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NOVEMBER

THURS 24 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

THURS 1 Edinburg Zoning Board 7pm
 SAT 5 Edinburg Tree Lighting 2-4 pm.
 Fri 9 SACANDAGA SENIORS 1:30
 TUES 20 Edinburg Historical Society 7pm
 THURS 15 Edinburg Town Board 6:30
 SUN 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



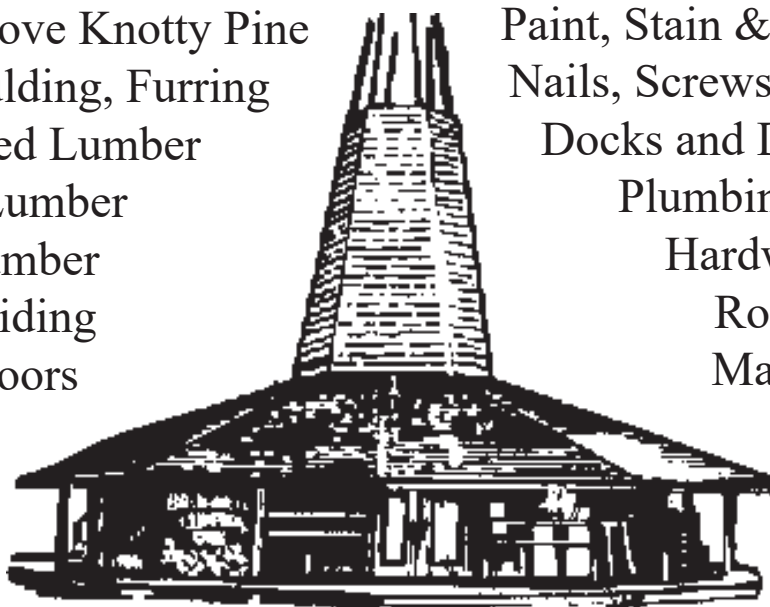
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Birthdays - Anniversaries & Other



December Birthday's

Kayla M.

Debi R.

Butch D.

Laurie D.

Amanda E.

Katie B.

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Birthdays in Heaven

Elwyn I. Ferguson

Dec. 8th

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Holiday Open House

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Dodge has been an artist since she could hold a pencil, often facing discipline for drawing in her schoolbooks, which belonged to the students. Dodge showed her work in New York City for twenty three years before moving to the beautiful Adirondacks. Her paintings are deeply influenced by the incredible images right outside her doors.

Dodge has original paintings in pastels, oils and acrylics, as well as archival prints of works that have already been sold. She also has a magnificent collection of cards that sport her images of the historic Edinburg/Batchellerville area, along with numerous summer and winter Adirondack scenes.

Please join us as we welcome guests into our home studio and gallery. No purchase necessary. A Holiday greeting and smile are the price of admittance.

Edinburg Tree Lighting @ the Edinburg Fire House December 3, 2016

Horse and wagon rides –
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Santa arrives - 3:00 p.m.
Tree Lighting – 4:30 p.m.

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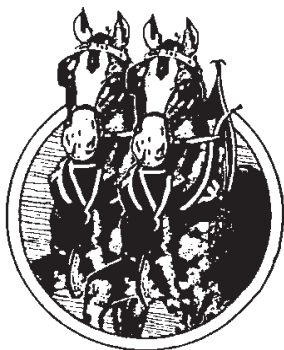
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HOURS BY APPOINTMENT



DON BOWMAN REMEMBERS

Tales of the Sacandaga Valley

Many years ago we had a column titled Don Bowman Remembers. It was written by a gentleman who lived in this area for many years, and worked on the dam and bridge. He lived in a bygone era of simpler times and strong resourceful people. We have access to many stories of the time and have decided to start printing them in our publication again.

I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

Then Came a Change

Years ago in the ordinary way a married woman could not own property, because property passed to her husband on marriage.

Unless there was a marriage settlement where the bride's family would compel the prospective husband to set up a fund under a trust, then if he died first the fund and property became the property of the widow.

Then the women's suffragette movement came along. Women could vote, and own property.

I remember - "Votes for Women!!"

Old Christmas Trees

If you wonder what to do with an old Christmas tree - you can use it to feed winter birds as some valley residents used to do.

Use a heavy string and a big needle to string popcorn to drape on the tree. After you hang the discarded tree from a growing hardwood tree. Old popped corn is easier to string. Whole cranberries may be strung on a wire or piece of string.

Tie a string around a pine cone or two, cover the cone with peanut butter and hang on the Xmas tree.

As an extra treat to birds, mix birdseed, oatmeal, or cornmeal with the peanut butter. The birds will love it.

Tie a piece of ribbon around a stale doughnut and hang it on the tree.

Hollow out half a grapefruit or an orange. Fill it with birdseed or shelled peanuts. But not salty nuts - they make birds thirsty.

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Some Valley Humor

A man living on the river near Day owned two horses and had trouble telling them apart. First he cut short the tail on one horse, but of course it grew back. Then he cut the mane of the other horse. But that grew back. Then he measured the heights of both horses. That did the solution. For he saw that the black horse was two inches taller than the white horse.



Edinburg Emergency Squad News



THANK YOU

Thanks to all who donated toys for the TOYS4TOTS. We will be participating again in the "Convoy for Tots" on November 27th.

MEMORABILIA

Do you have any pictures, stories or history you can share as it relates to our Emergency Squad? We'd love to hear from you - call Jay at 863-2674

BINGO

Come join the fun! Every Wednesday night at the Edinburg Fire Department, 7 North Shore Road, doors open at 6pm. Bingo begins at 7pm SHARP, \$3 admission, refreshments available, cards start at \$4, minimum total payout is \$500.

SPECIAL BINGO December 14th,

This will be our last bingo for 2016, total payout "this night only" will be \$1,000. 2017 Bingo - Jan 4th, Feb 8th, March 8th (1 time per month until April)

VOLUNTEER

We're always looking for more members, no experience necessary. Please contact Paula Blackwell at 863-6969 or inquire on our 'Edinburg-Emergency Squad' Facebook page.

MONTHLY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th, 6:30pm at the Emergency Squad Building, 30 North Shore Road, come check us out!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Winter weather will be upon us soon, please drive carefully and allow extra travel time. All of us at Edinburg Emergency Squad would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. "GOD BLESS"

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Edinburg Tree Lighting

The annual tree lighting will be on December 3rd beginning at 2:00 pm. The town is again providing the horse and wagon rides from 2:00 to 4:00 and there will be face painting. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers led by Jackie and Sandy who put this day together for the children and their families and the entire community.

