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

Sun 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tues 5 Election Day

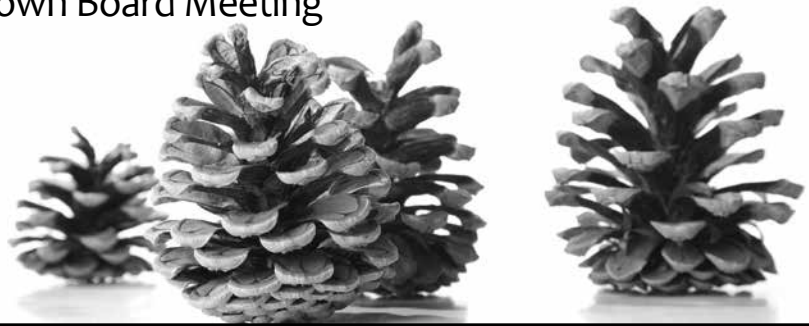
Mon 11 Veterans Day

Tues 12 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting

Tues 19 7:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting

Thurs 21 6:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting

Thurs 28 Thanksgiving Day



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Robert D. Anderson,
Supervisor

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HEALTHY THANKSGIVING!**

ELECTION NOVEMBER 5TH

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5th. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 9:00 pm. Residents of Edinburg's polling place is at the Edinburg Community Center, 47 Military Road.

RETIREMENT, SUPERVISOR RAYMOND

As you may have heard, Jean Raymond has retired after serving the Town of Edinburg in the position of Supervisor for 36 years of dedication to the Town of Edinburg and the County of Saratoga. We wish her all the "BEST" in her future endeavors.

APPOINTMENT TO SUPERVISORS POSITION

I, Robert D. Anderson was recommended for the

position of Supervisor to fill the position. I was appointed to the position on Wednesday, October 3, 2024. I will be running in the November 2025 election to fill the unexpired term of Supervisor. These are large shoes to fill, but, with some patience, hard work, and consideration I will try to do my best for the Town of Edinburg.

WINTER PLOWING

Please move garbage bins back if you will be away for the winter to allow room for snowplowing. If you are gone all winter, you may want to remove your mailbox as well.

RECYCLE, REFUSE AND REUSE CENTER TIME CHANGES

The Center begins Friday hours on November 1st for the winter months. It will be open from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm until the month of May when it goes back to the summer hours. There will be no recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th and the Center will be closed on Friday, November 29th.

REMINDERS

Just a reminder the Town of Edinburg celebrates Halloween on October 31st.

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Cemetery cleanup will be held after Veterans Day.

Daylight Savings Time is November 3rd

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving

DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian
Priscilla L. Edwards

Edinburg's Military Road

Several times a year someone will ask me about the name and history of our Military Road.

Did you know that we have Sir William Johnson and the French & Indians Wars 1755-1763 to thank for Edinburg's Military Road.?

On the old maps it was called the State Road: many local folks still call it the State Road since the name wasn't changed to Military Road until the 1960's when many of the town's roads were named or re-named. In early documents the present Sinclair Road was also part of the State Road running the entire length of the town as well as all the way south to Schenectady and north to Canada.

In the 1700's it was not a road as we know it but merely a trail through fields and forests. Remember also we were not a township much less the United States of America. Quite probably the only people here were fur trappers and Indians who came to hunt, fish and trap.

By the early half of the 1700's our area was well criss-crossed with Native American trails which formed the basis for many of our early roads including military roads. Trails -made by men on

foot- often went up the sides of ledges and through gorges whereas the roads-by necessity to get an ox cart or wagon to a destination -would cut through valleys and low lands. Trails and roads had one thing in common-to gain access to a waterway.

In our area the waterway meant the Hudson River north to Lake George; Lake Champlain; the Richelieu River; the St. Lawrence River and finally to Montreal or Quebec, Canada. Access to the south meant the Hudson River to Troy; Albany and finally New York.

All trails led toward Ft. Lyman, now Ft. Edward.; Ft. William Henry at the head of Lake George or on to Ticonderoga. In the early 1700's all of your early settlements formed around forts for protection from the Native Americans.

Bridges didn't exist until the late 1700's so crossing waterways depended on natural fording places such as sand bars or flat ledges. One of these natural fording spots existed at our neighboring Fish House.

William Johnson was a poor Irishman who arrived in this country in 1738. He soon became involved in the fur trade which made him not only wealthy but also a great friend to the Mohawk Tribe. He was appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs of the entire Iroquois Nation by the king of England. In 1744 Johnson built a stone mansion northwest of Amsterdam which he called Fort Johnson. This building is now a museum. Johnson didn't build his home at Johnstown until 1762.

In the 1740's trouble arose with the French and their Native American allies trying to take over the English trade route along the Mohawk River.

In 1755 Col. Johnson led a large group of soldiers and Native Americans toward Crown Point, defeating the French at a battle near Lake

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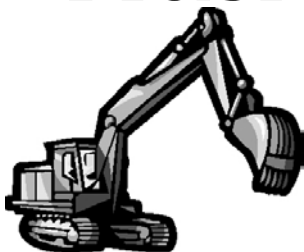
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George. Between then and 1763 which ended the war, Johnson by then a general, made several trips with his troops and Native American allies from his home at Ft. Johnson north toward Ticonderoga. He followed one of two roads, possibly both, to what is now Fish House. He could have used the trail up through Johnstown to Mayfield or the road from Amsterdam up through North Broadalbin--at any rate both ways led to Fish House where Johnson had a comfortable hunting camp.

The Sacandaga River formed a 'U' at Fish House to flow north toward the Hudson River forming a natural ford across the Sacandaga. At this point Johnson and his troops would hit the road on the west side of the Sacandaga River that led to the south end of present Sinclair Road and on to Beecher Hollow. From here Johnson and his men continued north up our present Military Road into the town of Day to the present intersection of Military and Yates Hill roads. The old State Road continued north to Livingston Lake; down past Lens Lake; through Stony Creek; under the shadow of Crane Mountain to Thurman. From here the road led east toward the Hudson River and eventually to the several different crossings that were available to go north to the various forts I previously mentioned.

From Johnson's home at Ft. Johnson the road ran south to the Mohawk River at Amsterdam and down the river to Schenectady. The Mohawk joins the Hudson between Waterford and Cohoes. The road from Schenectady to Albany was already well laid out.

This fuels the belief that our Military Road did feel the tread of hundreds of marching soldiers and their Native American comrades. It also makes perfect sense that this road was used in the mid 1800's as a route for the Adirondack portion of the Underground Railroad.

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Join the historical society for a festive celebration at the second annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Sand Hill School House, 8 Tange Road.

See what vendors and crafters — woodworkers, soap-makers, honey producers, wreath-makers and jewelry sellers, among others — have to offer. Pick up some baked goods, try your luck in a 50-50 raffle and many themed gift baskets and find gifts for Christmas, as holiday music in the background gets you in the spirit.

Enjoy mulled cider made by Town Historian Priscilla Edwards, whose book, "My Mountains, My People," will be available for sale with all proceeds going to the society, which brings history to light in this special Adirondack town.

We all had fun last year, with good holiday feelings. Come join us for the fun again.

RECOGNITION

On Saturday, Sept. 14 the Edinburg Historical Society gave a retirement dinner for Secretary Marge Ludwig and Treasurer Claudette Koza at the Sand Hill School House.

Marge and her husband Fred settled in Edinburg in 1992. She became treasurer for EHS in 1993 and continued until she retired in 2024. She did a wonderful, concise job. Thanks to Marge we never ran out of money nor spent it foolishly. Marge also worked part time for Brownell Lumber

Co. and volunteered at the Northville Public Library.

