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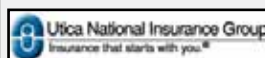
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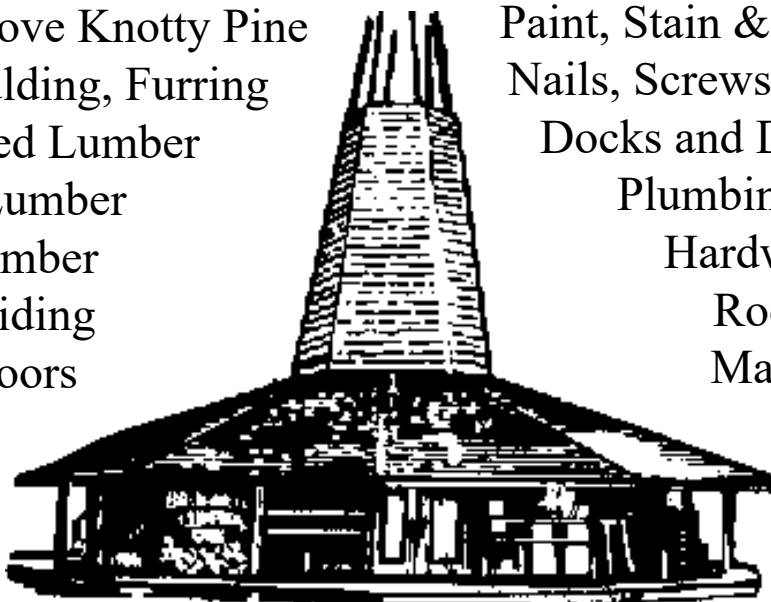
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## Tedisco Honors Mayfield Woman

COVID-19 Acts of Kindness Heroes Award  
Senator Tedisco recognizes Rachael Skinner of Mayfield with state honor for her efforts to provide free portraits to families & high school graduates and sewing mask for those in need

Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C,I,REF-Glenville) today honored Mayfield resident Rachael Skinner with a 49th Senate District COVID-19 Acts of Kindness Heroes Award.

Rachael is a stay at home mom who owns and runs her own photography business Reflections by Rae. During the lockdown, Rachael has taken front porch portraits for free for families in the Mayfield community and for graduating high school seniors.

Rachael's sister is a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam and with the fear of supply shortages, Rachael took it upon herself to make masks. She has made and donated hundreds of masks for seniors and people in the community. Rachael was nominated by her husband Jesse Skinner and separate nominations from Becky Allen and Tina Morey.

"As we all work together to deal with the serious medical, social and economic impacts of COVID-19 in this dark time, I believe it's important to recognize all those who in their own special ways are bringing some light to people's lives and showing true acts of kindness and heroism," said Senator Jim Tedisco. "I'm proud to represent Rachael Skinner and honor her with a 49th Senate District COVID-19 Acts of Kindness Award and thank her for being a ray of sunshine and bringing some joy into people's lives during this crisis!"

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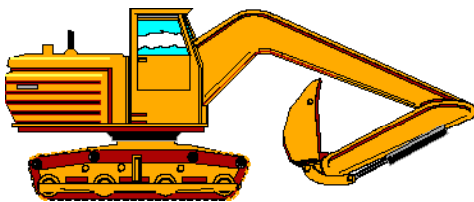


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*by Jean Raymond*



### Congratulations to the Graduates Class of 2020 Northville Central School

#### Coronavirus Pandemic Update

The Capital Region will reach the required criteria in the next few days to begin to open up under Phase 1 Guidelines. Under the first phase businesses in the region will re-open in phases. Phase 1 will include construction, manufacturing and wholesale supply chain and select retail using curbside pickup only. For additional information go to [saratogacountyny.gov](http://saratogacountyny.gov) or search under Newyorkstatecoronavirus. To date there have been no positive cases in Edinburg. Thanks to all the front line workers and first responders for all they are doing for our residents and our country.

#### Masks

Saratoga county has supplied masks to the town which have been sent to residents 65 or older. In addition, a number of people in the town have been sewing masks and have made them available to first responders, front line workers, hospitals, businesses and those in need. There are too many people to mention individually but they have made thousands. Thank you to all of you for your efforts.

#### 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is still underway and once Saratoga County is cleared to open census activity

will resume. Update Leave will consist of census takers leaving a form at your door. No interaction will be necessary. You will be able to submit the form on the internet, by postal mail or by calling it in on the phone. You may also just go onto the internet at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) and fill it out. Currently the return rate in Edinburg is 20.6%.

#### Memorial Day Flags

American Flags are being placed on light poles and in the cemeteries at Veterans graves for Memorial Day. They will be left up until after Veterans Day in November. Jean and Todd Becker volunteer every year to place the Veterans flags in our cemeteries and the Highway Department does the electric poles, Town Hall and Four Corners monument. Thanks to all and to all of our veterans for their service.

#### Summer Events

The Edinburg Historical Society has cancelled their Historic Edinburgh Day and Fall Festival, the Edinburg Fire Company has cancelled their Chicken and Rib BBQ and the Methodist Church has cancelled their Strawberry Festival and Concert Series. SPAC has cancelled its classical music program and many of the special concert events have been cancelled. NYRA has announced the race meet will be run but without any spectators. Check with any event that involves a crowd before attending.

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At the time of writing of this article, it is unknown if the programs scheduled for June and beyond will take place or not. Please consult our Facebook page.



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Watch for these titles to be arriving:  
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If you are interested in contacting your favorite artists, their websites and emails are listed in the Show section of our website: [NorthvilleRotary.com](http://NorthvilleRotary.com).

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## Flower Talk

by Sally Peck

Long ago, rainbow hunting existed, but a bit differently than today (as in the 518rainbow hunt). It started with a messenger and a flower, the Iris. In Greek, the word Iris means Rainbow, representing the many colors of the Iris. It is named after the Greek messenger of the gods who journeyed between heaven and earth, with her golden wings, traveling on rainbows. Because of

this, the Greeks have a tradition of planting Irises on the graves of loved ones to help them transcend to the afterlife. In Japan, Irises are known for their purifying elements, using it to ward off evil energies. The flower is a common design element of kimonos, Japanese paintings and a poetry style called Haiku. Chinese people believe the Iris to be the messenger and spirit of Summer. It brings the news of the arrival of Summer. As the summer winds blow, the petals flutter and fly like butterfly wings. This is the reason that Iris is called 'The

Purple Butterfly' in China. In the Catholic church and gardens of the Virgin Mary, they are found in abundance.. It is said the sword-like petals relate to the pain of Mary's heart caused by the death of Jesus.

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

Moving along to the 500's AD, the Frankish (French) King Clovis I adopted the Iris as his emblem, the fleur-de-lis. Although we think of the fleur-de-lis as a lily. In theory, the 'lis' (pronounced lee) is believed to have been named after a river.

The riverbank of Leie was blooming with Irises (and still is) so the French, over

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time shortened it from 'The Flower of the River of Lis' to Fleur-de-lis. All we need to know is that it was the Iris the king loved. The French put it on everything from the top of scepters to fighting shields. Today, with its French pedigree, New Orleans' emblem is the fleur-de-lis. In 1147, King Louis VII had a dream that prompted him to adopt the purple iris as his emblem. Then, in 1376, King Charles V applied three fleur-de-lis to his coat of arms. By the time King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain defeated the Moors and supported the adventures of Columbus in 1492, Holland had developed many varieties of Irises that would make the journey to the 'New World'. Early records of Irises date back to the 1600's in Virginia. Now it is the official state flower of Tennessee. Two gardens dedicated to the cultivation of the Iris in Florence, Italy and New Jersey are the largest Iris gardens in the world.

