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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

Fri	4	Independence Day	
Sat	5	1:00 pm	Northville Parade
Tues	8	8:00 am	Edinburg School BOT Meeting
Tues	15	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	17	4:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Sat	26	4:00 pm	Edinburg Fire Co Chicken Barbeque



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy 4th of July!!!

We at the Town would like to wish you all a happy and safe 4th of July.

There has been a lot occurring at the Town level but first and foremost we need to remind everyone BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND ZONING IS IN EFFECT in the Town of Edinburg.

New Phone System

The Town has launched a new phone system, it is almost up and running correctly, if you want to contact the Supervisor you should call his direct line at 518 863-2395, to contact the Building Inspector his direct line is 518 863-2793 and to contact the Town Clerk her direct line is 518 863-2034. She will be able to get you to the other extensions if needed.

New Emails

The Roadrunner emails have been discontinued, the staff at the Town Hall and the Highway Superintendent all have new emails. If you would like to email anyone they are as follows:

- supervisor@edinburgny.org,
- codeenforcement@edinburg.ny.org,
- assessor@edinburgny.org,
- assessorclerk@edinburgny.org,
- bookkeeper@edinburgny.org,
- highway@edinburgny.org,
- solidwaste@edinburgny.org

(please note this email has not been set up at the present time)
taxcollector@edinburgny.org
townclerk@edinburgny.org.

Pavilion Usage

The pavilion is open for use; you need to contact the Town Hall for information on it. If you have a party, you can not bring in bounce houses, water slides etc. All garbage must be taken out by you. There is no smoking or alcohol usage.

Website Change

The website that we were trying to get up and running is now down and we are going to a new site it will be Digital Towpath, edinburgny.org.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed beginning June 30th and will reopen on July 7th. The Code Enforcement Officer will be attending class at that time. Officials may be reached at home in the event of an emergency.

Edinburg Cemetery

The damage that occurred over the winter will be taken care of; the insurance company has settled on an amount. The fence will be erected again where it was taken down.

Saratoga County

The County of Saratoga is looking for high school graduates, ages 17 – 20 to work in compliance checks the pay rate is \$20.00 per hour. If you are interested additional information can be obtained by contacting the Saratoga County Human Resources Department at 518 885-2225.

Burn Permits

The sign in book for burning permits and the instructions are available at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

Recycling Pick Up

There will be no recycling picked up on Thursday July 3rd. It will be picked up the following week.

Edinburg Town Board

The Town Board is still working on suggestions from the NYS auditor.

Summer

Please take care, if you are on the water in a boat, personal watercraft or swimming also road traffic picks up this time of year, be vigilant while on the road, remember the pedestrian always has the right-of-way! It is the time of year to relax and enjoy the lake get together with family, see old friends or make new ones, be safe, courteous and take in the summer!

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor



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by Brian DeFeo

For the time period of May 12th through June 12th the Fire Company responded to a total of thirteen calls. Our run sheet is as follows:

- 5/12 Lines Down, Fox Hill Road
- 5/14 Brush Fire, Hadley Hill Road
- 5/16 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 5/17 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 5/19 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 5/20 Structure Fire, Lincoln Ave.
- 5/28 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 5/29 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road
- 5/29 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 6/2 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 6/3 Lines Down, Carey Road

6/7 EMS Assistance, Ridge Street
6/11 Mutual Aid to Northville

The Fire Company recently participated in a NYS training at the fire house in Broadalbin. Eight members from the Company participated. In fact, we had several more members than any of the other fire department represented. The comprehensive twenty-one hour course was to become trained as fire police officers. Interestingly, the Fire Police are also certified peace officers, while going to and from, and while at the fire scene. We would like to acknowledge all of the recent graduates: Bob Davis, Brian DeFeo, Diana Edwards, Christian Hosler, Deb Jablonski, Tom Murphy, John Olmstead, Justin Sloan.

Chicken & Ribs Barbecue – Sat. July 26th 4pm - 7pm.
Saturday, July 26th, marks the return of our ever popular Chicken & Ribs Barbecue. And once again we are holding off a price increase for another year. Same great menu as last year: coleslaw, corn on the cob, baked potato, roll, dessert.

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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

The Friends of the Northville Public Library's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 pm.

Following a brief business portion of the meeting, there will be a presentation on bluebirds. Kevin Berner, a bluebird expert and bluebird ambassador from Schoharie County, is the guest speaker. Kevin has worked to help protect bluebirds by promoting

safe nesting spaces and educating the public about New York State's official bird.

Friends' members are welcome to attend the talk, along with members of the public. Reservations are requested because there is limited seating. Contact the library at 518-863-6822 to reserve a spot. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. This event will take place in the library's upstairs community room.

Other important upcoming dates include the t. Also, mark your calendar for the annual Ice Cream Social and Raffle which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 2 - 5 pm. There will be lots of prizes to be raffled off. These items will be on display in the library during the month of July — so stop by and see what's available and purchase your tickets.

Finally, the Friends are pleased to announce that Rylan Czadzek has been chosen as the winner of the Friends of the Northville Public Library Scholarship. Rylan volunteered more than 200 hours of time to community service, helped with food pantry drives, tutored middle

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school students, assisted with school musicals and gave much more back to the community. He's a passionate reader and has been a long-time patron of the library. Rylan was accepted to Fulton-Montgomery County Community College through the early admission program. Congratulations and best of luck Rylan.

As always, patrons and members of the community are always welcome to join the Friends. The membership fee is \$10 per person or \$25 per household. All money raised by the Friends goes to benefit library programs.



PO Box 801,
Northville, NY 12134
EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org
Tim Blydenburgh

The Edinburg Historical Society would like to thank those who visited the Rural Museum on Saturday, May 24, to buy baked goods and salads at the Spring Fling fundraiser.

Also thanks to those member-volunteers who prepared the delicious dishes, coordinated the basket raffles and set up for the event.

During May, the society also welcomed John Callaghan, executive director of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District, who discussed the state agency's work and goals as it supervises flood control in the region including the Great Sacandaga Lake. He also discussed improvements to the Conklingville Dam starting in 2026.

The museums are now open for the season. Drop by on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. until Aug. 23 (with the exception of July 5) to say hello to volunteers and learn about the artifacts that are significant in the town of Edinburg's history.

At the Rural Museum on North Shore Road near the Four Corners, see the new model displaying an old farm, or take a look at the old Victorian parlor or the many photos on the museum walls.

The Nellie Tyrrell Museum, just down the road, is a former schoolhouse with several more exhibits.

And on any day, a little further down the road, check out the covered bridge built by Arad Copeland that crosses Tenantville Creek.

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Upcoming events include a July 15 member meeting and tour of the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church, an Aug. 2 summer food sale, an Aug. 19 tour of the Edinburg Rural Museum, a fall festival on Sept. 27 and a holiday bazaar on Nov. 8.

Want to be a part of celebrating the town of Edinburg's rich history? Volunteer members are always welcome. Also see our website and Facebook page for updated information and ways to get involved.

Join us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Book Club:

The Sacandaga Book Group will resume meetings in September

Programs at the Library:

Teen Programs:

- Teen Book Club: Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am-11am
- Teen D&D: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm
- Writing Club: Every 2nd Thursday of the month from 3pm to 4pm
- Game Night: every 4th Thursday of the month from 3pm to 4pm
- Art Guild: Every 4th Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm
- Community Club: Every 1st Thursday of the month from 3pm-4pm

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

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30pm.

New at the Library Summer Reading Program starts this month! Follow us on all social media to make sure you stay up-to-date on our programs for the summer.

Libby:

Looking for a book we don't have in the library? It might be on Libby! The library provides E-resources for our patrons. Go to our new website: <http://northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.com/>

Hours: April - August

Monday	9am - Noon
Tuesday	9am - 6pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - Noon

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Needles and Pins

On a late winter's day in 2024, a handful of women met in the upstairs room of the Northville Public Library starting what would become one of the library's most popular programs.