Edinburg Election Results

There were a total of 712 people who voted in person on Election Day. The total were:
Clinton 160, Trump 505, Other 19, Write Ins 5

Schumer 295, Long 352, Other 6
Powers 229, Lawless 379
Derrick 113, Stefanik 519, Other 11
Putnam 92, Tedisco 576
Stec 501, Other 45
Pellagalli 534
Blackwell 545, Write In 1
Edinburg Emergency Pull Tab Proposition Yes
493, No 109

Winter Snow Plowing

Please be sure that your garbage bins and any trailers, boats and equipment are out of the highway right of ways so that they are not damaged by the snow plows during the winter. In heavy snow just the weight of the plowed snow can cause damage to items too close to the pavement.

HEAP Program 2016-2017

The Saratoga County HEAP office is now accepting applications for financial assistance for heating costs for the winter of 2016-2017.

REMINDERS

Cemeteries Close December 1st
The Edinburg cemeteries close December 1st for the winter. A notice has been placed in the paper of the closure and that the week of November 21st the highway workers will be cleaning up the cemeteries for the winter.

Winter Recycling and Reuse Center Hours
The Center is now on winter hours of Friday 12:00-3:00 and Saturday 9:00-3:00.

Winter Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

In the event of bad weather and road conditions there may be a change in the roadside collection schedule by postponing collections to the following day. We will make every effort to let residents know if there is a change.

There will be no recycling collection on November 24th. The Recycling Center will be closed on November 25th and refuse collection will be on Tuesday and Wednesday the week after Christmas and the week after New Year's..

Town Hall Holiday Schedule
The Town Hall will be open Tuesday November, 22nd and closed November 23rd for Thanksgiving and reopen on Monday November 28th. The Town Hall will be closing at noon on December 22nd for Christmas and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd. Town officials may be reached at their homes if necessary.

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NEW... Chair Yoga	12/2 – 12/30 10 – 11 a.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	5 sessions (Fridays). Experience gentle, peaceful yoga with the support of a chair. For everyone...no matter what age you are, or what condition you are in, you can experience the health benefits from this easy form of yoga. \$7 fee per week payable at door. To attend, call 736-1120
Holiday Open House	12/2 4 – 7 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session (Friday). Stop in to visit our wellness center before the holiday parade! For ALL ages...join in the fun of making your own unique snowflake, play the nutrition game to win prizes, get your 2017 'Healthy Living' wall calendar, and more. FREE! No enrollment necessary
Childbirth Preparation Class	12/3 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Nathan Littauer Hospital	1 session (Saturday). Prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for the childbirth experience. Includes options for managing pain during labor and delivery, and much more. \$45 fee per couple (scholarships available). To attend, call 736-1120
NEW... Gentle Yoga	12/5 – 12/19 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	3 sessions (Mondays). For anyone interested in relaxing, gentle yoga sessions. Benefits of the regular practice of yoga include improved strength and flexibility, and a positive effect on internal organs and systems. \$7 fee per week payable at door. To attend, call 736-1120
Relax With Cards	12/7 11 – 12:30 or 7 – 8:30 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session each (Wednesday). Join us for a card party...greeting cards, of course! Experience the relaxing benefits of mindfulness as we create, color and decorate our own unique cards for the holidays. \$3 fee payable at door. Class size limited...To attend either session, call 736-1120
Annual Holiday Celebration	12/8 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Littauer's Nursing Home	1 session (Thursday). Join us for the annual celebration and tree lighting with our neighbors in the Nursing Home. Littauer special guests will lead us with bountiful holiday spirit, song and light refreshments! Freewill donation to purchase gifts for residents in need! Call 736-1120
Managing Stress: Positive Thinking	12/9 11:30 – 12:30 or 5:30 – 6:30	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session each (Friday). Learn about the relationship between stress and attitude, and what you can do to enhance yours! You'll discover the power that positive thinking can have on your daily activities. FREE! To attend either session, call 736-1120
ViP Luncheon: Humor, Health & Holidays	12/14 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Nathan Littauer Hospital	1 session (Wednesday). Especially For Adults 50+... Enjoy a buffet style luncheon followed by a presentation on the benefits of healthy holiday humor for you, your family and friends! Luncheon fee: \$5 ViP members, \$6 general public payable at door. Call 736-1120 by 12/12
NEW... Relax With Mosaic	12/14 6 – 7 p.m. or 12/16 11:30 – 12:30	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session each (Wednesday or Friday). Experience the relaxing benefits of mindfulness as we create our own sparkling glass mosaic ornament! We'll use sea glass, stained glass discs, marbles, and tiny mirrors to bring a new dimension to holiday decorating or to give as a gift. \$10 fee payable at door. To attend either session, call 736-1120
Holiday "De-Stressor" Hike!	12/17 Meet 10 a.m.	Glasgow Mills	1 session (Saturday). Rated Easy ~ 3 Miles RT. Take a break from the holiday hustle...join us as we hike along Glasgow Creek to an isolated pond and the site of an 1800's sawmill! \$6 guide fee...kids free with an adult! Group size limited...To attend, call 736-1120
♥ Health Screenings	12/29 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	HealthLink 2 Colonial Court	1 session (Thursday). Are YOU at risk for heart disease, diabetes or a stroke? Screenings include a cholesterol+HDL+glucose blood test for \$18, blood pressure reading & body fat analysis/body mass index measurement at no charge. No appointments necessary ~ For more info, call 736-1120

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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SVAN Holiday Concert Featuring Miche Fambro

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network will be presenting Miche Fambro on Saturday, December 3rd at 6pm at the St. Francis Church, 501 Bridge St. in Northville. This holiday concert will be the first of SVAN's Winter Series which will continue monthly throughout the winter season. Miche Fambro is a true entertainer, with elements of flamenco, jazz, classical, pop, and soul all mixed together to provide an outstanding personal style that not only shows Miche's artistry as a musician, but also provides an energetic, toe tapping good

time. His unquestionable talent on the guitar is supremely matched with his amazing vocals, and SVAN in particularly looking forward to sharing his holiday melodies with the community.

Admission is \$12 per persons, \$10 for SVAN members. Refreshments will be available at the show. BYOB. For reservations, please call (518) 863-8047.

Other concerts in this series:

January 21 - Steven Candlen

February 4 - Winterfest TBD

March 11 - Bob Warren Trio

April 8 - The Lustre Kings

SVAN is a non-profit organization supporting the visual and performing artists in the Sacandaga Valley region with gallery exposure, community

concerts, and skill development workshops that are offered to the public. You can learn more at svanarts.org or visit SVAN Arts on Facebook.