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

beer fresh. The same applied to casks of wine in France. Juice squeezed from the plant can be used to improve conditions of the skin. Iris root can be used for the purification of the body because it contains substances with laxative, diuretic properties.

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

They also have meaning, depending on the color; purple can signify wisdom, white is purity, blue represents faith and yellow, passion. It can grow in semi-deserts, rocky mountains, grassy slopes and near rivers. So carry on this ancient tradition by having a vase of them on your table or plant them in your royal garden.

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT—

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

Life-good and bad- in the United States has probably changed more in the past seventy years than in any time period prior to that. People were just starting to pick themselves up from the Great Depression of the 1930's when WWII hit. There were many shortages including certain food items but folks persevered and made the best of what was handed them.

The War Era brought the beginning of Wonder drugs. My late husband at the age of six survived a severe case of appendicitis by being treated with penicillin. The doctors at the hospital said that the several days of treatment saved his life. The cost of the drug was covered by an unknown Good Samaritan.

Another dreaded disease was polio, an infectious

virus that attacks the spinal cord. It can cause paralysis especially in children. Many could end up in an iron lung for the rest of their days.

My mother was so fearful of polio she would not allow me to go swimming in the lake. Finally in 1953 Dr. Jonas Salk perfected a vaccine to prevent polio, causing many mothers to give a sigh of relief.

Before WWII our country was very rural with many farms. After the war many men, especially veterans settled for jobs in other businesses rather than farming. General Electric, American Locomotive; Finch, Pruyn; International Paper and the Glove shops of Fulton County were some of the businesses where our local guys found jobs. Many veterans went to college under the GI Bill, becoming teachers or going into other businesses.

Many homes in Edinburg did not have electricity until after WWII in the late 1940's. Military Road was not electrified until years later. There were very few places on Military except on either end and it would've cost thousands of dollars to run electricity the whole length of the road.

In order to electrify their homes owners would

hire an electrician to install ceiling fixtures in 2-3 rooms and a couple of wall outlets. Homes did not have many electrical items at that time. Families might have a radio, a wringer washer, refrigerator and toaster. Alarm clocks were wound by hand.

In the early 1960's we acquired a used Maytag automatic washer which worked great in doing cloth diapers. Remember them? They were the ones that got reused and not thrown into the garbage. Old cloth diapers are wonderful for refinishing furniture. Many

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families did not have automatic clothes dryers for years. Clothes were hung on clothes lines in the yard year round. Many homes had clothes lines hung on front porches. This kept snow and rain off the clothes. Did you ever see a frozen pair of jeans or long johns stand alone? Comical!

Telephones came on the scene before electricity but not every home had one even into the 1950's. I was in high school when we got a phone at our house. There were ten households-parties- on each phone line. Some of the parties were on our road with the rest as far away as Military Road. It was almost impossible to make a call since the line was usually occupied. If you asked to use the line that party would keep picking up while you tried to talk.

The party line was still in effect in the mid-1960's. One day while trying to use the phone my husband had his limit. His patience wasn't as good as mine—he headed for the phone company office in Northville. I never knew what was said but in a few days we had a private line.

Truckers installed CB radios in their trucks. Operating off air waves the CB's allowed the truckers to communicate with others hundreds of miles away. We didn't have a CB base at our house

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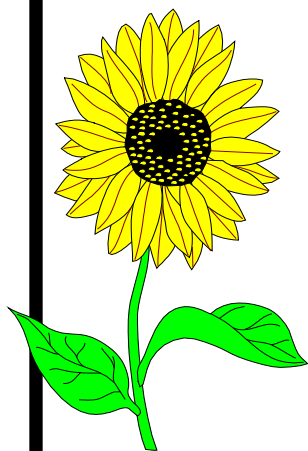
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so if my husband had an emergency on the road he would contact Louise Hayes on the CB. She would contact me by phone to go to the rescue. The next truck phone was a "bag phone" which was as big as a woman's handbag. Considered an early cell phone it worked quite well.

Portable phones in the home are handy to be carried room to room, even working quite well outside. I still keep my old land line phones. If the power goes off I still have a phone.

When cell phones arrived on the scene they were grabbed up like hot cakes. Today's cell phones do everything. They seem to be permanently attached to their owners hand or pocket. People become so absorbed with them that they walk in front of traffic, other people and cause vehicle accidents. Under pressure from family I purchased a cell phone a few years back. It's a little flip top somewhere in the bottom of my handbag for emergency purposes only. I do check it once in awhile to be sure it's charged.

We mustn't forget answering machines that also came along to save people time. They do work great taking all the telemarketer and scammer calls.

The Social Services program was meant to assist families if someone lost their job or had medical issues that they couldn't afford to pay for. Not as many folks had health insurance then as today. Edinburg's first social services representative was Lottie Knapp of Batchellerville.

The Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company was organized in 1957 and the Emergency Squad a number of years later.

In the 1950's many high school grads in rural communities did not go on to college. Many of the guys became loggers, worked for a local sawmill of which there were many, went into a family business, or became truck drivers for a local business or town highway crew. When the Adirondack Northway was being built in the 1960's many local guys worked on construction. Some found years of work at some of the companies I mentioned in an earlier paragraph.

Choices for women grads were teacher, nurse, secretary, glove worker, bookkeeper, store clerk or wife. By the mid 1960's Fulton Montgomery Community College had opened-giving a two year opportunity for many to learn a trade and stay in the area if they wished. Those that went to a four year college usually settled where there were better jobs and didn't come back home until they were of retirement age; finally returning to family and the Valley. Today with the cost of a college education one would be lucky to have the student loan paid by the time he/she retired!

In time many local men and women found employment at Coleco Industries in Mayfield. As various businesses came into the area in the 1960's working hours were expanded into 2-3 shifts per day. This also brought the need for two cars per family.

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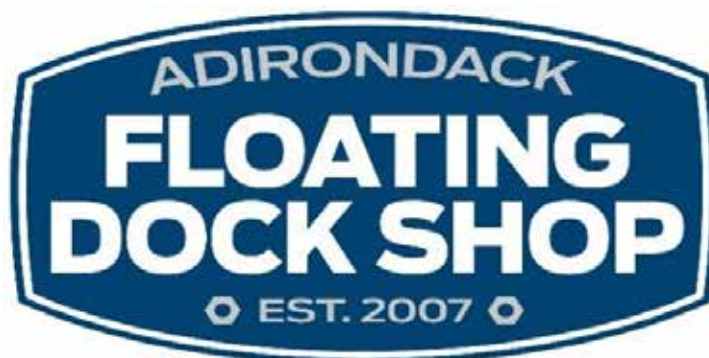
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The space age brought us many technologies that were made for space but with modifications we now enjoy in our daily lives.

From the mid 1960's to early 1970's it seemed college campuses had constant disturbances rather than classes. Due in part to the unfavorable war in Vietnam many college kids were "off the wall" so to speak. Protests, drugs, the "It's All About Me" Movement and other things that I won't mention here. The Women's Liberation Movement" also appeared at this time and this entire combination listed above changed many peoples' lives in this country-not necessarily in a good way.

For generations, families which usually included a mom, dad, children with possibly a grandparent and aunt or uncle followed the same patterns. Parents raised their children by the way they had been raised and on down the line. Many families attended church each week. An extra relative in the household was good for the children who were taught extra lessons such as respect of others, manners: please, thank you, hold a door for someone, table manners etc. They all sat down to the evening meal together.

