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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thurs	4	7:00 pm	Zoning Board Meeting
Tues	9	5:30 pm	BOT Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Flag Day</b>	
Tues	16	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	18	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>First Day of Summer</b>	



## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

WOW! June already; I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the 2026 graduates! It seems like the 2026 school year had just begun and bang; you are either high school graduates, middle school graduates or Kindergarten graduates. Also, most college graduations have taken place by now; congrats to all of you too!

Happy Father's Day to all of the dads, step dads, granddads and mom's who are also dads! Now on to business.

### BURN PERMITS

Please be aware if you are looking to burn within the Town of Edinburg this year you must apply for a permit at the Town Hall during normal business hours. If you just having a campfire, you do not need a permit.

### BOATING LICENSES

Remember if you are out on the lake in a boat or personal watercraft you must possess a license in New York State.

### FISHING LICENSES

If you are going to be fishing in NYS anyone 16 years or older

must purchase and possess a NYS fishing license. To obtain a NYS license at the resident fee you must show proof of residency this becomes an issue as we have people who reside here for the summer and go to warmer areas in the winter. If your driver's license shows another state, you are considered a non-resident by DEC and will need to purchase your license at the non-resident fee. Also, when purchasing a license at the Town Hall, there is an extra \$1.00 fee if you would like to have your license printed on paper.

### FREE FISHING DAYS

You may fish free on June 27th and 28th within New York State.

### DOG CONTROL

Please be aware the Town of Edinburg has a new Dog Control Officer; her name is Amanda Humiston. If you have any dog issues within the Town of Edinburg you should contact her at the number that is listed in the back of the Edinburg Newsletter.

### BESS

The Town Board is busy at work, we are aware of the BESS storage unit issues within the Adirondack Park, we are working on language for a local law to enact a moratorium within the Town of Edinburg. The Town is waiting on the wording for the local law.

### SHORT TERM RENTALS

The Town Board is very aware of the short-term rentals within the Town and the legislation that has been handed down from the Governor's Office. I will be meeting again with administration from Saratoga County concerning the sign-up registry which by the way; is mandatory within New York State.

### WARMER WEATHER

With the warmer weather season, please watch out for pedestrians that are walking, bicyclist, construction workers and other moving vehicles that are on the road. Please do not text and drive!

### E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

The Saratoga County Sheriffs Department recently sent out a media release concerning the use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes and the use of them. Please be aware if you do not know the laws you should go to the Saratoga County Sheriffs website to find out what is legal and what is not. The website is [www.saratogacountysheriff.gov](http://www.saratogacountysheriff.gov).

### NEW HISTORIAN

Evonne Barber has taken the position of Historian for the Town of Edinburg after the recent resignation from Valerie Kaye; she is working with Priscilla Edwards former Historian and now Deputy Historian. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Evonne and to thank Val for her work in this position. **THANK YOU TO PRISCILLA FOR ALL OF HER**

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### TOWN OF EDINBURG CEMETERIES

The Town of Edinburg owns 7 cemeteries within the Town they are as follows:

1. Anderson Cemetery, located next on South Shore Road next to the I Go Inn
2. Batchellerville Cemetery, located on South Shore Road next to the Old Demings Store
3. Clarkville Cemetery located on Tennantville Road, across from The Edwards Farm
4. Edinburg Cemetery, located on the Northville Road, next to the Edinburg Common School
5. Edinburg Hill Cemetery, located on Military Road
6. Partridge Cemetery, located on Sinclair Road
7. Robinson Cemetery, located on Airport Road

Please be aware the cemeteries are open during this time of year; we ask if you have loved ones within the cemeteries, please limit the number of materials you place on the grave sites as this makes it hard for the highway employees to mow the graves. The Town of Edinburg only mows the cemeteries, we do not conduct perpetual care, if you have any monument issues you should contact a monument company to take care of this.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Please be aware building permits are required within the Town of Edinburg! If you have any questions as to what needs to be permitted, contact our Code Enforcement Officer, D. Brackett and he will guide you in the right direction.

### WALKING TRAIL, BOCCE BALL COURT AND HORSESHOE PITS

The walking trail out back of the Town Hall is open for persons to walk, it was actually used for some snowshoeing this past winter! There is a bocce ball court next to the pavilion that anyone can use and horseshoe pits that have been placed out back for use if anyone is so inclined. It is there for all to take advantage of.

As the weather gets better, we have more residents and visitors that come into Town please stop say hi, give a smile, be a good neighbor, show some courtesy, listen to a story or just talk to them. We have seen this go by the wayside since the use of cell phones, and COVID. Remember we are all human and human interaction is a great thing!

As Always,  
Bob  
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Tim Blydenburgh*

Work is expected to be completed this spring on the deck/viewing platform at the Copeland covered bridge on North Shore Road.

The Edinburg Historical Society is hoping for a finish date in June, but if the deck-area is posted please heed the warning if you plan on a visit.

The bridge built in the 1800s by Arad Copeland spanning Tenantville Creek is a popular destination for visitors in the town and for wedding photos. A generous donation by Ted O'Lear made the recent repairs possible.

Coming up in June is the board meeting, 7 p.m. June 9 at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse on Tange Road.

The members' meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, also at the schoolhouse. We've invited Denise Cheney of the Edinburg Newsletter to talk about the monthly publication serving the Edinburg area for more than 45 years. Members and prospective

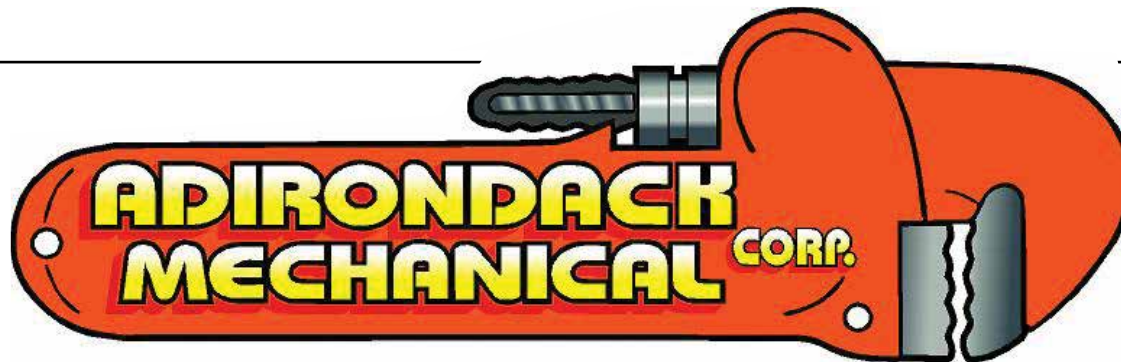
members are welcome.

The Rural and Nellie Tyrrell museums on North Shore Road near the Four Corners will open to the public on Saturday, June 27 from noon to 3 p.m. We have photos, exhibits, stories to tell, merchandise and more.

Open houses will continue each Saturday until Aug. 29, except for July 4 and Aug. 1, which is the date for the summer sale at the Rural Museum. Other dates to remember are the Sept. 26 fall festival and the Holiday Bazaar on Oct. 24.



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The society is expecting to put together a new exhibit on winter activities in the town.

As always we welcome members and volunteers. Dues are only \$5 per person or \$10 for a family and can be paid to Treasurer/Edinburg Historical Society, PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134.

Also feel free to drop by one of our events and join in person.

Please check our Facebook page and our website, [edinburghhistoricalsociety.org](http://edinburghhistoricalsociety.org), for more news and updates.

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## New Edinburg Town Historian

Hi everyone! I would like to introduce myself, my name is Evonne Barber. On April 16th I was appointed to the position of the Edinburg Town Historian. I am a 5th generation life long town resident and have raised my family here. Previous historians were from 1986 to 2024 Priscilla Edwards who is now the deputy historian and Val Kaye from 2024 to 2026. They have done a wonderful job preserving our towns history. I was told by someone that I have some really big shoes to fill. I realize that I will never be as knowledgeable as my aunt Priscilla, therefore I am going to absorb as much information from her that I can and follow my own path. I love local history and will help in any way that I can to keep it from being lost for the following generations. I do not have set office hours yet at the town hall as I am trying to familiarize myself with everything, but you can leave a voice message for me 518-863-2034 or send an e-mail to [historian@edinburgny.gov](mailto:historian@edinburgny.gov) and I will get back to you. I am looking forward to serving our community.

Evonne Barber



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by Brian DeFeo

Review of our call out records from April 12th through May 12, 2026, shows there were a total of thirteen calls. They were as follows below:

- 4/16 Mutual Aid, to Northville.
- 4/18 Mutual Aid, to Providence.
- 4/19 Wessels Lane, Structure Fire.
- 4/21 Mutual Aid, to Hope.
- 4/23 North Shore, lines down.
- 4/25 Mutual Aid, to Northville.
- 4/26 Mutual Aid, to Northville.
- 4/28 Mutual Aid, to Hadley.
- 4/28 Mutual Aid, to Northville.
- 4/29 Mutual Aid, to Northville.
- 5/1 Fox Hill Road, Lines down.
- 5/4 South Shore Road, EMS Assistance.
- 5/6 Mutual Aid, to Northville.

The Fire Company held their annual dinner banquet at Timeless Tavern on May ninth. The food, as always was cooked to perfection, promptly served, and greatly appreciated.

Several local officials and members of our mutual aid companies were in attendance.

Several awards were given out during the course of evening, by President John Olmstead and Fire Chief Wayne Seelow. They included:

**Rookies of the Year:** Christian Hosler, Josh Robinson

**Dedication to Service:** Bob Davis, Deb Jablionski.  
They also received Certificates of Merit from NYS Senator James Tedesco.

**Service anniversary awards:** Lee Robinson forty-five years, John Olmstead forty-five years, Wayne Seelow forty years, Justin Sloan ten years.

**Fire Fighter of the Year:** Lee Robinson

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# Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

## Preventing Tick Bites

The best way to avoid tick bites is to be prepared when going outside into areas with lots of vegetation. Seniors should wear long sleeves and stay away from overgrowth and underbrush. Insect repellent is also an effective tick deterrent. After an outdoor excursion, the elder (really, everyone) should inspect themselves or have a family member check clothes, hair and body for ticks. Pets should also be inspected, as that is a common way for ticks to get indoors.

Many people don't think that seniors are at high risk to get a tick bite, but more elderly people than ever are affected by tick-borne problems. If an elderly person lives in a high tick area, has an outdoor/indoor pet and likes to spend time outside, they are at a high risk of getting a tick bite and then getting the disease it carries. Staying bite free is the best way for the elderly to avoid the life-threatening illnesses that a tick bite can inflict.

<http://www.cdc.gov>

The Saratoga County Office for the Aging is a great resource for all seniors which include information on:

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3 North Shore Rd, Edinburg  
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 Stephanie Schrom, Pastor  
 E-mail: edinburgumpastor@yahoo.com

**Greetings and God's Grace and Peace to all from all of us at the Edinburg United Methodist Church!**

June is always a very busy month with weddings, graduations and people returning to their summer homes on the lake. Our church is open every Sunday at 9:00 am for worship and we invite everyone to join us for a traditional, Scripture based message.

Sunday, June 14th is Flag Day. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of our country's ideals since the early days.

Saturday, June 20th we will be holding our 4th annual Salad and Side Sale from 10:00 am until sold out. There will be a variety of salads, sides and goodies at a very reasonable price. We usually sell out by noon so be sure to come early. Let us do your "side" work for your Father's Day celebration.

Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day, a day to honor all fathers past, present and future. Proverbs 1:8 tells us, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." Everyday we all should honor God as our Father and Jesus as His Son.

June being the month of graduations, each year our Church has awarded a Scholarship in the amount of \$100 to a student from Edinburg Common School who has shown outstanding high standards and is graduating from Northville School this year. This award is given from an anonymous donor.

We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and the Capital City Rescue Mission for personal hygiene items, socks, gloves, T-shirts etc. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events and missions in the community.

