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Jean Raymond, Supervisor

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Edinburg Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Edinburg Four Corners. The event will begin at 2:00pm at the Methodist Church, next to the Four Corners Diner. The actual tree lighting will be at 4:00 pm. This event takes place each year thanks to the enormous volunteer effort led by Jackie Nichols and Sandy Wadsworth and the many volunteers. For additional information, to donate or volunteer please see Jackie or Sandy. We are all grateful for the many hours they give to this event.

Cable and Broad Band Survey and Potential Expansion

Saratoga County is seeking information about what areas of the northern towns, including Edinburg, lack broadband infrastructure. A consultant has been hired to take the broadband survey and they want to hear from you. Visit saratogacountybroadband.com to take the survey or visit the town hall for a paper copy. There is going to be funding available at the state and federal level to expand coverage and for "last mile" service as a result of the recently passed infrastructure bill. We do not yet know how the funds will be dispersed but want to have accurate and up to date information on what our needs are. The deadline is December 31st, 2023

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED TO MOVE THEIR GARGABE BINS (AND ANY OTHER OBJECTS) BACK FROM THE ROADSIDE TO AVOID DAMAGE FROM PLOWING DURING THE WINTER

Correction of dates:

The Town Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday January 3rd. Town officials may be reached at their homes if needed and the phones will be checked daily for messages.

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DECEMBER 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- Thurs 7 7:00 pm Edinburg Zoning Board Meeting
- Tues 12 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Tues 19 4:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting
- Thurs 21 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Thurs 21 First Day of Winter**
- Mon 25 Christmas Day**
- Thurs 28 4:00 pm Edinburg Planning Board Meeting

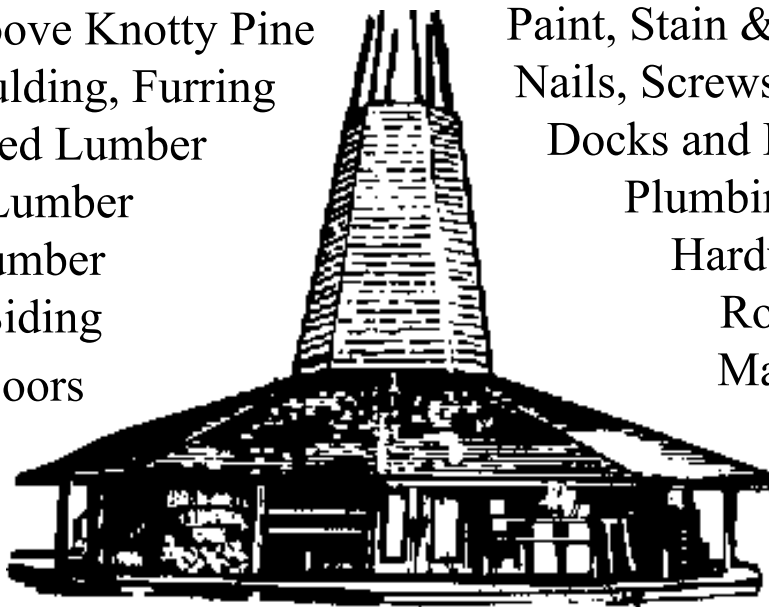


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DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian,
Priscilla L. Edwards

Edinburg Volunteer Fire Co. Formation and Construction

FIRE can be a wonderful thing that keeps us warm and cooks our food BUT out of control can destroy everything in its path. In Edinburg's history from 1787-1957, if a fire started, little could be done except to try and save the contents of homes and livestock from the barns. The cry of "fire" struck terror into the hearts of the entire community.

Some of us are old enough to remember what life was like before the existence of our fire company. If a bucket brigade could prevent a fire from spreading to outbuildings or the rest of the neighborhood they considered themselves lucky. Most of our town's many woodenware factories were lost to fire in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries—some of them more than once.

After what probably amounted to months of

discussions at Shufelt's Store, Lakeland House, Brownell Lumber Company, Boudreau's Garage or Deming's Store things came to a head.

In the winter of 1957 a group of civic-minded individuals decided that it was time for Edinburg to have some form of fire protection. On February 26, 1957 with an attendance of fourteen men the first meeting was held of what was to become the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company.

They met at Lakeland House on North Shore Road, owned and operated by Dot and Paul Seudan, "for the purpose of forming a Fire Company, for the protection of life and property in the town of Edinburg NY." John Shufelt Jr. acted as temporary chairman and Harold Whitney as temporary secretary.