During our annual events, she kept the Rural Museum's General Store in order, ordered supplies and helped sell soups. She was a great soup maker and baker for all our events and merchandise. She also gathered the mail from our box at the Northville Post Office.

Claudette and her husband Mike started coming part time to Edinburg in the early 1990s, settling here permanently in 2009.

Claudette became secretary of EHS in 2014, continuing until 2024. She also wrote an article every month about EHS for the Edinburg Newsletter. Claudette is remarkable; she has helped make our events, signs, flyers and exhibits as well as her secretarial work. She's always coming up with improvements for storage places and then looking for help to finish the job. We're not even sure if she even sleeps at night or sits there with a pencil and paper in hand!

She knows every inch of the Rural Museum, letting us know if there are problems endangering our collections. She's the first one there to set up for event tables or to take them down. She also makes a mean kettle of soup or chili. She's promised to remain an active member of EHS even if she's not writing secretarial minutes.

These two ladies have been faithful members of EHS for many years. We wish them all the best in having one less job to do.

APPRECIATION

The historical society would like to acknowledge all who participated in and attended the Fall Festival held Sept. 28 at the Rural Museum. Thank you!

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

We pray for all those down south that are suffering the effects of the hurricanes, for those in Israel, the Ukraine and all suffering from the violence and hatred in this world. We pray for those suffering from illness, going through hard times and those struggling to get by. Philippians 4:6 tells us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but

in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will have a special service of prayer and lighting of candles in memory of those that have been called home to rest in eternal peace.

November 11th celebrates Veterans Day. A day to give thanks and honor all the men and women who have provided protection both here and abroad.

November 28th is Thanksgiving Day. Remember to give thanks everyday for all that our Lord provides. When we give thanks, we turn our attention away from ourselves, away from the brokenness of this world, away from troubles and worries. We open our hearts to the Lord, remembering all the blessings He gives, and we feel good.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and personal care products and white t-shirts for the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany.

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by Brian DeFeo

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 9/25 South Shore, Motor Vehicle Accident
 9/28 Mutual Aid to Broadalbin
 9/29 Mutual Aid to Northville
 10/1 Fox Hill Road, structure fire
 10/6 Mutual Aid to Providence
 10/10 Mutual aid to Northville
 10/11 Great Sacandaga Lake, good intent
 10/12 Mutual Aid to Northville
 10/12 Mutual Aid to Northville
 10/12 Sinclair Road, good intent
 10/12 Mutual Aid, Mayfield

The Edinburg Fire Company marked Fire Prevention Week this October, with its annual presentation to the children of the Edinburg Common School. Grades PK - Sixth participated. The year was particularly interesting for the children as the Fire prevention House mounted on a trailer, was provided by the Greenfield Fire

Department. Using real fire hoses and nozzles attached to our pumper/tanker, the children got a chance to spray water and knock down simulated fire, appearing in the house windows. As you can imagine, this was a huge hit with the kids. The Hagaman Fire Department was on hand with their smoke house. Allowing children the opportunity to practice what to do, should your house be filling up with smoke. Also present was the Edinburg Emergency Squad, who gave tours of their rig to the children. This is invaluable experience. As riding in the back of an ambulance as a patient, is usually a pretty scary time. I know it was for me.





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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

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

Since the mode of growth is virtually identical to the Goji berry plant, the Lantern flower is its cousin. The genus name is *Physalis Alkekengi*. 'Alkekengi' comes from the Arabic word for bladder cherry, which refers to the fruits of the berry contained in the husk/calyx. 'Physalis' is the Greek word which means "bladder". Again, this is due to the inflated calyx (the part of the flower that encloses the petals and forms a protective layer around the flower bud) that surrounds the fruit.

The Mandarin name is 'Hua Jin Deng' which translates to hanging gold lighting. Other common names for this perennial is Japanese Lantern, Bladder Cherry, Winter Cherry and Strawberry



Groundcherry. It is native to Northern China, Japan and Korea. It was first introduced to Europe in the 18th century and didn't take long for it to become popular as an ornamental plant. In the summer a creamy white flower blooms, until Fall. Then the calyx dries around the red berry within, taking on a texture resembling paper lanterns making them so great to decorate with. Growing them is super easy, however, things to keep in mind other than the toxicity, is their tendency to be invasive. It will spread itself under the ground, drawing on all the nutrients contained in the soil, leaving little left for other plants in close proximity.

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

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

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

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protective qualities and can ward off evil spirits. It is common to find them displayed near entrances or windows to safeguard homes and bring positive energy. The bright color of the lanterns is thought to act as a deterrent to negative forces. The lantern flower has a long lifespan and remains vibrant throughout the Autumn and is known for its ability to thrive in various environments. From this, they symbolize longevity, resilience, and perseverance. The plant also goes through a transformation process as it matures. Initially, the lanterns are green and enclose the fruit, but as the fruit ripens, the husks dry out, revealing the bright orange or red seed pods inside. This transformation represents the cycle of life, growth, and change, symbolizing transformation and transition.

I would like to conclude with this quote by Zen Shin, "A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."



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by Barbara Klueg

Be Transformed!

When I was a kid, my Dad would occasionally pull me aside to say, "I have a bone to pick with you." I had no idea what that meant, but it didn't sound good to me. He proceeded to stare at me with eyes that seemed to see right through me. I would break out in a cold sweat, staring back at him and trying not to cry. Then, it would come . . . his question of why I had done this dumb thing. I would try hard to think of an excellent answer to get me off the hook. My standard answer always seemed to be the same, "Well Dad, you see my friend (fill in the blank) was doing (fill in the blank) so I did too." I thought I could walk away . . . NOT GUILTY! Wrong! My Dad's reply was, "If your friend jumped off a cliff, would you follow them and do that too?" Busted!

I am so thankful for my Dad and the good lessons he taught me . . . Don't follow the crowd! It's OK and often BEST to say, no. Think first!

My favorite person in the Bible (besides Jesus) is Paul. He did NOT follow the crowd. He was a mover and shaker . . . a non-conformist. As believers in Jesus Christ, we need to be non-conformists and be transformed by God. The Bible says we must not conform to this world (jump off that cliff).

I love our English language. It has 'connecting



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words' . . . words like; although, whatever, however, besides, yet, then, if, but, therefore. (you get the idea) I remember my college professor saying, think - what is the word "therefore" there for. These words are important and do make you think. Thinking is good! Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Read God's Word so you can be transformed. You can know God's will for you (His good, pleasing and perfect will).

Enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner and spending time with family and friends. Also, remember to thank God for His many blessings to you!

Come, join us at church as we worship our mighty God who transforms us!

Our weekly schedule is:

Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 10 a.m. Kids Choir practice when announced. Youth Group: 7 pm (BCON Corner). Family Night: (6 p.m. 1st Sun. of the month) refreshments & service.

Monday: Bible Club: (K-5th after school to 4 p.m.)

Sr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. NLH Nursing Home Service: 10:30 a.m. 3rd Thurs. of the month. Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice: 8 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Coffee Hour: 6:30 a.m. (BCON Corner)

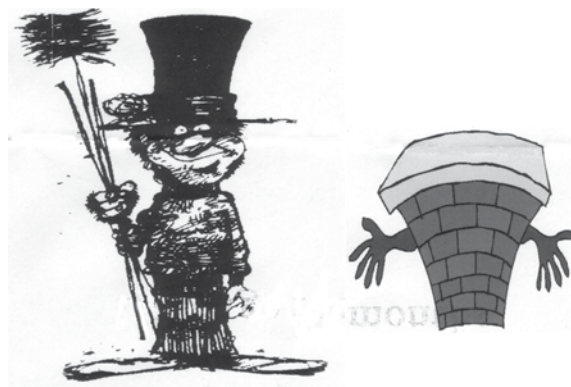
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Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you! Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him . . . and perfect.