If you are new to the area or do not have a home church please come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Our service is a traditional service with messages of hope, love, peace, joy and all of God's goodness and grace. Please like and follow our church Facebook page to see our past events and what is coming up in the future.

We welcome everyone! Our church motto is: Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.



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Sr. Pastor: Rev. Andrew Larson

by *Barbara Klueg*

### God Has Blessed You!

Happy Father's Day ... to all you dads. God has blessed you! You worked hard caring for your family; loving your children, guiding them, and being a good example for them. You can and have made a huge difference in their lives for years to come! Psalm 127: 3-5 says, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court." Thank God today for your Dad and if you are a Dad – thank God for His gift to you!

Congratulations High School Grads! You did it! God has blessed you! Your family and friends are so proud of you. The

Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6) Who can guide you in the days and years ahead, but God? If you haven't already, trust in the Lord and make Him # 1 in your life. He will help you . . . and use you to make a difference in our world, for His glory!

Have you heard of Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)? At age 15 he heard Isaiah 45:22 "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." God worked in his heart and changed his life forever. In 1850 he taught Sunday School, preached his first sermon, and became the pastor of a small Baptist Church. In 1853 he wrote his first Gospel tract. All this happened in his life while he was still a teenager! WOW!

Spurgeon became known as the "Prince of Preachers." He was the pastor at New Park Street Chapel (later known as the Metropolitan Tabernacle) in London for 38 years. Below is part of his message, 'Beside Still Waters'. I hope you are blessed and uplifted by his life and by reading this below. I sure am.

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Who can, on an hour-by-hour basis, supply our desperate needs, but God?

Our imaginations could not have conceived greater wealth than is ours in the covenant of grace.

All things are ours, the gift of God.

God being ours, the Infinite is ours, the Omniscient is ours, and the Omnipotent is ours.

What a boundless, unfailing portion that always comes in due season.

Isaiah 3:1-3 says "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the LORD your God."

God has blessed us and continues to bless, by His constant grace.

He is faithful. Our King takes care of us!

Yes, God has Blessed Us!

Hey everyone . . . Mark Your Calendars! Vacation Bible Xperience will be July 13-17 (6-8:30 PM) at the church. VBX is for kids entering Pre-K through 12th grade. The Jr. and Sr. High students and leaders are transported Mon.-Thurs. to a private beach (lifeguards provided), where they will have a Bible lesson, game time and swim. Contact the church for a VBX Registration Forms to sign up early or you may enroll your child when you bring them to VBX. This year's offering will go entirely to an overseas mission. On Friday night we will meet at BCON Corner where there will be a free picnic and some outdoor fun! (Hopefully, a Dunkin' Booth, too!) Call the church for more info (518.863.8001)

We want to welcome Wilton LeStage and his bride (Grace Forsey) who recently accepted the position as our new Youth Leaders. We also want to thank Christian and Meg Klueg for their many years of serving the Lord as our Youth Leaders. God has blessed our church with a wonderful group of teens who love Jesus! We look forward to what God has in store for our teens . . . the future of our church.

If you need prayer or spiritual guidance, contact Pastor Larson. He is a good listener, loves the Lord and is very encouraging. Our church number is 518.863.8001. If you are housebound, you can watch our Sunday services online at [bconny.org](http://bconny.org) We would love to have you join us as we love and serve the Lord together.

#### Our Church Schedule and Ministries are:

- Sunday: (8:50 a.m.) Sunday School for all ages, (10 a.m.)

Worship Service (Nursery & Children's Church provided), (6 p.m.) Family Night Fellowship & Teaching (1st Sun. of the month with refreshments), (7 p.m.) Jr. and Sr High Youth Groups

- Monday: (8 p.m.) Man Up Bible Study for young men at BCON Corner
- Tuesday: (7 p.m.) Sr. High Girls Bible study
- Wednesday: (10 a.m.) Northville Food Pantry at BCON Corner
- Thursday: (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Prayer Meeting, (6:45 p.m.) Jr. High Girls Bible Study, (10:30 a.m.) NLH Nursing Home Service on 3rd Thursdays.
- Saturday: (6:30 a.m.) Men's Coffee Hour at BCON Corner
- Small Groups: Call the church for times and locations
- July 13th-17th VBX "God's Team" 6-8:30 p.m.
- Aug 28th-30th (Fri-Sun): BCON's "Build, Fight, Sing" Conference: Speakers: Rev Ned Suffern, Rev Nathan Herrmann & Rev Andrew Larson (The whole family is welcome to attend)
- Aug 30th Church Picnic & Baptism at Whittaker/Alter Beach after church at 12:30 p.m.

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### New at the Library

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Dear Neighbors, The Northville Public Library is changing our policy for out of district library users. If you would like to receive a Northville Library card, we ask that you consider donating \$5 towards the cost of the card.

### Book Clubs:

#### Sacandaga Book Club:

The Sacandaga Book Club will host their planning session for the next year on Tuesday June 9th @ 10am

### Evening Book Club:

The Evening Book Club will be reading Misery by Stephen King on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm. Summary: “Paul Sheldon is a bestselling novelist who has finally met his number one fan. Her name is Annie Wilkes, and she is more than a rabid reader—she is Paul’s nurse, tending his shattered body after an automobile accident. But she is also furious that the author has killed off her favorite character in his latest book. Annie becomes his captor, keeping him prisoner in her isolated house. Annie wants Paul to write a book that brings Misery back to life—just for her. She has a lot of ways to spur him on. One is a needle. Another is an axe. And if they don’t work, she can get really nasty.”

### Programs at the Library:

- Summer Reading: We’re planning our Summer Reading! This year’s theme is Unearth a Story. Follow our social media and check out our website for any updates!

### Hours:

Sunday:	Closed
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Wednesday:	10am - 8pm
Thursday:	10am - 8pm
Friday:	10am - 6pm
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### Adult Programs:

- Needles & Pins: Every Wednesday from 11:30am-1:30pm
- Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm. All skill levels welcomed!
- Sacandaga Book Club: Second Tuesday of the month starting at 10am
- Evening Edition Book Club: Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm
- Adult DND: Third Thursday of every month starting at 6:00pm

### Teen Programs:

- Teen D&D: Every First and Third Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Art Guild: Every Fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm

### Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: Every Tuesday at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
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## Friends of the Northville Library

*Jodi Blydenburgh*

Plans are well-underway for the annual July Mammoth Book Sale at the Northville Public Library. This year's selection of books is huge - possibly the biggest ever.

This year's sale will take place at the library on Thursday, July 2, Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Please note that the first hour of the sale on July 2 is for early birds - members of the Friends of the Library are able to shop before the general public. Others who want access during this initial hour are charged \$3 per person.

We have received a number of pristine books by popular authors like John Grisham, James Patterson, David Baldacci, Debbie Macomber, Tami Hoag and many historical books on World War Two and the Civil War. Also, there are many cookbooks including vintage and regional cookbooks. If you are a crafter, there are many quilting, cross-stitching and other hobby type books. The children's and young adult selections are also well-stocked with many series books, early readers and more.

Pulling off a massive sale like this takes a lot of help from the community. If you are willing to help set-up the tent, volunteers are meeting in the library parking lot on Sunday, June 28 at 10

am. Books will be set-up on Tuesday, June 30 at 9:30 am. And, the tents will be taken down on Sunday, July 5 at 10 am.

Also, assistance is always welcome during the sale. There are sign-up sheets available at the library.

The second summer library fundraiser is the Friends' Summer Raffle. This year, raffle baskets and items will be on display in the library from July 15 - August 15. Local merchants and community members generously donate items to be raffled. Please stop by the library and see this year's selection. As with all fundraisers, all money raised goes to benefit the library.

The Friends board of directors recently voted to purchase a garbage and recycling storage shed to store the bins out of sight. Also, the Friends are providing funding to maintain the library's gardens

Finally, mark your calendars for two upcoming speakers. The first is a presentation at the Friends Annual Meeting on July 29. Deborah Saltis from Falcon Heart Rescue will be conducting two presentations — one at 4 pm for youth and one at 6 pm as part of the Friends' Annual Meeting. The other speaker is David Kramer from the Department of Conservation. He will be speaking on Moose in the Adirondacks on August 18 at 6 pm. Please sign up for both events at the library as space is limited.

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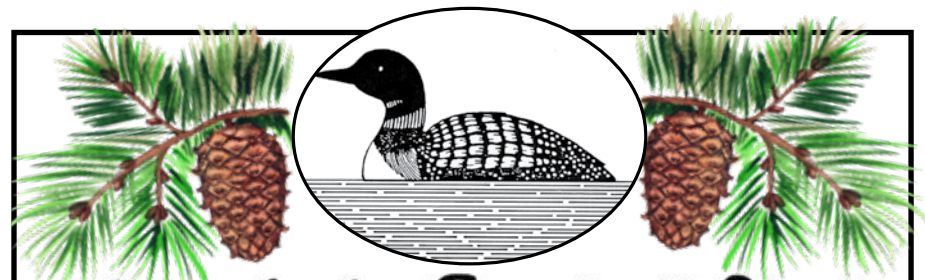
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At the July 29th Annual Meeting, we will be conducting an election of officers for the Friends Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board as a member-at-large or as an officer, please contact the library. As always, everyone is welcome to become a Friend of the Library. Membership forms are available at the circulation desk. It is a great way to support the library.



## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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### Grace and Peace to you from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

I have recently been reading a book called *The Future Is Peace*, written by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon. It is truly one of the most profound and impactful books I have ever read, and honestly I think everyone should read it. The authors are a Palestinian man (Aziz), whose older brother/caregiver was detained, tortured and beaten by Israeli soldiers, resulting in his death when Aziz was just a ten year old child; and an Israeli Jewish man (Maoz), whose parents were murdered in their home which was subsequently burned to the ground during the October 7 Hamas attack.

If ever there were two men with a valid reason to hate “the other side” and want revenge, it would be them. And yet, they have come together, sharing their grief and trauma, anger and pain, and moving through those places to a place of shared vision

for the future of their people and the places they call home in the Holy Land. While the book is primarily about finding a path to peace in Israel/Palestine, I think it has much to say about where we are in the USA right now.

Every time I look at the news or scroll through social media, I am struck by the amount of hatred and anger that comes from both “left and right,” “liberals and progressives,” “republicans and democrats.” The language of divisiveness and the othering of people who disagree with us or whose lives are very different from our own just further deepen and solidify the divide we are facing as a nation. It seems that currently we are very much NOT “one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” And that makes me sad.

Because I have come to see, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and through the witness and peacemaking work of Aziz and Maoz, that this binary- us v them, taking sides and demonizing anyone who doesn’t share our views - will never lead us to a better place. I believe if we are ever to have a future in which we are secure, and healthy and at peace with one another and our global neighbors, we must begin to lift our eyes from seeing our compatriots as the “enemy” or the “other side,” and begin to acknowledge that it is the ultra-wealthy and politically powerful who are in fact the threat to us all. That is, if we want to talk about “the other side,” we should be talking about how the wealthy and powerful, regardless of their political party, conspire to keep us, the people, divided, in order that they can exploit us all and keep us blaming each other.

Because, here’s the thing: I truly believe that the vast majority of us want many of the same things. We want to be able to afford housing and food, and we want our children and grandchildren to have that too; we want to live in peace, not at war with other nations nor at war amongst ourselves; we want to have safe communities and safe schools for our children; we want to enjoy our civic freedoms without being denied our rights; and there is so much more. Of course, we all have different ideas of how to achieve such goals, and that is just part of being a human

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among humans. But it seems that we are so busy lately trying to shout over each other, calling names and hurling insults and blame, that we cannot possibly bring ourselves to engage in civil discourse with those whose perspective is different from our own. We seem to be circling the wagons ever tighter to avoid even interacting with the people we have othered.