Needles and Pins, as the group calls itself, was the brainchild of Ruth Drake, a former elementary teacher and avid knitter. “I had heard of so many craft guilds and just how much everyone loved getting together and learning,” she said. The group has grown to more than 25, including some snowbirds who are just returning to the area.

“The library provided us with a wonderful spot for the group to meet,” Drake said. “Everybody who has joined is so happy to have the fellowship.”

Joanne Sweet, an accomplished quilter and knitter, was one of the original members. “We enjoy having everyone come together and see what we accomplish, but it's the talks, the camaraderie and the giggling that makes the group special,” she added.





“There was instant camaraderie,” Drake said. “And, I love that we all learn from each other.”

Teresa Greenhill, a life-long Northville resident, said “We’ve all learned from each other and we teach each other new skills.”

“As a newcomer, this group was very accepting – and I’ve learned how to crochet,” said Dee Angelastro.

Members of the group are welcome to bring any craft. There are knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross-stichers, embroiderers, beaders, and more. “Anybody is welcome to attend and do any craft,” said Naomi Parker.

In addition to working on personal projects, the group has made contributions to deserving area organizations. They made caps for the Rao Center in Amsterdam and donated quilts for distribution to shelters and people in need.

“This group is the highlight of my week....There’s so much talent,” Chantal Daigneault said.

After more than one year of meeting, Drake and her cohorts recently organized a luncheon for members celebrating the program. Members brought in their favorite projects to share and display.

The group meets weekly at the library on Wednesdays from noon until about 1:30. All are welcome to attend.

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 Assoc. Pastor: Isaiah Philo

by Barbara Klueg

Happy July 4th America! We are VERY BLESSED in our country. You realize it even more when you visit other countries. In some parts of our world, you wait a year or more to have an important surgery, the government does not allow you to move to another part of their country, or own a firearm . . . or practice your faith openly and freely. The list goes on! America is not perfect by any means, but it really is pretty amazing! So, this July 4th we Americans need to thank God for where we live. Enjoy a parade, watch some fireworks and have a family picnic . . . but most of all, thank God for America . . . and pray God continues to bless us for many years to come.

Mark Your Calendars! There will be a “Cars & Coffee” Free Event Sat. July 5th (9-11 a.m.) Meet in the church parking lot. All car models, makes, and years are welcomed! Come and enjoy a morning cup of coffee & donut, too.

Calling All Kids! Yes, that’s right, we’re calling All Kids (entering Pre-K through 12th grade) to attend Vacation Bible School. It will be held at The Baptist Church of Northville July 14-18 (6:00 to 8:30 p.m.). VBS is FREE! This year’s theme is JESUS is REAL! It is a FUN FILLED WEEK Monday – Thursday nights at the church (111 S. First St.). There will be a Bible lesson, snack, games, and for the Jr. & Sr. High kids (entering 6th grade through 12th grade) swimming & games at the lake.

We have a special offering each night for our VBS Mission Focus. This year’s offering goes to Mexico, where some of our teens and adult leaders have gone to make repairs and updates on a facility that is used to train Mexican church leaders who are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Friday night will be our VBS Big Picnic at BCON Corner (corner of Main and Bridge St.). VBS Kids n Families are invited! You don’t need to bring anything

or pay anything – just come and enjoy the meal and have fun! We will have a bounce house and outdoor games for everyone to enjoy and . . . to hopefully, wear out the kids so they’ll be ready for bed when they go home! This is also the night of the BIG reveal of who won this year’s VBS Contest.

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Our Ministries are:

- Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10 a.m. Family Night Fellowship & Teaching: 1st Sun. of the month with refreshments (6-6:30 p.m.) and teaching (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Monday: Man Up: Young Men's Bible Study at BCON Corner 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m. at BCON Corner
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. NLH Nursing Home Service: 10:30 a.m. 3rd Thursday each month.
- Saturday: Men's Coffee Hour: 6:30 a.m. (BCON Corner)
- Small Groups: Sun. and Tues. nights. (Call the church for details)

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Here are some Bible verses we can hold on to during hard times:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us . . . neither death or life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, or powers, or height or depth, or anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)



EDINBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Stephanie Schrom, Pastor
E-mail: edinburgumcpastor@yahoo.com

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

Summer has arrived! Time to enjoy boating, swimming, BBQ's, rest and relaxation on the beautiful Sacandaga. July will be an exciting time for all. We pray that everyone will stay safe and just enjoy life with friends and family.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to support us on our Homemade Salads and Sides sale. Thank you also to those who took the time to make and donate salads, sides and baked goods to raise money to support our community events and missions. Like and follow our Facebook page to get notifications of future events.

July 4th, Independence Day is a time to celebrate the independence of our nation from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. Psalm 33 verse 12 tells us "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." May our

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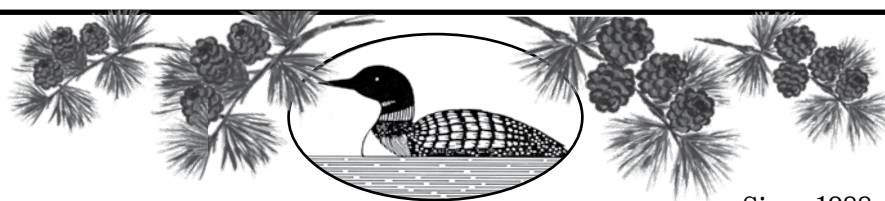
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nation always enjoy the freedom we have had over the last 249 years and remain one nation under God. We pray everyone has a safe, fun celebration!

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

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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



This month I am delighted to share with you readers that my bees have arrived! My bee-keeping mentors Harry & Kim Phelps arrived with the wooden bee hives secured in the back of their truck, with screens over the entry ways to keep the bees safely inside during the trip from Gloversville to Northville.

We transferred the frames full of the bees, bee larvae, nectar, honey and bee bread into the boxes we had prepared for them in my backyard. The bees soon began making their bee orientation flights!

When bees are moved to a new location and they explore their surroundings, this behavior is referred to as **orientation flights**. These flights are a crucial part of a bee's development, allowing them to become familiar with the immediate environment of their hive. During orientation flights, bees fly in a zigzag pattern around the hive, gradually expanding their range as they learn the landscape. This behavior is normal and indicates that the bees are settling into their new home. Orientation flights are distinct from swarming, which is a reproductive behavior where a colony splits and establishes a new hive.

They have settled in very well, locating all the lilac trees, clover patches, fruit trees and a wide variety of other flowering plants I had prepared for them well in advance.

Due to the extreme heat we are having, I am taking precautions to keep the bees cool. I am **working during cooler parts of the day**, such as early mornings or evenings, to avoid the midday sun. I am ensuring that they have adequate hydration by providing plenty of water and have put in place a nearby water source for the bees. This is a crucial step, as they



use water for evaporative cooling within the hive.

I am also happy to report that none of us were stung by a bee during the transfer. In a year of working with the bees, I have never been stung. It is a misconception that honeybees sting without reason. They are more likely to feel scared or defensive when they sting and release bee venom. Stinging is usually a bee's last resort when they feel threatened. If you keep your distance and respect bees when you come across them, they will leave you alone. Honeybees have a strong focus on protecting their hive, which is where the queen, her brood, and the entire colony's food source reside, making it extremely valuable to bees.

It is also a misconception that all bees die after stinging. While honeybees do die after stinging due to the barbed structure of their stinger, most other bee species do not die after stinging.

Bumblebees, for example, have smooth stingers and can sting multiple times without sustaining fatal injuries.

So the bees are home at last, and I look forward to sharing the upcoming adventures with you all.



