical and entertainment transport. Many of your favorite restaurants will again be participating, along with some new ones. To date Sport Island Pub, Vic's Tavern, Jay's Pizzeria, The Local, Timeless Tavern, Cristiano's Pizza, Placid Pines Pub, Shelby's Four Corners, Klippel's Kozy Korner, Mayfield Grill and Mama Mia's have signed up to take part in this fun evening. Of course there will also be a selection of great wines from the Northville Liquor Store especially chosen to compliment the food. And you will love the desserts we have lined up for you!

Come on March 11 for a great night out with friends and neighbors that also benefits the older adults in our community.



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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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# BACKYARD WILDLIFE

by Roberta MacIntyre Games

There are so many ways one can encounter wildlife. I think one primary way is when an animal runs in front of your vehicle and you get a quick glimpse. Hopefully it is not when you get a real encounter! Other ways to spot wildlife may be while hunting, hiking, boating or even sitting in your backyard. Many people feed the birds and enjoy watching all that come to dine.

One year I had put a birdfeeder outside my window across the yard. When I would pull the curtains closed at night there was a light colored owl sitting quite close to the lawn on a branch. Every night I would see it. I called it "the spook". Well turns out it was a barred owl. It had learned that at night the seed on the ground would attract mice and there would be a ready meal. Some nights there may even be a jackpot flying squirrel or even a small rabbit. I had never seen a barred owl but when I had heard them for the first time I did not realize that what I was hearing was owls. I thought I was hearing monkeys. The owl sounds calling back and forth in courtship in the winter months



*Northern Saw Whet Owl - Image by Chris Tolman*

have been described as maniacal laughter. That certainly described it.

So one of the ways we can know what wildlife is in the area is by their vocalizations. In the nighttime when most wildlife is moving about you will hear sounds that sometimes can sound quite eerie. The barred owl for one. A porcupine will make sounds like a loud squeaky hinge or a short blast of a kazoo. Bobcats sound like a woman screaming. Foxes also can make your hair stand on end with their screamy guttural barks. One night I heard a commotion outside the house and I thought something was getting killed. Turns out it was a grey fox "barking" at my cat who was sitting there. The chorus of coyotes all yipping and barking is a bit intimidating especially if it sounds close by. These vocal sounds let us know what animals are near. I especially like to birdwatch and often I cannot see the birds but when they are vocalizing I can know what bird it is. On Stewarts pond at the north end of the Sacandaga there are nesting Bald Eagles. They have become a common sight all around the region. When I kayak there I do not often see them right away but I can hear their high pitched whistle which reminds me of a seagull. This past summer I would hear the distinctive song of the ovenbird in my backyard "teacher, teacher, teacher". Never saw it. One day I was walking across the yard and something like an injured bird scooted out in front of me. Sure enough it was an ovenbird protecting its nest. The nest on the ground was like a large sideways cup. I waited



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The year's winners for the best in children's literature include:

\*\* Newbery Award for Fiction – "Freewater" by Amina Luqman-Dawson: This historical middle-grade novel tells of two enslaved children's escape from a plantation to find freedom, and then to act against a threat that could destroy his new home.

\*\*Caldecott Award for Picture Book – "Hot Dog" by Doug Salati: A dog is taken for a ride out of the hot city to an ocean beach where he can run. Salati shows us how to find calm and carry it back with us, so we can appreciate the small joys in a day.

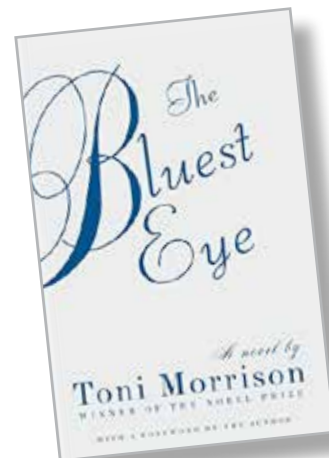
\*\*Seuss Award for Early Readers – "I Did It" by

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Michael Emberley: Simple text allows new readers to read by themselves, along with delightful pictures in a comic format, show a little creature trying and trying again as they learn to ride a bicycle. All their friends help with supportive words of encouragement. "You did it!" their friends exclaim.

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Mar 14 at 10 am in the library's program room. Pat Nugent will lead a discussion of "Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. From the acclaimed Nobel Prize winner—a powerful examination of our obsession with beauty and conformity that asks questions about race, class, and gender with characteristic subtly and grace. In Morrison's first novel, Pecola Breedlove—an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others—prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.t

Story Time is scheduled for Tues, Mar 21 at 10 am with Shirl Doherty for "Springy Thingsies".




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and soon was able to see the bird that I knew was there by it's song. This happens often with birds. Several weeks ago, I was hiking on the mountain and heard a new sound. It was a series of soprano coos over and over. They continued for several minutes as I looked up in the bare leafless trees to see what it was. As I stepped into the clearing, they stopped. It must have seen me. Turns out after some research it was a Saw Whet Owl probably a male looking for love. They are very hard to see as they love to roost in the evergreens and they are quite small, robin sized, but now I knew it was there, somewhere hidden from view.

*Roberta Games is a longtime Sacandaga region resident and spends many hours hiking and exploring the area. She has a degree in Biology with a special interest in Wildlife Biology and loves sharing about her many encounters with wildlife.*



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by Brian DeFeo

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- 1/11 Mutual Aid to Northville VFD
- 1/25 Structure Fire, Oakes Road
- 1/29 MVA - Snowmobile, Sacandaga Lake
- 2/1 EMS Assist call, Edinburg Emergency Squad, North Shore Road
- 2/9 Mutual Aid to Providence VFD
- 2/10 Lines Down, North Shore Road

The picture this month is of an ice rescue drill which occurred on the Lake in January, just south of the Bachelorville Bridge at the Edinburg Town Park In addition to EVFC, our neighbors from the Northville Volunteer Fire Department and the Edinburgh Emergency Squad were in attendance. Fire Fighters had the opportunity of actually going into the icy water to be rescued. As you might imagine, this is a very technical rescue requiring



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With the variable temperatures on the Lake so far this Winter, this type of drill becomes all the more important. We recently obtained a new piece of rescue equipment on a lend/ purchase basis.

This should greatly assist in our rescue efforts. A photo and much more on this next month.

Taking a very brief look at our annual run sheet, 2022 was a record breaker with 136 total calls. A total of 1040 volunteer hours were logged.