In the 1980's family values started to change. Families often lacked a father to help raise the kids. Kindergarten had come to Edinburg in the late 1950's or early 1960's and Pre K 3 and 4 in 1987. A child barely had time to walk before going off to school.

Discipline of the child in some communities went out the window. "Time out" was called. My generation received a hand on the seat of the pants for "time out" -usually solving the problem. For decades mothers cooked the evening meal. Suddenly it became instant this-frozen that or take out. Junk food and soda became the "norm". Not enough hours in the day!

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We must not forget electronic games and computers that now control the world. Computers and their entire family of off spring would make an entire article of its own but someone else would have to write it. Have you counted how many electronic devices are in your home? Now doctors are telling us that children need much less of the above and more fresh air.

In the past few years the “Me Too Movement” has erupted. That’s another story.

In the past 70 years hundreds of wonder drugs have been discovered, many diseases have been eradicated while others have been slowed down to

improve our quality of life. Wish they could come up with something to eliminate deer and wood ticks so we could enjoy the out of doors again. If one has the brains and enough money he/she can study and enter any profession they wish. Many of these professions did not even exist when we graduated high school. We’ve put men on the moon while technologies and inventions have unbelievably improved our quality of life.

AND YET—

In 1918 our world was struck with the Spanish Flu pandemic which is believed to have actually been a Chinese flu. All panic- stricken people could do was to care for their families, look out for their neighbors and pray.

Now 100 years later we’re in the midst of another Chinese flu pandemic. Again folks are taking care of their families, looking out for their neighbors and praying.

The most renown doctors and scientists- not only in this country but in the entire world- are working diligently to figure out what caused the flu, how to treat it, how to make it go away and how to prevent it from returning. They’re doing all of this in the same way I learned how to use a computer— one day at a time.

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May 9th. Mutual - Aid Broadalbin.

So who doesn't like a summer barbecue, just about everybody. Yet how many of us take the time to prepare the grill at the beginning of the season, in order to avoid serious problems? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states that annually from 2013 - 2017 there were: 10,200 grill / hibachi / barbecue fires, resulting in 4,500 actual structure fires, an estimated 123 million dollars in property damage, and 19,000 people making trips to the emergency room due to burns. So is barbecuing really worth the risks? Hell yes! You can't beat a cold one and a hot burger on the Fourth of July. So let's review some ways to keep the party going and the grill safe.

Like most of the fire safety measures mentioned in this column, it is all about preparation. Again referring to NFPA consider the following steps:

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Start with a thorough cleaning of the grill, scraping off the racks, looking for cracks in hoses or rusty burners, emptying out the grease trap. Check to make sure no critters have used your grill for their winter palace. Unless, you enjoy cooking two meals a once.

Using a solution of 50 - 50 water and dish soap pull the tank partially out of its housing and apply the solution to all of the connections. With the control knobs in their closed position, briefly open the tank valve a quarter turn and look for bubbles along the valve and lines. If they are visible you have a leak in your grill.

Assuming there are no problems, before you fire it up consider where to place your grill. It really is not much different than installing a wood stove. You must maintain a safe clearance from anything which is potentially flammable. The video I reviewed seemed to suggest at least two feet. When starting your grill prior to cooking: open the lid, turn on the main valve, turn on burner valve and hit the ignition button. If it does not ignite NFPA recommends that you wait five minutes before attempting to re-light. After you fire it up, don't forget about it. Grills should always be attended, particularly with pets and young

children around. Remember, grills will stay hot for up to an hour after use.

Okay, your almost home free, but what about a grilling disaster. First keep in mind there is a huge difference between a grease fire and a propane fueled fire. If it starts out as a grease fire you could potentially put it out with a box of nearby baking soda or better an ABC rated fire extinguisher. However if you are seeing a consistently large amount of flame and / or hear a loud hissing sound, you have to consider the potential of a propane fire. Immediately evacuate the area and call 911. Go to high ground if possible as propane will settle at the lowest possible point.

I was unable to find an official recommendation of how far away you should be from a fully involved grill / propane fire. So I refer the reader to YouTube and look up "twenty lbs. propane tank fire". If that doesn't impress you, nothing I can write will. As for my family, I would be at least 150 feet back. These tanks can make a tremendous explosion, keeping in mind once ignited they can travel on their own much like a rocket. While an actual tank explosion or BLEVE is unlikely, it could turn your entire grill into a shrapnel generating machine. Let the Fire Company do its thing. Better you cook a burger, than become one.

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The marina's and boat launches have opened up and I see a lot of people were enjoying the

lake this weekend. The sound of boat motors and jet skis on the GSL was music to my ears this weekend. I saw quite a few boats out on the water fishing, good to see that.

Striper fishing has been hot on the Hudson River. A question that has come up by many is the why there is a regulation and slot limit of keeping one fish between 18"-28". The limit and slot were created by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). The ASMFC regulates many species, including striped bass. The regulation was enacted and implemented to protect the bigger and more productive female breeding stock. Striped bass are heavily fished where they reside throughout the Atlantic and Long Island Sound. As a result of the fishing pressure, both commercial and recreational, striped bass populations are low right now and require extra protection. The commercial harvest of other forage fish species in the ocean for fish oil production, has reduced the overall population of food for the bass. Together with fishing pressure and reduced forage fish in the ocean, striped bass stock needs additional protection to insure there are enough fish to sustain the population in the future. Most fisherman I talk to and fish with are fine with the measures to protect the species. Keeping fish over 40" is an option, but those females are critical to the survival of the species and should be released, which is my opinion.

Striped bass is an Anadromous fish species.



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Anadromous fish live in the ocean, or deeper waters, and come into inland fresh water rivers to spawn. There are other species that do this as well and they are the American shad and Blueback herring. Shad and herring enter the Hudson River from the Atlantic Ocean and make their way up to the river until they reach the Troy Lock & Dam, where the tidal waters of the Hudson stop ... due to the dam. Yes, the Hudson River in Albany and Troy fluctuates due to the ocean tide. The shad and herring make their way into the Hudson and spawn. Spawning activity of the shad, herring and bass occurs throughout the entire Hudson River. Some herring are known to move through the lock system and enter the Mohawk River where they spawn in smaller creeks in the river. The striped bass feed on the herring as all three species move up the Hudson. Catching live herring is one of the best methods for catching striped bass. Other species of anadromous fish that local fishermen target are salmon, steelhead, and brown trout from the Great Lakes.

Good luck out there, stay safe, stay healthy, and of course ... tight lines everyone!

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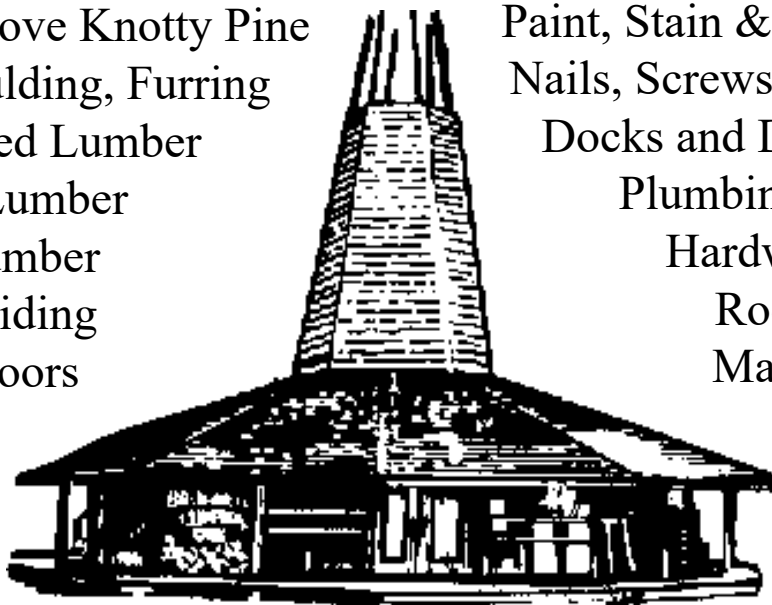
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Last month, as I wrote this article in preparation for our May issue, the Governor of New York State, Andrew Cuomo, extended the New York State on PAUSE restrictions and closures until May 15, 2020. In this issue, I would like to share the latest 'digital' references so that you can keep up with the latest in this rapidly unfolding story! SAVE the web addresses and use them!