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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

One month from today Billy and I will be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary. Where did the time go? We have known each other since I was five and he was seven. He was one of the boys living next door. The first 18 years of my life he looked for any way to torture me. It really annoyed Billy that his younger brother and I were friends. In addition to that, his mother loved me and treated me like the daughter she never had. Whenever he saw me, Billy would yell at me for being where ever he was. I learned to ignore him as much as possible. When you are the only girl in the neighborhood you learn to toughen up and choose your battles. That turned out to be great training for our future. In 1967 his family moved to Greenfield Center. His mom asked me to spend a night periodically. That drove Billy nuts! He would walk out the door the minute he saw me and wouldn't

return until he knew I was gone. That made me happy but I would never let him know that.

In 1974. I graduated from high school and was spending July 4th with a long time friend from New Jersey. We met at a summer camp on Schroon Lake when we were 11. When we were old enough, we became camp counselors and loved our time away from home in the Adirondacks. Debbie and I were excited to celebrate our graduation and show our independence. For old times sake we started the celebration by going to the annual July 4th parade in the village. We walked up the street from the boat launch to walk around and of course, look for some cute guys. We walked around looking for a spot to watch the parade when we saw a group of guys sitting on the bridge. Some of them were waving us over. As we were walking over, I saw him!! I shrieked "that is Billy Baldwin" as he was yelling, "that is Janice Hawk what is she doing here?" I wanted to go the opposite way but Debbie grabbed my arm to keep walking. I honestly do not remember any of the conversation to this day. I just wanted the parade to be over. When it ended I grabbed Debbie's arm and pulled her into the crowd and down the street toward the docks..

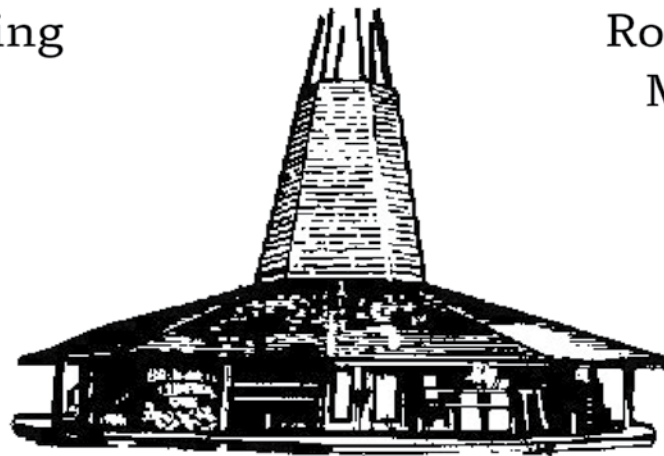
Surprisingly on July 6th I got a phone call from Billy asking me out on a date.

That was totally unexpected and I was not sure if I wanted to go. Seriously, what girl wants to spend time with the person who was always mean to her growing up. He told me that he only asked me out to "help out a friend because his girlfriend was shy". Apparently, if I was there on the double date she would have someone to talk to. That date was the beginning of our life together. I decided dating was fine for the summer but repeatedly told him it was over when I went to college. As you can guess, it wasn't. We got engaged in 1975 and married in 1976.

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We had many challenges in our early marriage. He was working two jobs and I was commuting to college. We did not have a lot of money but we had each other. We learned to have fun with very little. We, like everyone else, had many obstacles in our lives but we were happy. We found little ways to make our lives better. We survived because we had to learn compromise. That meant we had to listen to each other and come up with an idea or plan to help us get where we wanted to be. We had so many dreams and often talked about "some day we will have . . . It wasn't always easy but we eventually learned that we were more successful when we worked together to get the things that we wanted. We dreamed about better things to come. When we failed we realized that some of the things were not meant to be. As we matured we finally understood that the right things can happen when you least expect it. A success after a failure, often resulted in something better happening.

Those early years of torture was good training for both of us. We knew each others strengths and weaknesses. We finally learned that we were stronger together as a team. I am not going to white wash our life. Do we love each other, sure we do. Do we fight, sure we do? Do we always agree with each other, no we don't? People ask us how we made it this far. There is no "I" in marriage. Marriage is a partnership. I never thought that mean Billy Baldwin would ever marry me! Our parents always said they knew it would happen. Billy finally stopped asking the question "what is she doing here?" He learned I was where I was supposed to be. Happy Anniversary Billy Baldwin. I love you!

P.S. We are heading to New York the end of July. See you on the lake!

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My wife Pat and I both retired from the Department of Corrections with 36 years of service. After retirement, I was looking for a hobby to keep myself busy and maybe turn that hobby into a little business. Woodworking was something that I had been doing for years but it was time consuming, tedious and some projects took weeks to complete. I also enjoyed doing

stained glass, but the projects took too long. Professional wedding photography is another line of work that I pursued.

One year while in Florida over the winter, we attended a Fine Arts Festival held every year in Tarpon Springs. While at the fair, I watched one of the

crafters making rings and bracelets out of silver. I thought that would be something I could do. After some research I found a company, Rio Grande, that had all the tools and supplies needed to produce silver jewelry. creative interests.

Whether working with silver, stained glass, woodworking or welding, I have always enjoyed working with my hands. With jewelry making, it gives me the satisfaction to create something that may be handed down from one generation to the next.

I have now been making silver and gold jewelry for the past ten years. Pat handles the finance and advertising end of the business. She is also credited with coming up with the name Hammered by Zadlo.

Since starting the business 10 years ago, I have been selling at art shows, craft fairs and stores--as well as selling privately. My jewelry is all handcrafted and designed by me using .925 and .935 sterling silver and 14k gold filled wire. I enjoy doing custom orders as well. Come visit us at our booth and check out our fine silver and gold jewelry!

The show will be open Friday evening, July 18 from 5-8, Saturday July 19, 9-5, and Sunday July 20, 10-3. There will be a silent auction and raffle of a kayak, Lotto Tree, and totem pole crafted by Rotarian Gary Curnow. There will be food and demonstrations. Come visit many new and of course our veteran artists!



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By Town of Edinburg Historian
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Glove making-part 2 and conclusion

The National Industrial Act in 1933 made moves to prohibit industrial homework in several industries including glove-making at home. Much haggling was done over the years. In 1939 the New York State Department of Labor did another study. In June of 1941 they held hearings in Gloversville, N.Y. Chairman of the Industrial Commission was Frieda Miller who seemed determined to have her own way if her photo tells us anything! One of the big arguments was that these reform groups were from outside the Fulton County area and knew nothing about peoples' lives here but were determined to take the glove work out of the homes. Community sentiment was heavy on the side of the home workers but unfortunately on July 2, 1941 Frieda Miller officially issued Order No 4 banning homework in the glove industry in New York State.

Reformers seem to show up with each new generation! Obviously these people couldn't see that children were better off with their mother at home even if she were sewing than being gone all day and not home at all!

My grandmother Olmstead decided to "beat the system". My uncles and grandfather moved the farm's unused corn house to the back corner of the farmhouse converting it into a glove shop. Tar paper was placed on the outside of the building, then covered with board and batten siding. A sheet metal wood stove was installed inside for warmth. Grandma and my mom sewed gloves here until the weather got very cold- then they'd quit for the winter. She used that little shop for several years! I'll never forget being in grandma's shop with the combined smell of tar paper and machine oil or standing in Rhobie's dining room with the smell of machine oil and leather.

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were exclusions for sewing at home as Anna Craig and Rhoba Robinson continued to sew “in house”.