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"Our annual basket raffles are always a highly anticipated fundraiser," said Diane Dillenbeck, president of the Friends. "In years' past, so many in the community have stopped by the library to see what our volunteers have put together for the holidays," she added.

This year's basket themes are pet care, comfort foods, holiday time, and a kids' basket. Tickets are sold at the Library and cost \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. By purchasing tickets, you are supporting the Library Friends. All monies raised go to library programming, facility improvements including the library gardens and purchases that benefit the library experience for community patrons.

Winning tickets will be drawn on December 11 and winners will be promptly notified.

As always, the Friends accept book donations, but they should be in good condition. Items may be dropped off at the library. Year-round, books are sold in the library vestibule and at the annual Mammoth Book Sale in July.

New library patrons are always welcome to join the Friends. Recently, more residents of Edinburg have been using the library. They are also able to become a Friend of the Library. Membership is \$10 per year per person or \$25 per year per household. Applications for membership are available at the library's circulation desk. News about what the Friends are doing is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and the Friends' newsletter.

Volunteers are always encouraged to help at fundraising events like the book sale and ice cream social. Also, the gardens are maintained entirely by the Friends so seasonal help is needed.

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Edinburg Common School (4 Johnson Road)
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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! November is the month of giving thanks for all the things in our lives that touch us in so many ways ... family, friends, home, pets, jobs, school, autumn's splendor and numerous more. It's also the month that we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving; many families are large and gather around a table groaning with food ... because, let's face it, we make too much so we can have leftovers. Some families are smaller but still gather to share this special meal. Some people work on Thanksgiving, some are alone by choice or because it's too far to travel, some are in living situations that do not make them feel thankful.

We should not wait until Thanksgiving Day to give thanks; it's important to be grateful every day for our blessings, no matter how big or small, and it's important to remember people in difficult

circumstances. Sometimes prayer is the only power we have.

On November 16, at 10:00 am, we will meet for our annual charge conference, a time to prepare for the business of the church in 2025.

On November 24, the congregation will be sharing a harvest luncheon together. If you are going to be in church that day, please plan to join us in the dining room following the worship service.

As you observe the season of Thanksgiving, we hope you take time to join us in worship. Our Sunday morning worship services are at 11 am. Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 1 pm and we welcome new voices. 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 and children's time with Pastor Ron. We are a church of open doors, open hearts, and open minds where all are welcome. Please join us in joyful praise.

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Book Club:

Rick Hasenauer will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore on Tuesday, November 12th at 10am. Summary: "In the mid-19th century, Elizabeth Packard found herself trapped in an unjust world, silenced by a society that deemed her opinions and intellect unworthy. Braving the confines of an oppressive mental asylum, Elizabeth defied all odds as she fought for her freedom and the rights of countless other women confined against their will. With relentless

determination, she became a voice that resonated across the nation, igniting a movement for change."

Programs at the Library:

We are starting a few teen programs in November:

Thursday, November 14 - Teen Game Night from 3pm to 5pm,

Thursday, November 21 - Teen Book Club from 3pm to 4pm

Saturday, November 23 - Teen DND from 10am to 12am

Toddler Tales will be held every other Tuesday from 10:15 am to 11:30 am.

Like to crochet, sew, embroider, or cross stitch? Join our Needles & Pins Workshop every Wednesday at 12pm.

October's Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm.

Libby:

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

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FRAXTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

A few years ago I wrote an article regarding the darker side of fairy tales. The ones that we were used to hearing as children, such as, "Ring around the Rosie," a tale referring to the Black Plague; or "Rock -a -bye Baby," whereby the child's rocking swing collapses and it falls to the ground. Children's fairy tales can be a little rough at times, yet they can also be instructional. Take the case of The Emperor's New Clothes, written by Hans Christian Andersen and published in 1837 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Interestingly, it was submitted the same time he wrote The Little Mermaid. The emperor's tale itself is too long to be published within this newsletter, however, you can find it under owleyes.org.

Here is my version of what we used to refer to as Cliff Notes. The emperor is a very self-possessed individual, caring not about his citizens nor his soldiers. He seems to be rather susceptible to the influences of those around him, particularly con men. Of which, two have come into his realm and claiming that they are weavers, could weave him a beautiful and unique suit of clothes. As the emperor is very much interested in his own appearance, he finds himself intrigued, hiring the fake weavers to make an extraordinary suit. The weavers claim that the suit is invisible to those who are incompetent, foolish, or those who are not qualified to hold their present offices. The emperor

then sends his most trusted advisors to check on the progress of the suit. The con men weavers know full well how to manipulate the public. Convincing them of the fine beauty of the suit, when none existed. The officials, and ultimately the public, were all too afraid to admit they too, could not actually see the clothes. For this meant they were stupid, and not fit for office. No one spoke up, all agreed with the emperor and his officials. They were too afraid.

This fake continued all the way up to the emperor himself, whom on the big day of his processional, sets off before the people completely naked, wearing his new suit. No one had the courage to admit that the emperor himself was naked, and really not fit for office. Not so much because he was naked, rather, he never had the interest of the people at heart. At last the pretense was broken. Not by the citizenry, as they were both amazed and confused by the emperor's new clothes, but by a small boy; who was still young enough to recognize the truth in this world. One, not clouded, by the illogic of adults, nor forced into group think. Perhaps we can all learn something from this little boy. That it often takes courage to stand alone, and state what is obvious. Not everyone is truly fit to lead. Even if they think they are the best dressed guy in the room.



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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Dianne Knapp

According to Merriam-Webster, an artist is: “a person who creates art (such as painting, sculpture, music, or writing) using conscious skill and creative imagination.” The word ‘artist’ originates in the Latin “artista”, which describes a craftsman or someone skilled in the arts.

I was lucky enough to be in the audience for an amazing musical on the Proctors stage in Schenectady. It was almost overwhelming to consider the time that it took the artists involved to master their skills and talents. The key elements of a musical include storyline and dialogue, music and song, choreography, character development, staging, background, lighting and special effects. Graphic design, communications, and advertising come into play too. Musical theatre is a captivating and immersive art form that integrates all art forms to create moving and memorable theatre.

Pablo Picasso is known to have said, “Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist



when you grow up.” Do you remember the joy of creating that is propelled by curiosity and a sense of wonder and imagination that you had as a kindergarten student? Do you have an outlet for your creative spirit? Whether you make art or prefer to be the audience, SVAN has something for you.

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In the hustle of daily life, it's easy to become trapped in monotony. Artists, with their innate ability to seek beauty in the every day, rekindle our sense of wonder. Moreover, their imaginative realms provide respite, allowing us moments of escape, introspection, and rejuvenation. "To practice any art, no matter how well or how badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. So do it." – Kurt Vonnegut

Consider this your invitation to join us! Members and friends are always welcome. Watch for information about upcoming events on our website (svanarts.org), Facebook pages, our Newsletter and the enews: SVAN Grapevine.



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The New Kayak Launch is Up and Running

The Kayak Launch donated to the Village by the Northville Rotary Foundation is up and running on the little lake! It was installed in September by Northville's Dan Riedell, Superintendent of Public Works and his village crew with the supervision of Tom Warchol, co-owner of Board Safe, the manufacturer. The crew did an excellent job of preparing the site and putting the launch together. Finishing touches are coming in the spring.