**REOPENING OF NEW YORK:** The Governor has moved the State to a new phase of the process which he calls NY Forward: A Guide to Reopening

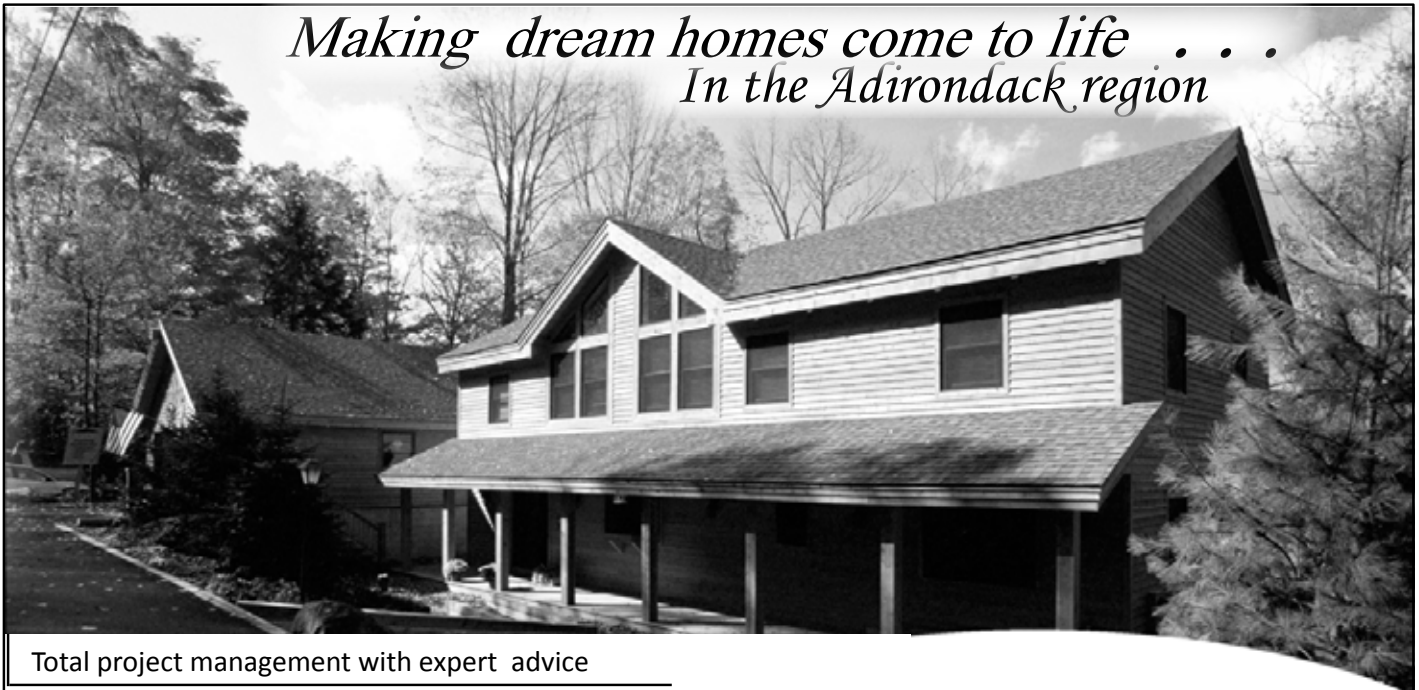
New York and Building Back Better (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>) In this latest document, he designated areas within the State, established a statewide advisory board and published metrics which must be met by the areas as they re-open. The Governor also provided a listing of the 'members of the regional control rooms' established to monitor progress within the regions of the State. (<https://forward.ny.gov/members-regional-control-rooms>)

The State also provided digital access to up-to-date information on how the regions are meeting the requirements which YOU should monitor as the process continues (see: <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>) This contact information should allow YOU to have immediate information on the changes which affect you as the response to COVID-19 unfolds.

**STATE AGENCY CONTACTS FOR RECREATION:** Now you have a general view of the larger moves that are happening at the Governor's level but what do you know about

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restrictions, if any, on local boating and fishing? NYS Parks and Recreation have their general information on recreation in the time of COVID-19 on a single page for everyone to review. They also include access information for other topics, as well. See: <https://www.parks.ny.gov/covid19/>

They would like you to know: "Getting outdoors to walk, jog, hike, ride a bicycle, or visit a park or state lands is a healthy way to stay active, spend time with your immediate household family members, and reduce stress and anxiety while practicing physical distancing. While indoor spaces and restrooms at State Parks and DEC's public facilities may be closed to prevent community spread of COVID-19, parks, grounds, forests, and trails are open during daylight hours, seven days a week."

Update for 2021 Camping: "New York State Parks has temporarily lifted the 9-month reservation window restriction for camping and will allow for transfers of existing camping reservations into the 2021 season. If you choose to transfer, the change fee will be waived until June 11th for online transactions only. In addition, you may also make new reservations for the 2021 season at this time. Please note that there is no guarantee that you will get the same camping site or dates for 2021 whether you transfer or make a new reservation. We encourage online reservations as the Call Center is experiencing longer than average wait times.

Swimming: State Park beaches will begin to open to swimming Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, at 50% capacity or less and with heightened precautions. You must practice social distancing at a state beach. Pools will remain closed. Boat Launches and Marinas: Marinas and boat launch sites are open where conditions allow. Call the park or regional office directly for current status."

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation provides tips for fishing in a COVID-19 environment at [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration\\_pdf/socialdistancefish.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/socialdistancefish.pdf)

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## WHAT ABOUT THAT BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE?

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The State emphasizes that "Brianna's Law goes into effect starting January 1, 2020 and becomes fully effective by January 1, 2025. This law modifies Sec. 49-1 of the Navigation Law to require all operators of motorboats to hold a boating safety certificate. Brianna's Law builds on current safety certificate requirements utilizing a phase-in model based on a person's date of birth. Under the new law, all motor boat operators:

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2020.  
Born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2022.

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023.  
Born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024.

All motor boat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025."

Current classroom instruction has been suspended because of COVID-19. Readers are directed to continue to monitor the NYS Safe Boating website for updates on class information as well as specific information about the coronavirus. Please access: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx> as well as [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

Readers can discover more about the online options including varying prices (there is a FREE one!) and review a list of questions

and answers concerning the program by checking the NYS web address: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>

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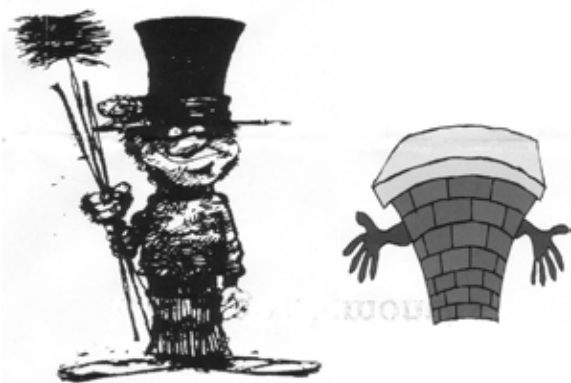
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## Saratoga County Fair Canceled

The Saratoga County Fair has been in operation since 1841. Conducted by the Saratoga County Agricultural Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it is one of the oldest fairs in New York State. With 4-H exhibits, entertainment and music, crowd favorite fair foods, a large amusement midway, and the County's finest animals and competitions, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Since August 2019, the Fair's 21-person volunteer Board of Directors has been diligently planning for the 2020 Fair to make it the County's biggest and best, yet.