At the end of DeGolia Road in Batchellerville was a glove shop owned by the Murrall Glove Co. of Mayfield. George “Bug” Edwards ran the shop. He also covered both sides of the Sacandaga Reservoir delivering unfinished gloves and picking up finished ones. The arrival of the auto greatly improved Bog’s job of making his rounds. The arrival of electricity allowed for the electrification of sewing machines, making it easier to increase glove making. As the same as working at home work in the glove shop was done by piece work. Everyone had a different job to do piece by piece and it was the same day after day, being paid for each piece. Some of the glove makers in this shop were

Bernice Bills, Ethel Bovee, Mina Cady, Cora Edwards, Elsie Edwards, Iona and Kay Fancher, Ruth Gagne, Margaret Green, Lula LaPort, Grace Mania, Ola May, Maxine Conklin, Flora, Mina, Beulah and Ruth Seelow; Florence Skelly, Freda Deming Vandenburg. Practically all the Fox Hill Seelow family worked in the glove making industry as the Seelow men Edwin, sons Earl, Ralph and son-in-law Harold Warner were glove cutters as well as Ernie Cady, also a Fox Hill resident.

There were many glove shops operating in Northville that employed glove workers if they didn’t want to travel to Mayfield or Gloversville where it seemed like there was a shop on every corner. Other glove sewers from Edinburg who worked in Northville were Iona Ganson, Lizzie Hopkins, my mom Charlotte Olmstead and Alta Winn. I had the chance to be in both shops where Iona and my mom worked, hearing the whirr of the many machines running all at once.

Alta eventually moved to Alvord’s shop in Mayfield.

More current workers were Carol Tennant Edwards and her daughters, Lori and Darlene. Bill Winn, Ralph Seelow, Henry Mason, Fred Fisher and Don Ganson cut gloves at the Serfis Glove Co. on S. Main Street in



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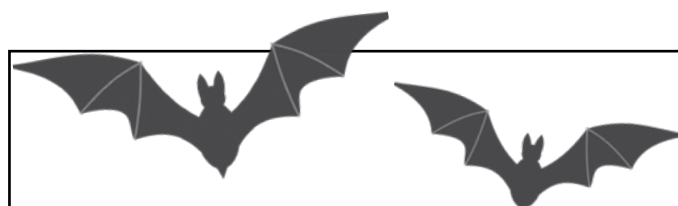
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Sad to say as foreign imports at lower prices poured into our country in the 1970's local glove shops closed their doors. Many glove workers not being old enough to retire - such as Ralph Seelow -

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were forced to find other employment, some at the skin mills in Gloversville or Johnstown until they could retire. My late sister-in-law Alta Winn-who was working at Alvord's in Mayfield when they closed the shop-found work for 3 years at the coat factory in Northville until she could retire. One day when Alta was still working at Alvord's, her daughter, Mary Ellen and I stopped in to say "Hi" and experienced all the hum and noise of the shop.

One of the things I always admired about the women glove workers was their appearance. They may have been wearing house dresses and aprons but they were neat, tidy and their hair always looked great. If they didn't have naturally wavy or curly hair they made a point to have their hair done on a regular basis at a local beauty shop.

In the 1960's-70's the Alvord Glove Co. in Mayfield catered to hunters. They would take a hunter's raw deer skin, have it tanned, then made into merchandise for him. Over a period of a couple of years my husband Jay got deer large enough that we each had a deerskin jacket made. Both were dyed a beautiful shade of green- his was a suede pullover, unlined, with fringe on sleeves; front and back yokes while mine was a regular smooth leather jacket with lining and fringe on sleeves and yokes. Jay wore his in hunting season. We wore them for years.

To show how much the glove industry once touched other parts of our country- Edinburg resident Gus Muller II remembers growing up in New Jersey. His Uncle Lester was a salesman for the Louis Meyers & Sons Glove Co. in Gloversville, NY. Lester worked out of the Meyers New York City office making many trips back and forth per year between New York City and Gloversville. During the late 1940's and early 1950's-at Christmastime- Lester would arrive at Gus's family home with a car load of Meyers gloves which he would pass out to the entire family.

I have the utmost respect and admiration for those men and women who spent their entire working lives in the glove making industry. Many learned the work fresh out of school and never learned anything different. The glove making part consisted of piece work which means they did the same thing -over and over- 8 hours a day. At least when the women worked from home they could take a break-do some housework-then go back to sewing.

The week after I graduated high school from Northville Central School I went to work at the New Hampshire Gloves glove shop on upper 2nd street in Northville. I didn't work there very long when I decided work at Newberry's Five and Dime seemed more appealing. That glove shop later became a coat factory and the site is now part of the Baptist Church parking

lot. I love to sew but doing the same thing over and over never appealed to me.

Many years ago Don Ganson's family loaned his glove cutting tools and materials to the Edinburg Historical Society. We have a leather exhibit at the Nellie Tyrrell Museum. Stop by this summer and see it.

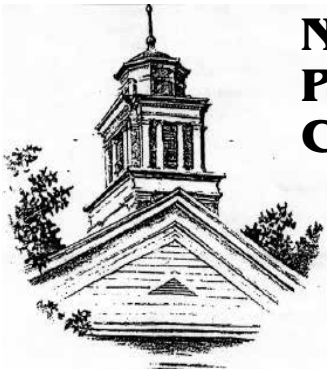


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Grace to you, and peace, from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

July is here, and most of us are probably planning some kind of observation or celebration of July 4th, Independence Day. It's a day on which we celebrate our freedom from the tyranny of a king, and we gratefully celebrate our hard-won civic freedom. And we should celebrate these things, and remember that our civic freedom is not a given, but must continually be fought for.

But there is a different kind of freedom too, and that is spiritual freedom. In my Christian tradition, we speak of our freedom in Christ. Yet, other religious traditions also lift up the notion of spiritual freedom which is of a different nature than our civil liberties.

Often, our civic freedom is described as having the right to certain things – the right of freedom of expression, the right to bear arms, the right of peaceful assembly, the right to due process, the right to vote, and so on. But spiritual freedom is different, in that it often is experienced as freedom from certain things.

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul writes, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law... Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal. 5:1, 22, 6:9) In this context, Christian freedom is freedom FROM oppression, hatred, despair, conflict, contempt, hopelessness, self-seeking, and self-indulgence.

As I look around at what is going on in our country, I see so many of these attitudes and actions being embraced and even celebrated by people who say they are followers of a faith tradition. People cheering the cruelty of separating migrant families and deporting peaceful, hardworking people without benefit of due process; people who view entire races or groups of people with contempt; people willing to incite violence and

conflict with those with whom they disagree; people willing to put self-interest above all else. And I am saddened by this. I believe we can all do and be better.

Paul urges us to persist in striving for the good, in the actions and attitudes that show forth the fruits of the Spirit, in caring for those around us, no matter who they are or where they're from; and he says that if we don't give up, we will reap a harvest. That harvest would find expression in a better, kinder, gentler, more peaceful world for ALL of God's children.

So as we go to parades or have backyard barbecues or watch the fireworks displays, I hope we all find ways to celebrate our hard-won freedoms as citizens of this country. But even more importantly, I pray that those of us who claim to be persons of faith will demonstrate in words and actions our liberation from the evils that beset our divided nation and world right now. And I pray that we will not grow weary, but persevere towards the goal of a better community, nation and world for ALL.

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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

This column, introduced in the February 2025 issue, examines individual small towns in our immediate and surrounding counties to discover the unique ways each one defines small town and small-town life. In doing so, perhaps we will demonstrate that these places stand as a testament to the endurance of small towns and the vibrant life within them.

6. MAYFIELD, NEW YORK

While geography defines every town to some extent, geography has played a predominant role in creating the space, history, and character of Mayfield, New York. As town historian, Eric Close notes, “The Town of Mayfield is an expansive territory which contains numerous facets, quirks, and identities.” Mr. Close catalogues 2 villages, 11 hamlets, 10 districts, and 32 neighborhoods within Mayfield. The U.S. Census Bureau claims current day Mayfield encompasses 58.4 square miles of land,

6.3 square miles of water, 14 “locations” within the town, 11 “geographic locations” such as islands and lakes, one historical landmark, and 6,094 residents. Together, these entities make Mayfield a community that works around, with, and because of its geography.