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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Flowers for Caesar and flowers named after Julius Caesar all resulting from ‘The Ides of March’, ‘ides’ refers to the middle of a month. March 15th is the first day of spring in the Roman Calendar. This was not a good day for Julius. In 44 BC, he was warned not to go to work, but didn’t listen. It was that day Caesar was killed. Before it was defined as a ‘bad luck’ day thanks to Shakespeare’s play, ‘Julius Caesar’ and the famous line ‘Beware the Ides of March’, it was a joyous day. The ides of any month celebrate the first full moon in that month. In Rome it was a time for celebration...until 44 BC. Because Julius Caesar was so powerful, tensions rose quickly between Caesar and the Senate, the Romans no longer wanted to live under his rule, so, they killed him. To this day people leave flowers for Caesar at a temple where he was cremated (funeral pyre). One flower in particular that carries on his legacy, is the Siberian Iris, named after his brother. It’s known as ‘Caesar’s Brother’, with dark purple

flowers (royal colors) and sword-like (Roman Soldier) flower buds.

As honorable as it is to have an Iris named after Caesar, the Iris has tales of its own fame to tell. It started with a Greek messenger of the gods, who journeyed between heaven and earth, with her golden wings, traveling on rainbows. In Greek, the word Iris means Rainbow. The Greeks have a tradition of planting Irises on the graves of loved ones to help them transcend to the afterlife. In Japan, Irises are known for their purifying elements and warding off evil energies. Iris’s are a common design element of kimonos, Japanese paintings and a poetry style called Haiku. The Chinese believe the Iris to be the messenger and spirit for the arrival of Summer. As the summer winds blow, the petals flutter and fly like butterfly wings. This is the reason that Iris is called ‘The Purple Butterfly’ in China. In the Catholic church and gardens of the Virgin Mary, they are found in abundance.. It is said the sword-like petals relate to the pain of Mary’s heart caused by the death of Jesus.

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Going back in time to 1479 BC where the immense popularity of the Iris began. King Thutmose III of Egypt conquered Syria. Irises were very prolific in Syria and the King just happened to be a gardener as well as a warrior king! He wanted to immortalize them through sculptures and drawings as symbols of the renewal of life at the Temple of Amon at Karnak, as well as in his gardens of Egypt. Then, with the establishments of Roman trade routes, the Iris traveled all the way to Spain.

Moving along to the 500's AD, the Frankish (French) King Clovis I adopted the Iris as his emblem, the fleur-de-lis. Although we think of the fleur-de-lis as a lily. In theory, the 'lis' (pronounced lee) is believed to have been named after a river. The riverbank of Leie was blooming with Irises (and still is) so the French, over time shortened it from 'The Flower of the River of Lis'



to Fleur-de-lis. All we need to know is that it was the Iris the king loved. The French put it on everything from the top of scepters to fighting shields. Today, with its French pedigree, New Orleans' emblem is the fleur-de-lis. In 1147, King Louis VII had a dream that prompted him to adopt the purple iris as his emblem. Then, in 1376,

King Charles V applied three fleur-de-lis to his coat of arms. By the time King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain defeated the Moors and supported the adventures of Columbus in 1492, Holland had developed many varieties of Irises that would make the journey to the 'New World'. Early records of Irises date back to the 1600s in Virginia. Now it is the official state flower of Tennessee. Two gardens dedicated to the cultivation of the Iris in Florence, Italy and New Jersey are the largest Iris gardens in the world.

Since ancient times, the Indian and Egyptian cultures were among those that used Irises rhizomes (roots) for medicinal purposes and perfume. Centuries later, the practice of using dried Iris rhizomes was a major industry in 19th-century Florence, Italy. In Germany, Iris roots were hung in barrels of beer to keep the beer fresh. The same applied to casks of wine in France.

The Iris didn't just captivate kings and conquerors, it filled the hearts and minds of artists. Vincent Van Gogh, a Dutch artist, painted his first Iris painting in 1889 when he was admitted to the asylum, they were growing in a small outdoor area where he was allowed to walk. The painting held the record for the most expensive artwork in 1987, selling for \$53.9 million (today that would equal about \$100 million)

The next time someone tells you 'beware the Ides of March', just think of the Iris and rephrase the age old superstitious line from beware to 'behold the Ides of March and the Blooms of the Iris'. Happy Spring!

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# How Big is a TRILLION?

by Harold Cheney

There are so many big numbers being thrown around in the news lately. Sometimes they are hard to comprehend.

For starters, one million is one thousand thousand. A billion is a thousand million. A trillion is a thousand billion. Hard to wrap your head around, so here are some other ways of looking at them.

If you were to start counting off seconds now, you would be counting for 31,688 years before you got to a trillion. Don't have that much time? OK.

If you were able to spend a million dollars a day (if you could manage that), it would take you 2737 years to spend a trillion. Still too much time?

Consider this. This country's national debt currently stands at about 31.4 trillion dollars. If you could pay down the debt at the rate of one BILLION dollars a day (!), it would take more than 86 years for the debt to reach zero.

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BALLSTON SPA -- The Ballston Spa Rotary Club together with the Ballston Spa High School Interact Club will hold a Brooks chicken barbecue fundraiser from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, at the VFW Post 358, 68 East North St. The theme will be "Think Spring!"

The takeout-only event will feature barbecue prepared on-site by the famed Brooks' House of

Bar-B-Q of Oneonta. Each meal will include a half-chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and roll.

The cost will be \$15 per dinner. Tickets are available online at <http://ballstonsparotary.com/bbq>.

Part of the proceeds will benefit Scottie's Pantry at the high school, which provides food, toiletries and other items to students in need. Rotary is an international organization that allows members to collaborate with others to meet the needs of communities locally, regionally and throughout the world.

Contact: Stephen Williams, Ballston Spa Rotary Club secretary, at 518-860-3499 or [gazettesteve@aol.com](mailto:gazettesteve@aol.com)

## PICKLE IN THE PARK



Pickle in the Park is a pickleball membership club in Sacandaga Park. There are 5 outdoor courts and 1 heated indoor court. Access to the courts and parking is off Rt30, on the East side, at the 45mph sign just North of McKinley Avenue. We have games and practices most days. All you need to play is proper court shoes and a paddle. The rules of the game are easy to learn and there are lots of instructional videos on U-Tube. Like tennis, you can play singles or doubles. Playing schedule info and membership communications are through a phone app called Heja. Since many of our members go south during the winter, we are looking for more winter indoor season members. Evening (after work) playing sessions, guests and reserved small group play, can be accommodated. The Winter indoor and Summer outdoor membership fee per player for 2023 is \$175 each; the daily summer guest fee is \$10 per day/player. By the middle of May we typically switch from the indoor to the outdoor season. For further info call Willem at 518 332 6896.