Saratoga Arts made this program possible with a Community Arts Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature

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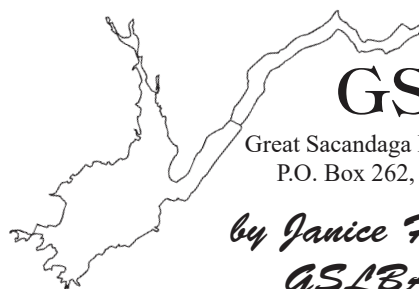
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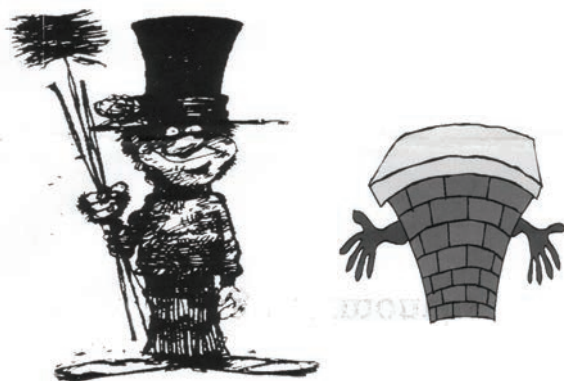
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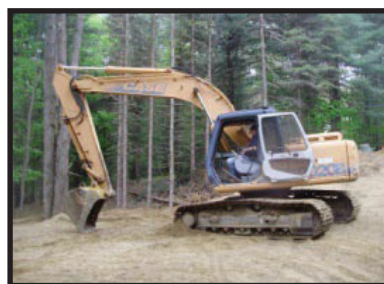
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The library continues its annual holiday tradition, marking the month of December as a fine free month! During this period, no fines will be charged. This is a GREAT opportunity for patrons with outstanding fines and long overdue materials to come in and clear their records with NO PENALTY!!!!

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 13 at 10 am in the library's program room. Jean Ludlum will lead a discussion of "Art of Hearing Heartbeats", an inspiration love story set in Burma by Jan-Philipp Sendker. Set in the 1950s, a daughter traces her father with one mysterious love letter he wrote many years ago to a Burmese woman. She travels

to the village where the woman lives and there she uncovers a unimaginable passionate tale.

On Thursday, Dec 8, the Friends of the Library will hold the drawing for their Annual Holiday Raffle. Three baskets will be awarded: "Party in a Basket" - wines, glasses, cheese board ; "Kid's Fun" - books, snacks, games; and "Pamper Yourself" - books, body lotions, massage. Get tickets at the library.

Hours: September - March

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

The "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" bags are available for borrowing. Each bag contains 10 books that are appropriate for most 3-5 year olds. The Baby Bags contain board books for toddlers. Track what is read by using the app from [<http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/resources>].

Story Time will be held on Tues, Dec 6 and 20 at 10 am, coordinated by Hadley Jacobs. Bring your pre-school children for stories, snack, and craft.

Many holiday reads and DVDs are on display. Enjoy a quiet moment or share a story with the kids.

Watch for these titles to be arriving:

No Man's Land - David Baldacci
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Odessa Sea - Clive Cussler
Fever Code - James Dashner
Turbo Twenty-Three - Janet Evanovich
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Northville Rotary Grows "Service Above Self"

Northville Rotary Announces December 9th Community Christmas Party

The Annual Northville Rotary Community Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 9th at the Sport Island Pub in Northville. The party will begin at 6:00 with a social hour and include a prime rib buffet dinner for \$40 per person. A complimentary drink will be included in the ticket price at the upstairs event bar. The evening will include entertainment by Don Hoffman.

Other entertainment will include a Silent Auction and a raffle of a large "Basket of Spirits". Raffle tickets for the Spirits Basket are presently on sale at the Pub. The winners of these raffles will be drawn that evening.

Proceeds will go to local community organizations as well as Rotary International projects. To purchase dinner tickets contact Chas Owens at 883-3338 or email chasowens86@gmail.com. Pre-sale tickets only. Space is limited. The Northville Rotary Club invites all community members to join this festive holiday celebration!

The Northville Rotary Club meets at 5:30PM on most Thursdays at the Sport Island Pub, 108 Riverside Drive, Northville, and the second Thursday of the month at the Timeless Tavern, 162 S. Main Street in Northville. New members are welcome to join the Club in service to the community.



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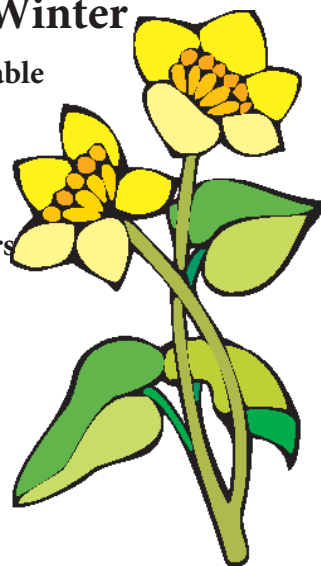
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DID YOU KNOW THAT—

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

In the summer of 1905 my husband's maternal great aunt, Jessie Wilbur of Osborne Bridge (now under the waters of the Sacandaga) and his paternal great grandmother, Viola Edwards of Edinburg took a 2-week trip into the Adirondacks.

At the time Jessie was 25, still single-she married the following year-and was a school teacher. She taught in several one-room schools in the Towns of Edinburg and Northampton. Jessie's mother, Annis Olmstead Wilbur and Viola Edwards were good friends. Annis was born and raised in Beecher Hollow, the daughter of John C. and Ruamy Olmstead. Viola was originally from Baker's Mills and still had family there-quite possibly the incentive for this trip.

Jessie wrote a delightful article of their trip for a local newspaper. At times it sounds as though an

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entire group took the trip, possibly they joined with others along the way.

(Creek Center is present day Stony Creek----M.E. is Methodist)

A Trip to the Adirondacks

“ Mrs. Albert Edwards and myself returned last Thursday, Aug. 31 from a two weeks outing at North River. Indian Lake and Blue Mountain.

Leaving Edinburg on a pleasant morning, we drove to Day, then over Hadley Hill. We reached Creek Center in the afternoon.

Rev. C.V. Wood made us welcome and we spent the night at the parsonage and attended prayer meeting that evening.

Next morning we crossed Stony Creek and drove through Thurman round old Crane Mountain's rocky sides, where high-bush cranberries grew by the roadside.

Before noon we crossed Mill creek, passed through Johnsbury Corners, visited the cemetery on the hill and reached Sodam, or Baker's Mills, the former home of Mrs. Edwards. The house being closed, we camped on the green. Many changes have been made, but the orchard her father set out and the big rock where she used to play was much the same. His blacksmith shop was closed and deserted, also the stone school house for the time. A church has been erected in this pleasant hamlet since.