John Shufelt Jr. was proprietor of Shufelt's Store at the 4-Corners (now Fuller's), a resident of Northville and member of the Northville Fire Department. John finally took a leave of absence from Northville's fire department in order to devote more time in organizing Edinburg's.

Many decisions were made at that first meeting including election of regular officers: President, John Shufelt; Vice President, Edwin Seelow; Secretary, Harold Whitney; Treasurer, Elmer Kenyon and Fire Chief, George Jensen.

Regular meetings to be held the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Election of officers to be the 4th Tuesday of February each year.

The annual membership dues were \$ 2.00

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The official meeting place until the firehouse could be built was Lakeland House.

The name of the Fire Company would be named after the first Edinburg soldier killed in World War II.

A motion was also made and carried that the president, VP, secretary and treasurer be the body to draw up a governing set of By-Laws.

Things were moving right along and at a Special meeting held on March 12, 1957 twenty-six men showed up to elect and install a Board of Directors and accept the new By-Laws.

The first Board of Directors were elected for one, two, three, four and five year terms. They were one year-Ashley Olmstead(my dad), two years-Albert Heck, three years-Fred Walton, Sr., four years- Harry Dutcher, and five years- Harold Letts.

An amendment was also approved to change the fire company name from a soldier's name to the Edinburg Fire Company. This was probably a wise move so as not to create hard feelings later on.

By the time the regular March 26th meeting rolled around Victor and Elizabeth Brownell (owners of Brownell Lumber Company) had donated the land between the Methodist Church and the town highway barn (now our Rural Museum). This is where the firehouse would be built. Because of this generous donation Victor was made an honorary member of the fire company and a letter of thanks was sent to Vic and Beth.

Fogarty, the well driller, was told to start drilling a well at the site while Herb Jensen and Harold Letts were appointed a committee to draw up plans for the firehouse with the size of the building being left to the discretion of the committee. A motion also passed unanimously to

limit membership to 65 members.

At a special meeting on April 2, 1957 the "present Ladies Auxiliary (formed 3/12/57) be the fire company's recognized auxiliary."

A motion also carried that a major Donation Drive get underway immediately involving a Grand Prize costing between \$900. and \$1500. A boat and outboard motor would be the choice.

As well as John Shufelt, two other members who contributed much to the organizing process were Clayton Edwards and Robert W. Clark.

Bob Clark, a retired Navy Commander, moved to Edinburg with his wife Melissa, residing on South Shore Road (now the home of Janet and Harold Johansson). Cdr. Clark was the director of the Saratoga County Office of Civil Defense and in cooperation with Edinburg's town supervisor, Clayton Edwards, helped locate and finance the necessary equipment needed in those early days of the fire company.

By the end of April a 30' steel tower had been purchased from Frank Dunham on his property in Hope Falls, dismantled by Northville contractor, Ed Arsenault, and erected on county property at the Edinburg 4-Corners, also by Arsenault. A 10-horsepower siren was mounted on the 30' tower. All that was needed was for the electrical work to be completed.

The cost of this work was covered in part by a federal grant with the balance being picked up by the town.

This siren was used until 1993 when it was replaced by a more up-to-date one mounted on a tower behind the fire house. The old siren can now be seen next door to the firehouse at the Rural Museum.

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At the April 23, 1957 meeting it was carried that the new firehouse be limited to one story, approximately 33' long and 30' wide with the remaining monies to be used for equipment. Harold Letts was appointed chairman of the building committee and it was decided to purchase a used electrical-operated 10'x15' overhead door.

An amendment was also made to the Feb. 26, 1957 minutes stating that regular meetings would be held at the Edinburg School on Sinclaire Road until the firehouse was completed.

Proposals for membership also started at that April meeting with each proposal being tabled until the next regular meeting and usually approved at that time. Everyone that had joined prior to this date had counted as original members. Those original members numbered close to forty and thus far the following have been identified: John Shufelt, Harold Whitney, George Jensen,

Clarence Edwards, Clayton Edwards, Guy Edwards, Edwin Seelow, Paul Seudan, Elmer Kenyon, Urban "Turk St. Onge, Fred Walton Sr., Fred Walton Jr., Arthur Kenyon, Marshall DeLong and Harold Letts. Ashley Olmstead, Albert Heck, Harry Dutcher, Art Richter, Loren Stowell, Charles Van Patten, Herbert Jensen, Erwin Kenyon, Robert Clark, Thomas Rush, Ralph Seelow, Joseph Slater, Douglas Grabo, Charles Rockwell, Porter Brownell, Elwin Ginter, Harold Warner, Erwin "Toot" Conklin, Charles Porteus and Francis Taylor.