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# Sufficiency

Shellie Kovaleski

Gamble or Invest? What would you do if you had a few extra bucks on hand? You might do both if you plunk it down for a fistful of seeds. Three or four dollars can get you either a head of lettuce - or enough seeds to grow a hundred salads. A very good investment! Even if you only work a spot as big as a bathmat, this could be the year to dig in.

Acres of books have been written on gardening so if you're new to this, you can go to a library. Of all the books out there, The \$64 Tomato, though amusing, is probably not the one to start with. The author apparently planned to recoup some of his vast losses by writing a book about the cost of vegetables grown in a garden, terraced and gated, which he hired various pros to design and build for him.

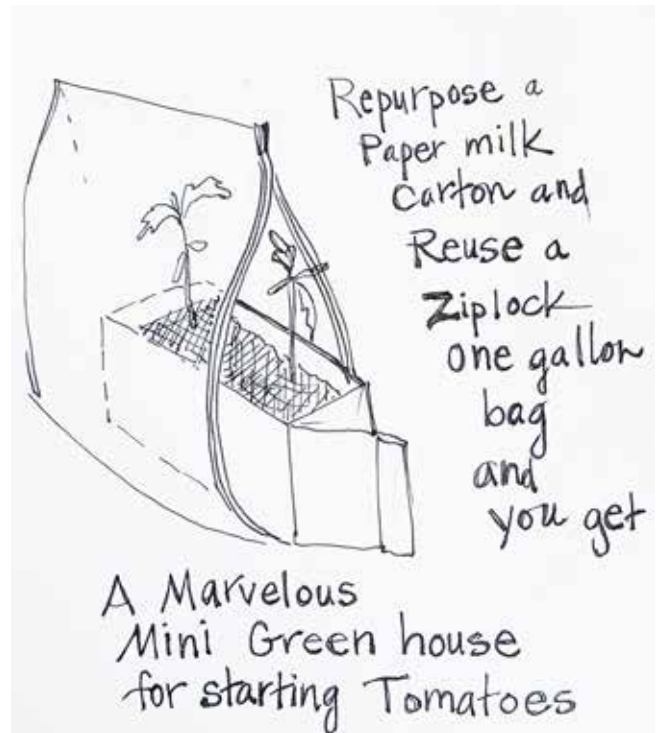
Although stainless steel spades and dried zebra dung make great accessories it's also possible to grow food that's practically free, the only cost being some of your free time.

Also if you're new to this task, talk to someone who's already messing around in the dirt. It's a rare gardener who doesn't want to share some ideas or pointers. Even the best growers have been invaded by insects or out-manuevered by voracious voles, so we like to band together in strategic alliances.

If you want to you can. No excuses.

No tiller?  
No problem. No-till methods are becoming recognized as preferable for maintaining soil health. The community of beneficial stuff living there (think probiotics) doesn't like to be disturbed.

To eliminate lawn grass, spread plain cardboard, without colored inks, over the area, overlapping and weighted down with whatever you have - rocks, limbs, jugs of



water, or dirt, etc. In a month or 2 it should be plantable. In the first year I like to heap barn litter with manure on the cardboard around April and by June, with a shovelful of good dirt in the center, it's ideal for vines. Pumpkins, squash, melons or cukes go crazy on a manure pile that has weathered and mellowed for a couple months.

If you lack a lawn you can grow stuff in a bag

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of dirt. Garden places sell grow bags (empty!) for \$15, but the reusable \$1 or \$2 supermarket bags also work. Just add holes. Free, even better, is a repurposed feed sack as long as it's not paper. Many are fiberglass. Just fold down the top half.

I love my spring time garden so much that I pick up something for it nearly every time I go out. I stride right past the seed starting supplies flirtatiously positioned near the entrance of almost every store. I head to the dairy aisle for paper cartons of milk and juice. Once we've chugged down one of our drinks, a sidepanel on the carton is sliced away and a marvelous mini greenhouse is almost ready. Slip it, filled with seed starter mix, into a one gallon zip-lock bag. With the zipper standing vertically, a very suitable greenhouse is at hand, sufficient for starting up to a dozen tomatoes.

I know when I invest in seeds it's also a gamble. Things will happen. Some fruits of my labor will be raided the night before I plan to pick them. Seedlings sometimes meet their demise before I've had a chance to cheer them

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on. But some things will make it, and overall it is a wondrous thing to graze my way through the garden, to be able to pick peas, radishes and cucumbers the minute I want them, rather than pawing through the crisper drawer searching for vegetable survivors.

I love knowing, when I bury the various seeds, that when I retreat to tend other details of my life that they will spring up, and be at work day after day tirelessly turning sunshine into sweetness. Yes, and an infinite variety of flavors.

Sometimes I think the only thing more amazing than a seed would be if you could drop a doorknob into the ground and grow a house.

Did I say this could be the year to dig in? Let me correct myself. When you shop for groceries next, you'll know this is Definitely the year to dig in.

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# Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

## Broadalbin-Perth Lions "Rise Against Hunger" - Local Effort Towards Global Mission

Feb. 5, 2023, Broadalbin, N.Y. -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions participated in the "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event held today at the Broadalbin-Perth High School. More than 46,000 meals were packaged.

Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. With locations across the U.S. and five international offices, the organization provides immediate nourishment for those facing hunger today and implements sustainable solutions that will lift entire communities for years to come.

Bob Townsend, Broadalbin-Perth Lions President, said that "addressing hunger is one of the Lions' global causes and we serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods. Joining with Rise Against Hunger in this effort is a prime example of how we as individuals and organizations can act locally and have a global impact."



Broadalbin-Perth Lions participated in the "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event held at the Broadalbin-Perth High School. More than 46,000 meals were packaged. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Don Savoie, Valerie Kevlin, Sue Phillips, Tom Kevlin, and Debbie Murphy work a meal packaging station during the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event held at the Broadalbin-Perth High School. Along with volunteers and other community organizations, more than 46,000 meals were packaged. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions).

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# FRACTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

Fractured Facts is generally a column about nothing. Rarely a column about something.

Why the Editor continues to include it this fine local newsletter is beyond my simple thinking. Read on at your own peril.