The geographic area once belonged to the Mohawk and Iroquois, but, according to J.H. French of the *Gazetter of the State of New York*, as early as 1701 and right through to 1793, a series of 9 land patents/grants and 1 outright purchase gradually shaped the territory into a developed settlement. New York State historian F. W. Beers adds that by 1793 – April 1794, the town of Mayfield was established and organized. Beers explains that shifting boundaries soon redefined Mayfield: In 1805 and again in 1812, the loss of a section to form Wells; in 1820, another piece lost to form Perth; and in 1860, a final piece lost to create Benson.

F.W. Beers contends that in spite of such losses, Mayfield’s economy boasted agriculture and gristmills, leather and lumber industries, a fulling mill, and limestone quarries and kilns, all of them operating through the end of the 19th century. Helping to move supplies for and products created by those businesses as well as the people necessary to the endeavors, the Fonda, Johnstown, Gloversville Railroad operated in Mayfield from 1875 – 1984.

Town historian Betty Tabor clarifies that the town was so vibrant that it had 17 schools and 15 cemeteries. (Now it has one elementary school and one Jr./Sr. high school with an enrollment of 792 students, though all 15 cemeteries remain.)

In 1930, however, the biggest geographic change of all occurred. As David Gibson notes in *Adirondack Explorer*, “Roughly six square miles (~4,000 acres) of private land in Mayfield was acquired through eminent domain for the creation of the Great Sacandaga Lake.” *Adirondack Life* writer Mary Thill tells us that such a project meant favorite fishing and hunting territory, the railroad, many homes, several bridges, 8 glove-making shops, and the

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downtown grocery store, whiskey shop, and ice cream shop all vanished. Then, in 1931, the State created the Adirondack Park, which included the vast majority of Mayfield, and the town's economy became dependent primarily upon tourism. Historian Betty Tabor states that hundreds of camps, vacation homes, marinas, bathing beaches, restaurants, and campgrounds replaced those long-gone homes and businesses.

Still, some historic places remain. The 1792 Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church, the 1910 Mayfield United Methodist Church, and the 1937 Log Cabin Church, for example, have long and deep roots and carry on a tradition of community group gatherings, help for neighbors, and welcoming invitations. Likewise, the town still looks after 15 cemeteries, with the oldest graves dating back to 1795. Eight of these sites hold mostly family plots, ranging from a total of 3 to 20 graves, many quite old. The largest two family-only cemeteries (Christie and Rice) have the 75 Christie family graves and the 200 Rice, Woodworth, Cozzens, Foote, Wells, and Canfield family graves. Of the two remaining non-family-only cemeteries, only one, Union Free Cemetery, still has open plots available. The other, Vail Mills Cemetery, holds 100 graves dating from 1801 – 1871. Every year, the town votes to support the budget line for the upkeep of these cemeteries because they value their historic significance and respect the memories of the early Mayfield residents.

Counted among these early residents, the Rice family created the Rice Homestead in 1790. According to the Fulton County Tourism Board and town historian Eric Close, "The Rice Homestead has been lived in and cared for, until recently, by the descendants of its original owner, Oliver Rice, a veteran of the Revolutionary War." The current structure, now a museum operated by the Mayfield Historic Society, showcases just one part of a once large farm now comprised of just 2 acres and a 2-part home – one constructed in a simple style in 1790 and the other featuring ornate Federal Period architecture of 1810. Here, alongside his farming duties, Oliver Rice took on the role of first postmaster. Today, the homestead provides a museum that

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focuses not only on the Rice family history and period living, but also on the artifacts of the area. It also hosts such community events as an antique show, a strawberry festival, a concert and ice cream social, and an annual open house during the Christmas season. Once again, though the geography of the place has shifted somewhat, its historic importance and character endure.

Currently, another geographic change may affect Mayfield: the construction of the largest Adirondack Park solar project yet conceived, all of it located on Mayfield farmland. According to Adirondack Explorer writer, Gwendolyn Craig, the project, “called Foothills Solar and proposed by solar developer Boralex, the maximum 40-megawatt facility on about 200 acres of the Close Brothers’ fifth-generation dairy farm will be adjacent to

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Great Sacandaga Lake [. . . and] more than double the size of the largest approved in the Adirondack Park so far.” This project has created a great deal of debate for several reasons, including its ORES (Office of Renewable Energy Siting) permitting process that bypassed the typical state and local review. According to ORES, once connected to National Grid, the project “will produce enough zero-emissions energy to power 10,859 households.” But, Craig notes, many residents don’t support the idea that it will combat climate change and believe that it encompasses some important concerns: the bypassing of the APA (Adirondack Park Agency), the clear-cutting of 45 – 99 acres of forest, the loss of agricultural soil, the glare of the panels, the inclusion of non-native plantings at the facility, the destruction of nesting grasslands, the possible stormwater pollution, the amount of heat radiated into the ground, the danger to eagles, the way the project will be dismantled when decommissioned in 10 years, and the possibility of increased numbers of forest fires and tornados. After two public hearings and a failed attempt at an adjudicatory hearing, the project will probably be approved by New York State in late June with construction targeting a 2026 completion date. Once again, Mayfield residents may have to adapt to their changed geography.

In addition to the natural attractions to which tourists flock, such geographical changes have brought Mayfield places like the Mayfield Grill, Nanny and Pop’s Small Town Café, The Adirondack Animal Land Park, The Wildlife Sports and Education Center, and Mr. Pizza and have probably fostered the development of Wizard of Oz munchkin and Barnum and Bailey

circus performer and Mayfield native, Cynthia Nickloy. Now, townspeople can only imagine what will happen next. They can know only that as always, though geography may change, they can count on each other to master the transformation while preserving the essence of Mayfield.

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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

Wanna see more sunscreen this summer and less electronic screens?

I'm reminiscing on the ways we had fun with our friends in the days of summer camp counseling.

All we needed was 3 empty soda cans and a ball.

Whenever we had 20 minutes free, someone on staff would shout, "the game!" and we dashed to our play spot. While we stacked up the cans, the person with the ball eyed the crowd. Then the ball-holder, who is "It," hurls the ball at the tower and as the cans fly, shouts a player's name. Suddenly the person whose name is called becomes

It. They run for the ball. All others team up, rushing to collect and restack the cans.

The object of the game is to rebuild the tower before the "It" person hits anyone with the ball. If the tower is rebuilt before anyone gets hit, the same person is It again.

If the ball-holder does hit a player before the tower is done,

that player will be It in the next round. It's fast and fun.

This was entertainment in Yellow Springs, Ohio in the 80s. There Antioch College had an Outdoor Education Center that drew staff from coast to coast and even included, fortunately, a South African student who brought us this game. It had a name but we couldn't pronounce it. I just call it can-can. Thank you Chris.

And speaking of Ohio, if you ever happen to road trip through The Buckeye State, you might like to know one of its secrets.

Amidst the broad stretches of organically fertilized farmland (which is to say it smells bad once or twice a year), there is a remarkable slice of virgin forest known as Glen Helen, thousands of acres, winding along a steep gulley and stream bed. Open to the public, there you can wander trails among oaks that are well over 300 years old. Staff can point out some 400 year old specimens as well. Trained naturalists guide students into a woodland that looks the way Ohio looked when it was inhabited only by native tribes. You'll meet trees that are older than our nation! It's a good place to stretch the legs and the imagination.

The next game, in fact, I learned while stretching the legs on a road trip. Link-tag doesn't even need a ball, just people. Get the group into a circle, pair up in twos. Every pair links arms. One

pair is chosen to break apart. They become the chaser and the chased. The chaser tries to tag the other runner but at any moment the runner can link up with any pair and be safe. When a new trio is formed, however, the person on the opposite end of the line must break off and become the runner. If the runner does get tagged he's It. The game is friendly because anyone who isn't keen on running can just jump over to the next elbow, while the youngster with energy to burn runs grinning circles around the group.