In light of the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Directors has been closely monitoring CDC recommendations, updates to the New York State on PAUSE executive order, and recommendations of state and local health authorities as they pertain to large event gatherings scheduled for the summertime. Based on this guidance and careful consideration, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the 179th Saratoga County Fair scheduled for July 21 - 26, 2020. Since 1841 we have only canceled the Fair once, during the Civil War.

While the Fair's mission is to provide an annual educational experience in agriculture to the diverse population of our region, the health and safety of our patrons, volunteers, and surrounding communities are a top priority. Please visit the Saratoga County Fair website (<http://saratogacountyfair.org/>) for updates on future events. The Fair will resume as scheduled July 20-25, 2021. See you at the 2021 Saratoga County Fair!



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## Sacandaga Task Force For Senior Living Says Thanks

The Sacandaga Task Force For Senior Living wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make our 6th Annual Pasta and Wine Tasting Event a complete success. Held on March 7th at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Northville, a total of 10 local restaurants contributed some of their best dishes to the evening. During the evening those present were able to vote for their favorite dish and this year the winner was Buffalo Chicken Tortellini. The winning restaurant will receive a plaque which they can display in their dining area.

Our guests enjoyed all of this delicious food, and were also able to pair some tasty wines from the local liquor store with the pasta. Desert was handled as always by a former member of the Task Force, who brought many sweet treats, including of course, her signature rice pudding.

We must also thank students from the Northville Central School. These students, under the supervision of Board Member Carla Williams, set up all the tables and dressed them with tablecloths, napkins, and silverware. Their help was invaluable.

During the event the Task Force sold chances for a 50/50 prize. The amount collected totaled just over \$200. The woman who won her half of the prize very graciously donated it back to the Task Force. Thank you!

Thanks also to several members of the Northville community who contributed by serving the food, and we mustn't forget our friend from Mayfield who took charge of pouring the wine.

This annual event is one of our Task Force's major fundraisers, and the money we collect goes to our Senior Transportation program, which includes both driving seniors to medical appointments, and taking them on trips to cultural, musical, and scenic sites in the area.

Again, thank you to all who were involved in this very successful evening!



## Two Free Master Gardening Programs Available in June

Caldwell Lake George Library is excited to announce that it has linked with Warren County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Jessica Holmes to provide a series of live online programs free to library patrons on Zoom. Starting June 11th, the programs will be available biweekly on Thursdays at 2 p.m. This program is limited to 40 participants. To sign up, send an e-mail to Jessica at [jmh452@cornell.edu](mailto:jmh452@cornell.edu) and a week before the program, she will send you the Zoom link.

June 11th Landscape Design. Landscape design is a fun project homeowner can do on their own! Learn the principles and elements of design and how to pair plants together based on season, bloom time, and environmental needs.

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Jessica is also Horticultural Educator with Saratoga's Cooperative Extension, holds a bachelor's in Agriculture Business and is now earning a master's degree in Agriculture Education.

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## Edinburg Historical Society

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All meetings and programs for the Edinburg Historical Society have been cancelled for 2020. The Historic Edinburg Festival in July has also been cancelled.

The society may be able to hold the Edinburg Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. depending on the state's opening affairs with more than 10 people.

The New York Historic Registry of National Places sign for the Copeland Carriage Shop/Latcher Machine Shop has been received by Edinburg Historian Priscilla Edwards and installed at the Copeland Site by Highway Superintendent Wayne Seelow. The Pomeroy Foundation donated the sign to the Society.

You can now purchase items from our gift shop online plus a \$5 handling fee. A Taste of

Edinburg cookbook, \$10; two DVDs Saving the Dream featuring John Bennis photos documenting Edinburg's history with music by Robin Gaiser and the Mill Run Dulcimer Band and narrated by the Edinburg Town Clerk, Denise Ferguson, \$15; Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga made by the Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council with the help of the HR/BR Regulating District, public historians, county historians and people in the community, \$20.

Shares are available in the Copeland Covered Bridge in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, or special event or in memory of a loved one. The Recipients name is posted at the Copeland Site. The shares are \$25 and can be purchased by sending your check and information to the above address.

**DO YOUR HAVE?** Still looking for any pictures of the community events that were held at the Plateau Sky Ranch Airport and old photos of Edinburg family gatherings would be greatly appreciated. If Edinburg residents have recent pictures of family gathering, we would like a copy for future generations who would like to research their family's Edinburg history years from now. Please provide the names of the people in the photos.

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### Saratoga County 4-H Project Joy

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County is ensuring all members of our community are feeling "connected" during this pandemic. Residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities are at high risk at this time can feel isolated from family and friends. Saratoga County 4-H Project Joy is a Community Service Project designed to help bring smiles to their faces. Leland Bunting, 4-H Club Coordinator, and Julie Curren, 4-H School Outreach Coordinator collaborated with 4-Her's from across Saratoga County to create a video comprised of individual video submissions. These have been compiled and sent by link to Activities Directors in these facilities who can share it with their residents. The goal of this project is to

let our seniors know they are thought of and hopefully it can bring them a smile.

If you know of a facility that you think would like this video, send the activities director's email address to [jac275@cornell.edu](mailto:jac275@cornell.edu) and we will forward the video link.



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At Mountain Valley Hospice we knew we wanted to do more to preserve the memory of our loved ones. In February, we launched a Memory Bear program in collaboration with the Sew Busy Quilt Guild. Each bear created has it's own unique story that is sure to melt your heart.

The first bear delivered went to Gary W. who lost his partner in crime, Dennie H. The couple shared amazing times together traveling in their renovated bus before Dennie got sick. The bear means a great deal to Gary, as he admired Dennie and her artistic abilities. Years back, she designed Cabbage Patch dolls to resemble their adventurous sides (see pictured).

The second bear was made in memory of Mary

D. Mary's daughter, Maryann V., shared with me that the bright and cheerful shirt used to create the bear was something her mother loved to wear. The bear also features multi-color buttons, which is a reminder of Mary's fun-loving spirit! Maryann is pictured with MD (the bear) and her mother's portrait.

These Memory Bears were made with love by the Sew Busy Quilt Guild. We cannot thank the guild enough for choosing MVH as one of their charitable projects! Be sure to check out their

other work on their website, which can be found here - <https://sites.google.com/site/sewbusyquilt/home>.

The mission of Mountain Valley Hospice is to enhance the lives of those we serve by supporting what matters most to them. Mountain Valley Hospice supports patients and families in the Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga and Hamilton Counties of New York State. The Nancy Dowd Hospice Home is an elegantly rustic, 8-bed facility with 24/7 care for those seeking comfort. Anyone can make a referral or request a tour of the building. For details, visit [mvhcares.org](http://mvhcares.org).



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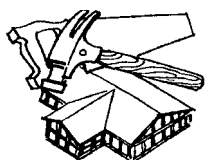
The Cornell Cooperative Extension office of Saratoga County has partnered with MVP Healthcare during this difficult time to gather information from farm producers regarding the effects of COVID-19 on their product distribution and sales. MVP Health Care is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit health insurance company caring for more than 700,000 members in New York and Vermont. These organizations are committed to the well-being of the communities they serve. A significant part of keeping communities healthy is access to a variety of fresh food.