The Friday after installation, seven members of the group "Ladies of the Lake" used the launch for their weekly ride. Their comments about the launch were very positive. They agreed it was safe and easy to use.

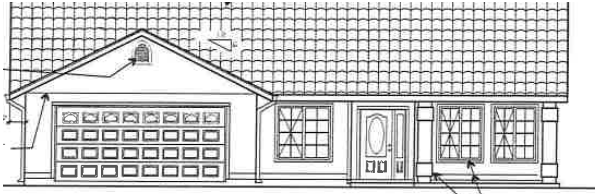
The Board Safe Launch is ADA approved, but will also be helpful for people with physical issues such as hip and knee problems. There are no rollers which can damage the bottoms of kayaks. It is a sturdy product that is used in commercial launch sites. The launch will not need to be removed during the winter months.

This brand of launch will be the first in the Adirondack Park. Come try it! There are instructions on the launch.

The Northville Rotary is selling raffle tickets to win a kayak. The drawing will be Memorial Day weekend. See a Rotarian for tickets.

Thank you to those who donated to the Northville Rotary Foundation which helped fund this project. Donations are always welcome and can be sent to the Northville Rotary Foundation, PO Box 812, Northville.





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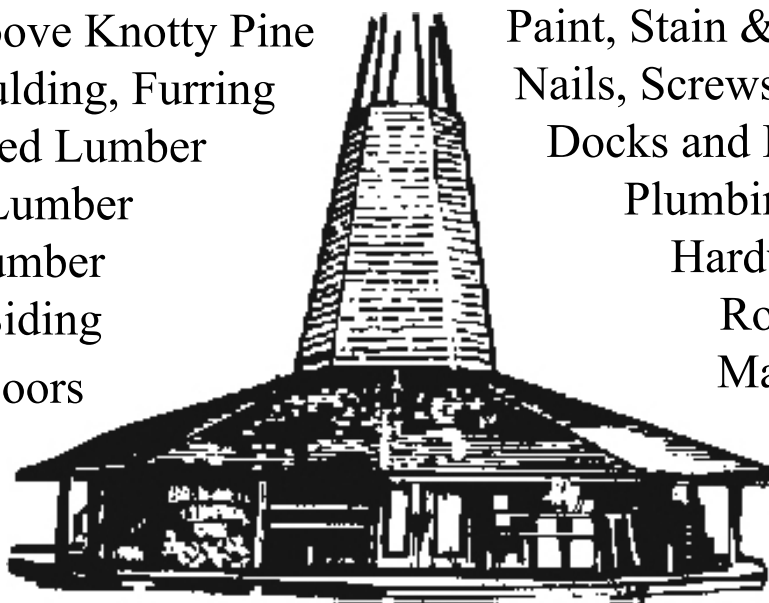


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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

I am “camping out” in the office at Hawk Drilling today. Our home away from home is at a garage, to get our air conditioning system recharged. Billy has spent many hours since we have been here, doing maintenance and preventative repairs to insure we do not have any issues with the RV on our trip home. I just paid our monthly credit card bills and I am very thankful that he has the ability to take care of everything. I can not even begin to imagine how much the labor and parts would have cost if we had taken it to a dealer.

Our time in New York is winding down and I admit I can not wait to get on the road and head south. We have enjoyed our time with

our grandchildren and our son and his wife.

We are also happy we were able to get together with friends, that we consider family. This past weekend we attended my 50th high school class reunion. The most asked question, over the weekend, was “who are these old people?” While we all laughed, the reality is we are getting older. Our bodies remind us of this reality with every ache and pain. In our minds, however, we see ourselves differently. Many of us do not think of ourselves as being old!!

We were surprised that there were 100 people attending, each night of the reunion. On Friday I did not recognize a lot of people. Thankfully, we were wearing name tags. The bad part was the print was so small, we had to lean in close to read the names. Sometimes that felt a little creepy. Saturday, I thought I would be able to recognize more people but I didn't. (Yikes that is another sign of being old!) Thankfully I was not the only one who felt this way. I was in good company. We spent a lot of time saying “it is good to see you” to everyone and then walk away and ask someone else, “who was that person?” You “gotta” love life! We can either laugh or we can cry about situations like this. I prefer to try to live, love and laugh and try to enjoy every minute. Besides, frowning and scowling makes us look older and we certainly do not want that!

I am glad that Billy talked me into going this weekend. That being said I think I will pass on going to any future reunions. I have kept in touch with a handful of high school friends over the years. Although it was nice to see other classmates I would rather spend quality time with the life long friends, I share memories with, spanning 50 years.

Life is too short to waste. Twenty percent of our classmates have passed on. There were people on the list that I wish I could talk to, one more time. We have no control over how much time we have on earth. We do have control over ourselves. Life is what you make. Choose to be happy.

Halloween is around the corner. No matter what your age is get out and have fun. Happy trick or treat everyone!

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Even Without Our Knowledge

By P.J. Schaefer

First North American Rights

As we hear the news about sections of the country devastated by Hurricane Helene and then Hurricane Milton, maybe we count our proverbial blessings, or maybe we mourn the damage to the second homes some of us have in that part of the nation. Probably, however, not many of us contemplate what we might do here. Yet, here in the Adirondacks, we do not remain immune to weather disasters, either. According to the nonprofit group Rebuild by Design, between 2011 and 2021, New York State saw sixteen disasters declared, some of them right here in the

Adirondack Park. In addition, severe flooding in 2023, tornadoes in July, and additional flooding in August have invaded the Adirondack Park in unexpected proportions. According to Claudia Etrillard of Adirondack Park Conversations About Conservation, "Since the middle of the 20th century, the Adirondack Park has faced numerous catastrophic storms, leaving deep cuts in its economies and ecosystems. People in the Adirondacks were not prepared for any of these storms and felt major consequences as a result." Add to these kinds of weather-related tempests the number of household fires and hotel conflagrations (Lakeview Lodge 2018, Big Moose Inn 2023) in the region, and we see that we, too, have our moments of need.

Though many of us emerge as independent, self-reliant individuals and as people always willing to help our neighbors, we may at times require additional assistance. While we certainly can -- and do -- seek state and federal aid and community center support, one other entity stands ready to answer our needs: the American Red Cross.

Founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, with fully 90% of its workforce comprised of volunteers, politically unaffiliated, and not connected to or reliant upon the US government, the American Red Cross actually encompasses five, different services, though many of us may know of only one or two of them. Here in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, we fall under the umbrella of the Northeastern New York Chapter.

Dedicated to "prevent and relieve suffering with every action" (American Red Cross Mission Statement), the organization provides disaster relief, including

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the setting-up and organizing of shelters and the provision of food, water, essential items, blankets, physical and mental health support, recovery assistance, and relocations. Whether one has lost a home due to fire or weather, the Red Cross comes to help if asked to do so. In addition to helping once disaster has struck, it also delivers and installs preventative apparatus such as smoke detectors and CO2 alarms and also administers free vaccine clinics to assist in preventing illness.

Coupled with these preventative efforts and on-the-ground aid after disasters, the American Red Cross also coordinates and operates blood drives and then delivers that blood to hospitals and clinics all over the country. The organization notes that it collects 40% of the nation's blood supply, using hospital centers, mobile collection vehicles, and blood drives hosted by various community groups to meet its goals. It also maintains a blood donor online center so that donors can easily track their donation status, appointments, and dates of contributions. Without this supply, routine surgeries, emergency medical procedures, and preventing the loss of life due to blood loss could not occur.