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guarding his treasure. Smaug straddles an old T-shirt or towel while encircled by daring adventurers who dart in, trying to steal it. But if Smaug tags you, you are It! You become Smaug.

The last one's a hoot. For after hours and rainy days, keep a stack of small paper handy along with pencils for everyone. Every player is to disguise their handwriting and write something in block letters on their paper. All the papers go in a hat and everyone draws one. One by one the papers are read aloud and players try to figure out whose words they're hearing.

Make it goofy. Or inspiring. Or misleading. You probably won't keep a straight face. One paper said simply, 'a mole in a hole.' We all looked at the little guy. Got I'm! That was a 10 year old. All who guess correctly get a point. If no one guesses who wrote it, the writer gets a point.

Have fun this summer. Pack these ideas and there's no admission fee.



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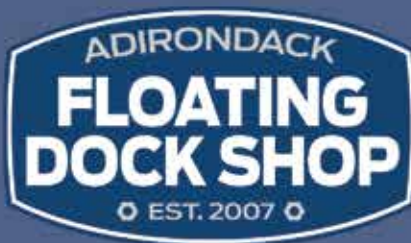
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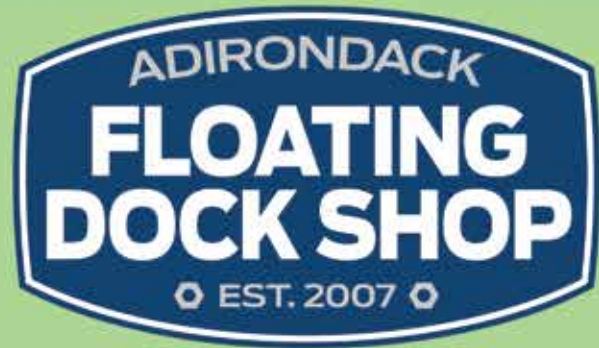
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No Program for this date. We will celebrate July birthdays with a cake provided by John Knapp

July 10, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Turkey Cold Plate, Carrot Raisin Salad, Macaroni Salad, Strawberries and Peaches. STFSL Program at 12:30: Howard Selwitz will discuss the development of amateur radio

July 17, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Lemon Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spinach, Brownie. STFSL Program at 12:30: We will have an ice cream social this day - make your own sundae

July 24, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Roast Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Yellow Beans, Banana.

STFSL Program at 12:30: Meagan DeMento will give us current information on Alzheimer's Disease. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day

July 31, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
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For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave a message.

Upcoming trips with the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living

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Trip to the Adirondack Experience - July 13. Free for Adirondack Park residents. Art show.

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Mayfield Historical Society

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The Mayfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 17, from 6 to 8 pm at The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield, NY. The Musicats Duo from the Capital District will be performing with music from the 1920s through the 1970s with songs from Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Fats Waller, George Gershwin, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, George Benson, George Duke, and Al Jareau.

There will be free tours, Oliver's Nature Trail, Heritage Gardens, and the new special exhibit "Echoes of Yesterday - The Clothing Collection of the Mayfield Historical Society" will be featured. For more information, contact 518-857-2820. The rain venue is Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.



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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

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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 4th and 18th, July 2nd, 16th, and 30th and August 13th and 27th. 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 2025 season on Saturday, June 28th. The market will run every Saturday through September 6th the Waterfront Park.

The DOINS will be here before we know it! The dates are July 4th and 5th. We are still taking applications from vendors and parade participants. Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to participate. The fireworks this year will be held on Saturday, July 5th at dusk and will be shot off at Spencer's property on Prospect Street! The theme of the 2025 parade, held on July 5th at 1 p.m., is Hometown Pride! We are pleased to announce that the 2024 Lady Falcons Class D State Soccer Champions and their coaching staff will be the Grand Marshals for the parade! This team made history, and we are honored they accepted our invitation. Please come and cheer them on at the parade. We have music scheduled for the weekend. Luke Pavlus will be entertaining the crowd on Friday, July 4th from 6-9 p.m. On Saturday, July 5th, Top Shelf Entertainment will be providing entertainment during the parade and immediately after in the Waterfront Park. Capricorn Connection will be performing in the bandshell on Saturday evening, from 6 -9 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

Senior Groups

Although the Town of Edinburg does not have a Seniors group, there are so many groups to explore close by. Getting together with old friends and meeting new ones at these groups can be rewarding and fun.

Many of these groups have wonderful day trips as well as overnight trips within the United States and Europe. The local weekend newspapers report on all the seniors groups in the area and their activities. Here is a sample of area Senior Groups.

Galway Seniors

Meet at the Galway town hall the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month starting at 1pm

Broadalbin Seniors

Meet every other Wednesday at the Father Smith Center (behind St. Josephs Church) starting at 11am

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Northville Task Force for Senior Living, Gloversville Seniors, Johnstown Seniors, Glen Mohawk Seniors, Amsterdam - Inman Center,

Ladies of the Lake

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Check out the article in the Adirondack Explorer

<https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/stories/ladies-of-the-lake-paddling-group>

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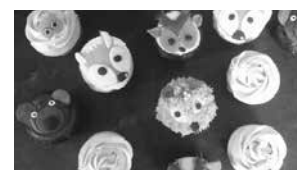
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Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month – All Welcome
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Service and Picnic at the Beach – On Sunday, July 20 we will be having our Sunday service at 10:00 AM, note time change for this Sunday only, followed by games and a picnic at the beach behind the church. Service will be at 10:00 AM followed by a time of fellowship and games with a picnic lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and salads at noon. All are invited.

UPCOMING - SERVICES

07/0 Holy Communion

"Bear One Another's Burdens"*

Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

07/13 "One Thing"

Luke 10:25-37

07/20 "Chosen" – 10:00 AM - Service & Picnic at Beach

Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

07/27 "Divine Encounter"

Psalms 138; Luke 11:1-13

*Title taken from Sunday's Scriptures.

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Clergy Column "Summertime"

As I reflect on Summertime of the title of the song from the Musical "Porky and Bess", "Summertime and the Living is Easy". Traditionally Summer is time to take a break from work and enjoy time with family and friends. It is a time for barbeque, the beach, and travel. If we aren't careful though, Summer Vacation can leave us exhausted as we try to cram so much fun

into the time available that living becomes hectic rather than easy.

The very first of God's commandments for us was to remember the Sabbath as a day of rest. God was reminding us that our well-being is dependent on taking care of our body, providing a time of rest and to remember all God has blessed us with.

I hope that this Summer will indeed in the words from "Porky and Bess" be a time when the "the living is easy", a time to rest, leisure days with family and friends, and a time to reflect upon all that God has blessed you with.

I also hope that if travel takes you away from home that you will take the time to check out a service wherever Sunday may find you. Sunday services can help keep us grounded, inspire us, offer comfort, and help us share God's love. The internet offers information on church services wherever you may find yourself. The United Methodist Church on its web site, www.umc.org, has a "find a Church" function that enables you to discover information about churches wherever you may be. It includes not only the time of services but information on style of worship, church size, and programs it offers.

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Summer '25 is here and locals, part-time residents and visitors are looking for activities to enhance their hiking, beach time, boating, kayaking, pickleball and other Adirondack activities. Rest assured SVAN has your entertainment needs covered.

The summer kicks off with Sacandaga Jams, led by Seattle Mike who invites all budding or experienced musicians to jam with him at the Farmer's market in the Northville Waterfront Park, Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Even if you don't play, come support the market and enjoy the music.

The Summer Concert Series begins Saturday, July 12th, 6 – 8 pm in Waterfront Park with Johnny and the Triumphs, (Northville Rotary Sponsor) specializing in rock and roll, rhythm and blues and rockabilly. The popular group Sirsy (Park Marine Sponsor) returns to the Waterfront stage with lots of heart, soul and sass



at 6:00 pm on July 19th. Bring a chair or blanket, your favorite beverage, a snack and enjoy the beautiful summer setting and great music.