By the end of 1959 thirty-one more active members had joined the ranks of the new fire company.

To my knowledge—Ralph Seelow is the only original member still living. (Nov. 2023)

Fire company formation and construction conclusion next month

PICKLE IN THE PARK



Pickle in the Park is a pickleball membership club in **Sacandaga Park**. There are 5 outdoor courts and 1 heated indoor court. Access to the courts and parking is off Rt30, on the East side, at the 45mph sign just North of McKinley Avenue. We have games and practices most days. Our indoor season officially started on October 15. Since many of our members go south during the Winter, we are looking for Winter indoor season players. The indoor membership fee per player for 2023/4 is \$175 each. Members sign up and play in the scheduled open sessions. Members and guests can also reserve playing sessions for private games, practices or organized coaching sessions - once, for a month or the whole season. Private session fees depend on membership status, time of day and group size. The indoor court is suitable for other activities such as TaiChi, Yoga and Badminton. For further info call Willem at 518 332 6896.



If you have a birthday that you would like to put in the Edinburg Newsletter, please email it to: edinburgnews2023@gmail.com

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From the Four Corner Diner Gang



TOWN OF DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Day Town Board hereby gives notice that there will be no parking of vehicles on Town Roads or placing of objects on Town Right-of-Ways, beginning November 13, 2023 through April 30, 2024, due to the problems created for snow removal.

Lehman Allen, Jr.
Highway Superintendent

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EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

“Protecting your Community”

For the thirty day period of October 12th through November 12th, your Fire Company responded to a total of eight calls for assistance. Our run sheet is as follows:

- October 13th: North Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- October 20th: North Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- October 21st: Shields Road, Lines Down
- October 21st: Mutual Aid for Northville
- October 25th: Mutual Aid for Northville
- October 30th: South Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- October 31st: Mutual Aid for Northville
- November 4th: Mutual Aid for Hadley-Luzerne

What is silent and deadly? No, it is not the Submarine Service. Although, I think that still might be their motto. You can't see it, you can't smell it, you can't taste it. Yet it could be in your house some day, and it's capable of killing your family. It is Carbon Monoxide.

And it can get in your home from any number of sources. Some of these might include poorly vented appliances such as your clothes dryer, furnace, or wood stove. The more unusual sources could be a car left running in your attached garage, or the person who decided over the winter to bring their outdoor grill indoors to barbecue (it happens). Statistically, the most likely cause of Carbon Monoxide poisoning is improperly vented portable space heaters.

How do you protect yourself from exposure? Routine maintenance of your appliances in terms of cleaning their outside vents is a large part of it. Something as simple as making sure snow has not built up around your pellet stove or dryer vents. Common sense must also be a part of the equation. Anytime there is an act of combustion, carbon monoxide is produced. In an enclosed

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space, this could eventually prove fatal.

Aside from maintenance another way to protect ones family is to have Carbon Monoxide monitors on every floor of the house, to include your basement. Regarding installation; follow the manufacture's instructions to the letter. As these monitors are not installed in the same fashion as a traditional smoke alarm. Doing so could render them much less effective. If you are opting for AC powered units, be sure that they come with battery back up.

How do you know if you have been exposed to Carbon Monoxide poisoning?

This is a bit of a problem, as many of the initial symptoms are very similar to other illnesses. These may include: headache, nausea, generalized weakness, or drowsiness. As exposure progresses you may encounter additional symptoms such as: vomiting, shortness of breath, blurred vision, loss of muscle control, or confusion.

There may be one tip off here and that is; if one or more people in the house are suddenly experiencing the same symptoms.

The Bottom Line: What to do if your alarm activates? **BELIEVE IT.**

Don't open the windows and think you can tough this out, just because you can't see it.

Get out, then call 911. In fact, we wouldn't want you to open any of the windows. We will be on the scene with breathing apparatus and specialized equipment, which will track down where the Carbon Monoxide is concentrated within the house. Leading to hopefully pinpoint the source, and return you to your home as soon as practical possible.

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Claudette Koza - Secretary

The Edinburg Historical Society has an <https://ehsonlinestore.square.site> where you can order T-shirts, tank tops, hats and sweatshirts. They make a nice gift for the holidays.

All proceeds from the \$25 book "My Mountain, My People" by Priscilla Edwards, Edinburg Town Historian goes directly to the Edinburg Historical Society that helps maintain the Rural and Tyrrell Museums, the Sand Hill one-room schoolhouse, Copeland Covered Bridge and Carriage House. The book is also available at the Edinburg Town Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Shares in the Copeland site are \$25 and can be purchased in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary, birthday and other occasions. The recipient's name will be posted at the front of the Rural Museum in the Bulletin Board. Due to vandalism at the bridge, the sign had to be moved to a more prominent place.