As I write, today is Saint Valentine's Day. Just one of many holidays we celebrate throughout the year. There seems to be considerable controversy as to who this Saint Valentine actually was, as the Roman Catholic Church over the centuries recognized three martyred saints with similar sounding names. What we do know is Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world and like so many holidays has become embraced by the business community and morphed into a multi billion dollar juggernaut.

One of this Country's most unusual holidays has to be Ground Hog's Day. Consider this day from the point of view of a recent immigrant. Thousands of clear thinking Americans gather each year on a cold February morning in rural western

Pennsylvania to consult with a mid size rodent as to what the remaining of winter will look like.

This tradition was first started in 1887 in the western coal town of Punxsutawney. The town had recently experienced a devastating fire wiping out a third of all its business district. Apparently they needed to celebrate some thing, so they started a festival which actually occurred in September. It was a ground hog hunt!

The Punxsutawney Ground Hog Club ate their little weather prognosticators in the Fall and used the survivors each February Second to predict the remaining Winter. By about 1910 the idea of Ground Hog's Day had become a national story. So popular that the hunts were discontinued. The lucky ground hog designated as Phil for that season was given special treatment which included plying him with alcohol and sparing his life. I am not making this up.

The National Climate Data Center indicates that Punxsutawney Phil only has a fifty percent accuracy rating, yet I still find that acceptable compared to some of our local expert forecasters.

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I must confess that the 1993 movie “Ground Hog Day” is one of my favorites, although to this day I do not understand why. Curiously it was filmed in Woodstock, Illinois. I will let you in on a not so little secret. There is a production flaw in the movie itself. If you watch the scene where the main character drives the pickup truck over the cliff edge, you will see a red glare simulating an explosion in the faces of the actors purported to be standing on the cliffs edge. One of the actors plays a TV News camera man. Next time you see the movie look at the lens of his camera and you will be in for a surprise.



## How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

According to a study by New York State wildlife expert Richard Thomas, a woodchuck could chuck approximately 700 pounds of wood if a woodchuck could chuck wood. However, it’s important to note that woodchucks don’t actually chuck wood in the way that we might imagine. Woodchucks are burrowing animals and are more likely to dig tunnels and move soil than to move wood. The tongue twister “how much wood could a woodchuck chuck” is just a fun phrase that has been passed down through popular culture.



## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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### Towering Hubris

Enjoy human foibles, including your own.

I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you might ought to think. Romans 12:3

The story of a man and his wife who were riding the subway, heading to Manhattan in midtown to enjoy the bright lights on Broadway and Time Square. They were going to a play and were very excited.

From the subway stop to the theater, he pointed out some sights to his wife. “There is the gleaming Chrysler Building, and just across on 42nd Street, the majestic Empire State Building,” he explained.

As they left the subway, he bumped into a woman crossing the street. They both apologized. Two seconds later, she came back and said very nicely “Sir, that is not the Empire State Building” and points southeast. “It is on 34th and 5th. I just wanted you to know.” She vanished into the sidewalk crowd, leaving his wife as happy as he had ever seen her.

He admitted that the know-it-all that he was had been exposed by a helpful stranger. All he could do is shake his head and sheepishly note the beaming smile of his wife who he knew loved him in spite of himself.

Tolerance for imperfections in others can be refreshing!

**Food for thought as you go forth with your day:**

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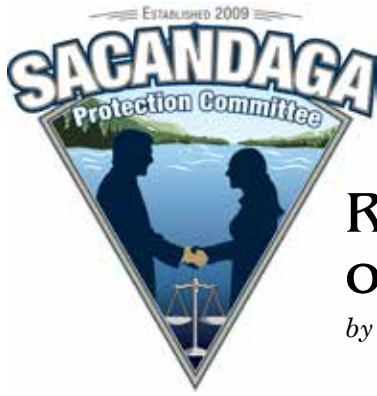
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## Reflections on the Lake

by *Kevin Donovan*

When people think of the Great Sacandaga Lake, many think of summer activities such as boating, swimming, sailing, kayaking, and lakeside parties; but there is lots of fun to be had on the lake in winter as well. One activity which is extremely popular in our region is snowmobiling, as evidenced by the existence of local snowmobile clubs, well-established trails throughout the area, the sight of snowmobiles racing along roadsides, the scream of high-powered engines piercing the cold night air, and sleds being towed on trailers or in the beds of pickup trucks throughout the winter. Of course, the vast expanse of frozen lake is a favorite spot for riders to enjoy.

A couple of friends recently told me about an annual snowmobile “poker run” that brings back great memories. For those unfamiliar with poker runs, the participants would ride

their snowmobiles around the lake, visiting participating bars and restaurants and picking up playing cards to form poker hands to compete with fellow riders at the end of the event.

Many years ago, the final poker run of the winter concluded with a gathering of snowmobilers and a fireworks show on Sand Island. My friends remembered the large crowd of riders, well-lubricated by the region’s best barkeepers, reveling in their love of snowmobiling and the camaraderie of the event. Some people even drove cars over the frozen lake to join the fun on Sand Island, and my friends laughed about the time an old Ford Escort got stuck in the snow until a group of enthusiastic participants encircled the small car and lifted it out of its snowy trap.

They also described the fireworks show as bittersweet, because it was enjoyed by all participants but also concluded the final event of the snowmobile season, similar to how the “ring of fire” symbolizes the end of summer around the lake. Each year, my friends would be among the last to leave Sand Island, allowing the most lubricated riders to depart first, and watching the red taillights fan out in all directions across the lake like winter’s fireflies. After a few years, the fireworks show was discontinued, but the participants can still reflect on some of their favorite memories of snowmobiling on the Great Sacandaga Lake.

The Sacandaga Protection Committee encourages all users to enjoy the lake responsibly and safely. Have fun, but never swim or operate cars, boats, or snowmobiles while impaired.

*Kevin Donovan is vice-president of the Sacandaga Protection Committee. To learn how the committee protects the current system of lake access and our way of life on the Great Sacandaga Lake, please visit [www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com](http://www.SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com).*



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- 1 can beer

For the glaze:

- 1 c dark brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp mustard, dry or Dijon type
- ¼ c light molasses
- 1/3 c bourbon or apple juice/apple cider

Put the corned beef in the slow cooker, sprinkle the spices over it and cover with beer. If necessary, cut the corned beef in pieces to fit. Cook on low 9-11 hours.

Make the glaze and refrigerate till needed.

When the beef is tender, preheat the oven to 375, then put the beef on a baking sheet on oiled foil. Cover both sides of the beef with the glaze and bake, basting occasionally, for 15 minutes to set the glaze.