Old Oven mountain, near by, has recently been found to contain garnet, and a mining plant is soon to be started there.

That afternoon we journeyed toward the seemingly distant Gore mountain, then round it, to North Creek, thence along the bank of the mighty(?) Hudson to North River, where we stopped over night.

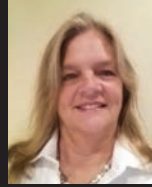
The next day we spent at the upper village, about a mile up the “outlet of the thirteenth”. We visited the new school house across the creek, and the Memorial hall built by Mr. Hooper. The M.E. and the Baptist churches are near there.

Next afternoon we left for Indian Lake. The road, the greater part of the way, is exceedingly rough-over bare ledges and through mud-which a few years ago was kept smooth and in condition for the fast tally-ho that carried the mail. This part is wild country. The public highway near “Dew Drop Inn” is said to be the highest in the state. Mt. Marcy and Mt. McIntyre were in view, also Blue Mountain.

We crossed Indian River and descended the hill

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MLS 201608624 **\$219,400**

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where Lew Wait met his death. I also rode in the wagon in which he was riding at that time.

Indian Lake Corners contains three churches, M.E., Baptist and Catholic, a graded school with three departments, several stores and one hotel. We spent a week there. In the meantime excursions were made to Big Brook and to the Indian Lake dam and a few miles up the lake to Squaw Brook. One day was spent at Blue Mountain Lake.

On this trip we crossed Cedar River, Johnnie Mac brook and 34th flow. Most of our party enjoyed a ride on the lake steamer and regretted that we just missed an excursion to Raquette Lake, thirteen miles distant.

The cottages and hotels, excepting the Utowana or Prospect House were well filled with guests.

The place affords an Episcopal church and a Catholic church, a graded school, a library and two stores. We returned to Indian Lake at evening and met the six horse coach on its way in.

Saturday afternoon witnessed a ball game between the married and single men. The latter were victorious. I attended service at the M.E. church. Rev. Cole, formerly of Gloversville, is pastor. We returned to North River and spent a day with friends at a large farm about a mile up a hill from the village. The mountain view from this point is especially fine.

The next morning, I, with a party, equipped with a lantern, explored a cave near North River and in the afternoon we visited Barton's garnet mine about six miles up Gore mountain passing over the divide between the Hudson and Sacandaga, the highest point in the state where vegetation matures. Saw the trail of a big bear that had crossed the road and at a spring where we stopped for drink were deer tracks.

About twenty men are employed in the mine, which produces about eight tons per day, valued at \$40 per ton. The garnet is found in "pockets" surrounded by a black stone hood. The work is all

done by hand with shovel, pick and drill. The garnet is put into sacks holding 150 lbs. for shipment. After visiting the third pit we had supper at the miner's camp. Bothenation flow, a branch of the Sacandaga, can be seen from there.

Hooper's mine is a large plant where rocks containing garnet are crushed and pass through a separator.

Wednesday morning our homeward journey began. After calling on friends at North Creek, we proceeded by way of Weavertown to Creek Center again remaining over night with Rev. Wood and wife. Next day we dined on Hadley Hill and soon the more familiar land marks began making their appearance. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon we reached Mrs. Edwards' home, well pleased with our vacation and hoping at no distant date to repeat our experience."

What tales Jessie had to tell her class when school started that fall. Ventures into the Adirondacks today are far different compared with what they were over 100 years ago!

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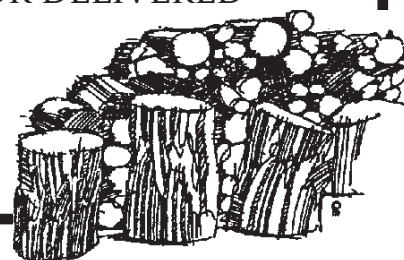
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According to the National Institute on Aging, there are approximately 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and over 15 million people serve as their caregivers. For reasons that are not clear, about two-thirds of those living with this disease are women and Alzheimer's is more prevalent in those over 65.

Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are early warning signs but they are often confused with typical age related changes and not reported to a physician. According to the Alzheimer's Association, the following are some of the early signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias versus typical age related changes.

Alzheimer's Signs/Symptoms:

- Repeated poor judgment and decision making
- Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- Challenges in planning and problem solving
- Misplacing frequently used things and inability to retrace steps to locate them
- Confusion with time or place
- Withdrawal from normal activities
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Changes in mood or personality

Typical age related changes may include but are not limited to:

- Forgetting what day it is but remembering later
- Missing a monthly payment occasionally
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- Losing things from time to time
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It is normal to fear that any of these normal changes means something worse. If you are wondering if you have a problem, it is important to discuss this with your doctor. Write down your questions and take a friend or family member with you to discuss your concerns.

The Alzheimer's Association is an excellent resource for information about the disease. They operate a 24/7 Helpline for people seeking information and support. If you call 800-272-3900 you can speak confidently with a care consultant that can help with:

- Information about the signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias
- Find out about local programs and services
- Decision making support, crisis assistance and education on issues faced every day
- Get general information about medications, other treatment options, legal, financial and care decisions
- Information on safety services such as Lifeline and the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return program. Safe Return provides assistance when someone with the disease wanders or has a medical emergency.
- Support and education for caregivers

HealthLink, in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, offers free monthly education programs. We also offer monthly support group meetings held on the second Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m.

For more information or to attend one of these programs, call HealthLink Littauer at 736-1120. You can e-mail us at healthlink@nlh.org, see our website at nlh.org, or visit our NEW wellness center at 2 Colonial Court in downtown Johnstown, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. We're your community health & wellness service of Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home.

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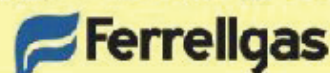
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On Sunday, December 18, 3pm, The Revival welcomes Liaisons Plaisantes, a group of five re-enactor musicians who will present "A Plaisantes Christmas", an 18th century musical experience of holiday parlor music as enjoyed by the early colonists of Upstate Mohawk Valley.

Liaisons Plaisantes is the house band for Johnson Hall, a baronial mansion originally built by Sir William Johnson in Johnstown, N.Y. and is now a state historical site. Attired in period clothing, they attempt to present as pure a presentation as possible as to how it might have been during those times. Through the year at the holiday and summer seasons they can be heard at many historical venues and also are available for weddings and special occasions. Music for this concert was originally recorded at the Johnson Hall, and reflects the joviality and sacredness of the Christmas season.