If I am learning anything from what Aziz and Maoz have written, it is that we **MUST** stop making assumptions about each other, stop dismissing anyone who differs with us, stop demonizing on the left and the right, and begin to engage with those with whom we disagree. Not from a position of trying to prove who's right or wrong, or to demand someone see things the way we do, but from a place of humble conviction, honest sharing and listening, seeking understanding and finding common ground from which to rebuild the fabric of our society to achieve a better, healthier, kinder, more just and peaceful world.

I believe that when Jesus entered into our human reality, taking on all that it is to be human, he saw the ways in which the rich and powerful, in both the political and religious realms, oppressed and exploited and marginalized people. Rather than lead a violent revolt against those who disagreed with him, Jesus bore witness to another way of living. A way that was marked by a willingness to engage- even with an "unclean" Samaritan woman, or the outcast lepers, or the reviled tax collectors, and ultimately the religious and political powers of his day. He didn't try to argue his point, he demonstrated it through his words and actions, showing forth the expansive compassion and love of God. He taught us not only to love God and neighbor, but even to love our "enemies" and to pray for those who persecute us. He refused to embrace violence or hatred, and even prayed for his executioners from the cross.

We are living in turbulent times, my friends and neighbors, and I don't think that hatred, mistrust, anger, or revenge will ever make us great or secure or lead us to peace. Only in embracing the kind of vulnerability and openness that Jesus modeled will we find a future worth striving for. Right now, it seems we as a nation, and indeed the whole world, are rushing down a road that leads to nowhere good, and that road is paved with the stones of resentment fostered and fed by the voices that continue to tell us we have to square off and pick a side. When all along, the side we should be on is the side of humanity and God's love for every single one of his children.

May we each find within us the willingness to put away assumptions, resentments, desires for revenge, and any other habits of heart and mind that continue to be used to divide and conquer us. May we see in each other brothers and sisters, struggling to make sense of a confusing and often frightening world, for whom Jesus laid down his very life, and with whom we can indeed bring about a better world if only we can work together.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lucy Harris

PS – Please join us for our annual **BATCHELLERVILLE COMMUNITY DAY**, on **SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH**, 10 am – 4 pm, at the Batchellerville Church in Edinburg. This is a great time to come together with neighbors and enjoy fun and fellowship with one another. There will be children's activities (including a bounce house), history tours/talks, craft vendors, food trucks, live music and much more! We hope to see you there!

Also, from June 28 – August 30 our Sunday morning worship service will be held at the Batchellerville church, not at 161 Reed St, with worship beginning at 10 am and fellowship time afterward. Come worship with us! Everyone is welcome here!

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## Small Town Adirondacks Life:

### Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

## The Forests of Old

What do they encompass, really — one tree or a hundred, 300-years-old trees or 200, short or tall trees, one type or many types? These questions surround a single entity: the naming of an “old growth forest” versus “a mature forest” versus a surprising number of other labels. The conflicting – and often competing – definitions may seem trifling and inconsequential, but the labels – the categories – they assume can impact what happens to those entities. Here in the Adirondack Park, old growth forests foster a lot of debate, but even as they do so, they offer an enticing feature of the area. As a Hamilton College forest study that quotes ecologist Elizabeth Folwell states, “Old growth forests have been around for hundreds of years, but nearly 95 percent of known old growth forests in the Northeast were discovered in the last two and a half decades.” That discovery has prompted a kind of fascination with them.

In 1847, when poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow coined

the phrase, “the forest primeval,” which he described as “The murmuring pines and the hemlocks/Bearded with moss and in garments green,” he did not conjure the forests of the Adirondacks, but he certainly could have applied those descriptions to them. In fact, modern definitions of old growth forests generally (though not always) include all of the following elements, though as Mike Lynch notes in the Adirondack Explorer, such a single definition of the characteristics “remains a moving target.”

- They have experienced minimal human disruption in the past 200 – 300 years.
- They offer a variety of tree sizes and ages, spanning everything from centuries-old trees to saplings.
- They consist of 5 acres or more.
- They offer multiple canopy levels.
- They contain many shade-tolerant trees and plants.
- Their floors possess a lot of dead wood that provides growing ground for many mosses, lichen, fungi, and ferns.

While great disagreement regarding the definition and components of old growth forests surfaces, Forest Insight writer Alexandra Kosiba notes that pretty much everyone agrees that “just 1 % of the [Northeast] region’s forests today are considered old growth.” Writer Kenneth Crowe II proclaims that “New York and North Carolina have the largest tracts remaining.” In addition, Kosiba states that most agree that old growth forests “hold great ecological value,” providing habitat for uncommon species of birds, some plants, and some fungi and store carbon in the trees and in the soil at levels that may mitigate climate change and are not seen in any other environment.

That level of ecological value has spurred a 1.3-million-dollar project in New York State. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), “In 2023, DEC began a five-year study to identify old growth forests on DEC-owned lands in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks.” Partnered with the New York National Heritage Program (NYNHP) and the Environmental Protection Fund, the study has already made some unpredicted discoveries in its



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mapping of “about 75,000 acres so far.” Ecologist Abigail Higgins and others note that the data from that mapping demonstrate that old growth forests in the Adirondacks have two, primary systems: “the northern hardwood beech-maple mesic forest that contains red spruce and hemlocks and other species, [. . . and] the hemlock northern hardwood forest made up of maples, yellow birch, beech, hemlocks, oaks, and others.” A study of these primary types, a system NYNHP calls OGRE (The Old Growth Rapid Evaluation) technique to assess the designation of old growth forests in as little as 90 minutes has shown that as many as 440,000 acres of old growth forest may exist in the Adirondacks.

While that figure may seem staggering, it represents a small portion of the 3 million acres of the Adirondack Park, and that fact as well as the old growth forests’ unique attributes and ecological value have prompted movements to protect and preserve them as “rare, irreplaceable legacies of natural history,” as Kosiba argues. Human impact, increased amounts of white-tail deer feeding, various tree diseases, and general climate changes have all inflicted severe pressure on the existence of these old growth forests and have made them increasingly susceptible to loss. The loss of these forests will impact not only the environment, but also the economy of areas dependent upon the lure of such forests to tourists willing to spend time and money to see them.

On some level, the reality that many old growth forests lie in difficult-to-access areas helps them to survive, but so, too, does the public’s awe in seeing them. To that end, NYSDEC has made several of these places publicly accessible by driving, hiking a trail, taking a light walk, or parking. Researcher Bruce Kreshner notes that throughout the Adirondack Park, “more than 24 sites are accessible to the public,” as so many of them are located on state land and designated as Wild Forest and Wilderness areas. Within the 4 counties the readership of this newsletter inhabits, several exist.

#### IN FULTON COUNTY:

Ferris Lake Wild Forest, located along the Powley-Piseco Road, encompasses 19.1 miles from NY 29 A to NY 10.

Shaker Mountain Wild Forest, located in the Caroga Lake area lies near Irving Pond and Bellows Lake.

#### IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY [and parts of Schoharie County]:

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Palmerton Range Saratoga County spans Greenfield, Corinth, Wilton, Saratoga Springs, and Moreau and offers some small stands of tupelo and conifer old growth forest.

#### WARREN COUNTY:

Pack Demonstration Forest, managed by SUNY ESF (State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry) contains 2,500 acres, 50 of them old growth hemlock and white pine trees. Easily accessible from to the public, this stand boasts a 300-year-old, 175-foot tall "Grandmother Tree."

Perhaps as we gaze upon these primeval forests, we, too, may form our own definitions of them and their value and may know that, as Longfellow said, "Still stands the forest primeval; but under the shade of its branches/Dwells another race, with other customs and language." We are those standing there amid the branches for we can call them our home.



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June is here and with it comes warmer weather; and, celebrations for Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and summer solstice. We share these joys on Sunday mornings. We pray for:

- \*the men in our lives who helped raise us, nurtured us, and loved us; fathers, uncles, brothers, friends;
- \*our children who are graduating from college, high school, middle school, kindergarten, pre-K;
- \*people committing their lives to one another through marriage;
- \*we welcome the summer solstice and pray for safety for all those who are traveling.

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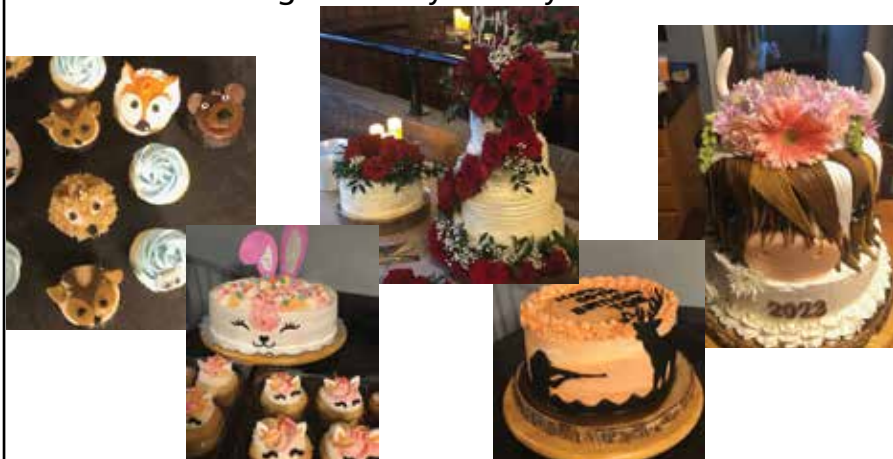
June 21 – Father's Day and Summer Solstice

Reflecting the Father's Name: Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life? For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

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God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.\*

**The Quiet Power of Faithfulness:** The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty, and dedication of countless people whose names are never known. Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary; yet, lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day. \*

**A Child's Favorite Word:** A 6-year-old boy attended a church conference with his parents. After listening for a short while, he began to fidget in his seat. To help him settle down, his mother handed him a notepad and pencil and suggested he make a mark every time the speaker said the word "and." Before long, the boy grew restless again. "Would you like to listen for a different word?" his mother whispered. "Yes," he replied. "I'd like to listen for 'Amen.'" \* [We may have been there a time or two over the years!]

This is interesting: **SAND DOLLAR** — These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit. \*

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*Janice Hawk-Baldwin*

The older I get the more I think about both of our parents. They met in 1961 and became life long friends. When they retired they moved full time to Florida.. My parents settled in the “hill country” of Mount Dora and Bill’s parents moved to Fort Myers. They followed their dreams and lived a great retired life, They had no set schedules and did exactly what they wanted to do. Billy’s parents loved listening to country music and square dancing. In Florida they added shuffle board and bingo to their list. They made many friends from around the U.S. And Canada. They loved their life in sunny Florida

My parents had longtime church friends who moved to Mount Dora. They followed them there after they sold us, the family business. They also were very involved in their church and volunteered for Hospice. They enjoyed going to concerts in the park, community dances, and other cultural events. They were

loving life.

The idea of not having a set schedule to adhere to was freeing to both couples. We were in awe and a little jealous of them but truth that we recognize now is,they paid their dues.

Sadly, as time moved on, health changes started to occur. That was when our relationships started changing. They needed us more as they got older, We were all trying to navigate the “new normal” in our parents lives. It was frankly overwhelming. In the late 1990’s Billy’s dad passed away. He was a quiet man who sat back and observed people. He was strong man who rarely spoke until he had to. He left a void in our hearts. Bill’s mom missed him terribly and after a few years decided to move back to NY to be closer to family.

In 2006 my mom developed dementia. It was very hard for my dad to understand what was happening. He was overwhelmed and needed help with her.. I could not do a lot from upstate NY so I started flying down to Florida, one week a month, to help out where I could. A lot of that time was spent at doctor appointments as the disease advanced quickly. I needed to be available to give support and balance. I made an effort to get them out of the house and do things. We visited with their friends, took walks, shopped ( thank goodness there were malls everywhere) attended church and church activities. They were

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able to enjoy many of the things that they used to do even though my mom did not understand where she was and why she was there. My days were all about them and my evenings were spent catching up on work. It was exhausting but I do not regret any of it. Eight years later, mom died.. She had not recognized me for those eight years. Dad had dedicated his life to her and he was devastated when she passed. He had no idea what to do with himself any more.. I continued my one week visits to dad until he died, Sadly he died during the COVID lock down and I could not say goodbye.