Don't forget the Northville Rotary Club Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend with Don Hoffman providing some great music on Friday, July 18th.

July 20th has SVAN changing the tempo a bit with the Caroga Lake Chamber Musicians with Classical Musical offerings, 3 – 5 pm at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church. Cost for this event is \$20, \$15 for Members and children are free.

On July 26th The Insolent Willies (CDL Insurance Sponsor) take the stage with their roots-rock music presentation, a crowd favorite wherever they go. August 2 once again has Annie and the Hedonists (Fulton County Center for Regional Growth Sponsor) returning to the stage with an eclectic mix of acoustic blues, vintage jazz and swing and folk roots Americana. SVAN's Summer Concert Series continues throughout August – see next month's SVAN article for August details.

SVAN is pleased to announce that this year's SVAN Art Scholarships have been awarded to



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two deserving local students, Izzy Armstrong, Northville and Mayfield student Logan Farman. The Board of Directors wish both recipients great success in their future endeavors. Keep in mind this is a yearly award so if you have a rising senior student interested in the arts, stay tuned!

The Visual Arts are alive and well during the summer months with new displays in the Northville Gallery, the Northville Library Gallery and the Artist's Gallery at the Fulton County Visitor's Center. A big thank you to Leslie Ford, Silvia Bragulla and Don Hoffman for refreshing the sign at the Main Street Gallery.

A reception was held on June 13th at the Main Street Gallery for oil and acrylic artist Sylvia Bragulla and photographic artist Joe DeGeorge. Stop by and view their work plus other artists at the Gallery at 303 Main Street on Friday 3 – 5, Saturday 11 -4 and Sunday 12-3. Photographer Ronda Anderson will be the next featured artist in the Northville gallery when new art rotation starts June 27.

The reception for the student art show at the Library was well attended and we look forward to future student art displays.

The local Girl Scouts have placed an Art Exchange Box in front of the Main Street Gallery. It will be filled with art works in hopes that others will take one and leave one of their own original works. A wonderful way to engage and encourage artists of all ages in the community. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for this innovative and exciting new contribution to the SVAN Arts community.

SVAN's very popular Art Trails will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year featuring many former and new artists. On Friday August 15, a reception and book signing in coordination with the Northville Library will be the kick-off for the Art Trails Weekend, with local, but internationally known artist John Van Alstine, featuring his latest book, American Monuments (time to be TBD). Art Trails will be held August 16th and

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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

Thanks to all who joined us at the first annual Great Sacandaga Lake Association Clean-Up Day event!



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17th. Be certain to mark your calendars for this community event. Maps will be available for the featured artists in mid-July. The Art Trails weekend will conclude with a concert by Sparky & Rhonda presenting their folk style at 3:00. Location TBD.

SVAN wishes to thank the Village and local organizations and businesses for their support. Concert sponsors are listed on the Rack Cards which are available at our galleries. A special thanks to the Northville United Methodist Church for the use of 303 S. Main Street for our Gallery and Gift shop.

Lastly, SVAN wants you as a member. Go to the website <svanarts/membership.org> to become a member and to get more information on scheduled and upcoming events.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at many SVAN events!

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! At First UMC, we open our hearts and arms to welcome you to be in worship with us. It's a great time to take an hour to just rest, clear your mind, and open up your heart to God's presence. Join us on Sunday mornings at 11 am for music (occasionally including flutes), prayer, and interesting sermons, including a children's time with the pastor; and, if you are really lucky, there will be refreshments after the service! We ask God's blessing on you and your families as we celebrate summer! When on vacation, be with us in spirit. The rest of the summer, be with

us in person.

On July 19, on the front lawn of the church starting at 9 am, we will have a bake sale. Our bakers will be providing cookies, brownies, bread, muffins, etc. If you can help bake or work at a table, let us know.

On July 20, Pastor Ron and Maggie will be providing a worship service at the Caroga Lake Chapel, a mission they share every summer. On that Sunday, Gayle will be sharing worship with the congregation at First UMC. It will be a casual service so plan to join us at 11 am; dress comfortably ... jeans, shorts, T-shirts are acceptable, especially if the morning turns out to be very warm.

Fire transforming us for the good: For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire." Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us:

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“Stones from the Creek”

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Thank you to everyone that came to the Other Side of Creek event on Saturday June 14th! It was a great day of history, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. The beautiful horses that were brought by the Washington County Draft Association not only gave wagon rides, but also demonstrated mowing, logging and educated us on the their horses and equipment. They also brought 2 baby oxen named Bill and Frank. There was great food, exciting giveaways, we also handed out the new



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landmark challenge booklet along with the new token. There were many town organizations, historians, and demonstrators that all came to share their wonderful information.

The Stony Creek Historical Association had their Dean Homestead Museum open along with the District #4 schoolhouse.

The happy faces of kids running and playing in the field, the adults strolling along the Dean Trail, the beautiful sound of music, provided by Frank Orsini and friends sure made it a day to remember. Special thanks to the Town of Stony Creek for helping to sponsor this event. Oh and Benjamin Franklin was there too!!

Enjoy these pictures from the day.

Till next time,- Cindy



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-- Jeff Methven, President/CEO St. Mary's, left, and Margaret Brodie, Vice President Mission Integration St. Mary's, right, present Broadalbin-Perth Lion Tom Kevlin, second from left, and Broadalbin-Perth Lion Mike Auricchio, second from right, with a check and



certificate representing a \$1000 grant to the Lions Club for their continued humanitarian efforts in the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community during a ceremony at St. Mary's.



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"We are pleased to recognize the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, one of our community partners, with this award for their dedication and commitment to our community, as they reflect the values of St. Mary's and the Carondelet Community fund," said Brodie.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest 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, the environment, childhood cancer, food insecurity, diabetes 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.

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“Nuggets and News”
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Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184

“Mills, Hotels had early growth in
Hadley-Luzerne”

(Part 2 of 3-part series. Story taken from the Saratogian and continued from the June issue on page 33)



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Richard Hilton, who came into Hadley, in 1788, is reputed to have been the first settler. Alexander Stuart came in 1790, Danial Dayton in 1796 and Elijah Ellis in 1800. The latter built the first sawmill in Town on the Sacandaga River. Johnathan Flanders built the first tavern.

Hadley was formed from Greenfield in 1801, but then comprised the present towns of Hadley, Corinth and part of Day. In 1819 it was reduced to it present dimensions. The first supervisor was Benjamin Cowles. Conklingville, which was founded in 1848 was Gordon Conkling and was obliterated by the Sacandaga dam and reservoir about 1932 was located in the western end of Hadley. It’s on industry in the early days was a woodware factory.

Jeremy Rockwell, whose name has been closely related to much of the history of both Hadley and Luzerne settled in Hadley in 1802. He erected the fist sawmill and conducted the first store on the Hadley side of the Hudson. He became one of the leading citizens of the community and one of the framers of the State Constitution in 1821.

On April 10, 1792, land was taken from Queensbury, then a part of Washington County, and called Fairfield. It was not until April 6, 1808, that the named was changed to Luzerne, in honor of the Chevalier de la Luzerne. Warren County was not organized

as a separate county until five years later in 1813. No records are available of the officers for the Town for the year of 1792, but those elected at the annual town meeting on April 2, 1793 are as follows: Supervisor, Jeremiah Russell: Town Clerk, Benjamin Cowles: Assessors, John Price. Gersham Darling, Daniel Ashley: Constable and Collector, Thomas Horton: Constable, James Kilborn: Overseer of the Poor, Gersham Darling and Daniel Ashley: Commissioners of Highways, Hendrick Loop, John Price and Benjamin Cowles; Poundmaster, Daniel Mills: Pathmasters, John Austin, Asa Durham,



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As the territory of Hadley and Luzerne was one immense forest of virgin white pine, lumbering, of course, became the chief industry. In 1820 there was as many as 10 water-operated mills along the river and smaller streams. Jeremy Rockwell had a mill that stood about opposite what was known then as "Little Falls" at the foot of a canal dug in 1806.