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In February we began our Lenton Season. It will last for 40 days and end on Easter Sunday April 9. Christians take this time to reflect on all that God has done for us and continues to do. Looking forward to the end of fear and anxiety. We need faith to have courage for a future knowing God's love and his promise to never leave us.

April 2 we celebrate Palm Sunday. Jesus' Triumphant entry to Jerusalem where great crowds came and took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting "HOSANNA!" "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." We celebrate with the passing out of Palm branches.

Bible Study continues right after church each Sunday. During Easter week Stephanie plans to show the Movie "Passion of the Christ".

Watch our Large sign in front of the church for programs /activities to come.

When the church bell rings think about coming to church to meet new friends and renew your faith. All are welcome.

## Growing up in Edinburg

Hello again, My family lived a simple life. My father took care of his Mother Inez. My mother was like a nurse to Gram. Gram had 5

granddaughters: Marion, Charlotte, Helen, Carrie, (my sister) and I.

I like to think we melted her heart. When we were little my sister and I would always give Gram a kiss before going outside to play. We were very respectful of Gram. Pa and Ma taught us many things to help us in life. We started church and school at a very young age and we excelled.

Carrie knew in High school she wanted to become a Secretary. It took me longer to decide.

Between High School, Fulton Montgomery Community College, and Oneonta State I enjoyed taking 6 years of French, 2 years of Spanish and German. In 1978 I studied for 4 weeks in Neuchatel, Switzerland. Pa had wanted to visit Switzerland so I say I experienced it for him.

I cannot imagine the phone bills. I met many different nationalities, speaking only in French. I wrote to two Japanese girls for quite awhile and a Polish girl for a short time. Marshall Robinson the Supervisor at that time asked me if I would be interested in helping an elderly woman and I said I would try it. I remembered my Ma caring for Gram and I wanted to do the same. I still have friends from that experience. I found my "Niche", my reason for making a living—my purpose in life. I also took a 11 week course at BOCES and have worked 35 years plus Delightfully! By Norine Fay Hopkins Colvin.

Norine is a faithful member of the church and always offers a helping hand when needed.



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Sunday Worship, 11:00 am  
 Ron Talbott, Pastor

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 website: [firstumcnorthville.weebly.com](http://firstumcnorthville.weebly.com)  
 e-mail: [northvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:northvilleumc@gmail.com)

Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! We are now meeting in our dining hall for the winter months; it's a cozy setting for music, prayer and inspiring messages. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 11 am and share an hour of worship with us.

It's almost spring ... at least on the calendar. It's safe to say that, although we have had a fairly mild winter with a few exceptional days of cold temps and snow, most of us will be glad to leave it behind. We continue to move through the season of Lent, examining ourselves and letting our minds rest. Before we know it, daylight saving time begins (March 12) and sorry to say we lose an hour of sleep! It's all about changes in us and around us and embracing those changes with a positive attitude.

Did you know the shamrock is a Christian symbol? St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both,

prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.

On March 19, the congregation at First UMC will recognize UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is an arm of the United Methodist Church worldwide that provides disaster relief in the United States and around the world. Often there are "boots on the ground" assistance but more often than not, grants are provided through partner organizations to assist in the care of and rebuilding for those who have been impacted by whatever natural disasters have befallen. UMCOR has been at work in our area in the past ... ice storms up north and flooding in Middleburg to name a couple. 100% of donations throughout the year go to disaster relief wherever needed. However, on UMCOR Sunday, the donations made go to administrative needs ... just one day out of 365. It's our privilege to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

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

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter. Keep us hopeful, Lord. Many blessings to you and yours as you remain hopeful.

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**Across**

- 1 “--- the season to be jolly”
- 4 Underhand
- 7 Depositors’ protective grp.
- 11 Genetic component of some viruses
- 12 Flintstone pet
- 13 Therefore
- 14 Off-roader
- 15 Matinee idol --- Novello (d. 1951)
- 16 Sullen
- 17 Rough
- 19 Stick with
- 21 Bill Cosby’s late son
- 22 California Congresswoman --- Waters
- 23 Donnybrook
- 24 Agreeable response
- 25 Levy
- 26 Like firm pasta
- 29 And the rest

- 32 Promise
- 33 Top celebrities
- 37 Trembles
- 39 Former Alaska Governor --- Palin
- 40 Lest
- 41 Comparative phrase
- 42 Without paying much attention
- 43 Old Peruvian native
- 45 Total
- 46 Every family has one
- 47 Pulitzer winner Jennifer ---
- 48 Journey’s end forecast
- 49 Gardener’s stamping ground
- 50 Kind of computer data store
- 51 E.g. Baldwin or Barrasso

**Down**

- 1 Small amounts
- 2 Chant
- 3 Intellectual

- 4 Reside
- 5 Tokyo Yoko
- 6 Laborers
- 7 Delivery company
- 8 Give up!
- 9 Tennessee Williams lizard
- 10 Gray matter
- 12 Falls apart
- 18 The Beatles’ lovely meter maid
- 20 Cambodian e.g.
- 24 Bow wood
- 27 File
- 28 Gunslinger actor Jack ---
- 29 Even-handedness
- 30 Large Arctic plain
- 31 One ringing?
- 34 Flags
- 35 Military greeting
- 36 The police
- 38 As a piano is
- 41 Bunco
- 44 E.g. Oxfam

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## Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House

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Rev David E Smith, Pastor  
revdavid76@gmail.com 518-572-4051

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 AM Sunday Service  
10:00 AM Bible Study – Acts 18 & 19

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, April 2 – 9:00 AM – Palm Sunday – Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem  
Thursday, April 6 – 6:00 PM – Maundy Thursday (Joint service with Mayfield UMC)  
Friday, April 7 – 6:00 PM – Joint Good Friday Service (Remembering Crucifixion)  
Sunday, April 9 – 9:00 AM – Easter Sunday Service (Where is Death's Sting?)  
Daily Photo Devotion - featuring a photo and short devotion. Available on Pastor's Blog:  
[www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts)

For more information contact:  
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### FINDING HOPE AND MEANING

We live in a world where it seems every day brings news of a new tragedy and division and conflict seem to be present in every aspect of daily life. In such a world it is easy to become disillusioned. It was in such a world that Jesus was born. Things had reached the point where individuals convinced they were in the end times fled to the area of the Dead Sea and lived expecting the end of the world.