Liaisons Plaisantes is comprised of Olof Jansson,(fiddle and cello), Sue Casler,(fiddle, clarinet, vocals), Sue Ann Wheadon,(penny whistle, vocals)- Marilee Urbanezyk ,(penny whistle, recorder)-and Ron Burch harpsicord. \$10.00 donation. Refreshments. The Revival is an 1845 Greek Revival church restored and repurposed for cultural events and on the National and State historical registers, located at 1441 Rt. 30 , Wells, NY.



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Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Jayne Mulligan will talk about the Little Angel Gowns Program.

Dec 8th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Apple.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Gail Cramer will present The History of Local Newspapers.

Dec 15th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Breaded Fish, Rice, Spinach, Oat Bread, Fruited Gelatin.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Becky White, Fulton Co. OFA will provide information on Additional Medicare Enrollment Periods. She will also be on hand from 11:30 to meet with any senior with questions or needs.

Dec 22nd OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Cream of Tomato Soup, Chicken Nuggets, Garlic Roll, Ambrosia.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Northville Central School Choir under the direction of Kristy Matthews will present a selection of seasonal music. The monthly blood pressure clinic sponsored by Home Health Care Partners will also be held.

Dec 29th OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Ziti and Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Garlic Roll, Bread Pudding.

Red Rooster Program at 12:30

Getting a head start on New Year's Eve Party! Refreshments and White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift that you cannot



use and take home someone else's unwanted item instead

You may attend Red Rooster Programs without attending the meal. Feel free to come for the program, or bring a bag lunch and join us! Programs are held Thursdays at the Red Rooster Café (Pink Chicken) at the corner of Bridge and Main Sts. Northville. The fourth Thursday of each month Home Health Care Partners holds a blood pressure clinic during lunch and the program.

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. Chair Yoga taught by Ony Antonucci is held each Thurs. from 10:30 to 11:30. Cost of classes is \$5 per week or 6 sessions for \$25. You may join at any time.

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Thursday December 1

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NOTE: Material Fees included.

Saturday December 3

Net Making Workshop with Barry Keegan. #932-1203. 1 Day, 10am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials Fee \$5.

Sunday December 4

Adirondack Twig Topiary with Roberta Games. #945-1204. 1/2 Day, 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials Fee \$20.

Mondays – Fridays, December 5-9 and 12-16

Build a Wee Lassie Canoe with Larry Benjamin. #912-1010. 10 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$900. Member Tuition \$850. Materials Fee \$900.

Sunday December 11

Woodturning-The Kid in All of Us with John Kingsley. #916-1211. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$20.
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Sunday December 11

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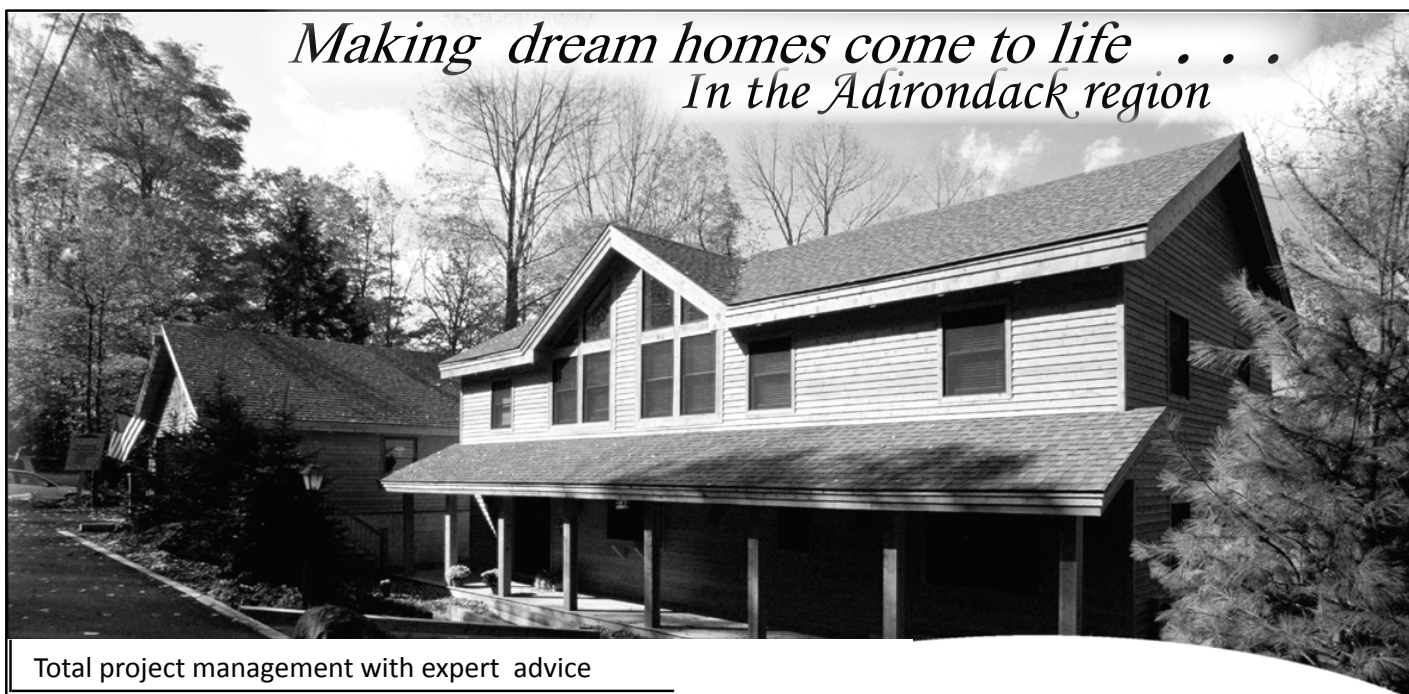


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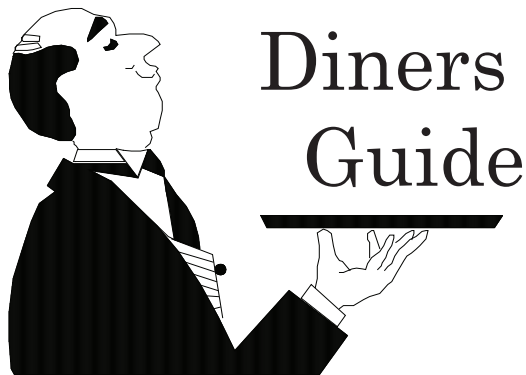
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New officers were elected in October, John Croft, president, Marie Wykoff, vice president, Eileen Quinlivan, secretary and Ron Hunter, treasurer.