Two shares were purchased in memory of Edward J. Dworakowski by Michele Dworakowski and family.



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FRAXTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

With Christmas only a few shorts weeks away, we turn our thoughts in part, to that jolly old elf, Santa Claus. His laugh, his circumference, and that long white fluffy beard.

For whatever reason, that got me thinking about the history of men's facial hair and how it has played out in history. It had only been the month before that I had come across families of Hasidic Jews touring the Corning Glass Museum and a large group of Amish Folks hiking at the Watkins Glenn State Park. Groups noted for long spiraling sideburns and long beards (without mustaches), respectively.

The significance of men's facial hair or the lack there of, goes back through the Centuries and Ancient cultures. Cave Paintings often depict man of that time as clean shaven. Which begs the question, how did they do that? Egyptian nobles not only shaved their faces, they removed all of their body hair. Ancient Greeks did a compete 180, wearing full beards as a sign of wisdom and status. Only cutting their beards in periods of intense mourning. Romans on the other hand kept their beards trimmed, or none at all. Contrary to the Greeks, the Romans grew their beards out during mourning. Alexander The Great had a very practical approach to facial hair. He encouraged his troops to shave their beards before battle, lest they be held onto by the enemy during combat.

Russian Tsar, Peter the Great, had a beard tax in 1698 in an attempt to fashion the male population to look more like their western European neighbors. The amount one paid depended on their social status. Understandably, mustaches made a big comeback at that time. The Russian Orthodox Church took the position that being clean shaven was akin to blasphemy. Catherine The Great (who apparently did not shave) repealed the tax in 1772.

In the Middle Ages, facial hair waxed and waned depending on the choice of one's rulers. It became a means of silent protest by early Protestants, who sported beards in opposition to clean shaven Roman Catholic Priests.

Jumping to the history of the United States, it is interesting to note that the first fifteen U.S. Presidents were clean shaven, until Lincoln.

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Who reportedly only grew a beard just before the election, at the suggestion of a young girl. This trend did not last long, with Franklin Pierce being the last bearded president in 1893, and William Taft the last mustached in 1913. One interesting side bar, are the side burns of Civil War General Ambrose Burnside. This 1860's look included: bushy side facial hair, attached to a large mustache, and a clean chin. Eventually, morphing into what we refer today as side burns.

Regarding eastern cultures, many believe beards are mandatory for Muslim men. However, there seems to be conflicting writings on this point. Sikh males are forbidden from removing any hair, as their bodies are part of God's creation, and are therefore perfect. Getting back to my original reference to Hasidic Jewish males, the custom of not shaving the side of their beards, I believe can be found in reference to the Book of Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 27: "You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard." (NRSV) Regarding the Amish Culture, men shave their beards until the day of their marriage. Thereafter the beard signifies their marital bonds. However, they do not sport mustaches. Referring

back to a history of poor treatment by British Soldiers in the 17th century. These soldiers were actually required to wear them. Amish men did not want in any way to be mistaken for the British military.

Today the question still remains; to shave or not to shave.

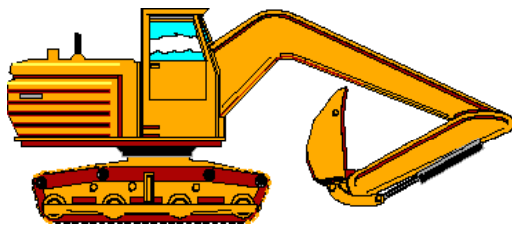
For me, that depends on the person who's willing to kiss you.

I get many of the ideas for this column from friends. I wanted to invite you the reader to be able to participate. Should you have a thought for a possible idea, please submit it at: B.DeFeoEdinburg@gmail.com . If I go with your idea, you will be credited within the article. Thanks for reading.

To my Edinburg Friends:

I want to thank all of those who turned out on Election Day, voting for the candidates of your choice. It is so very important to be engaged in the process of democracy. Even though as times, it is a hard thing to watch. I met a good many of you these last few months. The time was well spent, even if I am not moving onto Town Council next year.

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Time is running out for you to buy your tickets for emergency squads annual Christmas cash raffle! The raffle tickets are available at the Four Corners Diner or from any squad member. Drawing will be held on December 16th you do not need to be present to win. First prize is \$1000 cash, Second prize is \$500 cash and Third prize is \$250 cash.