These missions, perhaps the best-known services of the American Red Cross, envelop just two of the organization's five realms of service. The American Red Cross also aids the active members of the military and veterans with a variety of assistance, including providing emergency travel for such entities as a sudden death in the family or severe injury and overseas hospitalization of a beloved service member, responses to health challenges, and the provision of military family preparations and coping mechanisms when military service members' status changes. Engaged in everything from covering a military member's month's rent in a new place to driving people to doctor appointments to providing mental health counselling, the American Red Cross supports those current and former military members and their families in need.

Acting to prevent such crisis moments serves as the impetus for the fourth prong of service for the American Red Cross: training services. Countless people have learned to swim, to perform CPR, to practice first aid, to babysit, to lifeguard, to teach water safety, and to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) through the

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free classes it offers. This kind of education means learned life-saving skills benefit every community in the United States.

In its fifth component of service, the American Red Cross maintains a connection outside of the United States to reach across a global network of “200 other countries and other Red Societies (Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal)” [American Red Cross Mission Statement and Description]. This aid focuses especially on the areas of disease prevention through inoculations and water purification or supply and humanitarian aid after catastrophic events, war, and refugee migration.

With the exception of some victims of fire or patients in need of surgery, most of us in Fulton and Montgomery Counties may never have contributed to or utilized any of the services of the American Red Cross, but all of us can probably agree that it deserves our gratitude for all that it accomplishes in its known – and unknown – activities.

BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Roberta MacIntyre Games

It is that time of year when the forest has changed its attire, no longer red, yellow and orange but now almost unclothed, garments laying on the earth below. The cool crisp air has us layering sweaters and fleece, firing up the woodstoves and the little ones are tracing their hands to create paper turkeys to hang on the fridge. As summer transitions to fall the wildlife around us are preparing for what is ahead. Bears are gorging to fatten up for winter slumber, squirrels and chipmunks are scurrying about packing their stashes, birds, hawks and geese are migrating and so are some of us never wanting summer to end escaping to warmer climes.

I remember one day in my yard hearing hundreds of birds up on the mountain. I was drawn to what seemed like another realm, scanning the treetops for answers. What was this? Who were they? They were so small and moving so quickly I couldn't make one out even with binoculars. Later I asked a few experts. One said blackbirds? Definitely not. Another a “warbler wave”. Not sure. Still another thought pine siskins. Possibly.

But nothing prepared me for what I experienced years ago while driving up the mountain road. I had to stop the car as a flock of wild turkeys, at least 20 or more, came gliding over the car from their roosts in the trees up higher on the mountain. I thought that was something until another group of a dozen or more followed, then another and another! They say that winter flocks can exceed 200 turkeys or more. Large flocks of turkeys are not uncommon in the yard, sometimes groups of 30 under the birdfeeders, the males all puffed out and slowly rotating around strutting for the female's attention.

The wild turkey, native to North America, had decreased in numbers in New York due to forest loss and overhunting but game managers were very successful in increasing the populations. I must have seen at least a dozen hens with poults this year and as of this writing we just saw a flock of 30 or so mixed sizes on South Shore Road.

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Unlike the barnyard turkey the wild turkey is intelligent, wary and colorful. I have seen the adult males colorful head intensify while courting, the red, white and blue skin becoming vivid. Perhaps that is why Ben Franklin thought the turkey should be the National Symbol. I cannot quite picture a turkey on the dollar bill though!!!

I was thinking lately about the benefits of

wild game as healthier meat choices, venison, salmon, trout and wild turkey. It is said that after deer, turkey is the most sought game for hunters. The wildlife we encounter, photograph, and have excited conversations about can give us sustenance. So there may be a turkey on the Thanksgiving table for dinner, might even be a wild turkey. Either way it is still easy to be thankful that we live in a region where Backyard Wildlife is so abundant.

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



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“Nuggets and News” from the Town of Lake Luzerne

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While I may be very wrong, I shall choose to use the year 2026 as part of a 100 th year anniversary of what we know to be called the “Dude Ranch Era” that lies within Warren & Saratoga Counties in the NYS Adirondacks.

So, I did not know this man, but sure wish I did because every log cabin has a story and Lawrence “Pete” Bannon, a master carpenter, who lived at 3105 Northwoods Road, Lake Luzerne, NY knew it. That was just around the corner from where I live today.

He was born September 24, 1912 in Thurman and was the son of William H. and Minnie (Wood) Brannon and a lifelong resident of this area. He married Evelyn “Betty” Cotherman on September 24, 1936, in Lake George, NY. The couple settled in the house he built in Lake Luzerne. (PS: Earl’s wife, Katherine, was a Cotherman, and that’s another story for another day)

Mr. Bannon was a master carpenter by trade and a self-taught mason, electrician and roofer. At the age of 17 he worked for Earl Woodward in Northwoods at Lake Vanare, at the once called Heritage Inn. He logged the woods, drove log trucks and worked construction on numerous log cabins for the “Northwoods’ property itself, as well as the expansion of Lake Forest and-Lake Allure property during the 1940’s. Lawrence was also instrumental in the construction of many log structures in the Adirondacks including the east side of Lake George, Thurman and along Route 9N. In 35 years of employment at Hidden Valley Ranch he worked for three owners. He was part of the construction crew for all the buildings at the Dude Ranch before Earl Woodward opened for business in 1939. He also worked for Alan Mitchell and later for Donald Woodin. He retired from the ranch in 1975.

His daughter Katherine said of her dad, “My father was native born of Warren County. He came from a family of nine and grew up in the old school, that you take care of what you have. Coming from a large family, you hunt, fish, pick berries, lumber and do anything you can to keep the family going. He loved the outdoors, the sport of it. Our whole love of the outdoors came from

him. He was a perfectionist in his work. After he finished with a project or building, he always thought he could have done a little better. It was just his nature to be a perfectionist and I guess we got a little of that from him too. My uncle had the idea for a dude ranch east of the Mississippi. He owns a sawmill, and while my father was responsible for building the houses, my uncle built the furniture for the ranch. I guess my father and brothers worked just about everywhere in the Adirondacks at one time or another. Sometimes they worked together and sometimes with others. But they were a building family. My father was just a plain, simple, country boy who tried to do his bit in life and not bother anybody. He had a great love for the outdoors. He was a good honest worker who worked for his family his whole life.”

And so, looks like right behind the well-known names of Earl Woodward, Sven Munck, Bennett’s, Howe, Mitchelltree, Isaacson, Walkers, Cronin, Heineman, Cavanagh, Purple Sage, Rocky Ridge, Jackson, Arehart and many more-, we should not forget to include the names of Lawrence Brannon, his brothers, the Hastings, Hammonds and all those men and women that launched the Dude Ranch Trail Era forward to be the NYS Scenic Byway that it is today.





Celebrate Veterans Day

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces



Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday, a bank holiday and, in most states, a state holiday. That means that federal employees, including military members, are typically given the day off and, in most states, state workers are as well.

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"Drums Along the Mohawk"
Sunday, November 3 at 2:00
Glove Theatre, Gloversville

The Johnstown Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution along with the Glove Theatre and the Fort Plain Museum are sponsoring a free presentation of the "Drums Along the Mohawk" on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m.

This 1939 movie is based on the novel by Walter D. Edmonds and stars Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert. The year is 1776 and the young, newlywed, couple is trying to create a life together as the Revolutionary War begins. Gilbert and Lana are subjected to raids and attacks by both Native Americans and Tories. As Lana tries to maintain their home, Gilbert joins the local colonist militia in the fight for freedom. The film is loosely based on happenings in the Mohawk Valley at this critical time in American history.