The Sacandaga Seniors meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at 1:30 in the Edinburgh Community Center. The Club is open to people age 55 and older living in the Sacandaga

area. We have informative programs, trips, parties, and fundraisers. We welcome new members. Come join us for our Christmas party on December 9th at 1:30. We all bring a covered dish and a \$5 grab bag. We will be enjoying Christmas carols sung by the Edinburg Elementary School choir. Our next meeting will be January 13th 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party
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- Jan 28 Snowmobilers Pig Roast
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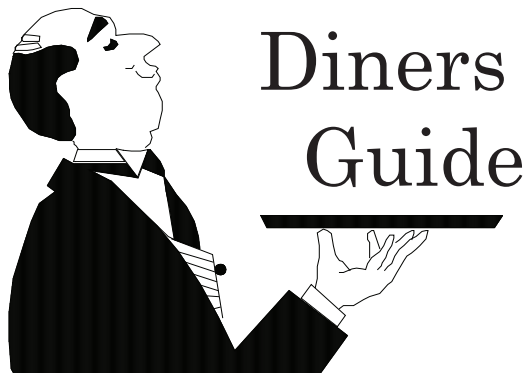
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A Report from the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

by Peter M. Byron, President

As we are writing this, it is absolutely beautiful weather and will remain so during the first day of the weekend. Of course, winter is on the way!

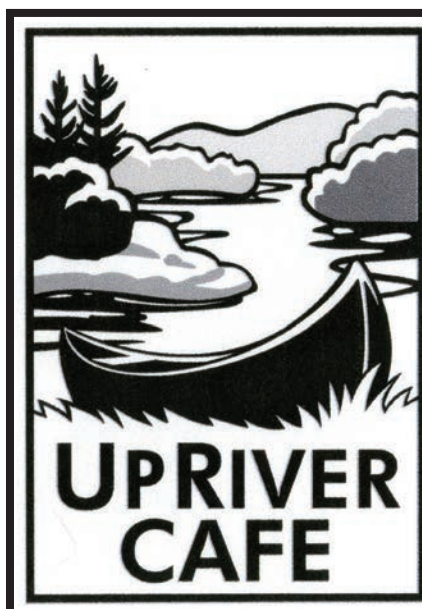
One of the benefits of membership in the Great Sacandaga Lake Association (GSLA) is that you receive information by email as it happens! The information which we are providing below has already been provided by our e-burst system TWICE to members! We believe it is important

for everyone on lake. Please take a look! You might want to consider some 'hand harvesting of aquatic plants' as well as joining the GSLA for the latest lake community information.

VARIABLE LEAF POND WEED:

Low water this year gave us an opportunity to look at the vegetation which has moved into our 'water' neighborhood.

As the summer came to a close and the water level went down, members noticed aquatic plant growth. GSLA Board member Ed Ludlum of Northampton took a sample from his permit area and sent it to our research scientist friend, Larry Eichler,



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at Darrin Freshwater Institute in Lake George for his identification and counsel. Larry who conducts the GDLA water quality evaluation, identified the plant as Variable Leaf Pond Weed and recommended that we contact the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for assistance. Ed contacted the APA and was provided with their publication, **HAND HARVESTING OF AQUATIC PLANTS** which we are sharing with you below.

If you have aquatic plant issues, you might want to read this document. We thank Ed for raising the issue and identifying information which we can share! We also thank the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for their response to our concern.

NOTE: A copy of the APA document is provided below with font modifications to ease reading. Please note that the original text along with other informational flyers can be found at <http://apa.ny.gov/Documents/Flyers.html>

HAND HARVESTING OF AQUATIC PLANTS

This is a supplement to the Citizen's Guide, which provides basic information about Adirondack Park Agency regulations.

Pursuant to Section 578.3(n)(1) of Agency regulations, an Agency permit is required for the removal of soil, peat, mud, sand, or gravel, or any other excavation or dredging of a wetland. However, no permit will be required for the removal of wetland plants, including their roots, under the following specific circumstances:

- The removal is conducted in open water less than 2 meters (6 feet) deep (Footnote 1);
- The removal is conducted entirely by hand;

- The removal leaves at least 200 square feet of contiguous indigenous wetland in the immediate vicinity;
- The removal does not involve taking more than 1000 square feet of indigenous wetland plants;
- The removal does not involve the application of pesticides or matting;
- The removal is not part of a larger harvesting program by individuals or groups;
- No rare or endangered species are removed or

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disturbed (Footnote 2); and

- The removal is not associated with any other activity involving wetlands, including dredging, filling, or other action regulated under Section 578.3(n) of Agency regulations.

This flyer is intended to provide general information regarding Agency jurisdiction. Other provisions or restrictions may apply if an Agency permit or variance is required or if the property has previously been subject to Agency review.

Please contact the Agency with any questions at 518-891-4050. For a binding written response as to whether a specific proposal requires Agency

review, please submit a Jurisdictional Inquiry Form (JIF). The JIF form is available on the Agency website at www.apa.ny.gov/Forms/jiform.pdf.

Footnote 1. The harvesting of aquatic plants from open water more than 2 meters deep is not regulated by the Agency. Footnote 2. The New York Natural Heritage Program works to facilitate the conservation of rare animals. The Endangered and Threatened Species provisions of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law are administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation. The DEC maintains lists of the rare animals currently being tracked by the Natural Heritage Program and of currently protected endangered and threatened species.



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More attention is planned for 2017 to this area and will include refreshing the building, increasing exhibits, expanding displays, creating educational brochures and materials to accent the continuation of the visitors experience as well as adding to Town Heritage District Ambassador Program as well as guest speakers.

Please contact the Town Historian, Pam Morin at 696-2711 Ext 6 should you like to share, loan or donate any lumber/logging family or work related stories, equipment or tools. We are especially are interested in acquiring a logging company stamp hammer.



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During this time of waiting and anticipation, we are providing two special Christmas projects. One project will benefit the Brennan Humane Society with gifts of dog and cat food, litter, toys and snacks; the other project will be a hat and mitten tree to benefit local children and adults who are in need of warm items this winter. In addition to these projects, we continue to support the local food pantry, Neighborhood Center, Inc., in Utica, with our donation of Campbell soup labels, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through our quarter tube that provides cleaning buckets for those in need after floods and other natural disasters, and pennies for Africa University scholarships. Love in action.

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There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24 at 7:00 pm. Regular worship will be held on December 25, Christmas Sunday, at 11 am. The people of First UMC invite you to attend both services as we joyfully celebrate the birth of Christ through word and music.

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

Thrift Shop Hours are: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am-12:30 pm. We accept CLEAN gently worn clothing, free of animal hair, stains, tears, and cigarette smoke. We appreciate donations from the community but respectfully request that these guidelines be followed. If you are interested in volunteering for this mission outreach project, please let us know. New workers are always welcome.

Scouts meet weekly at First UMC on Thursdays at 6 and 7 pm, TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, and our choir meets on Thursdays at 3 pm (note new time for the winter months).