Billy and I are at the age where our body's are aging faster than we expected. I understand our parents better now.. I used to get frustrated when my father didn't follow the doctors orders. I "get it" now. He ate what he wanted and his dinner, more often than not , came from the prepared food aisle at Walmart. I cooked for him every time I visited and stocked his freezer with microwave ready meals. . When I returned the following month, I realized he rarely ate what I had prepared. This went on for a few months until I finally gave up. It took me a while to understand why he would go to Walmart, almost every day. It was about being out in public to see people and be seen. Truthfully all of the fried chicken and ice cream my dad ate did not kill him, despite his diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. When he could no longer drive he moved to assisted living. The facility had a daily shuttle run to local shopping malls. .Dad was able to continue his Walmart adventures..

I continued m monthly visits and weekly phone calls. Every visit we went to places that he frequented when my mom was alive. We spent hours reminiscing about the same stories over and over again. Getting him out of the house and moving around was beneficial to him.

I do admit to grumbling about rearranging my schedule to be there for them, I am forever grateful that I was able I did what I did. That being said I still should have listened more. To this day when I think of them, I know I should have made more time to them. Please try to make yourself available to your parents while you still have them. . I was guilty of "blowing them off" when I

was overwhelmed with too many things on my plate.. I didn't always look at things from their perspective. I am sorry about it now[

Life can be busy and messy when you have so many "things on your plate". I urge you to take a step back and look at your priorities. Decide how you can be more "present" to your parents.. One day you will be older and in "their shoes". If your dad is still with you, you are blessed!! Find the time to be with him. Happy Fathers Day to all of the Dads out there!

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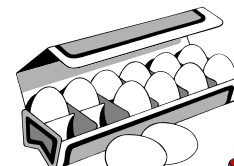
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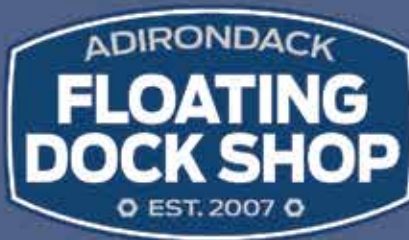
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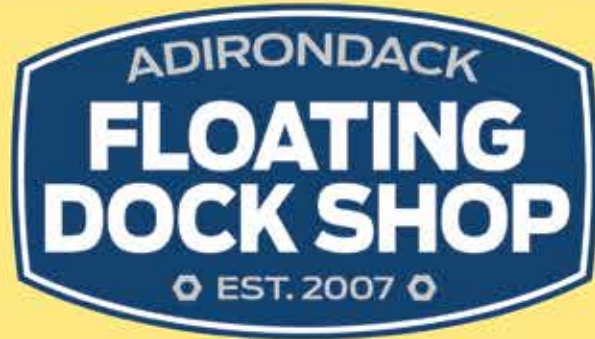


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## NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

*Jane Kinney Denning*

### Interview with Jane Kinney Denning - President GSLA by GSLA Blog Editor, Tim Blydenburgh

Jane Kinney Denning is the current President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association - a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that has been serving the GSL community since 1953. In this interview Jane shares her thoughts on the value of volunteering, the power of community and the importance of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association. (<https://www.gsla.org/>)

Hi Jane, As an introduction, tell us a little bit about yourself and how you came to be the President of the GSLA.

Hi Tim. Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you about the Great Sacandaga Lake Association (GSLA).

Well, to begin, it is truly an honor to serve as the President of the GSLA. I often think about the many volunteers who, for over

70 years, have been advocating for and protecting the GSL and its surrounding communities. I am grateful for the important work they have done and the foundation we have to build upon and, I am very excited about the work we are doing today Advocating, Educating, Preserving, and Protecting the Great Sacandaga Lake.

My work with the GSLA board began during the pandemic when I reached out to the then- president, Ed Ludlow, asking about the work the GSLA does and about possibly volunteering. It did not take long for me to join the board and I soon realized that in spite of the great work the current board was doing, the association was close to dissolving - due to low membership and difficulty in finding new volunteers to fill board positions. When the conversations started about next steps in the dissolution, I just could not sit by and let that happen. The GSLA does too much important work so I agreed to accept the presidency and here I am almost three years later. Volunteering, especially around environmental issues, is part of my DNA and being able to focus my efforts on this place so many of us love, is great.

*How did the Great Sacandaga Lake become your home?*

We bought our camp almost two decades ago when our children were young and we lived in Cornwall, NY but now my husband and I live here full time. Like many of you, our



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family has had many magical summers (and falls and winters and springs) on the GSL. I am continuously in awe of the beauty of the lake and know that it can't be taken for granted. Volunteering, especially around environmental issues, is part of my DNA and being able to focus my efforts on this special place so many of us love, is great.

Living here is very familiar to me as I grew up on a lake in Northern Wisconsin in the small town of Hayward (<https://cityofhaywardwi.gov/>). It is known as the Musky Capital of the World and as the home of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame (<https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/>) and where enjoying the outdoors is the lifestyle. It reminds me a lot of this area, minus the mountains, as it is the same latitude.

Of course, as beautiful as it is there, as a young woman I wanted nothing more than to get out in the world. I studied at the University of Wisconsin, Madison which eventually led me to a job in NYC in the publishing industry as an editor and, for 20 years, a professor of Publishing at Pace University.

*How did your professional career prepare you for your role as the President of the GSLA?*

I love working in publishing as it allows my work and my passions to overlap. One of my favorite jobs was working as an editor acquiring environmental science books on a wide variety of topics including the first book published on Wetlands (WETLANDS 6th edition by Willam J. Mitsch) protection and restoration. It was a wonderful learning experience and really instilled in me the importance of our wetlands and overall environmental preservation. During those years, I was also busy volunteering. In my younger years for an organization called AMANAKA'A, an Amazon Network working on environmental and indigenous issues in the Brazilian Rainforest (I got to travel to the Amazon!) and later in my publishing career as the NYC and National President of the Women's National Book Association (<https://wnba-books.org/>) an association that was founded in 1917 because women were not allowed to join the all

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*So volunteering has always been a part of your life?*

Yes! Like the millions of volunteers out there in the world working to make it a better place.

Every minute of my volunteer work has been so rewarding and I really appreciate having had the opportunity to learn about running a non-profit: from developing a strong board, planning events, growing membership to making an impact. My experiences as a volunteer have felt like attending a master class. So many incredible people step up to fill board positions and to take on volunteer tasks and having the opportunity to learn from and work with them is truly powerful.

As a lifelong volunteer and environmental advocate, I can personally speak to the incredibly rewarding nature of non-profit, grassroots work. Combining your passions and talents, whatever they may be, and putting them to good use in your community is life enriching, if not life changing.

*What do you see as the main goals of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association?*

We are dedicated to protecting our waters, fish and wildlife, and shoreline; for homeowners and all who use and love the lake. Among the many initiatives we launch, maintain, and

support include: Water level tracking, Fish stocking, Water quality monitoring, Whole Picture Environmental Conservation and Community Engagement and Education. Our association is governed by a board of directors who are committed to improving the quality of life on the lake. We are solely funded by membership dues and we encourage all members to voice their opinions and concerns and to join us at our monthly meetings.

The GSLA(gsla.org) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, member-supported organization. What that means is that our main goal is education and community building at the grassroots, local level. I believe that is how you get things done and a great way to get people invested and involved in the preservation of this beautiful place. We are stronger together.

*What does your non-profit status mean exactly?*

Our non-profit status means that, as our fellow board members often remind each other, that we are like Switzerland: neutral and impartial in our work.

Our goal is to educate and make sure the communities surrounding the lake have the information they need to understand issues facing the lake, development, and information. The Sacandaga Protection Committee (<https://sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com/>) was split off from the GSLA

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*What are the benefits of being a GSLA member?*

As for the benefits of membership, there are many but here are a few that I think are particularly strong:

- As a supporter of the Annual GSLA Water Testing you have exclusive access to the current and historical reports.
- Your support encourages future leaders and environmental stewards through the annual GSLA Environmental Citizenship Award (gsla.org).
- Being a part of the GSLA Community is a wonderful and powerful way to actively work to preserve and protect the GSL.
- Members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the GSLA monthly meetings and events: your participation makes a difference.
- The GSLA website (gsla.org) is a go to resource for information on many aspects of the GSL and your contributions for the blog will be considered.
- The GSLA is always open to listening to your concerns and working with you and other lake organizations to raise awareness and to address critical issues.

*What are one or two the most pressing issues on the lake, and how do you think they should be approached?*

Well, the overarching issue is clean water and fortunately the GSL is known for the excellent quality of its water and low contamination levels.

The GSLA has conducted the Great Sacandaga Lake Coliform Monitoring program (gsla.org) since 1990 and it is our most important initiative. We do two tests at 18- 22 sites on the lake twice each summer and we have some really great people working to make that happen. We plan to do more diverse testing in the future and have some exciting partnerships in the works including supporting a SUNY Oneonta Lake Management Program (<https://suny.oneonta.edu/academics/majors-programs/lake-management>) Graduate Student's (Broadalbin native Colin Ippolito) research on the GSL; something made possible with a generous grant from the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council (<https://www.gsl-ac.org/>).

That said, with the increased popularity of the GSL, we need to be vigilant about making sure it stays clean and protected. There is always the issue of invasive species from boats that go lake to lake and with the growing popularity of wake boats that use ballast systems that empty water into the lake and potentially disrupt the lake bed and erode our shorelines, we



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need to be even more aware.

Then there is always the issue of balance on the lake - for the boaters, the kayakers, the swimmers, the fishermen and women and the wildlife. And I think with that comes a whole bunch of issues that we might not think about as the popularity of the lake increases.

Perhaps one of the biggest issues of concern is the increased amount of development (approved or proposed) around the lake, commercial and industrial, in spite of much public opposition. It is very hard to support and difficult to see so much deforestation and habitat loss around the lake, especially when it impacts our wetlands.

The GSLA's job in this regard is very important as our primary goal is to educate and inform people of proposed development, public hearings and new developments with existing projects. We have really stepped up that effort - on our website and on our FB page. I hope that as more people become aware of the work the GSLA does that they will become members and become involved to make sure that any future development is thoughtful and not destructive to the park or the lake and in some cases, stopped.

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*In 2025, the GSLA presented its first cleanup day along the lake. What can you tell us about plans for 2026?*

Yes! I am thrilled to share that we hosted our second annual Clean-up Day event on Saturday, May 30th. It was a wonderful community gathering and we are so grateful to all who participated, especially our volunteers who worked so hard to make it a success.

You can read all about the event on the GSLA website ([gsla.org](http://gsla.org)) and in the upcoming July issue of this newsletter but basically the goal of the event is to promote good environmental stewardship and in the process clean-up our roads and beaches after a long winter.

We have had terrific community support both years and received a grant to help us with some of the expenses from the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council (<https://www.gsl-ac.org/>), another organization doing great work to protect the GSL. Sacandaga Protection Committee (<https://sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com/>) and the GSL Safe Lake Initiative/Sean Craig Memorial Fund (<https://www.facebook.com/seancraigmemorialfund>) have been supportive partners too. The HRBRRD (<https://hrbrrd.ny.gov/>) has also been a huge resource for us and their support has made a big difference. The 2026 GSLA Environmental Citizenship scholarship

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(gsla.org) was awarded by John Callaghan of the HRBRRD at the event to 5 graduating seniors from the 5 communities around the lake; making it a really special day.