The expected end didn't arrive and God in the person of Jesus proclaimed a message of hope that would touch the life of many and launch a movement that would transform the life of individuals and communities. A message of a God who longs to be present in our daily life offering hope and meaning. The journey from despair to hope and meaning is the story of Jesus and the early Church that is proclaimed during the season of Lent and culminates with the joyous message that not even the grave can separate us from God's love.

I invite you to during this Lenten season to journey from repentance, turning from all that is wrong in your life, to hearing the promises of God proclaimed by Jesus, to being open to God's voice through the Holy Spirit, to experiencing the joy of being used as a channel of God's love, to the promise of life everlasting.

Local Faith Communities stand ready to walk with you in this journey from disillusion to hope and meaning. If you don't currently have a church home, we would gladly welcome you to join Northampton at Fish House.

You also can join us in our weekly Bible study on Wednesday at 10:00 AM and in receiving the Daily Photo Devotion by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

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# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

## PSSSSST.....

This newsletter is in color  
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March already! We are getting closer to spring every day, but we still have some winter to get through yet. Highway Superintendent Reidell has been keeping up on the skating rink in the Waterfront Park when the temperatures cooperate. A new layer of fresh ice is made when temperatures allow. He hopes for a few colder days to continue to keep the rink open.

Looking ahead, May will be here before you know it. Now is the time to start thinking about your garage sale for the annual Village Wide Garage Sale weekend May 5th through 7th. If you are interested in having a sale, please contact [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com) to be added to the list that will be distributed and posted on social media.

We are working on lining up guest speakers and participants for the Memorial Day ceremony that will be held on Monday, May 29th at 6 p.m. We are asking all local scout troops to make plans to join us for the ceremony and be part of the parade. The route for the parade will be from Reed/Main, down Main to Washington/Main, where the ceremony will be held in front of the Main Street Cemetery.



We continue to work on plans for the 2023 DOINS which will be held Friday, June 30th and Saturday, July 1st. We are taking applications for vendors for the event. There is no fee to participate and interested parties should contact the Village Clerk's office via email – [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com) or phone 518-863-4211. Now is also the time to plan your float for the parade! We had a great parade last year and want to make this year's even better! Contact the Clerk to reserve your spot!

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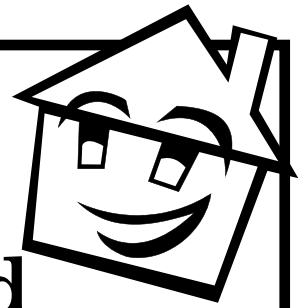


Highway Superintendent Reidell is still moving forward with the replacement of the culvert on Water Street. Right now, plans for the replacement unit are being drawn up and fabricated. It is estimated that it will be three or more months before work will start on the project. It is anticipated that the entire bridge area of Water Street will be closed to traffic for at least 30 days while the project is being done. As the project moves forward, we will provide additional information.

Joint Youth Director, Hadley Jacobs is starting the planning stages for Summer Camp. A meeting of the Joint Youth Commission will be held in March. There will be a camp session this summer and we hope to also have lifeguards to open the beach. As more details are available, we will keep you posted.

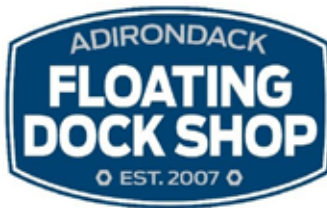
The Village Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Bradt Building, located at 412 S. Main Street. The March meeting of the Board of Trustees is March 21st.

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## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

*Carolyn Wilcox, SVAN Board Member & owner/artist  
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### Winter Cocoon

I have spoken to many artists who are very productive in their chosen medium during the winter. They use this time of fewer art festivals and fewer gallery goers to create and prepare for the year to come. Though I tell myself every year that this will be me also, it never is. I tend to cocoon after the holidays. After I send that last shipment, it is difficult for me to get back to my workbench and create all those new things I have had in my head but have been unable to get on paper and then into glass form.

Winter cocooning, for me, means regenerating, being quiet, contemplative, introspective, and creating in ways that are not my normal chosen medium. No stained glass so far this year for me.

I cook and bake a lot in winter. I feel like I am creating something when I take the time to make a new recipe, Turkish Musakka last week; or even my family's much-loved paella, grandma's chili, or my own mac and cheese. Creations to share with friends and family, much like artists share works in galleries, studios, and festivals. My family and I have recently started to "video-bake" again. One of us chooses a recipe and leads the rest of us through it. I will admit the artistic aspects usually come in more when my youngest son, who is a trained pastry chef, chooses the recipe! Cream puffs are on the list next!

I am not a painter by trade, but this winter I am painting an old steamer trunk with designs I have used in my stained glass: butterflies, mushrooms, gnomes, maybe a fox and some birds. We shall see. As part of my spring "un-cocooning" I plan to work on this trunk at the next Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) Art Club at the Northville Library, March 2, 1:30-3:00PM. There is also a virtual art club that will meet March 13, 6:30-8:00PM. Please contact Dianne Knapp, [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org) for the ZOOM link to this meeting. If you would like to join us at the library, just bring whatever you are working on. Seriously, if it is portable, you can bring it!

I started to get out of my cocoon a bit when I attended the Sacandaga Music Theater Hot Nights entertainment event at Sport Island Pub. So good to have the music and laughs back. SVAN also hosted its first winter concert since the pandemic started: Toby Walker played to a full house in January. Regional favorite, singer/songwriter Erin Harkes will be joining us March 26, 3PM at the United Methodist Church. Reservations are recommended: call or text 518-863-8047.



*The Cast of Sacandaga Music Theater's Hot Nights*

It is all right to cocoon, hibernation is natural, so be gentle with yourselves. The brightness and growth of spring is quickly coming and SVAN has many ways to help get your creative juices flowing. I, for one, will be taking advantage of that!



*Erin Harkes upcoming  
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# Northville Rotary Grows

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Although there are fewer meeting in the winter, activities and projects are planned for the better weather. As a result of their last meeting, Rotary will be sponsoring a team in the Northville Edinburg Little League. We continue to watch

the progress of the NCS Environmental Science Station at the beach which we helped to fund. We continue to partner with Sacandaga Helping Hands.

Planning for the 14th Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts weekend are in full swing. Save the dates July 14-16 and plan on joining us in the festivities. We can always accommodate new artists outside if you are interested in being a vendor. We are so proud of Jennifer Kuhn who has been selling her Y-Not Dog Cookies at our Food Court for the past two years and will be with us this July. She received a grant to expand her business from the Center for Regional Growth. Stop by and meet her and pick up a sample of her cookies for you dog!