First UMC will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile on December 2, 1-5 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

Calendar:

Nov 27 – First Sunday of Advent
 Dec 2 – Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1-5 pm
 Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Dec 25 – Christmas Day Worship, 11 am
 Jan 1 – New Year Day Worship, 11 am

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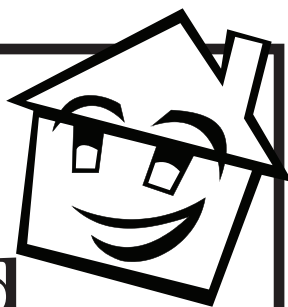
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Statistics show that, writing in a journal helps one to lose weight as well as having a support group (family, friends, online groups as well as attending meetings at TOPS and others!).

Our members brought in items for a Thanksgiving raffle and the proceeds of this went to families in need in our area..

We said good by to Pat Wilcox, Mary and Doug Hodes for the winter...others from our group will be also leaving soon

The KOPS best loser for the month were Marsha Miller and Judy Frasier. The TOPS best loser was Bob McQuirk Other losers for the month - Pat Wilcox, Ellen Descharnais, Arlene McQuirk, Carmen Durkin and Ginger Driscoll

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Season's Greetings to the residents of the Great Sacandaga from the GSLFF! While we are still eagerly waiting for the ice to come, our committee members have been hard at work planning and organizing for our winter ice-fishing contest. Entry forms can be found at Runnings in Gloversville, Food & Fuel, and all local bait, gun & tackle shops. On October 27th, the GSLFF successfully stocked 6,000 Walleye at Cranberry Cove Marina with no losses. We would like to extend a big Thank You to Hickling's fish farm for the hearty stock, and transport of the fish. As we have mentioned in previous newsletters about the documentary on the history of the GSL that is being filmed, it will now also include footage from our fall walleye stocking. We are very honored to be a part of this documentary on our great lake, and we will inform people when it is ready to be aired.

As we approach the Ice-Fishing season, its always useful to review preparation & ice safety. Ice Fishing can be a very fun outdoor activity, especially when done safely. Simple things can be done to have a fun, safe outing. **IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT ICE:**

New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not.

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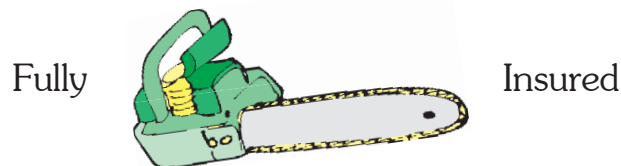
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Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice. The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to break through.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM ICE THICKNESS

2" or less - STAY OFF

4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot

5" - Snowmobile or ATV

8" - 12" - Car or small pickup

12" - 15" - Medium truck

Note: These guidelines are for new, clear solid ice.

Many factors other than thickness can cause

ice to be unsafe.

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

SAFETY TIPS FOR TRAVELING ON ICE

The following guidelines can help you make wise choices:

Check for known thin ice areas with a local resort or bait shop. Test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit.

Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible. If you must drive a vehicle, be prepared to leave it in a hurry--keep windows down and have a simple emergency plan of action you have discussed with your passengers.

Stay away from alcoholic beverages. Even "just a couple of beers" are enough to cause a careless error in judgment that could cost you your life. And contrary to common belief, alcohol actually makes you colder rather than warming you up.

Don't "overdrive" your snowmobile's headlight. At even 30 miles per hour, it can take a much longer distance to stop on ice than your headlight shines. Many fatal snowmobile through-the-ice accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the hole in the ice.

Wear a life vest under your winter gear. Or wear one of the new flotation snowmobile suits. And it's a good idea to carry a pair of ice picks that may be homemade or purchased from most well

stocked sporting goods stores that cater to winter anglers. It's amazing how difficult it can be to pull yourself back onto the surface of unbroken but wet and slippery ice while wearing a snowmobile suit weighted down with 60 lbs of water. The ice picks really help pulling yourself back onto solid ice. Caution: Do not wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle.

As always, the Federation welcomes new members. GSLFF meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Fish House Fish And Game Club located at 478 Fayville Rd, Broadalbin, NY. Additional Information can be obtained at our Website www.gslff.com

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****We must receive mailed entries by Friday January 27th****



Edinburg School News



Edinburg School Happenings

by Ms. Kimberly S.

Hromada, Superintendent

As I am now well into my Second Year as a Superintendent here at E.C.S., I am beginning to have more opportunities to meet with and begin to get to know members of both the Edinburg and Northville communities where I have the pleasure of living and working.

I had the chance to visit Jean Raymond at the Town Hall earlier this fall and I have found her to be an incredible wealth of information and knowledge. I have quickly come to admire this woman and hope to work with and get to know further in the coming years. I was able to attend a meeting at the Sacandaga Senior Center this past month with our Intern and Community Liaison, Michelle Ellis. I asked that the members please feel free to contact me for a sit down meeting or call me if they ever have any questions regarding the school, our budget, initiatives or just to get to know us better. I let the members know that we are truly interested in developing a partnership with the Senior Center and working together to ensure our student's needs are met in and outside of school. I have plans to meet with the Fire department and the Historical Society in the coming months so that I can share the same ideas and vision with them.

You may ask why I am mentioning this in a published newsletter. It is not for recognition, not to celebrate one group over another, my goal is simple. I want the Edinburg families and community to know that the old cliché, "It Takes a Village" is really an honest truth. It is a core belief that drives our vision at Edinburg Common School which is to work together with our families and community members to build authentic relationships. I have watched this vision evolve this year as we begin to have seniors and pastors signing up to volunteer to read to our students. I have had the opportunity to see the outpouring of assistance from the Lion's Club, Red Hat Society, Churches, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Four Corner's Diner, Brownell Lumber and other community members and groups who have come forward to adopt families for Christmas and/or Thanksgiving, to donate coats, school supplies, meals or other services.

The greatest outpouring of how this community comes together was something I had the chance to witness first hand today.

"An incident involving one of our students ended safely on November 17, 2016. While waiting for transportation to a program in a neighboring district, a five-year-old Edinburg student wandered away from

his mother into the woods surrounding their home. When our bus arrived and the driver was told of the situation, the bus monitor quickly took action to help the mother while the driver immediately notified the school, which in turn called 911. State police, local community members and school staff immediately responded and searched for the missing child who was found safe almost two hours later, a distance from his home."

The safety of all our students is always of primary importance to everyone at Edinburg Common School. We are so grateful for the quick response and diligent search by so many of our community members and the authorities. Everyone pulled together and we are happy to report a "happy ending."