*What are some other initiatives the association may tackle in the coming year?*

Well, we have a lot to do in terms of keeping the board and association strong so one of my major focuses will be continuing board development. In addition, we need to grow our membership to stay viable — there are over 4500 permit holders and only a tiny percentage of them are members. We spent the last two years redoing our website so that people can easily join and renew their memberships and now I would love to find a volunteer with the skills to help us grow and serve as the membership chair to really drive those efforts.

As for specific initiatives, we have a lot with the water testing and the clean-up event but we would all like to become more involved in supporting fish stocking efforts on the lake and to work more with the fantastic historical societies and libraries around the lake to do a public event or two. In addition, we will

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continue to partner with and develop relationships with other organizations that focus on the GSL community as well as the Adirondack Park.

*What makes the lake deserving of our attention? And do you have a favorite memory of the lake or favorite spot?*

The Great Sacandaga Lake is truly a special place, with a rich history that unfortunately for the many who had to give up their land and homes, was quite heart wrenching. And the Mohawk before who used the region for hunting, fishing, and gathering are to be remembered too. The name "Sacandaga" itself comes from the Mohawk and means the "Land of the Waving Grass".

I always think about the sacrifices those before us made for us to have this beautiful place to enjoy and for the towns down river to benefit from the dam. It is not to be taken for granted.

And all of it is my favorite — I love boat rides, kayaking, swimming, sitting on the dock and looking at the mountains, the wildlife. But, the eagles on Scout Island, the blue herons, beaver and loons rank pretty high in my love for this place.

*What are some ways people can get involved with GSLA?*

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*Anything else?*

Yes! I would be remiss not to give a shout out to the incredible board members and volunteers that have stepped up and put so much time and effort in working to revitalize the GSLA and to those who came before. It is a wonderful group of people and I am excited for all we are doing in 2026 and beyond.

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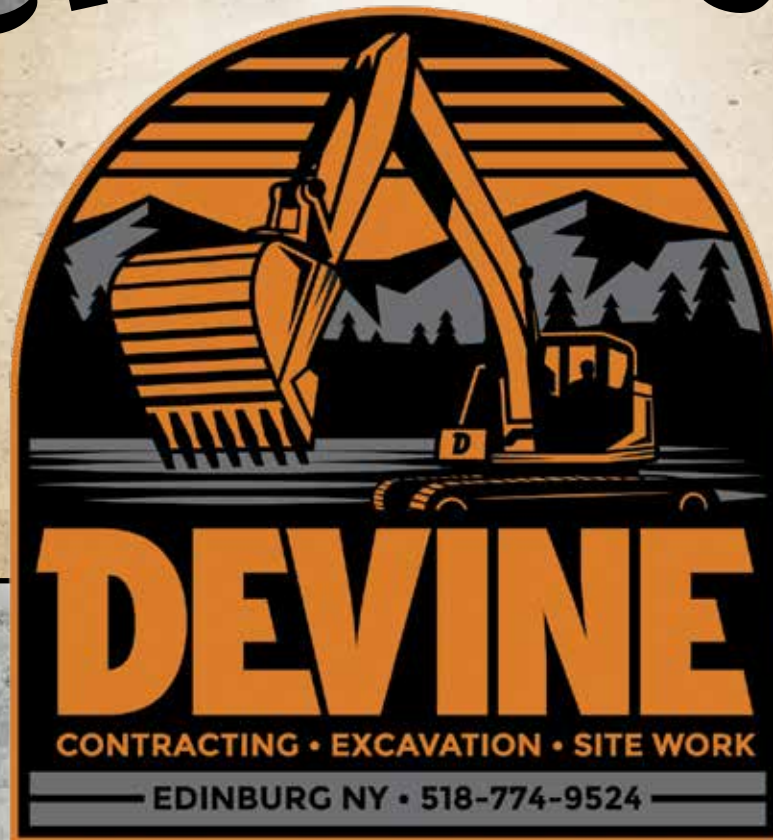


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June 4, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

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June 11, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Egg Salad Cold Plate, Carrot Raisin Salad, Tomato/cucumber salad, Roll, Berry Crisp. STFSL Program at 12:30: Kristy McKnight will bring the NCS student chorus to entertain us with patriotic songs.

June 18, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

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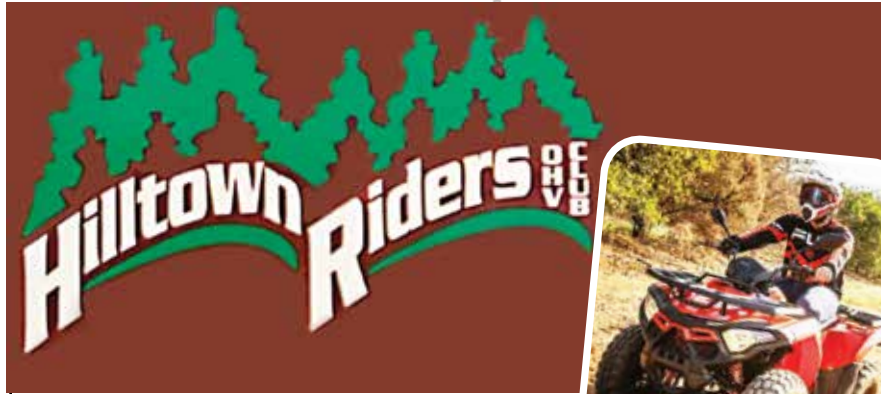
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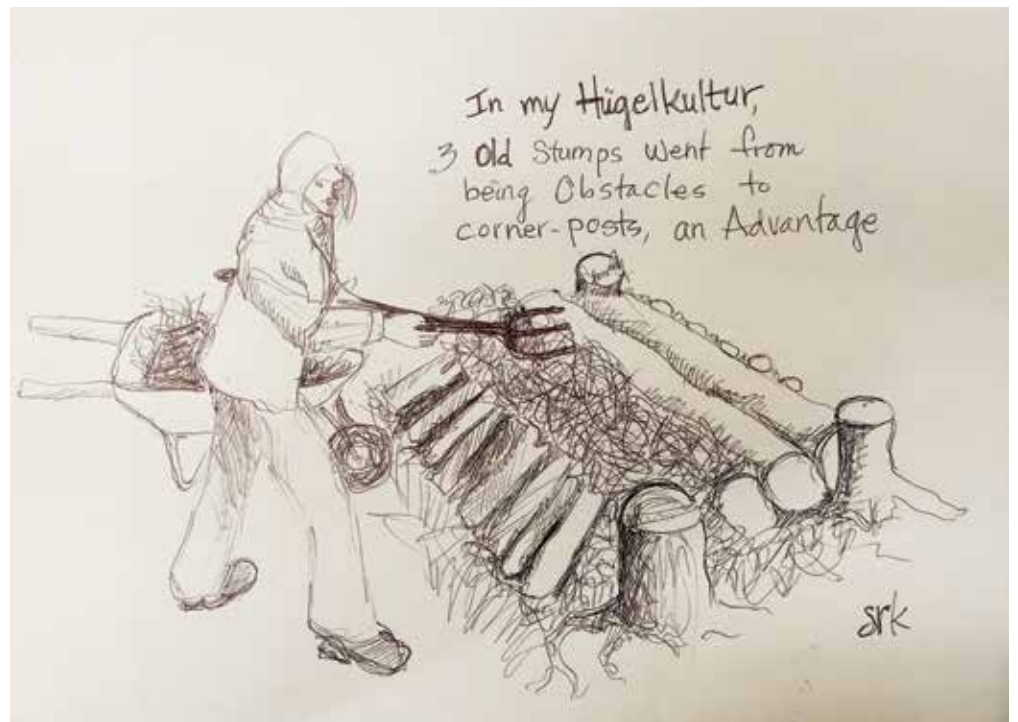
## Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

If you groan at the thought of your next grocery bill, have you thought about taking home-grown provisions more seriously?

There's an old idea that's getting new attention from gardeners now. Nature is so often worth imitating, and hugelkultur is a good example.

Like an old, fallen tree in the woods that's covered with mosses and little tree seedlings springing up, a hugel is essentially a raised garden that holds water like a giant sponge. Hugel just means mound or hill in German. Old wood is arranged directly on top of the soil then topped with at least a foot of dried leaves, grass, or straw. This is the damp organic layer that will keep the wood wet. And by the way, you're creating an earthworm haven, not an ant habitat. You've never seen ants crawling around in soggy, decomposing wood, right? My hugel looks like a small raft of 4-foot logs covered with debris. Finally the mound will be covered with a good layer of top soil or compost. The sides are



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not vertical like most raised beds, they are sloping and tend to be moss-covered. The sloping sides assure that the perimeter logs are also buried and protected from drying out.

This method is near to how I raised my 67# pumpkin last year with very little effort or attention to it, except that I built my mound just on a leaf pile. When it was finally harvested, it came halfway up my thigh. (October issue of Edinburg Newsletter)

Unlike that barrel of trash you might wheel out to the curb every week, nature has no waste. Anybody that wants to grow a few salads this summer, but also have fun and not be tied down might be happy to know you needn't waste a lot of time watering to get good results.

P.S. You can build a mound that's productive for 20 years. Gathering and assembling everything you need for your hugelkultur may not be a quick task, but next year you can congratulate yourself on time well-invested.



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## A Beginning Beekeepers Journey



by Susan Armstrong

While honey bees are vital to New York's agriculture, Upstate NY harbors incredible lesser-known bee secrets, including a massive 5.6-million ground-nesting bee colony at the East Lawn Cemetery in Ithaca.

To help all bees during the June gap, provide clean watering stations, skip pesticide use, and cultivate staggered-bloom native plants.

### The Hidden World of Upstate NY Bees

When most people think of bees, they imagine the classic honey bee hive. However, the true reality of New York's bee population is much more diverse and surprising:

**The Cemetery Giants:** Researchers at Cornell University discovered an estimated 5.5 to 5.6 million ground-nesting miner bees (*Andrena regularis*) thriving beneath the soil at Ithaca's East Lawn Cemetery—making it one of the largest single bee populations ever documented across the world.

**Native Over Imports:** There are over 450 species of bees

documented in New York State. Despite the attention given to honey bees, 54% of NY's wild bees are actually solitary, ground-nesting species (digger bees). Unlike honey bees, wild bees do not suffer from the same mite infestations.

**Wild Honey Bees:** Feral honey bees living in remote, wild areas (such as Cornell's Arnot Forest in Schuyler County) have shown a surprising ability to survive and thrive for decades without human intervention or mite treatments, possibly through natural selection or grooming behaviors.

### The "June Gap": What is it?

In early summer, bees face a period known as the June Gap, which occurs in the brief window after spring blooms fade but before summer wildflowers and gardens are in full swing. During this time, nectar and pollen become dangerously scarce for all bee populations.

### Unique Ways to Help Bees in June

Well-intentioned gestures—like leaving fruit outside for bees—can actually ferment in the summer heat and breed harmful bacteria that will spoil honey stores back at the hive. Instead, try these unique, expert-backed methods to help bees thrive in June:

**Build a Mineral-Rich Watering Oasis:** Bees need water to



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drink and to cool the hive. Place a shallow dish filled with fresh water and add pebbles or twigs so bees can land without drowning. Unique touch: Add a pinch of pink Himalayan sea salt to the water. Bees instinctively seek out trace minerals found in



natural salt for hive maintenance.

**Plant a “June Gap” Garden:** Provide a lifeline by planting species that bloom right in the middle of summer’s scarcity. Excellent choices for Upstate NY gardens include bee balm, coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, basil, and zinnias. Grouping flowers together in large clusters makes them much easier for foraging bees to find.

**Create Studio Apartments for Solitary Bees:** About 1/3 of the world’s bees nest in cavities, such as hollow twigs or old logs. When preparing your garden for summer, leave woody pithy plant stems cut at 18 to 24 inches for stem-nesting bees (like mason bees and leafcutter bees) to use as safe havens.

**Leave Areas of Bare Ground:** Because the majority of NY’s native bees are ground-nesters, resist the urge to mulch every inch of your garden.