More on the show and Rotary next month in the Edinburg Newsletter.



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*by Barbara Klueg*

### Because Jesus Said So!

Have your kids ever asked you why they had to obey you and you answered, "Because I said so!"? Sometimes as parents we just give this fast reply. When our kids were growing up one of our daughters was very annoyed when we answered her with this quick answer. One day she came back with, "Well, I am never saying that to my kids."

Fast forward many years later. She's an adult and a mom. One day while we were visiting her family, I overheard her say to her son, "Because I said so." She gave me a little smile, as if to say . . . "I know Mom."

Many times Jesus says . . . "Because I Said So," to us.

Before Jesus was arrested and taken to the cross, he said, "Whoever is thirsty . . . COME to ME and drink." We all are thirsty physically and we all thirst spiritually, too. Regarding our spiritual thirst, Jesus says we must Come to Him and drink of His living water to have eternal life.

Next month we celebrate Easter and Jesus' gift to us; the forgiveness of our sins, because of what He accomplished through His death on the cross and His resurrection. May this be the year you turn to Him in repentance and believe on Him so you too, can have this living water, eternal life.

Why do believers in Christ gather together each week to worship Him, AND tell others about Jesus'

love, AND follow Him, AND obey Him? Because Jesus Said So!

We hope you can join us over the Easter Season as we celebrate what Jesus did for us! Sunday April 2nd is Palm Sunday. We will be remembering when Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. (You can read about this in Matthew 21.) During the morning service, the Bible Club kids will also be singing in church. On Good Friday, April 7th we have a special evening service to remember Jesus' death on the cross. And then Sunday, April 9th at our 10 a.m. Sunday Worship we will join together to celebrate that Jesus rose again and had victory over death!

If you are house bound, or away on vacation on a Sunday you can watch our morning service online. Check out [bconny.org](http://bconny.org) or go on You Tube. You can also check our Facebook page: Baptist Church of Northville NY for updates and announcements. If you need spiritual help contact Pastor Larson at 518.863.8001. He has a heart for God, will pray with you and give you guidance from God's Word.

Our church family loves being together. We desire to grow in the Lord and closer to each other. Join us!

Sunday: Sunday School for all ages @ 8:45 a.m.  
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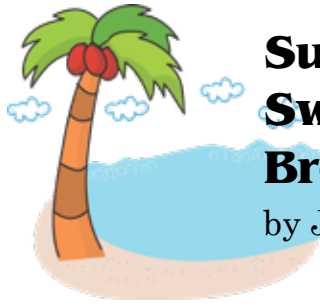
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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

I woke up this morning and immediately started thinking about a friend of mine. She texted me last week and told me that her mother had fallen and broken her hip again. They live two hours from where her mom was living and they immediately left to see her. After a lot of evaluation, the doctors said they could not operate because it was too risky. My friend said her mom was disoriented and did not know anyone. There was nothing they could do and had to head home due to appointments they had the next day. On the ride home she received a call from the Doctor recommending that her mom be moved to hospice care. This came as a surprise because it was so different from the conversation they had at the hospital. I told her I would pray for her mom and her entire family. A short time later I received another text message saying that her mom had died. So much had happened in such a short period of time. My heart was breaking for her. A few weeks prior she told me that her mother said she was ready to go home. This woman was

95 years old and had lived in assisted living and then memory care for a number of years. No one should have to be diagnosed with dementia. It is a nasty disease and it is hard on everyone. My mom had dementia and did not know me for many years. Three years after my mom died my dad was diagnosed with dementia. My friend and I were able to help each other out with our parent experiences. When I hung up the phone, I was suddenly filled with guilt because there was not a lot I could do from Florida. I texted her letting her know, even though I am not in New York, I am always here to listen. I immediately received a text back thanking me for praying for her and her family. She told me what a blessing I had been to her. My first thought was me....a blessing? My next thought was how thankful and grateful I was that she moved back to New York and we connected with each other again. She listened to me and lifted me up when I needed it and I did not hesitate to do the same for her. That is what friends do for each other.

My mom had memory issues for years and I begged my dad to take her to a doctor but he was in denial. My parents were living in Florida at the time and I made myself available to them, as much as possible. Billy and I visited whenever we could and they came back to NY every summer. Finally Dad could not take care of mom and she had to go into a nursing home. That changed everything. I flew to see Dad once a month for years. I always

made myself available for phone calls from him but I have to say that sometimes it was hard and inconvenient. Many of you reading this, that have had to take care of family, will understand this. You do what you have to do because they are your parents and it is not easy. There is no text book telling you how to handle things and there is no perfect scenario

There are many hardships in life that we all have to endure. We can let them eat us up inside or we can turn them over to God. We can trust in him to take care of us. We won't always understand the reasons



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why things are happening to us. I admit to being somewhat of a control freak. I want to fix things and make everything right again. That is not always possible and I have had to learn to let certain things go. I finally found my peace when I recognized I could always pray for others. I could not do anything for my mom but I could visit with the patients in the nursing home. I had problems with my dad but God put the right people in my path to help me a long the way. I am truly grateful for that. I finally understand the power of prayer. I have learned to look at, listen to and reach out to people.

I am no saint and I am no different than most of you. Please take the time to reach out to those around you. Make the phone call, send the text message, send a note, get out and visit with your family and friends. Let people know that you care. Take the time to be the Blessing.

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#### Friday March 3

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#### Saturday March 4

Children’s Wooden Roller Coaster Toy with Frank Lagace. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$35.

#### Saturday March 4

Sacred Union of Plant & Water with Margo Mullein. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$73. Member Tuition \$58. Materials fee \$15.

#### Thursday March 9

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

#### Friday March 10

Beaded Wrap Bracelets with Roberta Games. 1/2 day. 1 pm – 4 pm. Tuition \$73. Member Tuition \$58. Materials fee \$20.

#### Friday - Sunday, March 10-12

Rustic Furniture: Sofa or Coffee Table with Jim Schreiner. 3 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$390. Member Tuition \$315. Materials fee \$105.

#### Friday - Monday, March 10-13

Sagamore Chair with Larry Benjamin. 4 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$570. Member Tuition \$500. Materials fee \$500.

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#### Sundays, March 12 & 19

Tuffet Footstool with Carol Johns. 2 half days. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$135.