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## Warren County Homesteading & Youth Fair August 8th

In cooperation with the Warren County Soil & Water, Cornell Cooperative Extension is announcing the Warren County Homesteading & Youth Fair on Saturday August 8th from 9AM until 3PM. The event will be held at the Warren County Fairgrounds on Schroon River Road, as well as the Soil & Water office and Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, all centrally located on Schroon River Road. Free parking and admission!

The theme for this year's fair is "homesteading." Homesteading is a lifestyle based on increased self-sufficiency and food security. Examples, include raising your own chickens for meat and eggs, gardening and preserving your own fruits and vegetables. By partnering with Soil & Water, the fair will be able to offer programs

like soap/hygiene product making, beekeeping, gardening, small fruit production, portable sawmills, and small-scale livestock, and promote connections with small, local businesses. We are seeking vendors and exhibitors for this year's fair (no vendor fees). Please call or email Cornell Cooperative Extension at the phone and email listed below if you are interested in being a vendor.

The homesteading fair will run in conjunction with the annual Warren County 4-H Youth Fair. 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States empowering over six million young people to "learn by doing." The program is open to any youth ages 5 to 19 years old with opportunities to learn through clubs, after school and school enrichment programs and through the variety of programs offered through the Cooperative Extension offices.

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### Stay Close to God!

There have been countless reminders on television that say; "Stay Strong" and "Stay Home" but the most important thing we NEED to do is "Stay Close to God!" We have endured many long days with the COVID-19 pandemic. At this writing (May 15, 2020) there have been 4+ million diagnosed cases worldwide with over 1.4+ million cases diagnosed in the USA alone according to the World Health Organization, and there have been 297,241 confirmed deaths worldwide. In the United States 85,990 people have died, with 27,617 of those deaths being in New York State since January 21st according to the CDC.

It is always good to look back and sort through our feelings, thoughts and the facts . . . Looking back over the past 12 weeks from March to June, here is what has happened . . . schools closed and teachers taught on-line with parents overseeing their children's work. Students have missed out on their school concerts, drama performances, sports seasons, proms, senior banquets and trips . . . and high school and college graduation ceremonies. Places of worship, retail stores, salons, barbershops, movie theaters, parks, playgrounds, and gyms closed. Only essential businesses were allowed to stay open. We have been wearing face masks and "Social Distancing" (staying 6 ft. apart) since March 13th. Grocery stores put taped lines on the floor to keep people 6 feet apart at the check-out, and one-way arrows in the aisles. Restaurants did takeout orders only. There were shortages of face masks, gloves, and other protective equipment in hospitals. People were busy sewing face masks . . . one of my friends sewed over 500 masks to help out! Grocery stores ran out of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, bleach and antibacterial wipes. Stores,

pharmacies, and fast food drive-thru windows added plexi-glass at their check outs as protection. Major league sports, festivals and entertainment events were postponed or cancelled. Weddings, family celebrations, and birthdays were cancelled or took place by Zoom or Google. Parents organized drive-by parades to help celebrate their kids' birthdays. Visiting family and friends in hospitals or nursing homes was prohibited. Funerals for loved ones were limited to immediate

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family. Front line and essential workers were honored and celebrated by communities with signs on porches and lawns. Signs were also put up on lawns to honor high school graduates. Airports were empty and tourism became non-existent; even Disneyworld closed. Handshakes and hugs became non-existent. Our world had changed . . . BUT thanks be to God, we know that God is in control of our world . . . not COVID-19.

What we need to remember through all this (besides Stay Strong and Stay Home) is . . . most importantly we MUST "Stay Close to God". The Bible says in Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." We especially need to remember this during times of hardships, don't you agree? Someday the 'Great Pandemic of 2020' will be history and . . . the facts will be recorded in our history books and in Wikipedia. People will be sharing stories with their grandkids, "Yup, I lived through the Great Pandemic of 2020!" Of course, we are all very saddened that so many have died, but we are also thankful for the 1,000's who recovered. We have so much to thank God for as it could have been so much worse.

On April 16th a 3-phase plan was given to reopen our country, based on the severity of the outbreak in each state or region. The governor of each state is to decide when it is best to reopen. At this writing there are only 2 states left to begin the first phases to reopen. This is GOOD NEWS! Our State Parks are beginning to open! People are going back to work and now we can finally move forward. We can start

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living the life we all desire and long for so much! We are no longer stuck living our lives on pause . . .

In the Bible Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together. He delivered a quick lowdown and gave a history lesson regarding all their years and years of many troubles . . . pandemics, battles, and more problems. (By the way, their troubles were MUCH worse than anything we have ever experienced!) Then he said to them, "Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Serve the Lord . . . Choose this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." In Jeremiah 7:23 we read "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you." May we all drop to our knees and give thanks to God. Pray to God . . . choose to live for Him! Stay Close to God, my friend.

Memorial Day is around the corner and a very special holiday for Americans! We are so very thankful for those who have given their very lives for our country, and to those who did serve and are presently serving to keep our country free. We still have the best country in the world and the most prosperous, but it can change so quickly if we are not careful. We don't want to take it for granted. If you have ever gone to a third world country you know how VERY blessed we are to live here. My husband and I have been to a few Third World countries on mission trips. We always return home very humbled and grateful. We have so much to thank God for and realize that more and more! We have food on our tables and warm homes to sleep in at night. We have great care givers . . . our military, firemen, policemen, nurses and doctors and others who work hard to protect and care for us. Most of all we live in a country where we have the right to worship freely and pray, and read our Bibles. We have the right to protect ourselves, can own a business,

and vote for those we wish to represent us. And, we can sing the song . . . God Bless America, as loud as possible! (Now I want to go see some fireworks, but I guess I have to wait until July 4th!) Happy Memorial Day, everyone!

We congratulate our High School and College Grads this year! We are SO VERY PROUD of you ALL! You deserve thundering applause (can you hear us all clapping and giving you a standing ovation?). We want to give you all a hug or a high five for being so great! I personally have not heard one of them complain or murmur about missing their parties, High School senior trips, proms and last fun days of classes together, have you? This shows such maturity! I commend them! Bravo! I just heard that some of the local high schools are hoping to hold their graduation ceremonies but outside so the seniors can still experience their 'pomp n' circumstance' and celebrate together, but in a little different way. Class of 2020, you will go down in history as a VERY famous and amazing class! We want to congratulate each of you, college grads and high school grads, upon your high achievements! We love you all and are very proud of you!

Lastly, but certainly not least, Happy Father's Day to all the Dads! Fathers work very hard for their families and deserve our respect and thanks. They set a wonderful example for their children and give abundant love to their wives and children! They are not perfect, but none of us are. We appreciate their strong character, faith and love. I am so very grateful for my husband who was a wonderful father to our five children as they were growing up (and is still a great Dad to them). And now he is a terrific Grandpa! And, I am thankful that I my own Dad loved me so much when I was growing up. I know he was proud of me and always wanted the best for me. I miss him and am very thankful that I will see him again in Heaven someday, as he's gone on before me. Be extra loving and appreciative of your Dad this Father's Day! Give him a great big hug and say those '3 little words'! You never know how long you are going to have him here with you.

At this writing we are still doing our weekly live-feed with Pastor Larson. Watch Facebook Live on our church Facebook page, "Baptist Church of Northville" or you can go on our church website, [www.baptistchurchofnorthville.org](http://www.baptistchurchofnorthville.org) and click on the 'live feed' button on our home page at 10 AM and 6 PM on Sundays. Colossians 3:2 says, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things," (and that includes not on COVID-19). Stay Close to God!