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### Introducing Tad Davis...A Featured Artist at the Woodworking and Fine Arts Show July 17-19

Growing up downstate in a family of sportsmen who lived for the outdoors, my love of nature was practically hardwired from the start. The Adirondacks always had that arcane, almost mystical pull on me—whether it was hunting trips, solo hikes through the woods, or just marveling at old stumps, entwined trees, and blow-downs that somehow looked like a sculpture. Throughout my countless Adirondack adventures, I began to realize just how many people, from all different backgrounds, had such fond memories of this place. Somewhere along the line I decided that I wanted to turn those memories into something more tangible.

In 2010 I moved upstate to start teaching, and in 2016 I bought my first house in Northville. Suddenly I had a blank

canvas and a serious conflict between my wallet and my taste for quality furnishings—classic new-homeowner crisis. Having spent my whole life tinkering on cars and machines, woodworking came naturally... albeit with a bit of a learning curve. I started making rustic pieces for our house that were inspired by my



memories of the Adirondacks. Some of my first attempts at furniture were less than stellar, bordering on disastrous—but I loved the challenge. In 2022, with some persuasion from family and friends, and support from my wife, Christie, I launched Cathead Rustics. What started as decorating my own place quickly turned into rustic furniture and creations with a traditional Adirondack soul and a modern flair.

These days my work is all about letting nature do the heavy lifting—I spot art in every swirl, burl, crook, and crack that most folks would call “imperfect.” Whether it’s my best-selling Adirondack chairs, one-of-a-kind clocks, cutting boards, tables, or benches, I source the wood straight from the mountains, mill it myself, and try to spark those same special ADK memories

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for whoever sees it. You could say that I'm literally turning blow-downs into heirlooms, and proving that sometimes the best art is just paying attention to what mother nature has already perfected.

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### UPCOMING - SERVICES

June 7

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Message: "New Order"

Young People's Time: "Outsiders"

June 14

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:23

Message: "Triumph and Frustration"

Young People's Time: "Wins and Losses"

June 21 – Father's Day

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39

Message: "Free but Costly"

Young People's Time: "The Right Thing – The Difficult Thing"

June 28

Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42

Message: "Welcome"

Young People's Time: "Friends"

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/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

## Clergy Column

### Summertime

For many the dreams for Summer are captured in the first line of George Gerswins song from Porgy and Bess, "Summertime and the living is easy." Summer, a time to take a break from the demands of work and school. Yet if we aren't careful Summertime can be anything but easy as we fill it with a million places to visit and things to do.

I invite you to reflect on your plans for the Summer and make sure that there is time for rest and reflection. It is worth noting that the very first directions that Scripture tells us God has for us are to make time each week for rest and reflection, to set aside a day each week totally free from all work.

It is a direction that psychologists and physicians have joined with clergy and religious scholars in encouraging us to observe for our physical and mental well-being. It is also a prescription for a healthy family life as we make time to bond with family. I know for me that of all the things my parents provided for me, the thing that was most precious was the time we spent doing things together.

Of all the gifts that God has blessed us with, the most precious is the opportunity to help the next generation understand that relationships are more important than our job, status, or possessions. We can make a difference by helping them know that the most important thing for their well-being and the fate of our world is that we love one another.

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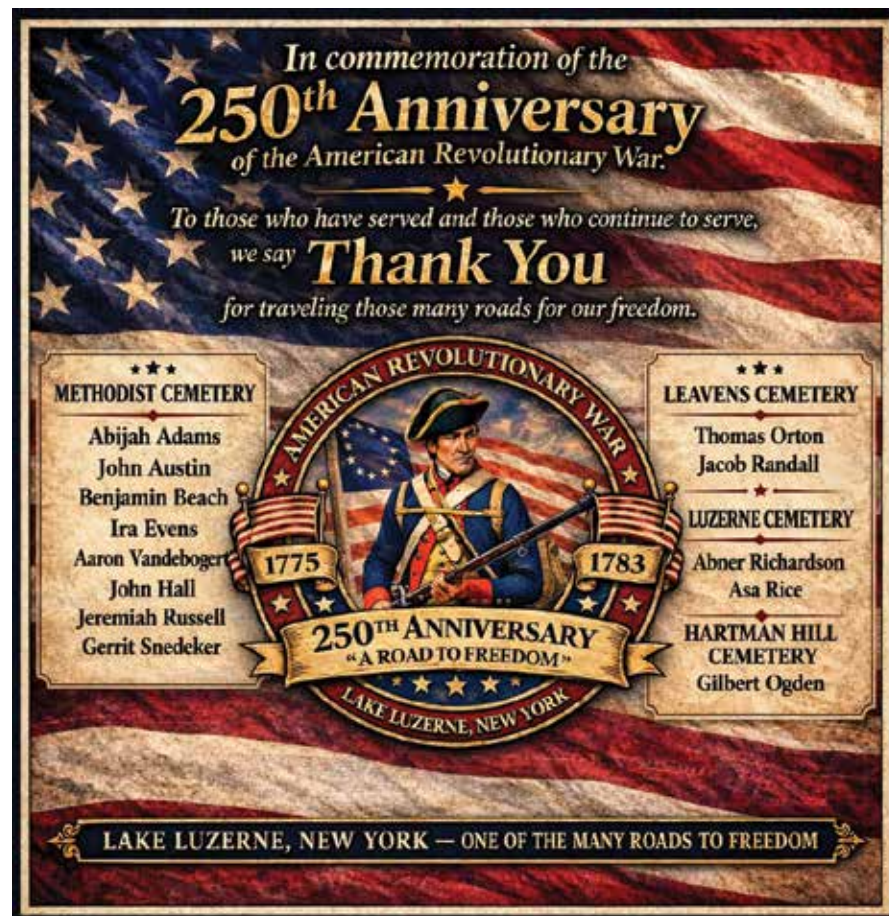
## Nuggets and News from the Town of Lake Luzerne

*Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184*

### “The Roads to Freedom – 250th”

Tanner Brooks, a local scout with the Greenfield Center Troop 4018 and soon to be a graduate of the Hadley-Luzerne High School Class of 2026 found time to work on his Eagle Scout Badge before furthering his education at college this fall at Binghamton University.

In commemoration of the 250th Celebration of the American Revolutionary War, Tanner partnered with Town of Lake Luzerne and the Historian’s Office to identify and clean monuments of our Revolutionary War soldiers and had time to also clean several other veterans including Lt. Col. Benjamin C. Butler from the Civil War Era.



Research located the burial sites in 4 different cemeteries: Methodist, Luzerne, Leavens and Hartman Hill. Pictures were taken before and after headstones were washed and brushed gently with any problems noted. Tanner’s troop members and volunteer parents joined in to make this all happen, while Tanner took the leadership role of making all the plans, arranging for supplies and the day’s duties.

Those in attendance on a sunny and crispy Saturday May 2, 2026 were Peter and Melissa Nicolaysen and grandson, Chase McCanney, Tanner Brooks and parents Jason and Melanie Brooks, Jim Clark and son, Caleb, Tanner Byron, Sterling Nelson and Granddad, Liam and Mom, Samantha Burg.

Thank you, Tanner Brooks, and Troop 4018 for tackling this successful project that brought some of the Town of Lake Luzerne residents into being part of the meaning of the Nation’s 250th Celebration. And to those veterans that served and those that still do, you are our “Heroes of History” that traveled those roads for our freedom.



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## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

*Edward Balaban*

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Lion Ed Balaban).*

### Broadalbin-Perth Lions “On the Air” at WENT

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. (May 9, 2026) -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions were live over the airwaves at WENT Radio during Saturday morning, May 9, as the feature of the station’s Lions Information Day. The Lions discussed their local missions as well as what specifically drew each individual into becoming a Lion while interspersing the conversations with advertisements from local area businesses. WENT Radio personality Sarah Apple moderated the program which began at 7:00 AM and ran through noon on 1340 AM and 105.1 FM.

While many Lions actively sought business involvement, the Lions who were on the air were Ed Balaban, Tom Kevlin, Linda Rhinehart, Dan Sardello, Don Savoie and Linda Swietlicki,

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest humanitarian service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and extend their service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs

International Foundation. Lions are focused on supporting vision and hearing preservation, the environment, childhood cancer, food insecurity,



*Breaking for a commercial, from left, WENT Radio personality Sarah Apple, and Broadalbin-Perth Lions Don Savoie and Tom Kevlin in the WENT studio. The station’s Lions Information Day broadcast afforded the Lions to reach out to a wider audience and explain what they do as well as promote the businesses in the area who support them.*

diabetes awareness, mental health, youth leadership and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. All funds generated by the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club are used to support these global causes at the local level throughout the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community.

### Broadalbin-Perth Lions Recognize Community Service Standouts

BROADALBIN, N.Y. (May 21, 2026) - Local students, educators, businesses, and community leaders were recognized by the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club at their annual community service awards event held at the historic Broadalbin Hotel.

Each year, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club presents awards to graduating seniors from Broadalbin-Perth and Mayfield Central Schools, acknowledging these students’ community service as demonstrated by their involvement and activities in school, church and local organizations.

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend said “we come together to celebrate some very exceptional young adults as well as show our appreciation to all of you who are partners in our mission of ‘We Serve’”.

This year’s recipients are Camryn Bleyl of Broadalbin-Perth and Timothy VanKleecK-Eagan, Jr. of Mayfield. Each student received \$2000 towards their future endeavors. Applicants for the award were submitted by each school district to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club. A committee reviewed the applications and those selected were done so based on their overall commitment to the Lions’ mission of “We Serve.”



*B-P Lions Club President and Master of Ceremonies Bob Townsend, right, presents Broadalbin-Perth High School senior Camryn Bleyl, left, with a \$2000 check and certificate recognizing her community service.*

Bleyl has served as a member and secretary of the National Honor Society, Varsity Girls Flag Football Team Captain, Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team Captain, and Junior and Varsity Soccer Team. She has also assisted with Broadalbin Youth Commission soccer,

a children's music theater camp, and a wide range of community fundraisers that have supported the school as well as local service organizations.

Bleyl will be attending University at Buffalo in the fall and will major in marketing.



VanKleeck-Eagan is a Mayfield Central School senior who is also on track to obtain his associate's degree in 2027 through Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES PTECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) and Fulton-Montgomery

*Mayfield Central School senior Timothy VanKleeck-Eagan, left, receives a \$2000 check and certificate recognizing his community service from B-P Lions President Bob Townsend, right. VanKleeck-Eagan plans to become a social worker.*

Community College. He has been recognized with the Extra Mile Award, Emerging Professional Award, and has made both Principal's List and Dean's List. VanKleeck-Eagan is also the recipient of the NYS Attorney General's Triple "C" Award, which honors students for demonstrating "Courage, Character, and Commitment". The Triple "C" Award celebrates young people who succeed in academic pursuits, participate in community service, display leadership skills, or overcome personal obstacles.

VanKleeck-Eagan plans to become a social worker and is looking to continue his education at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, and then SUNY Plattsburgh.

Lions Clubs International has several Global Causes, said Townsend, but there is none more important than engaging with our youth through programs focused on service and leadership development.

Master of Ceremonies Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend lauded the students recognized "not only for their academic successes, but also for their service to their schools and communities as they are making a difference in the lives of others. They are the reason for giving us hope."