Recently we gave out free Narcan kits to community residents who wanted one. Some kits

are still available and could be picked up at the squad building during the basket raffle/cookie sale on December 16th.

On the same day, December 16th, the squad will also have a very large basket raffle and cookie sale at the Edinburg squad starting at 11:00 am. Lots of delicious cookies for sale as well as chances for a variety of baskets and gift certificates. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

We will be having more exciting events in the upcoming future. Be sure to check our website for details.



EDINBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE

**Saturday, December 16th 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Michael Burnett - Director 863-6922

The Board of Trustees have announced the hiring of Alisha Rivera-Holmes as the new Library Director succeeding the retiring Michael S Burnett. Michael leaves after 33 years of service to the community.

On Thursday, Dec 14, the Friends of the Library will hold the drawing for their Annual Holiday Raffle. Four baskets will be awarded: "Happy Holidays"- wine, glasses, snacks, candles; "Fireside Warmth" – kindling, spirits, teas; "Kid's Fun" – books, snacks, games & crafts; "Winter Comfort" – slow cooker, scarfs, mittens, blanket. Tickets are available at the library: \$1 each or \$5 for six.

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Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - Noon
Saturday	9am - Noon

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 12 at 10 am in the library's program room. Kathleen Kish will lead a discussion of "Dog Walks into a Nursing Home" by Sue Halpern.

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Story Time "Hooray for Holidays" event is scheduled for Wed, Dec 13 at 10 am coordinated by Shirl Doherty.

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

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- Unnatural Death – Patricia Cornwell
- My Name is Barbra – Barbra Streisand
- Let Us Descend – Jesmyn Ward

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Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

Adding an Amaryllis to your home is like adding a sparkle. Amaryllis comes from the Greek word 'amarysso', which means 'to sparkle'. The true Amaryllis is native to South Africa with only one species which is known as Amaryllis Belladonna. In the 18th century when more varieties were discovered in Central and South America, an English botanist, Reverend William Herbert coined the name Hippeastrum for them. In Greek 'hippeus' means 'knight' and 'astron': 'star', after the resemblance of the flower to the 'knight's star', a medieval weapon. From the Hippeastrum over 90 species and 600 cultivars have been cultivated. It took botanists from both sides of the Atlantic a half a century to conclude that Amaryllis is the name that can be used to describe the Hippeastrum. The US imports more than 10 million Amaryllis bulbs every year from Holland and South Africa. Amaryllis can be used in cut flower arrangements, as an indoor potted plant or in gardens. The Amaryllis is often grown indoors because the bulbs are some of the few that prefer partial or indirect sunlight. They are also tropical plants that need warm temperatures in order to thrive. Emerging from a bulb one to three stems develop, each bearing four to eight star-shaped blooms joined by long, broad green leaves. They reproduce by growing 'daughter' bulbs next to the 'mother' bulbs, taking 3-5 years for the daughter bulb to reach a marketable size. Properly cared for, an amaryllis plant can live for 75 years! The key is trimming back the stem to about 4" after blooming and treating it like a regular house plant. In Autumn, let the plant go dormant in a dark indoor area for about 2 months, then you start all over.

According to classic Greek mythology, a love-struck maiden named Amaryllis longed for a shepherd named Alteo. Although a cold-hearted man, he was strong and handsome with a passion for flowers. Alteo was desired by many other women (just like these stunning flowers are widely sought-after!) Desperate to win his love, Amaryllis had to travel to the oracle of Delphi for advice. She was instructed to visit and stand outside Alteo's home for thirty nights, the last night she pierced her heart with a golden arrow. As she left, drops of blood fell along the path creating beautiful scarlet flowers. This caused Alteo to take notice, winning

his heart. Amaryllis' heart was healed and the rest is history, can't guarantee a happily ever after with this one, but let's remain optimistic :). As you might expect, the amaryllis flowers now stand as a profound symbol of love, beauty, and determination. It can also represent hope and achievement, too.

The amaryllis plant has long been associated with beauty, strength, and rebirth, making it a popular choice for both religious, spiritual and secular occasions. In the Bible, the amaryllis has a unique symbolism that dates back to ancient times. One of the most common interpretations of the amaryllis in biblical symbolism is its association with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The flower's ability to come back to life after a period of dormancy is seen as a symbol of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The amaryllis is also used as a decoration during the Easter season to celebrate this connection. In nature, amaryllis blooms in the spring or early summer, but more commonly they are forced into early bloom for the Winter holidays. Another biblical interpretation suggests that the flower represents the beauty and

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strength of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The tall, bright blooms of the amaryllis are seen as a symbol of Mary’s own strength and beauty, as well as her unwavering faith in God.