Hopefully we will see ya' in church SOON! When things return to normal our schedule will be: Sunday: Sunday School (8:45 a.m.) Worship (10 a.m.) Evening Service (6 p.m.) Monday: Ladies Bible Study (11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) Wednesday: Youth Groups Jr. High 6 p.m. Sr. High 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study/Prayer @ 7 p.m. 3rd Thurs: Nursing Home Service @ Nathan Littauer (10 a.m.) Saturday: Men's Bible Doctrine Study & Coffee Hour (6 a.m.)

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## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

### Moving Forward With Love

In this age of Covid-19, and as we move forward in weathering a Summer of uncertainty and beyond, I cannot help but be heartened by what I see in our church communities. My church, the Northville United Presbyterian Church, has been an inspiration to me and a reminder that WE ARE SACANDAGA STRONG in getting through this.

Recently, I was both surprised and warmed when I received an "out of the blue" phone call from one of our newest Deacons, just to check up on me. I later found out that this was an effort by our Deacons to reach out to members of our Church and to spread a bit of joy and friendship. Sounds like a small effort, but to me it meant so very much. Another effort, spearheaded by our Elders, was an organized initiative to make much-needed face masks for those in need. Our children certainly were not to be left out of our response to the needs of the community. Our Sunday schoolers applied all the money collected in our fellowship "Quarters Donation Program" to help

stock the local food pantry and alleviate hunger in our community. They also took part in reaching out to communicate with several of our shut-in congregants. To paraphrase our Pastor Becca, these efforts are all manifestations of LOVE !

#### Moving Past the Pandemic

As we work to ride out the remaining threats of the pandemic, it is important to remember that wearing a face mask is not only essential in holding this spread of Covid at bay, but is an important way of showing love and respect for our neighbors. Wearing face masks is primarily an effective means of protecting OTHERS and their families. Even if you are not showing symptoms, or have tested negative for the virus, you can still be a carrier. Continuing the practice of wearing mask when in nearby contact with others, maintaining social distancing, and practicing regular hand washing are ways of showing your concern and love for your neighbors.

Join Us ! Every Sunday morning at 10:00, Pastor Rebecca Lawson Putman conducts a streaming service over the internet. Access can be attained at the following Facebook page of our church: [www.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch](https://www.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch). Please join us! All are welcome.

Until Next Month, WELLNESS, PEACE, LOVE, AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL !

(Please note that these are the thoughts of Frank Ralbovsky, Congregant and Elder of the Northville United Presbyterian Church)



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**Ron Talbott, Pastor**

Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC. It seems like spring is taking it's

time. At this writing in mid-May, we have had sun, rain, cool temps, wicked wind, and snow ... yes, you read that correctly, snow! Not unusual but in this difficult time of COVID-19, that's not what we want to see. Thankfully, forsythia is in full bloom, daffodils have been seen popping up here and there, and trees are beginning to leaf. Signs of new life at a time when we need to feel that energy. For the most part, people are doing everything they can to remain healthy and keep everyone else healthy by wearing masks and socially distancing.

The First UMC building remains closed as does the thrift store. Like many other churches we are having Sunday morning worship via social media; in our case, that would be Facebook. It's not perfect but it helps us keep connected. Notes are being sent and phone calls made but still, like everyone else, we long for the day when once again we can worship together in our beautiful sanctuary.

Because the schools remain closed, there will be no baccalaureate service for the senior class at Northville Central School; and, no one knows what graduation will look like, if, indeed, graduation can happen. We'd like to recognize two seniors at NCS who have ties to our church through family members: Emma Heavner, daughter of




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Michelle and Charlie Heavner; and, Levi Morgan, son of Alicia and Robert Morgan. We pray that God will bless them as they continue their senior year classes via remote learning and that his blessing will follow them as they move into their future.

By keeping our Thrift Store closed, we are protecting the health of the volunteers who work there, especially our more elderly workers. We are not accepting clothing at this time and respectfully ask that nothing be left at the church until further notice.

We recognize that this pandemic has created difficulty for many people, especially those who have lost their employment because of businesses closing. These are stressful times so do what you can to help by donating to food pantries, etc.. If possible, support the businesses that remain open, especially the small businesses in your neighborhood. Give an extra tip when you pick up your take-out order. Take care of each other by reaching out while still remaining socially distant for their protection and yours; treat each other with love and respect; help others calm their fears; be thoughtful; be in prayer. Be kind, always.

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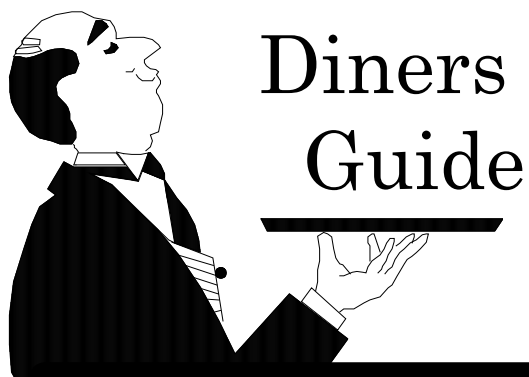
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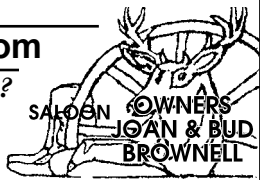
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Our Church "Bells" will be ringing inviting all to spend time each Sunday to hear the message of Jesus love and promise of GOD's care. Our service is only one hour long and when children are present Pastor Gary is prepared to welcome them with a special message.

In the past few months we have been dealing with the closing of our Church, a new normal, wearing masks, social distancing and insolation of life. Business have closed resulting in loss of income. It has been a terrible struggle listening

to the daily number of fatalities. We need to be reminded that GOD has not forgotten us. LUKE 18 verse 27: What is impossible with man is possible with GOD. Even though we don't feel it, GOD is with us!!! There is fear and hopelessness and we pray for a Brighter Day. Let us freely and without fear open our heart's to GOD's healing Peace and Hope.

Our Church will continue our commitments to our community needs and to our mission giving. Dates to remember, June 7: "Peace with Justice" a special collection to help the UMC continue it's global ministries of injustice of human rights being violated.

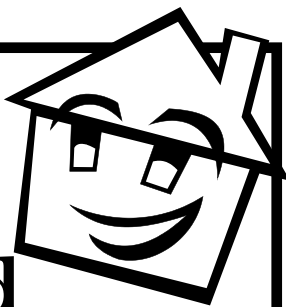
June 21: Father's Day. This is a national Holiday set aside to celebrate the renewal of love and gratitude we bear to our Fathers. Cancelled this year is our annual Strawberry Festival and the Thursday Night Live Music Program. Let's hope for a brighter day coming.

### Enjoy this poem from B.J. Anderson

There's a Brighter Day that's coming and it's just around the bend, Where our sorrows, trails, heartaches, and all tears come to an end. Though I know it seems unlikely when we're lost in deep despair, and we feel our faith is weakening when no answers come from prayer. Yet, that point of feeling helpless when our hopes are nearly gone, often is the time GOD answers ---- after darkest night---- the dawn! So hold on a little longer, trust GOD's wisdom and his care. While you may not feel him working, GOD is always, always there! Yes a brighter day is coming. Oh my friend, you will soon see, when the clouds their work have finished, Sun will smile on you and me!