Admission is free and the showing is open to the public. The Glove Theatre is located at 42 North Main Street, Gloversville. For more information, please contact Cynthia Short, Regent, Johnstown Chapter NSDAR at cynthialshort@gmail.com.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM

"In God's Presence" Monday at 6:00 PM &
 Wednesday at 10:00 AM

Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month – All Welcome

Service of Anointing with Holy Oil for Healing –
 First Tuesday at 6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

9:00 AM Sunday, November 3

Holy Communion – All are welcome.

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“In God’s Presence” – During our time together we will be learning about and practicing ways that allow us to be in God’s presence, to hear words of comfort and words of direction for our life as we seek to follow God’s will. We will be using Spiritual Practices that have ancient roots and some that are more modern in origin.

“Service of Anointing for Healing” – From the early days of the church the elders would pray for those in need of healing with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. At 6:00 PM on the first Tuesday there will be a service of Anointing and Prayer for those in need of God’s healing touch for physical and emotional concerns. This is not meant to replace but rather to work with the blessings of modern medicine God has blessed us with. Also as always, we must remember that the ways in which God answers our prayers can take many forms and may be in ways contrary to our expectations.

UPCOMING SERVICES

11/03 “For All the Saints”

Psalm 24; Isaiah 25:6-9; John 11:32-44;
Revelations 21:1-6

11/10 “Beyond Ritual”

Psalm 146; Mark 12:38-44

11/17 “Fear Not”

Psalm 16; Daniel 12:1-3; Mark 13:1-8; Hebrews
10:11-4, 19-25

11/24 “Alpha and Omega”

Psalm 93; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 18:33-37;
Revelations 1:4-8

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

Faith and Politics

As I write this column, we are in the final days before elections. While I believe there needs to be a separation between church and State, I also believe our faith can and should play a role in our decisions. I base this belief on what Jesus proclaimed was the fundamental commandment for people of faith: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:37-40 NRSV).

For me that means all of my decisions and actions should be those that embody love for God and my neighbor. We must decide which candidate and propositions we support based not on whether it benefits me but whether it embodies love for my neighbor. Jesus in his actions and teachings demonstrated that we are to consider all individuals as our neighbor. Jesus even welcomed as an apostle a hated tax collector and reached out to a hated Samaritan.

I believe this also means that we are called to seek to live in peace and even reach out in love to those whose views we disagree with. We need to stop judging individuals by the labels applied to them and treat them as a beloved child of God. The alternative to failing to do this is I believe a major factor in the violence that we see in our communities and on a national and international level. I know that loving those who we disagree with can seem impossible, but the power of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus can enable us to move mountains.

Faith Communities exist to assist you in living out what it means to be a follower of the way of Jesus Christ. They exist to rejoice with you over God’s love poured out on us, walk with you in your struggles, and help you to become a channel of God’s love to your neighbor. Together we can make a difference in this world and support one another in our journey. A journey in which we are promised in the words of The Apostle Paul, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from

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the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39)."

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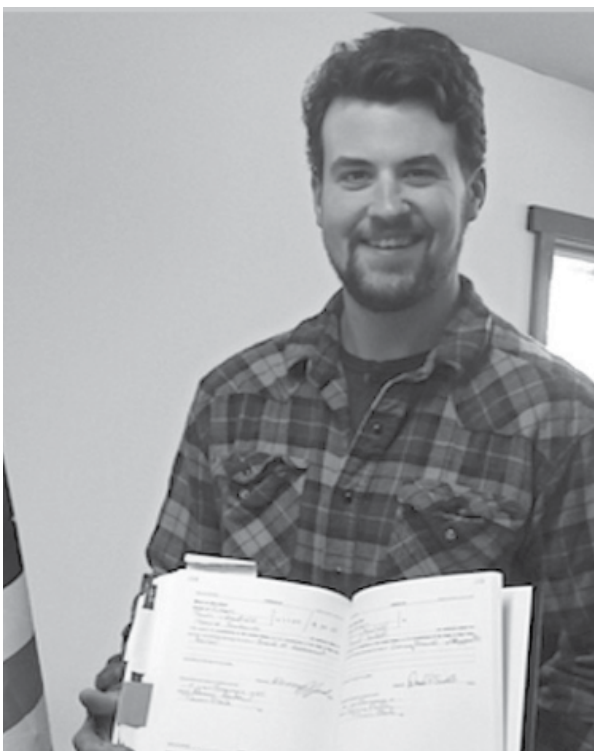
"Communities of Mayfield" Presentation

*Carol Johnston, Publicist,
Mayfield Historical Society 518-332-0538*

Mayfield Historian, Eric Close, will present "Communities of Mayfield" on Monday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 North Main Street, Mayfield, NY.

Learn the interesting past of all the various hamlets that made up Mayfield. Free admission and refreshments. Sponsored by the Mayfield Historical Society.

For more information, contact president Bob Suits at 518-857-2820.



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From Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

I am currently monitoring a 72 hour flow test in Rock City Falls. My set up has come a long way since my It is Well Inspection Services days. My first 72 hour test (for It is Well) was in freezing weather out of the back of my SUV. I had many blankets and a propane water boiler. During the night, I would have to periodically turn the car on to get the heat going. I won't pretend I didn't actually enjoy it, but my new set up is sooooo much more comfortable; Jeremy brought our RV over. I have a table to sit at and write this article, heat, a K-cup machine, and best of all – a private bathroom. Oh, and space. I have done a bunch of long-term flow tests in my history. Honestly,

it's just boring – although, that is how it should be. Not boring means there are problems – like the 72 hour test I did a few years ago where the generator kept trying to shut down. Jeremy and I were asleep one time and we both woke in a panic because we heard the generator bog down. Last thing you ever want to do is have the Dept. of Health make you start over. Basically, I'm here to get readings/data, and to ensure the water pumping doesn't stop. We are currently pumping the well at 100 GPM and it has barely even drawn the level in the well down! I am at 10 minute marks – meaning I have to get readings every 10 minutes. This will last for a few more hours, then it goes to 15 minutes, then 30 minutes, etc. I will finish this test on Friday, just in time to get my kids to their soccer game.

Holy Moley! I just heard the indicator sounding as though the level in the well came up – I flew out of the camper to find that I had just left it too close to the pumping level. My heart is pounding.

Big Hawk news! We just hired 2 more employees. We are now up to 16 total (including Jeremy and I). This is the “biggest” we have ever been. Both people were hired to water treatment. Luis is a great guy with years of plumbing experience. He interviewed very well and we are excited to have him. Customer service is very important to us and he is just a really sweet man. Olivia is a wonderful young woman, who is clever and thoughtful. She is actually the daughter of a neighbor

of ours, but that is not why we hired her. Chris has needed support in the scheduling, phone answering, and basically the behind the scenes stuff for a few months now. She is currently in training, but already has



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wonderful customer service skills and is catching on fast. If you call for water treatment, you will reach her and can keep me updated on whether you agree.

Jeremy and I still marvel at how much Hawk has grown in the last 4 years. When he and I took over (10/1/2020), we had only 7 employees (us included) and other than Chris and Amanda – God bless them, everyone left us. We had a bit of a rolling turnover until we found a core group of technicians that are with us now: Spencer, Josh, Alec, and Shawn (and of course, Chris and Amanda). As money came in, we invested it back into them and the company. I only paid myself minimum wage at part time hours for a while. We like to say that year 1 was paying off debt, year 2 was increasing our supply stock, year 3 was improving the fleet and now year 4 improving the property.