As early as 1832 he had rafted down the river over a hundred thousand planks. As planks then were never cut less than 12 inches wide and 13 feet long. Each plank constituted 26 board feet. The Rockwell and Son Mill alone had then rafted over two million six hundred board feet. Little Falls or Rockwell Falls were obliterated at the time of building of the dam in 1878.

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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

Farewell to the 2024 - 2025 School Year

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, students, teachers, and staff celebrated the end of the 2024-2025 school year with our annual sixth grade graduation and farewell. We surely hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!

We would like to congratulate the following students that have been identified for being named to Honor Roll/High Honor Roll in grades 3 through 6 for the 4th quarter. We are so proud of everyone!

Honor Roll (89.5-94.4)

- Koupas
- Amelia
- Sadie
- Tori

High Honor Roll (94.5-100)

- Cora
- Aubrey
- Iris

On Friday, June 13, 2025 at Eagle Morning Program, we honored students of the month! These students were caught being "thoughtful" throughout the school and on to others! Keep up the great work everyone! We are proud of you!

- PK Arlo
- K Caroline and Westlynn
- 1 Harper and Damen
- 2 Landon
- 3-6 Aubrey and Iris
- Teacher/Staff Mrs. Matthews

ECS Drama Club Production "Winnie the Pooh Kids"

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, the ECS Drama Club presented two matinees of the production "Winnie the Pooh Kids". Under the direction of Mrs. Beth VanEvery, the students gave a wonderful show. We are so proud of the students for their performance. We would like to thank everyone who worked and/or volunteered their time to make this show possible. Way to go everyone!



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Father - Special Person's Day

We had an amazing morning on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 with our dads and special guests to honor Father's Day! Our guests enjoyed a yummy breakfast made by Ms. Millington and Ms. Southworth. We thank you for spending your morning with us!

2024-2025 Yearbook Covers

The Edinburg Common School District and the Edinburg PTO would like to congratulate Iris and Jayden for their outstanding artwork for the front and back cover of the 2024-2025 yearbook! The yearbook reveal took place at the last Eagle Afternoon that was held on Friday, June 13th. Congratulations to the both of you!



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Local Lion Cited by District Governor

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The Vision of Hope is designated as the ultimate recognition to be presented in honor of a person, organization or “in memory” of those who have a special place in the hearts of the Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast.



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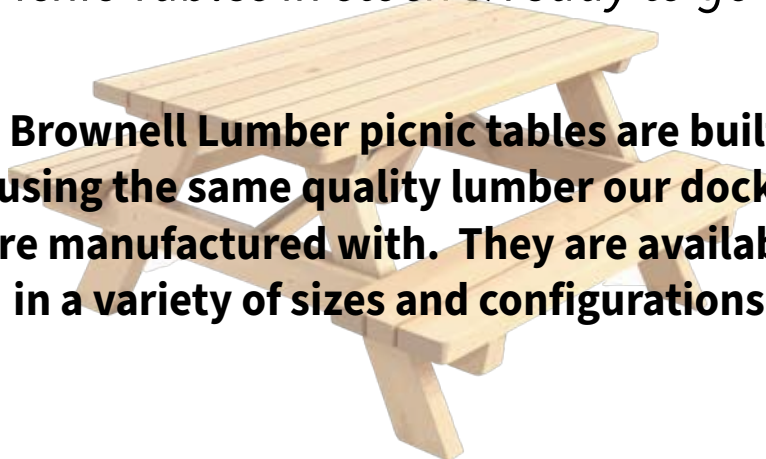


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Mother Nature is NOT a golfer. We attempted to hold our annual golf outing fund raising event on Saturday May 31 but it rained all day, we rescheduled for the next Saturday June 6 but guess what ? It rained again , over 2 inches of rain Friday night into Saturday. Way too much for the golf course to handle. So unfortunately, no golf was played. On May 31 we made lemonade out of the lemons mother nature was sending us by holding our silent auction and cocktail reception. It turned into a nice party and enabled many to visit with more people than playing golf allows. Congratulations to all the auction winners, enjoy your merchandise and thank you for your support. All of the Major and Tee sign sponsors had their signs on the course Friday night. The course allowed us to keep them out for the week so even though we did not play golf the sponsors had a week of exposure to everyone who played at Hales Mills that week.

As most know our mission is to protect the environment, economic, legal interests and lake access for the entire lake community. We want to thank everyone that was involved with this event, sponsors, players, volunteers it takes a lot of work but maintaining the way of life around the GSL is worth it. Thanks to your support we are able to assist in keeping the GSL great. Hopefully next year will be a nice sunny day as we had the first 4 years!

Thank you to all our Major sponsors, our Tee sign sponsors and silent auction donors. See elsewhere or in future editions for list of all golf supporters.

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From Hawk....

little out of worry – mostly because Jeremy and I are going to be away the end of July for our 20th anniversary. Jeremy booked a 2 week cruise to the Mediterranean. I will have minimal service to do anything. Janice and Bill are coming up to help, but Janice didn't realize that we need her in the office and we have definitely changed most of the programs that we use. The worst part of this is that Amanda is also on vacation while we are away, so it is just Janice for 9 days. She is not thrilled. SO..... we are training Lucas. He will not be confident by then to have real discussions with people when they call, but he will be able to take messages for Janice to call back. I'm training him on invoicing, taking payments, basic estimate making, as well as entering our bills for when I return to pay them. This is going to be interesting. I apologize in advance if anyone calls and we forget to call them back – it is not intentional. I am probably going to put an away message on explaining our situation and asking for patience. Our technician staff will be full, the office will be the problem. We have a couple of weeks to get Lucas feeling okay.

More about Lucas – he will be taking his road test the second week of August. No doubt, every parent feels nervous about their kids starting to drive on their own. I screamed out loud the other day while he was driving – I really didn't mean to – he just scared the crap out of me. An ambulance was driving on the other side of the road and he didn't know that he was supposed to pull over. No real big deal if others in front of him hadn't already pulled over, so I'm yelling that he can't go around them and he had to slam on the brakes behind the person in front of him. I was sure we were about to get into an accident. Poor guy – I don't scream like that. Acadia was with us and made fun of me for it. He said his face hurt afterward from clenching his teeth. I had no idea that he had not learned about pulling over for emergency crews.

I know he will be fine. He is a strong, funny, smart, kind, independent and wonderful young man. Having him in the office is helpful to me to see that he is, maybe, even smarter than I give him credit for. He will be fine driving. I can only pray that he only has minor accidents as a new driver (or preferably no accidents). At least he drives slow. Happy July, everyone!



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Sandra Baldwin

Lucas is currently training in the office with Amanda and I. It is only day 2, but he is learning. I keep reminding him to talk on the phone with a smile. He is a little nervous so he comes off a bit disengaged – think teenage boy. I'll be honest (in the most son-adoring way), he has never been great at talking on the phone – Jeremy and I make fun of him for it, but this is a skill he needs to learn. Not to discredit him - we are certain he is going to be an amazing businessman. He recently ordered a book online about the do's and don'ts of running a business. I didn't recommend this to him, he just came to me one night asking if he could order it – and he is actually reading it. He is also interested in stock-trading. Note – he is 16. Jeremy and I talked with him about avoiding get rich quick schemes. God appreciates a hard-working person and we encouraged him to find and love a job that helps people and helps him sleep soundly at night; but we did not discourage entrepreneurial side hustles.

We are really feeding into him right now – a

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