In a secular/spiritual sense, the amaryllis focuses on the idea of self-transformation renewal and growth. Just as the amaryllis emerges from dormancy with renewed vitality and beauty, so too can individuals experience a period of spiritual renewal and growth. The flower is seen as a reminder to embrace this time of growth and transformation. It is believed that the vibrant, bold colors of the flower encourage individuals to embrace adventure, take risks and pursue their passions. It is also associated with imparting courage, tenacity and determination, making it a spiritual tool to help individuals overcome obstacles and achieve success. With the chakra of the heart, which is believed to be the center of love and compassion, it is said that meditating on the Amaryllis can help individuals open this chakra

and connect with their innermost feelings, leading to a greater sense of peace and harmony.

In Victorian times, the amaryllis continued to represent love, romance and beauty and a symbol of strength. This was due to the flower’s mythological legend, along with its height, sturdiness, and resiliency when grown indoors.



Its medicinal properties have been utilized for centuries. From its roots to its petals, every part of the amaryllis plant contains therapeutic benefits, making it a unique and valuable natural remedy. In traditional Chinese medicine, the bulbs are used to treat a variety of conditions such as digestive problems, menstrual cramps, and insomnia. The bulbs have a bitter taste and are believed

to stimulate the digestive system, helping to relieve indigestion and other digestive issues. The flower contains alkaloids – some studies suggest that these compounds may have antifungal, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant effects. The

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alkaloid, galanthamine is being studied for its usefulness in treating Alzheimer, Cancer and viral diseases. It is possible that this traditional plant will find new life as a key component of modern medicine. It is important to note that the Amaryllis contains toxic compounds that can pose risks if ingested or if the sap comes into contact with the skin or eyes. Toxicity from the plant can range from mild gastrointestinal symptoms to severe cardiac toxicity and death. Any healing properties from this plant need to be done by a medical professional. (I know, it sounds like a modern day prescription drug commercial. However, I have to make it known :)

If you give this flower as a gift during the holiday season, it is viewed as a sign of festive cheer. The dramatic tropical blooms herald the holidays with a natural beauty that only a living plant can bring.

As another year comes to a close, I want to thank you for reading my articles for the past 6 years. May your holidays and the year to come be as bright, strong and beautiful as an Amaryllis.



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The nation’s former prisoners of war and those still missing were recognized by the presence of the POW/MIA Missing Man Table A lunch buffet was available and gave the veterans an opportunity of lively camaraderie over their meal.

Members of five of the six services were recognized by the playing of their service songs and, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard veterans were present, only missing was the Space Force. Recognition was also given to the families of the veterans for their support.

Ian Pitcavage, Director of the Fulton County Veterans Service Agency was present to review benefits and services that they can assist with and was available for questions one on one.

Information on both the Fulton County and Saratoga County is below.

Fulton County Veterans Service Agency,
 PO box 127, 2712 State Highway 29, Johnstown, NY 12095, Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Phone: (518) 736-5651. Appointments are recommended. Email: veterans@fultoncountyny.gov. Web page: <https://www.fultoncountyny.gov/fulton-county-veterans-service-agency>

Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency
 2144 Doubleday Ave, Suite 15 Ballston Spa, NY 12020, Office Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Phone: (518) 884-4115, FAX: (518) 884-4290,

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Following the presentation, Fulton County Veterans Service Director Ian Pitcavage entertained questions individually and attendees enjoyed continued conversations with their peers.

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by Janice Hawk-Baldwin

I am sitting on the bow of the boat, looking at the beautiful sky and enjoying the gentleness of the waves. We are 25 miles south of Key West. The Atlantic ocean today is the most amazing shade of dark blue, contrasting with the light blue sky. Looking out over the horizon, the view is magnificent. I woke up this morning and did not feel like going out on the boat. I am so glad that I kept my feelings to myself. As we were heading south, suddenly, a very large fish jumped 20' into the air, directly in front of us. Farther out we saw a Navy boat being escorted by the Coast Guard.

Way off in the horizon we could see cargo vessels slowly chugging along, going about their business. When we got to 700' of water we stopped to put the outriggers out for trolling. As Billy was doing this

a small pod of dolphins popped up next to our boat. They were busy feeding but two decided that they wanted to play with us. When we started trolling they swam with the boat. Big Hoss went crazy barking at them. If I let go of him, he would have been over the side and that would not be good. It is always thrilling when the dolphins come to play. If I had stayed in bed I would have missed so much.