With the expanding staff, we really need more space. We had been looking earnestly for a second location, but it doesn't seem to be God's plan for us right now, so we are making more space where we are at 354 Stone Church Rd. We bought pallet racks, cleaned out and reorganized barns, and took down trees in the side yard. I couldn't believe how much space that opened up. We are not allowed to actually do anything with it – per Milton code – as we are already maxed out on building/paving area, but we can put gravel down and make more parking.

Bringing this to a close, I would be remiss not to comment on how bad I feel for everyone in the hard-hit hurricane/flooding areas. We are part of a world-wide drilling FB group and it has been interesting to follow how people in our industry are handling all of this. I am grateful that we are unaffected up here, but feel guilty saying it.

From all of us at Hawk Drilling, to you and your families, Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your support of our growing company – we have a lot to be grateful for.



Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for November, 2024

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

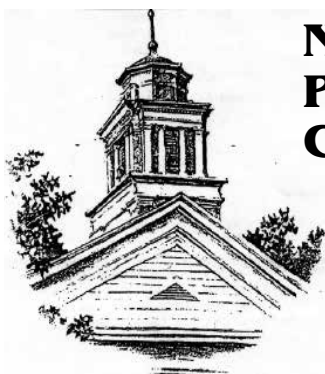
Nov. 7th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Hamburger Cabbage Casserole, Beets, and Fresh Fruit We will also celebrate all November birthdays with a cake provided by Marion Balch
No program this day

Nov. 14th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30 Roast Pork with Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Red Cabbage, and Yogurt Whip. STFSL Program at 12:30: Polly Saltsman, a Case Worker from the Fulton County OFA, will discuss the HEAP Program and Open Enrollment for Medicare.

Nov. 21st OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, and a Brownie. STFSL Program at 12:30: David Brooks, Education Director from Schoharie Crossing, will present a program called "Strange History" There will be a blood pressure clinic this day.

Nov. 28th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Thanksgiving No meal or program today.

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.



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Thanksgiving Countdown

The Thanksgiving countdown begins. The seasons are transitioning. The leaves are falling from the trees, the frost is settling in, and the flowers are fading away. The commercialism of Christmas is being thrust upon us to spend money in order to ensure our happiness this holiday season. But what do we really need? What do we really want?

I want to reflect on the community of Northville and the Northville United Presbyterian Church, (NUPC), family. When my husband and I moved to Edinburg six years ago we knew nothing of Northville New York. We stumbled upon this idyllic village and immediately fell in love with its small town charm and friendly people. On our first Christmas here our family attended Northville Presbyterian Church for the first time. The quaint white church at 161 Reed Street seemed to beckon us with its red doors and we were greeted with smiles. The service was filled with holiday hymns, a meaningful service delivered by the pastor, and a candlelight ceremony that all participated in. My husband and I decided to return, and "try out" this little church in Northville over the next few months. As we continued to attend more often, we began to meet the attendees. We were initially hesitant to join the others downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour following church, even after repeated invitations. Finally, we decided to join the others, and realized it wasn't as scary, or foreign as we anticipated. We began to meet other people who were just like us, maybe not in our ages or exact backgrounds, but in our shared desire to seek out something bigger than ourselves and to help others in our community. In the coming years we found ourselves deeply involved in the Northville Presbyterian Church family, and we have made many friends through our church. We have participated in a myriad of fun activities. We have helped build floats, throw candy in parades, decorate the church for the

holidays, participate in the Batchellerville Church Community Day, (at our summer church location on South Shore Road), the NUPC Fall Fest, children's outreach activities in the Northville Town Park, and in annual summer picnics. This fall a group of us rode on the rail trail in North Creek, NY with Reverend Lucy Harris as our guide. What an amazing experience!

As I reflect on the good times, there have also been times when our members, friends/families and community have needed support; spiritually, emotionally and sometimes physically. My husband and I have benefited from the support of our church family, as we have experienced loss and life's challenges over the years. We have supported our family, and extended family in times of loss, sorrow, sickness and need, and they have supported us. In September we had a dedicated sermon and luncheon to support the victims of the July 16th tornado in Edinburg and the surrounding area.

As I reflect on the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving, and Christmas, I know what I want and what I need. It is within this close knit community of Northville and my NUPC church community. May you find what you need and what will sustain you in the upcoming year.

All are welcome! Please join us at the little white church with the red door at 161 Reed Street in Northville, New York. Sunday School is available for all children to attend during services.

Amy Claus, Member of NUPC

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Thanksgiving

Lord, at this special time of year,
Thanksgiving, when we gather here.

To show our gratitude to you,

For earthly bounty that we grew.

I think beyond these temporal things,

The gifts that our harvest brings.

We'd like to pause and say to you,

Lord, thanks for nature's blessings too.

For golden sunsets and the breeze,

Of summer whispering through the trees.

For wildflowers dancing on the hill,

And songs of birds that our hearts fill.

And stars that glitter in the night,

And dew that sparkles at dawn's light.

And winter's fairyland of snow,

That blankets all the world below.

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions "Serve" Crowd at Broadalbin Centennial Block Party

Broadalbin, N.Y. (Sept. 28, 2024) -- Truly personifying the Lions' motto of "We Serve", the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club offered free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks to the hundreds who attended the Village of Broadalbin Centennial Block Party held along Main Street.

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

Along with food and drink, the Lions also distributed promotional materials for joining Lions, an ongoing fundraising car wash program at Hoffman Car Wash, and another fundraiser at Panera's in Amsterdam on Oct. 10.



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

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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, members of the Northville Rotary Club and the Ring of Fire 5K committee presented \$ 10,000.00 to the Northville Police Department. The funds, \$ 6,000.00 from the Rotary Club and \$ 4,000.00 from the Ring of Fire 5K, will be used to purchase body camera equipment for the department. The Village is grateful for the Rotary donation, which will aid in the safety of our officers and the citizens they serve.

Chief Richardson reported that there were 72 calls during the month of September. He provided the Board with a report on the September 26th school threat that was made in Northville. He reported he met with school officials on the morning of the 26th and by 7:13 a.m., he was able to obtain information that the two juveniles who made the threat were taken into custody by New York State Police out of Ray Brook. Chief Richardson informed the Board that it was determined that there wasn't

any credible threat to our district and that was communicated to all parents.

Highway Superintendent Reidell reports that the crew will begin leaf pickup in the Village. He indicated leaves could be raked to the curb for collection. Leaves continued to be picked up until the first significant snowfall.

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



Our Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 5 p.m. We already have participants lined up for the parade and are looking for more! Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to sign up! This year, due to the Firehouse construction, we are going to be changing up the parade route. The parade will stage on North Third Street, facing NORTH, proceed to Reed Street, turn down Main Street and continue past the Waterfront Park, ending at Washington Street. Please share the new parade route with your friends! Again, we are still taking entrants for the parade....help us make this parade the biggest one yet!



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Sacandaga Protection Committee

A brief update on two lake - wide issues, first, Per discussions with the HRBRRD the work to be done on the Conklingville dam is expected to start in the fall of 2025 and the lake will NOT be drained. The work should be able to be done using the historical drawdown of the lake. Second is the issue with Brookfield power using water from the GSL to generate power and not paying for the use of the water, which is an asset of NYS and its citizens. HRBRRD and Brookfield have been in discussions to renew a long - standing agreement but have reached an impasse. The issue is now in the courts with the NYS attorney general's office litigating on behalf of the HRBRRD and the lake community. To note Brookfield reported earnings of 1.5 million per DAY in 2023, HRBRRD is seeking approximately \$1.5 million per YEAR for the water usage.