This incident shows the strength of this community and the level of care that the staff and community members have for our children. We as educators are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure the safety and happiness of our students while they are in our care. I want to sincerely thank the local law enforcement, State Police, our Board of Trustees, Edinburg Fire Department, our staff and community for coming together quickly to find this little boy and return him safely to his family.

I would like to remind everyone as we enter this season of giving, caring and thankfulness, to take the time to remember that we need to embrace the many positives in our school and in our community and celebrate them. So often we find ourselves latching onto any negative while instead, we should offer solutions to concerns while at the same time accentuating the positives. We need to model this positivity all the time to show our children that everything starts with a positive attitude and a willingness to try and try again. Children need to learn that we all make mistakes, young and old alike; but we can also all work together collaboratively to problem solve and eliminate the negative.

I hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season and a Blessed New Year!

Upcoming Events:

December 13 & 14	Santa's Work Shop
December 13	Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.
December 23	PTO Fun Day





Eagle on Sixth Grade

by Thomas E. Moore

Greetings from the Sixth Grade Class! The Sixth Grade class has had a very productive fall trimester. In English Language Arts we have been delving into the world of ancient myths. During our research we have discovered that not only do ancient myths attempt to explain the natural world, but we have also learned that ancient myths teach vital lessons that can be applied to our daily lives. For example, in the myth of "Athena and Medusa," we learned that both Athena and Medusa were very beautiful. Athena was well liked by the people for being very compassionate and caring. On the other hand, the only thing that Medusa was concerned with was her looks. Eventually, it was Medusa's excessive vanity that led to her downfall. In the end she was turned into a hideous monster that no one wanted to look at. One of the morals of this myth is, "It's not what is on the outside that matters, it's what's on the inside that counts most!"

In Social Studies we recently completed our first 'inquiry'. During an inquiry, the students are given an essential question along with several resources including; literary texts, informational texts, videos, pictures, et cetera. In this case the question was, "Are the Olympics about more than sports?" During our investigation we took a look at how the ancient Olympics compares to the modern Olympics. Not only did we learn how the Olympics evolved over the years, but more importantly we found a lot of evidence that indicates the true goal of the Olympics is to promote accepting the differences of others, and uniting people from around the world.

More old stuff...In science, we have been studying the Geologic Time Scale, paying particular attention to fossil identification as well as relative and absolute dating. Did you know that the Earth is approximately 4.5 billion years old? Surprisingly, scientists have determined this not from Earth rocks, but from rocks and minerals from outer space. Believe it or not, most rocks on Earth have been recycled several times over due to plate tectonics along with the constant heating and melting of rocks, and are therefore relatively new!

Last but not least, in math, we have been tackling some pre-algebraic concepts with particular attention being devoted to problem solving. Additionally, we have been utilizing the extremely powerful online resource Kahn Academy. Kahn is a website that is self-adaptive based on the learner's needs. This allows not only for reteaching of vital skills, but it also enables the students to take on more challenging concepts as they are ready.

As you can see, the Sixth Grade class has been hard at work this year, and we are looking forward to more challenges, as well as growth, as we enter the second trimester. That being said, we would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous holiday season as we anxiously venture into 2017!!

The ECS Service Club is off to a great start this school year!

During the month of October, we celebrated "Socktober", by taking a collection of new socks and shoes. The collection was a great success, and everything was donated to the Fulmont Community Action Agency in Northville.

On November 10th, we honored our local veterans with the annual Veterans Day Breakfast and ceremony, co-hosted by the PTO. We were pleased to have 9 veterans join us, as the Service Club members read a variety of poems, and led the student body in patriotic songs. The poems shared were:

"Thank you, Veterans" written by Justin Meek, and "They Did Their Share" by Joanna Fuchs.

The Service Club is a group of 5th and 6th grade students, seeking to help our school and community in a variety of ways. If you have service project ideas, we would love to hear from you!! Please contact the club's advisor, Mrs. Grace Paster, at the school or via email: gpasteredinburgcs@gmail.com.

Thank you!!!



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telling me that this is his last Christmas. Maybe, maybe not! I have heard this sentiment from so many people who are in their 80's. Obviously, it is easier to make a statement like this when you have lived a long life, but the truth is no one knows when our last day on earth is. This Christmas I am suggesting you give the gift of yourself. Arrange to spend some quality time with your family and friends during the holiday season. Share your favorite moments with family. Don't tell the same stories you always tell, close your eyes and look back in your mind and think about some of the other wonderful things that have happened in your life. Just sitting and talking with each other will trigger memories that have been forgotten. I have seen that happen a lot over the past few months. I thought I heard all of my dad's stories or knew all about his life with my mom. I was wrong, I only knew what they wanted me to know. This year, in 2016, try something new that will allow you to forge a bond between you and all the generations of your family. Life is forever changing, it was not what it once was and we do not know what the future holds. Don't put off until tomorrow... make those memories happen now. This is the perfect time to make this happen.

Santa Claus is coming to town. He sees you when your sleeping (Please Santa can I have a little more sleep?), he knows when you are awake (Please ! Santa I want to be sleeping!), he knows if you've been bad or good so be good for goodness sake! When you add very little sleep to a goal of having the perfect Christmas, I guarantee that Santa will see you when you are bad. We cannot please everyone and we do not need to drive ourselves crazy trying to do so. Do not forget to please yourself during the holiday season. Remember to relax and enjoy what you can and be good for goodness sake.

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Santa Claus is coming to town! Bill saw a car with a Christmas tree on top of it on Sunday. That morning he pulled our dock from the water. How is it possible that we are removing our dock and other people are buying Christmas trees on the same day? Time is flying by fast and I am not prepared for the holidays. I have not bought any presents yet. I usually pride myself on having most of my shopping completed by the first of December. It is not going to happen this year. Last week, Lucas and Acadia had no school and they spent a few days in the office. As part of my due diligence, I asked them what they wanted for Christmas. I found out that Lucas, who has been a huge Pokemon fan for the last two years, is not a Pokemon fan anymore. He has given away all of his Pokemon collection and is now in search of Ninjago items. I will redirect my efforts. Acadia is easier, at least for this year. She is like me and loves clothes, shoes and

anything that sparkles. While she seems like a girly girl, she is not. She has gone hunting with her Dad and brother for the last two weekends. Jeremy shot a deer on Saturday while she was sleeping on watch. She jumped up when the shot rang out and immediately wanted to know if he got it. I was amazed how she handled herself. I love a girl that can be a huntress in the morning and a diva in the afternoon.

I am looking at the Christmas season, a little, differently this year. Bill's mom died in September and I have been making frequent trips to spend time with my Dad, in Florida. He is going to fly home with me in December for the holidays. He has been

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