The beauty of being on the water never ceases to amaze me. The old saying comes to mind . . . sometimes we can not see the forest for the trees. In this crazy world we often find ourselves with many "important" things that we think we need to attend to. The question is do we really have to do all of the things that we do? We miss so many opportunities to stop and look around and really appreciate where we live, work and play. I have been guilty of that many times in my life.

Two days later I found myself in Home Depot looking for new flower pots. I walked inside the store and was shocked at all of the Halloween/ Christmas decorations. Hoss was totally enthralled with all of the animated figures. I on the other hand was having a minor freak out because it was so overwhelming. I immediately thought about

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all of the things that I needed to do before the holidays. We will be spending them in NY with our family and arriving late on December 23. I have already started shopping and sending gifts to the Hawk Drilling office. My mind is in overload thinking about the things that I need to do. The question is do I really need to do all of the things running through my head. This time of year we all have the same agenda. Gifts to buy, dinners to attend, school plays and Christmas concerts. The list can be daunting. Why do we do this to ourselves. In an effort to make things perfect, I often made myself and others miserable. I felt let down and hurt, on occasion, when things did not go the way that I expected. It was because my expectations were too high. It surprised me that in a few seconds, looking at Christmas decorations, I was right back in that mindset again. Christmas is not about material things. It is about spending fun times with our family and friends and thanking God for all that we have.

Being retired and living in the Keys has brought me a new perspective. Less is more and I can do this. I am willing to suffer a week of snow and cold weather to be with my family. The hugs, laughter and fun make it all worthwhile. I am lucky and blessed to know that when I return home to Key West, there will be another day of sun, sand and sea. I hope that you can take a moment to stop, look, listen and appreciate all that you have. I am thankful that we have been able to live on the lake and in the Keys.

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays. May the season be the best one you have had yet. Relax and enjoy every moment.

Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

December is a busy month for everyone, but we hope that you will take a moment to join us for the

Tree Lighting and Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd at 5 p.m. We have several entrants for the parade and there will be cookies, bonfire, horse drawn wagon rides and a visit from the big man himself!

Highway Superintendent Reidell reports that the crew will still be pick up leaves raked to the curb until the first significant snowfall.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for October 2023 was 80 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). He reported that he completed the Northville Central School District Active Shooter Response plan and presented it to the school district and area emergency service representatives.

Residents and visitors are reminded that the Winter Parking Ban is currently in effect. Parking is not allowed on Village streets from midnight to 6 a.m. from November 1st through April 1st.

At their November meeting, the Village Board reviewed the final modifications to the current Village Code that requires property owners to keep the sidewalks fronting their property free of snow and ice. The recommended changes to the current code would require that the sidewalks be cleared of snow and/or treated for ice, in excess of two inches, within 48 hours after accumulation.

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Failure to clear the snow and/or treat ice as required by the law would result in the Village performing the task and billing the property owner. As this is an amendment to the current code, there will be a Public Hearing scheduled in the future for property owners to voice their concerns. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing will be conducted at the December 19th meeting. Public notice will be posted around the community and in the official newspaper of the Village when the hearing is set.

The Village Planning Board has begun their site plan review of the Great Sacandaga Lake Fire District construction project on South Main Street. The Planning Board meets the fourth Monday of the month, and the meetings are open to the Public. It is anticipated that a Public Hearing will be scheduled in January to complete the site plan review process for the fire house project. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals also reviewed the project at their November 16th meeting as there is a need for a rear yard variance to adjust the minimum off street parking requirement. The Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a Public Hearing on the variance for GSLFD at their next meeting on December 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The Village is currently in the process of applying for a NYS Department of Transportation grant for the construction of a multi use trail along the Spillway. We currently have an active Department of State grant application submitted for a pedestrian walkway at the spillway and hope to hear from that in mid-December, but the Department of Transportation grant is more geared toward the spillway project and has a greater potential of getting funded. We all know there is a great need for a safe

passageway for pedestrians and bicyclists at the spillway and the Board continues to work toward making that a reality in the near future. The Town of Northampton is also advancing their bridge project at the spillway. They are beginning the process to obtain engineering bids for the project. It is anticipated that bridge construction at the spillway will begin in 2025.

We are continuing to work on a National Trails Day event, which will be held May 31, 2024 through June 2, 2024. The event will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Northville-Placid Trail. The current schedule of the event is as follows:

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Sunday, June 2nd 10 am to 3 pm – vendors, food, and closing ceremony at 1 pm.