Thanks again to everyone who contributes to the Sacandaga Protection Committee ("SPC") in one way or another throughout the year. Remember "It's All About the Lake". We continue to strive to protect the environment, the economy and the access to the GSL so that everyone can continue to enjoy the lake and create lasting memories. Let's continue to keep the Great Sacandaga Lake Great for our enjoyment and the enjoyment of our kids and grandkids.

The SPC conducts two major fundraisers during the year, a golf outing in June and our Bet on the Lake Raffle with prizes drawn in September.

Thank you all for participating. Congratulations to this year's raffle winners. They are as follows :

\$10,000 – Christian Farone # 296

\$2,500 – Patty Rhodes #195

\$1,000 – Craig Radliff # 191

\$500 – Bob Weisgerber #370

\$100 winners (ten in total) Andrew Wood #300, Kory Smith #242. Tammy Reidell #313, Joyce Greiser #52, Kevin Smith #243, Daniel Casey #194, Carol Morris #274, Becky Romano #127, Susan Urbanski #78, Pat Schell #187

To learn how the SPC protects your access to the lake and our way of life in lake communities or to donate to support our mission, please visit our website www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com. and like us on Facebook. You may also contact us by email at SPCGSL@gmail.com.

TOWN OF DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Day Town Board hereby gives notice that there will be no parking of vehicles on Town Roads or placing of objects on Town Right-of-Ways, beginning October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, due to the problems created for snow removal. Warnings will not be given, vehicles will be towed at owners expense immediately.

Leonard Allen
Highway Superintendent



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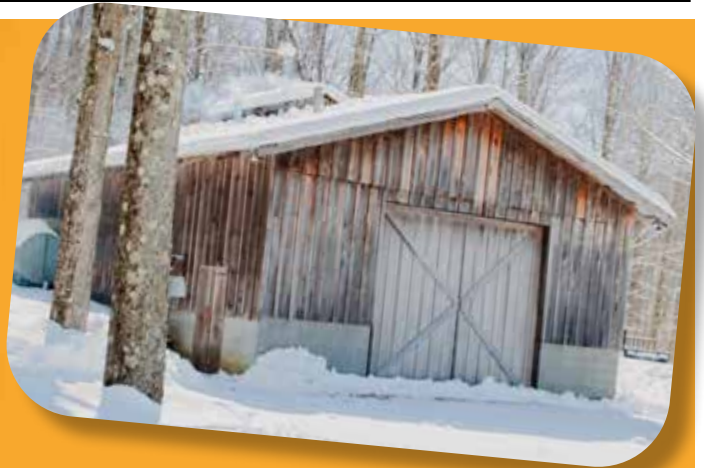
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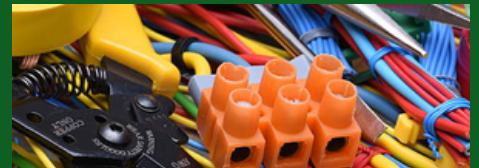
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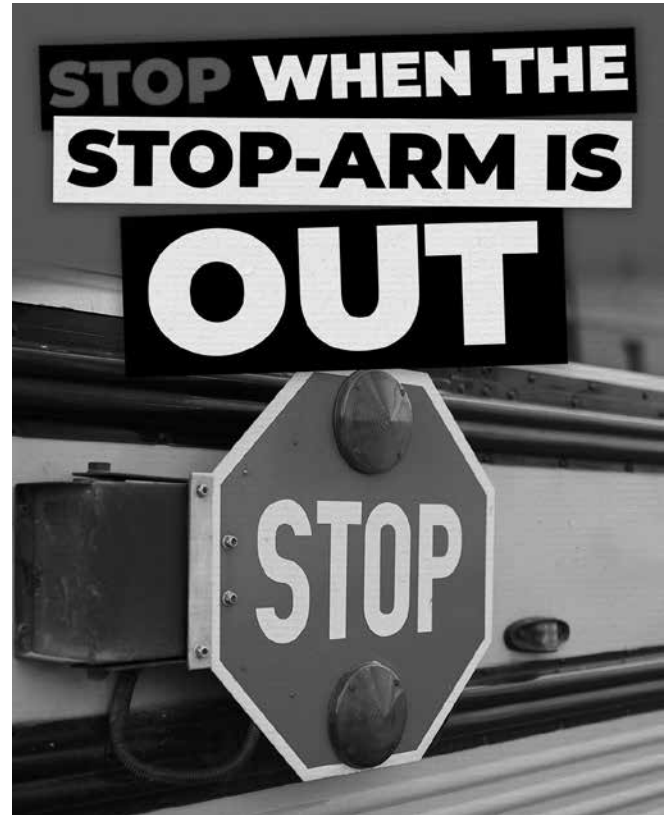
Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

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

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 14 - 18, 2024 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. The Edinburg Common School District is joining public school districts across the state as we honor our local Board of Trustees for their commitment to the school community and its children. We would like to thank Mrs. Angela Ludwig, Board President, Dr. Mary Ann Borden, Vice President, and Mr. Robert McCloskey, Board Member, for their ongoing support and dedication to the Edinburg Common School District.



Also celebrated in October is National School Bus Safety Week! We are thankful for the Edinburg Common School District's bus drivers, Ms. Becky Burden, Mrs. Doreen Cunningham, and Mr. John Flood for transporting our students safely each and every day! We thank you for your dedication to our students and families!



KINDNESS

The PBIS word for the month of November is "kindness"! Our ears and eyes will be open and looking for all the "kindness" throughout the building!

Please remember to support the Edinburg PTO at the annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. We cannot wait to see everyone, but if you want to enjoy this meal at home we will still have meals to go as well.

Basket raffles will be available to view and place your tickets for a chance to win. Good luck!

Thank you to all of our local businesses and community members that donated a basket this year!



Students in grades PK through 6th grade are honored monthly for their PBIS character traits.

For the month of October, the PBIS committee chose “positivity”. The Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for October 2024: Tori, Noah, Gideon, Westlynn, and James! We are so proud of you!



Don't forget to join us on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 8:00 am during the Eagle Morning Program in the gymnasium as we honor our students. The Edinburg Common School will also be honoring our local veterans during this time. Should you be a veteran in the community, please feel free to join us.

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

Dates to Remember:

November 1st - Parent Teacher Conferences Half Day Dismissal 11:45 AM

November 2nd - Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Basket Raffles 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

November 4th - Parent Teacher Conference Half Day Dismissal 11:45 AM

November 8th - Eagle Morning Program (Veterans Day Assembly) 8:00 AM

November 8th - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM

November 11th - Veterans Day Observance No School

November 12th - PTO Meeting 4:45 PM

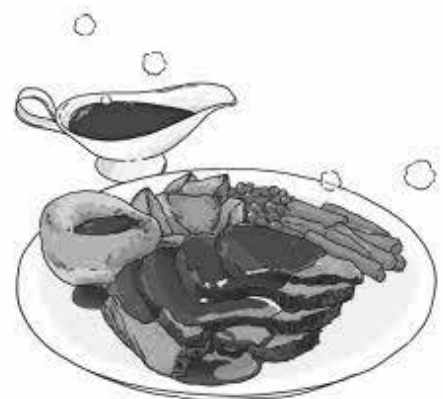
November 12th - Family Math Night 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

November 12th - Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM

November 22nd - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM

November 26th - Emergency Early Release 2:30 PM

November 27th - 29th Thanksgiving Break





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