#### Wednesday March 15

Open Forge Night with Steve Gurzler. 1+1/2 Hours. 6:30 pm-8pm. Tuition \$0. Member Tuition \$0. Materials fee \$0.

#### Friday March 17

Rope Bowls with Carol Johns. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$73. Member Tuition \$58. Materials fee \$10.

#### Friday March 17

Make Your Own Umbrella with Carol Johns. 1/2 day. 1pm-5pm. Tuition \$75. Member Tuition \$58. Materials fee \$40.

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Walking Stick with Inlaid Compass with Frank Lagace. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$40.

### Saturday, March 18

Shaker Cheese Basket with Barbara Boughton. 1 day. 9:00am – 5:00 pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$35.

### Sunday March 19

Live Edge Bowl with John Kingsley. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$25.

### Tuesday – Friday, March 21 - 24

Weaving Twill with Teri Dvorak. 4 half days. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$260. Member Tuition \$210. Materials fee \$25.

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### Friday March 24

Copper Embossing with Mark Swanberry. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$80. Member Tuition \$70. Materials fee \$50.

### Friday – Sunday, March 24 - 26

Tomahawk Forging - with Joe Szilaski. 3 days. 9am – 4pm. Tuition \$435. Member Tuition \$375. Materials fee \$75.

### Saturday March 25

Intro to Nature & Wildlife Photography with Dave Oxford. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$100. Member Tuition \$75. Materials fee \$0.

### Saturday March 25

Framed Stained Glass Mosaics with John Vaughn. 1/2 day. 9am-12:30pm. Tuition \$75. Member Tuition \$60. Materials fee \$25.

### Saturday March 25

Carved Knife Holder with Jim Schreiner. 1 day. 9 am – 4 pm. Tuition \$130. Member Tuition \$105. Materials fee \$30.

### Friday - Monday, March 31 – April 3

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# Edinburg School Happenings

by Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! The winter has been mild thus far, so we are excited for warmer weather soon! We have a lot of fun things happening at ECS other than what you read in this monthly newsletter, so please follow our district Facebook page for our latest and greatest updates!

HIP HIP HOORAY for the 100th DAY! On Tuesday, February 14th, the Edinburg Common School District celebrated the 100th day of school! All classrooms participated in activities, arts and crafts, stories and writing opportunities around the 100th day of school. We surely cannot believe we have been in school 100 days already!

## "An Eagle Eye on . . ."

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!

The Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being **student of the month for March 2023**:

**PK- Liam**

**PK- Damen** (Correction for the month of February)

**K- Devin**

**1st- Matthew**

**2nd- Koupas**

We would like to congratulate the following students that have been identified for being named in Honor Roll/High Honor Roll in grades 3rd through 6th for the 2nd marking quarter. We are so proud of you all! These students along with the students of the month will be honored at the next Eagle Afternoon on Friday, March 3rd at 2:15 PM in the gymnasium.

### Honor Roll 89.5-94.4

- Odessa 89.6
- Sadie 89.5
- Russell 89.7
- Emily 91.1
- Brayden 89.9
- Iris 92.2
- Amelia 93.4
- Mackenzie 94.3
- Eastyn 89.9
- Michael 90.1

### High Honor Roll 94.5-100

- Gabby 94.7
- Jeanette 94.8

On Friday, February 10, 2023, teachers, staff, and the students in grades K-6th went tubing at Oak Mountain. We would like to thank the PBIS Committee for making this field trip possible and for honoring all the positive behavior at ECS! Keep up the great work everyone; we hope everyone had a blast!

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- March 14th - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM
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- March 17th - Superintendent's Conference Day
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## from back page

and realize it has Northville, Edinburg, Mayfield, Broadalbin, Benson, Hope Falls, and so on, it is a nice day. Crossing the bridge, looking at the Lake, seeing the hills and foliage, and the boaters... it makes for a stress relieving trip for that day. So I suppose I'd like to, on behalf of our entire family here at Hawk Drilling, say thank you to the tremendously welcoming and kind people in your communities. This world has become so cruel and cold, but we can always count on very empathetic and gentle interactions whenever we come into your world. It is funny, and I'm sure you've all experienced it, when someone from another state talks about NY, the typical vision is that of Lady Liberty, the skyscrapers, the hustle-bustle of NYC people coming and going.... but those who know, really know... NY is more accurately depicted by YOUR communities: a little laid back, not hurried enough to not say hello coming into or out of a diner... not tangled up so tightly in immediate issues to say 'hello' or give a smile, or a handshake. It is a wonderful, majestic area of NY that I am quite sure that none of you would ever take for granted. It's funny, but I get memories

of "On Golden Pond" (dating myself here...uh oh) whenever I come out your way- I hear Katherine Hepburn saying, "Norman- the Loons!" in the back of my mind! If you don't get that reference, you can Google it.

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My name is Chris Santilli, and I work in and oversee the water treatment portion of Hawk Drilling. I will begin this diatribe with an apology... I apologize that this month's version of the Edinburg letter will probably not be nearly as endearing or captivating as my wonderful boss; Sandra... and my previous boss; Janice. But, I will give it my best to share a little of what's going on here at Hawk Drilling that may be of interest to you all.

I've been in water treatment for over 30 years. Most of them with a major company in the Schenectady/Saratoga area, but I've been with Hawk Drilling very happily for the past 3 years. We also have two others that work with me in this space: Josh Baruch- a water treatment veteran that has worked with me for about 17 years, and Chris Swinarski, who is newer to water treatment and just moved over from our pump team. We are extremely excited and optimistic to be growing our influence in this area. Until 3 years ago, I had not spent a lot of time in the Edinburg/Northville/Sacandaga area... but we are truly enjoying the interesting challenges of treating the water in your

beautiful, majestic area. I know that Janice and Sandra are much too humble as owner/previous owner of the company to "blow our own horn" so to speak, but I'm not! I cannot say enough about how awesome our company is. While we do not claim to never make a mistake - we are all human - we are blessed to be part of a wonderfully ethical and caring company that really tries to do the right thing, and the best thing for each customer that engages with us. Sandra and Janice will not be able to edit this piece as I'm writing it much too close to submission time - sorry ladies - so I will leave in the horn blowing portion.

It has been a joy to be working in your communities. The people here are salt of the earth... truly. It is an incredible breath of fresh air (literally and figuratively speaking) to be out here in God's beautiful landscape, meeting wonderful and kind folks. Some of us have spent many years in the service business in more urban/city landscapes, and we had become very accustomed to a much lower level of kindness and understanding. When we look at our schedule,

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