Townsend also brought attention to one of the Lions' own, Club Secretary Valerie Kevlin, who was recognized as the Club's

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*B-P Lions Club President Bob Townsend, right, proudly presents club secretary Valerie Kevlin, left, with the club's 2026 Lion of the Year award. The award recognizes a Lion's "outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism."*

In addition to students, local community members were also lauded. The B-P Lions Club applauded the efforts of Broadalbin-Perth Schools employee Sam Jackling, with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, presented by Lions District Governor Barbara Bentley. Established in 1993, the award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary service to a Club, District, or



*B-P Lions Club President Bob Townsend, left, and Lions District Governor Barbara Bentley, right, present Sam Jackling, center, with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. The award is given to Lions and non-Lions who personify the highest examples of Lionistic character, and is presented as a recognition of the recipient's service.*



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Community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character; ideals, purpose, and service. The award is presented as a recognition of the recipient's service. Jackling has coordinated the Broadalbin Schools' Backpack Program for many years and as an active member of Broadalbin's First Presbyterian Church has coordinated the local Rise Against Hunger event, part of a growing global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Townsend explained that the evening was also an opportunity to "celebrate our Partners in Service". He brought attention to the printed program which cited over 60 organizations and businesses in the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield-Northville community which supported the Broadalbin-Perth Lions during the year. We greatly value your support, said Townsend, and want to formally say, 'thank you!'

Townsend recognized the following organizations who have partnered with the Broadalbin-Perth Lions: Adirondack Wood Floor Company, Bob's Trees, Boy Scout Troop 51, Broadalbin Backpack Program, Broadalbin-Perth High School Key Club and National Honor Society, Broadalbin Youth Commission, Kenneth & Phyllis Canary Family Foundation, Carondelet Community Fund, Louis Mauro Charitable Trust, Mayfield Backpack Program, Mayfield Central School National Honor Society and Key Club, Perth Youth Commission, and WENT AM/FM. Townsend emphasized that "every dime we generate goes back to the community, and we look forward to continuing our service through partnerships."

## Stones from the Creek

*Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron*

### The Other Side of the Creek

**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

**11 am–3 pm at 13 Lanfear Road (Yellow House)**

A Step Back in Time with trades of the past, local historians and educational displays.

The Washington County Draft Horse Association featuring:  
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The Dean Homestead Museum will also be open.





## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

*Fred and Linda Brown*

*"New month, new mindset, new results!" -Anonymous*

June, the month when students foresee a never-ending summer vacation, only to realize it will end far too soon. We as adults also look forward to June and the warmer summer temps after a rather brutal winter of cold, ice and snow. Lawns have greened, flowers have bloomed, and dandelions exert their pervasive mastery of most lawns. As we fret over the ever-present weed, bees eagerly search them out for early-season sources of nectar, and what is a nuisance to us is a Godsend for our most valuable neighbors. The beauty of the interaction of our natural world helps us to appreciate where we live. "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Pablo Picasso

-SVAN works year-round to share the beauty of the natural and creative world in which we live. One example is the current refocusing of time and materials to redo the 303 S. Main St. Gallery in Northville. The SVAN Gallery & Gift Shop will reopen

on Friday, June 5, with a refreshed and welcoming new look. Visitors will find a vibrant community arts space featuring fine art, artisan work, handcrafted gifts, and creative connections inspired by the diverse talents of our region. Gallery hours will be Friday through Sunday, Noon–6 PM, with the hope of maintaining those hours throughout the year. A dedicated group of officers and volunteers are working to make this transformation a reality, keeping in mind the words of Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

Continuing in the creative arts vein, Michelle Johnsen will facilitate a June workshop featuring her whimsical and creative ideas for driftwood, old balusters, garden decor and walking sticks, scheduled for June 20, 2026, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Registration fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The workshop will be held at the Main Street Gallery and materials are included in the registration however some extras will be available at an additional cost. Participants are welcome to bring favorite paint colors and brushes. To reserve a seat contact [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org).

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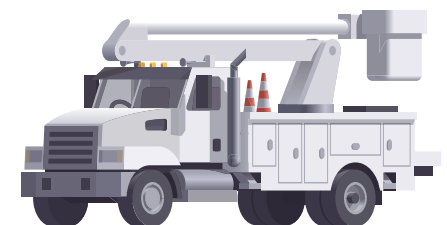
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of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting..." Aretha Franklin. Join your neighbors and friends each Saturday evening in July and August at the SVAN Concerts in the Park and relive old memories while you are making new ones.

And of course, don't forget to mark your calendar for the very popular "Art Trails" August 15 & 16. Do the Art Trails adventure with a friend and enjoy all that the Sacandaga Valley has to offer.

See the card below for a listing of all summer musical and Art Trail events and locations.\*

SVAN is always eager to welcome new members and volunteers. Visit [Membership@svanarts.org](mailto:Membership@svanarts.org) for more information. We each bring our unique talent and energy to projects we support, whether it is leading a creative workshop or raking leaves at the gallery.

SVAN is happy to announce that they have received an additional \$500 from "The Saratoga Arts" helping them to reach their requested amount. Help SVAN continue making beautiful music in the North Country. No talent is too small and remember...

"If you hit a wrong note, the next one determines if it is good or bad." Miles Davis.

\*Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



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## Edinburg School Happenings

*Michelle Ellis, Superintendent*

We surely hope this newsletter finds our community well! It is hard to believe that it is the end of the school year and graduation is upon us! We have so many wonderful things happening at ECS and look forward to celebrating the end of another successful school year!

### Congratulations to our Graduating Sixth Grade Class

On behalf of the Edinburg Common School District Board of Trustees, Mrs. Angela Ludwig (President), Dr. Mary Ann Borden (Vice President), Superintendent, Michelle Ellis, and all the teachers and staff, we would like to congratulate our sixth grade graduating class of 2026 for their hard work and dedication during their years at ECS. We couldn't be more proud of your accomplishments and look forward to watching you grow as you move into middle and high school. We will miss you and wish you all the best of luck! The sixth grade graduation will be held in the ECS gymnasium on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM.



Joshua Cristiano



Aubrey Poppiti



Tori Seeley



Leah VanNostrand

### Budget Vote and Board Seat

On May 19, 2026, the ballots for the 2026-2027 school budget year were counted (votes: 69 yes, 13 no). We would like to thank our voters for approving the 2026-2027 budget! We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Angela Ludwig for remaining on the Board of Trustees for a two year term with 60 votes and we welcome Mr. Christian Bills for a three year term with 67 votes. The proposition for the purchase of a school bus was also approved (votes: 67 yes, 15 no). Thank you voters!



### Drama Production

The Edinburg Common School District Drama Club proudly presents "Madagascar Kids" on Sunday, June 7, 2026, so don't forget to mark your calendars! There will be two matinees: 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM! Come out to see our amazing talents under the direction of Mrs. Beth VanEvery. You won't want to miss this!



### Eagle Morning Program

During our Eagle Morning Program on Friday, May 1, 2026, we celebrated our Honor/High Honor Roll students for the 3rd quarter. We would like to congratulate:

#### Honor Roll 89.5-94.4

- Brayden
- Carter
- Noah
- Kendyl
- Katie
- David
- Tori
- Koupas
- Gabriella
- Lillianne
- Leah

#### High Honor Roll 94.5-100

- Kenley
- Devin
- Matthew
- Cora



We would also like to congratulate students and teacher/staff member that show “engagement” to their studies and work in the classroom! Keep up the great work everyone! We are proud of you!

- PK Collins
- K Adalynn
- 1st Ivan
- 2nd Harper
- 3-6th Tori, Cora, and Brayden
- Teacher/Staff Ms. Paxton

### Mother’s/Special Person Day

On Thursday, May 7, 2026, we enjoyed a breakfast celebration honoring Mother’s Day or Special Person Day! We cannot thank you enough for all that you do! A special thank you to Ms. Millington, Mrs. Hennessey, and the teachers/staff for making this day such a success.



### Fish Stocking

The Edinburg Common School District would like to send a HUGE thank you to the Saratoga County Fish Stocking Program, Jason Kemper, Saratoga County Historians Office, Lauren Roberts and Anne Clothier, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and Administrators, Town Supervisors from Hadley and Galway, and the Town of Edinburg and Galway board members that were able to make today possible and for joining us. We are so grateful to be a part of this program and help give back to our beautiful Great Sacandaga Lake!



Mr. Moore and the 4th grade class also released trout at Sand Creek as part of the Trout in the Classroom Program! Students were able to take water samples by using a kick net to observe the habitat, water quality, and other life forms in the creek. We are incredibly fortunate for these learning opportunities because of the area in which we live. Mr. Moore has been a part of the Trout in the Classroom Program for many years and we are honored to have his experience and knowledge!



ECS would like to thank the Edinburg Volunteer Emergency Squad and LifeNet for taking time from their busy schedules to be with us on Monday, May 18, 2026 in honor of EMS Week! Our students, teachers, and staff were able to have hands-on learning opportunities that will be remembered for years to come. We would also like to thank the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company for their participation as well. Everyone at ECS would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers of the Edinburg Volunteer Emergency Squad and Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company who answer the call at all hours, often balancing service with work, family, and countless personal responsibilities. Thank you for your sacrifice, your teamwork, and your dedication to keeping our communities safe and cared for every single day.



For more information please go to our school website at [www.edinburgcs.org](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and/or like our school Facebook page.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Career Day
- Friday, June 5, 2026 Eagle Morning 8:00 AM
- Sunday, June 7, 2026 Production "Madagascar Kids" at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 Father's Day/Special Person Day Breakfast
- Friday, June 19, 2026 No School - Juneteenth
- Monday, June 22, 2026 Field Day
- Tuesday, June 23, 2026 PK Moving Up Ceremony at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Sixth Grade Graduation at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Last Day of School



## Sacandaga Protection Committee

*Bob Jones*

### Get Involved, support or possibly lose it all !

As you know there are many volunteer organizations around the lake, Civic, Religious, GSLA, SPC, etc. All these organizations need help whether it be man power or financial assistance to carry out their mission. I'm writing this on behalf of the Sacandaga Protection Committee ("SPC"). The SPC was formed in 2009 when there were very serious threats from the government and from the electric company to do away with the permit system. The SPC is the only organization that is allowed to hire lawyers and lobbyists to fight for our rights. Through these efforts the threats were thwarted. However, in the ensuing 17 years there continue to be issues, i.e. non-exclusive use of your permit area (strangers could use your area and you could not kick them off and you would have to clean up after them!) or not being able to store your dock in the winter on NYS land, (who can tow there dock up to there house or camp?) . The SPC has been very successful in protecting the rights of the permit holders. Help us continue to be successful. Consider the following: If you own a business near the lake consider how much of your income is generated from the lake community and visitors. How many home owners, summer residents or visitors will be here if there is NO lake access ? I'm guessing much less. If you are a resident what happens to property value ? Studies have shown a 50% decrease in value if lake access is lost. How about not being able to go swimming or boating from your own dock or sunbathing or sitting on your beach watching sunrises or sunsets ?

Currently there are approximately 4,500 permit holders and less than 5% support lake organizations ! Where is everyone else ? Those not involved, what are you waiting for ? Are you letting others take care of it? Are you saying that They will never take the permits away? Guess what They did about 100 years ago ? They dammed the Sacandaga River creating this beautiful lake but in the process, families lost everything. The way of life as they knew it was gone, as were their houses, farms , businesses, schools and churches. Think it can't happen again? Hope your right but if not, there is a lot to lose. Please support the SPC so we can continue to protect our lake access and the wonderful way of life round the GSL ! Hopefully the system will continue as is. It is much better to be proactive than reactive. If a dispute occurs, the SPC is ready to fight and hopefully ALL stake holders will join the fight. Let's become a force to reckon with now so the

government, utilities or whomever will think twice before acting against the permit system.

If you have donated in the past thank you for your continued support. If you have not, visit our website to see how the SPC ,with your help, keeps the Great Sacandaga Lake Great and help support our mission. To learn more about the SPC and how we protect your lake access and the way of life in our lake communities or to donate to support our mission, please visit our website [www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com](http://www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com). You may also contact us at [SPCGSL@gmail.com](mailto:SPCGSL@gmail.com). Or visit us on Facebook at Sacandaga Protection Committee.