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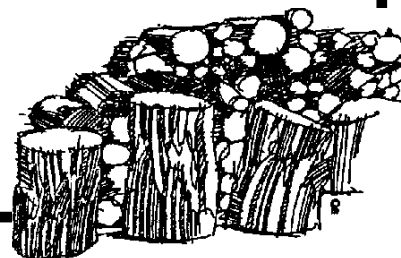
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# Edinburg School News



## Edinburg School Happenings

by *Michelle Ellis*  
*Superintendent*



We hope this newsletter finds our school community well. It is unimaginable to believe we are wrapping up the

2019 - 2020 school year already. Given everything that has looked and felt different in our school since March of 2020, we continue to be proud of the dedication from our students, families, teachers and staff. Without their continued support, we would have not been able to accomplish the things we have. You are all amazing!

On Friday, April 30, Governor Cuomo updated New York State that schools will in fact be "closed" for the remainder of the school year. Regardless of his announcement, distance learning, the delivery of meals for school aged children, and child care for essential workers continued as per his executive order through the end of the school year. Although we may/may not agree with these decisions, we have to keep our students, families, teachers, and staff well until there is a time when it is safe to return on campus. It has also been just as important to continue our educational learning opportunities in order to minimize the loss of educational growth students experience. The last day of school for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be on Tuesday, June 16th. All distance learning will also end on that day as well. Please stay tuned for district updates and announcements for the fall of 2020.

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, Edinburg Common School District, Northville Central School

District, and Mayfield Central School District participated in a drive-through food distribution sponsored by the Northeastern Regional Food Bank and MVP. The delivery brought 12,000 pounds of perishable foods that fed 300 families. We were honored to be involved with the program and would like to thank Northville Central School for inviting our community to participate. Please stay tuned to the ECS district website at [www.edinburgcs.org](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and the district Facebook page for another distribution in the month of June.

## Budget Vote Information

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.26 issued on Friday, May 1, 2020 by Governor Andrew Cuomo, all voting for the June 9, 2020 election

will be done by absentee ballot such that the school district must send absentee ballots with postage paid return envelope to each "qualified voter." A qualified voter is someone who is a US citizen, 18 years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote,

and not disqualified by any reason set forth in NYS Election Law 5-106.

## Poll Registration

Qualified voters on the most recent years' poll list will be automatically sent an absentee ballot. Anyone who meets the definition of a "qualified voter," but does not believe he/she will be on the School District's poll list, which contains the names of residents who voted in recent years' elections, please contact the District Clerk, Meaghan Cherry, by email at [ecs1@edinburgcs.org](mailto:ecs1@edinburgcs.org) as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of an absentee ballot for the 2020 annual meeting/ election.





## Congratulations to our Graduating Sixth Grade Class

On behalf of the Edinburg Common School District Board of Trustees, superintendent, Michelle Ellis, and all the teachers and staff, we would like to congratulate Jayde Finely and Harlow Ward 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 at Northville Central School. We will miss your smiling faces! Best of luck to you both!

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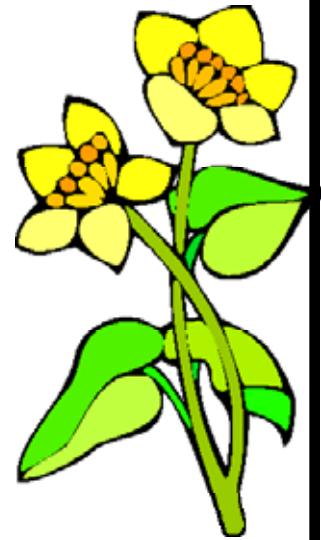
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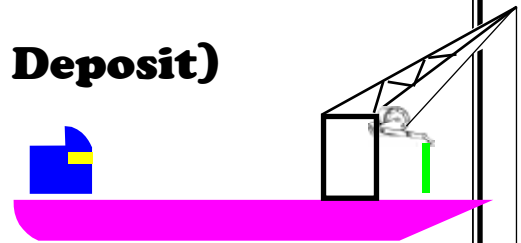
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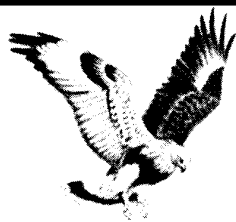
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are all turning into zombies. In my humble opinion, it should be called the "temporary normal". People need human contact. We need to be able to hug and touch each other. We need to be able to spend time with our family members, who live outside of our home. I am thankful for texting and Face Time but let's face it, it does not replace the feeling we get from hugs and kisses from our children and grandchildren. We need to be able to play with our "beasties" and do crazy things that make us laugh when we are together. We need to stop worrying about what might happen and live our lives to the fullest extent possible. Yes we do have to be cautious and change our behavior, in certain ways, to protect ourselves and others. We do not have to agree with the beliefs of other people but we do need to be respectful to opposing opinions. I do not know about you but I bite my tongue, until it almost bleeds, sometimes. I do not always agree with other people's opinion and sometimes I think a person is wrong. Guess what? They probably think the same thing about me. Many of us have become frustrated with our government and the way they constantly bicker. Sadly they are not working together for the common good of our nation. In truth is, some of our behavior is no different than theirs. That is a sad reality. We all have different goals, ideas and theories on life. There is no one truth. No one is 100 % right or 100% wrong. We need to explore ways to find a common ground. Nothing in life is plain black or white.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. This day was commemorated to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. These men and women died to protect our country's freedom and our rights. Many people just think of it as, the "unofficial start" of, boating season, on the lake. I think we are all guilty of this at one time or another. We need to remember how fortunate we are to live in such a great country. This Memorial Day we, also, need to remember the "soldiers" who have been on the front lines, fighting this nasty virus. The list of workers who worked tirelessly, is long. They have worked in conditions that were less than ideal. They were willing to put their lives on the line by exposing themselves to this virus. We need to do a little less arm chair quarterbacking. We need to come together, to honor the front line workers that fought on our behalf, whether we agree with what is happening or not. I hope you all take a moment to reflect on how lucky we are to be to be a part of this lake community. Admittedly, we are still living a "temporary normal" lifestyle for a period of time. Let's make the best of it! Be creative and make some good memories. Take a moment to remember the fallen heroes. Stay safe and enjoy the weekend and summer 2020.



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I have lost total track of time. Someone said to me yesterday that Memorial Day is next weekend. My comment was "really?" I had no clue but it explained why people were talking about barbeques with their friends and families. Thankfully, I am not the only person who was oblivious. Clearly, without some kind of structure, in our lives, we become a little lost. I keep thinking about the evaluations that my father took to determine if he had dementia. They always asked what day of the week is it and do you know the date. I thought this was unfair. My dad, however, always knew the answer because he read the newspaper every day. Those of us who do not have kids or a job to go to right now, have to think hard about what day it is let alone the date. That is a common topic of conversation when talking to friends. We have all established a daily routine during our quarantine. Bill and I exercise three times a week and we are lucky enough to go out on the boat when the weather is good. Our days consist of sleeping in until 7:30, walking Big Hoss

and checking out the neighborhood, binging on Netflix and scrolling through Face Book. Sound familiar? I am so tired of coming up with dinner ideas and trying to eat healthy. I open and close my cupboard doors, hoping some sweet treat will miraculously appear. I am tired of cleaning! Let's be real. It just gets dusty again in a few days. If I was not home I would not notice it. I want to have conversations with my husband that do not include COVID, and the impact it is having on our family, our company or our friends. I want my husband to start listening to me again. We have become so tuned in to our electronic devices; we tune everything else out, because we are bored. The crazy part about all of this is, our government tells us, that this way of life is the "new normal". I call B.S. !!!!! This had better not be the new normal because we

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