## Lake Luzerne United Methodist Church®

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We are happy to announce that on **August 8, 2026**, from 9am to 3pm we are having a two-in-one event. Our annual Summer Bazaar and The Churchmouse Vendor Fair (2026) will be combined this year, creating a Summer Fair. Moby Dick's Fish Fry will be our food vendor (always popular and never greasy), the Bear Naked Bears are returning for our listening pleasure (we recommend bringing a lawn chair), and the church is set to offer homemade baked goods, salads, crafts, and free face painting at our booth.

Local artists from around the area will join us to dot our parsonage lawn and sell their creative crafts to everyone. There may even be a surprise or two. Vendor applications are now being accepted until July 15th or until space runs out. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25/10 x 10 space that goes directly to the church. Non-profits and direct sellers are eligible to participate too.

Vendors must live within 25 miles of the church (24 Main St., Lake Luzerne). Please email us at [lakeluzerneumc@gmail.com](mailto:lakeluzerneumc@gmail.com) for more information or for a registration form. Also, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and "X" for up-to-date information on the vendors who will be at our Summer Fair. We look forward to seeing our neighbors soon.

## Mayfield Historical Society

*Carol Johnston Publicist - 518-332-0538*

### 43rd Annual Strawberry Festival & Treasures in the Trunk

The Mayfield Historical Society will be kicking off the summer season with its 43rd Annual Strawberry Festival and "Treasures in the Trunk" sale on Saturday, June 13th, from 12 to 4 pm at The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road in Mayfield, NY. Live music will be provided by Aaron Mittler from 12:30 - 2:30. Admission is free. Strawberry shortcake with ice cream and lemonade will be available for a donation of \$5/\$3 for children 8 and under. Don't miss this opportunity to sell your new, used or antique treasures from the trunk of your vehicle or bring your own tables. The cost is \$15 per vehicle parking spot (12' x 12'). To register for Treasures in the Trunk or for more information, contact president Bob Suits at 518-857-2820. The Rice Homestead will be open for touring including its new summer exhibit, "Mayfield in the Revolution." The Loom Room, Mill Stone Garden, Heritage Flower Garden, and Oliver's Trail will be open for viewing and strolling. In the event of rain, the event will take place at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St. in Mayfield and the Treasures in the Trunk portion will be canceled.

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# Northville News

*Wendy Reu, Village Clerk*

As I write this, we just observed Memorial Day weekend in the Village, and I wanted to thank everyone who participated and attended our ceremony on Monday. If you happened to miss it, you missed a wonderful procession and ceremony. Our local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops marched and had active participation in the ceremony. The members of the Great Sacandaga Lake Fire District marched in full uniform, as did our great Northville Central School band. The procession was led by Chief Richardson and the Northampton Ambulance was at the tail end providing protection and standing ready in the event of an emergency. Students from Rose & Rhythm performed the National Anthem and their instructor, Madeline Downing, sang a beautiful rendition of Battle Hymn of the Republic to set the tone for the event. Our guest speaker was Air Force Technical Sergeant Gabriel Enders of the 109th Airlift Wing. As part of his speech, he spoke of how the people and traditions of Northville, and the surrounding community, make it so special and I thoroughly agree! Thank you, again, we couldn't have done it without all of you!

The Village crew has been busy getting the Village ready for the summer season. DPW Superintendent Reidell has planter boxes available for businesses/organizations to sponsor. Please give Dan a call at 518-321-6352 if you would like to sponsor one. Dan also reports that the schedule for summer leaf and brush pickup is as follows: June 3rd and 17th, July 1st, 15th, and 29th and August 12th and 26th. Residents in the Village can put loose leaves and small brush at the curb for pickup. Residents are reminded that they cannot burn brush or leaves in the Village.

The Farmers' Market will kick off the 2026 season on Saturday, June 27th. The market will run every Saturday through September 5th the Waterfront Park.

The DOINS will be here before we know it! The dates are July 3rd and 4th. We are still taking applications from vendors and parade participants. Email [clerk@villageofnorthville.com](mailto:clerk@villageofnorthville.com) to participate. Our parade theme this year is Northville Celebrates 250 and it will be held on July 4th at 1 p.m. Now is the time to think about having a float in our parade. There are so many historical events that happened over the past 250 years that we would love to see recreated in our parade. I know there are many of you out there that have always wanted to have a float in the parade but never did.....let THIS year be THE year!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on June 16th at 7:00 p.m.



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## The Links That Hold A Community Together

### And The Mission to Restore A Historic Course

By Pat Cahill

For the past four summers, I've sat on the front porch of a home in the southern Adirondacks of New York. As I enjoy the warm sun and the breeze blowing through the screen door, I reflect on how grateful I am to have bought this home recently, and sometimes I pinch myself. Finally, in retirement, comes the freedom and privilege to play golf wherever I roam and whenever I wish. It's a privilege that I will never take for granted.

A stone's throw from my front porch lies the practice area of Sacandaga Golf Course. Beyond that, nine holes that expertly utilize just over 3,000 yards. County route 152 winds around and through the course, then runs parallel to Great Lake Sacandaga. It's compact, but not confining. Easily walkable. The course layout starts with a short par 4, then continues with back to back par 3's. The remaining six holes have two lengthy par 5's sandwiched between the par 4's, with varying distances and challenges. Sacandaga's fairways are bordered with tall pines, with approaches narrowing to challenging greens, surrounded by expertly placed bunkers. It's a beautiful, small course that requires accuracy and creativity. Everything I know about this course I've learned from a drone video, a scorecard, and my neighbors recalling their experiences playing legendary Sacandaga. I've never been able to enter the clubhouse, warm up in the practice area, or hit a single shot on this course.

I am not alone. Because sadly, this historic golf course, established in 1898, has been closed since 2020. The clubhouse is locked and empty with No Trespassing signs. The Pines restaurant attached to the clubhouse is closed. Rows of golf carts are lined up, under cover, idle. The flags are fading on the greens, and the paint on the tee markers is peeling off. Although maintenance crews mow and sometimes you see sprinklers on, after almost seven seasons of neglect, it's evident that it will take expert golf maintenance and serious reconsideration from the current owner to reopen Sacandaga Golf Course and bring it back to its former glory. Our little neighborhood is filled with optimists who still believe that a golf course that was, for over a century, the gathering place for recreation, education, competition and community is far too important to become extinct.

Ask anyone in my newly adopted neighborhood what Sacandaga Golf Course has meant to them, and you'll hear a resounding theme; community. Some started playing golf there at a very early age, and others picked it up midlife. Some had the opportunity to caddy, compete for their high school, or attend clinics. Memberships were reasonably priced. Established in

1898 and recognized as one of the oldest golf courses in New York State, this public course was open to all and welcomed all. Golfers young and old, generations of local families, school teams, and vacationers alike had the opportunity to play. Friends meeting at sunrise and others staying until sundown. Families teaching the next generation. The type of course that a parent can take their child out on the course without worrying if they will be holding anyone up. Sacandaga Golf Course is a true playground, steps from a gorgeous lake, and a short walk into the idyllic town of Northville.

The story of why this course closed after well over a century in operation is one of good intentions, and upsetting the apple cart. In 2018, Sacandaga was sold by longtime owner Richard Osborne to Augustin Isernia, a businessman from New Jersey who remembered vacationing in the area and playing the course as a youngster. There were promises of employment, improvement, and preservation of history. The first two years of new ownership were excellent. Memberships were renewed, and renovations were made to the clubhouse, restaurant, and course aesthetics. Most importantly, the fairways and greens were in tremendous shape. The new club pro, Scott Frasier, a Northville native, organized youth clinics, lessons, and tournaments. Sacandaga Golf Course was the main attraction in Sacandaga Park, and golf was alive and well.

As in past seasons, membership renewals and announcements about the course were expected in the winter of 2019, but they never came. What did come was the news that changes were proposed. Along with owning the course, Mr. Isernia wanted to develop homes along the course. However, a few years prior to the change in ownership, zoning and subdivision laws established a Golf Course district, which included the entire golf course. Essentially, these zoning classifications were established to prevent any type of real estate development that ruins the beauty of the landscape and undermines the preservation of history. Sacandaga Park, a historic district, in which the golf course lies, is specifically protected from development. When the door closed on real estate development, the opportunity to play golf ended, and the course became private property. Residents felt betrayed. What was once accessible to all became one man's possession and total exclusivity. What followed were heated town meetings, hard feelings, and the slow disintegration of



community. Because when you have a gem that shone bright for over a century, how could it become so tarnished?

There have been fair offers to purchase the course. There have been proposals for funding that will not impact the taxpayers. There have been proposals for a property transfer agreement, including evoking eminent domain. Once the Town of Northampton is awarded the title to Sacandaga Golf Course, the title can be transferred to a buyer who will pay the current owner fair market value. Petitions have been signed. There's been much effort, by a community group, to come to a compromise that will benefit all parties. But to date, we are at a stalemate.



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## From Hawk....

Then finally, Hawk Drilling. We threw around a couple of ideas, including a cruise, but found the coordinating to be too complicated. I am now thinking a long weekend in MA at an AirBnb or something. I'd probably rent a party bus for everyone and enjoy a weekend on the coast together.

We are still considering ideas for advertising, but have already made up anniversary stickers and yard signs. That was actually my first experience with AI – I purchased the Chat GPT subscription and messed around with it. I'm not great with it, but had an interesting learning experience in trying to understand how to write requests to better achieve what I was looking for. For instance, I learned to write, "without changing anything else, add a ...", because I realized that with each request, small changes kept being made that I didn't want. It is so smart, and real dumb. It will probably be saying the same thing about me in the future...yikes.

In preparation for next year's party (and also because it needs it), we are having all of the roofs replaced. The buildings were all installed in the 70's and 80's and many of them were leaking. The workers are out there right now going crazy ripping everything off. It needs to be done, but it is definitely not ideal for work – everything seems to be in the way – meaning it is hard them to get out of our way and vice-versa. It will be worth it, it will be worth it. Next fixes need to be the garage doors and

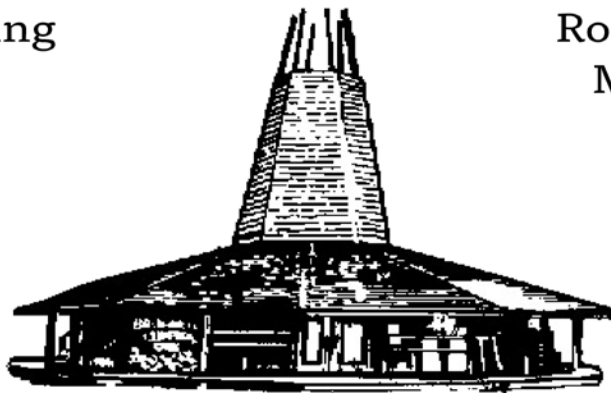
more expensively, siding. I said it in the last article that I grew up instilled with the ideal that the house needed to be in tip-top shape if company was coming and I can't seem to let that go. Basically, everyone in our local industry will hopefully be coming to the party and I want our shop to look better than ever. It all needs to be done at some point, so why not before a big party, right?

Well (pun intended), we hope everyone has a lovely and relaxing June on the lake! Hopefully you won't need us for water troubles this season, but if you do, we are just a call away

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Next year marks Hawk Drilling's 100 year anniversary. Not only do only about 0.5% of companies make it to 100 years, but out of generational companies, <1% make it to 5, so we are a rarity, for sure.

In the last edition, I was stressing about having to start planning for it. Since then, we have come up with some great ideas, with the premise of Industry, Community, Hawk Drilling. For the Industry side, we are planning a 100 year anniversary party to correlate with us hosting the Summer Empire State Water Well Driller's Association meeting at our shop. We would host the meeting with trainings and the board meeting, then have a fun (very over the top) party into the night – followed by a day at the track. For Community – we want to have a free BBQ at the Malta playground. Unfortunately, I will have to show restraint in my plannings as I have to consider potential lawsuit issues, so no bouncy houses or axe-throwing for us (I think), but hotdogs, sodas, music – basically a big THANK YOU for the community.

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