We encourage local merchants, dining establishments and churches to be part of the fun and host events or specials on that day. This event will be advertised across NYS through the I Love NY program along with ADK mountain publication and we anticipate a large crowd. Please email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to add your special Trails Day event/promotion to our schedule of events. We have monthly meetings with County and ADK Mountain Club representatives and anticipate advertisement for this event to begin in

early 2024, so now is the time to get your name on the list. It is a great opportunity to plan a fund raiser or host an activity station as outreach for your group or organization. We currently have over 30 vendors that plan on participating and our list keeps growing!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on December 19th at 7:00 p.m.



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December 3rd is the beginning of the Advent season. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ. It is a season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. A hopeful spirit is contagious – it lifts the lives of those exposed to it and brings a sense of peace and joy, ultimately leading to love.

Christmas is so much more than just a holiday, it is a Holy day. It is a time when our baby Jesus was born to be the Light of the world. It is a time

when God shows up in the middle of the mess to bring us a message of Hope and offer us a better way of life through unsolicited and unlimited gifts of grace and salvation through Jesus Christ. What a blessing for us to have the baby Jesus!

As you go about your preparations, celebrations and festivities this Christmas season, our prayer is that you don't let this story of God's unfailing love for the world go unspoken, but share this Good News with everyone, so that they too can find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in baby Jesus.

Our Christmas Eve service will be 9am Sunday, December 24th. Please feel free to join us.

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It is usually the end of October when the leaves are all off the trees, most of the fall flowers have passed their prime and things are turning brown when I start thinking about how much I miss Spring and Summer on the GSL and the beautiful warm glow of Fall.

I love Spring and Summer, as do most people up here on the GSL. The warm weather, flowers and trees blooming, boating, parties and picnics with friends and family, fishing, hiking, cycling, motorcycles, swimming. Let's face it, Spring and Summer have it all!! Most people will tell you that Spring and Summer here are the best!

As much as I love Spring and Summer, don't sell the Fall and Winter seasons short.

I really enjoy the Fall season, the beautiful colors on the trees, the pops of color in people's yards from all the Mums, the cooler temperatures, and don't forget the pumpkins, apple picking, corn mazes and Halloween decorations!

Unfortunately, Spring, Summer and Fall do not last

long enough, they never do. I also know what is coming next... November rains and the "brown" season. Thankfully, with it comes Thanksgiving, hunting season, 4 Wheeling, baking, cozy dinners with family and friends.

By now I've totally resigned myself to the fact that all that is in the past and I need to prepare for the snow and some seriously cold weather.

I pray for snow and ice on and around the GSL. It invites all kinds of outdoor activities. Snowmobiling, skiing, skating, snow shoeing, sledding, ice fishing, and fort building. Many people enjoy decorating their property for Christmas and it is much prettier with snow. Winters here on the GSL seem to last longer than the other seasons, but come March and April, it is time for Spring to come back.

Tracey Eschler McCloskey and her family are lifelong residents of the area. She's been involved in the community throughout her lifetime and has supported and worked for local businesses, assisting in fundraisers for the Sacandaga Protection Committee and various other organizations. She has an invested interest in all things associated with the wellbeing of the Great Sacandaga Lake Community and surrounding areas.

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“Lions and tigers and bears, oh my”, echoing the famous line from the Wizard of Oz. Thankfully bears are the only creature around this neck of the woods that may bring the “oh my” to our lips.

As an avid outdoors person and woods wanderer I have often wondered about whether I will come upon a bear. Although our black bears are usually not aggressive I still have concerns. In our backyard this year we have had a bear. First he came to the birdfeeders and then made its presence known through scat on the mountain path. A friend who lives on the Sacandaga shared his field camera pics and sure enough, he had one in his backyard as well. Posts on social media are often showing the furry



Photo by Don Polunci

visitors on their ring doorbell cameras sauntering through their yards and yes sometimes up on the decks.

I went hiking once with someone who wouldn't stop talking, a licensed guide no less but thinking back they were probably quite savvy about the whole thing...make noise and make your presence known so there will be no surprises.

When I first moved to this area my husband informed me that to the north in Indian Lake and Long Lake folks would travel to watch the “dump bears”. Of course to prove to me that it was true off we went. Plowing through a crowd of onlookers we landed on top of a huge mound of highway sand. Up high and feeling safe we watched as bear after bear left the safety of the woods their internal junk food bell ringing. After the number rose to eight with a few scuffles and one behind us huffing and stomping I said “can we please leave now?” We did manage to get back to the car safely but it all really disturbed me. Glad it has been stopped.

According to the DEC there are about 4000 black bears in the Adirondacks. They are large weighing between 100-600 pounds. They eat almost anything but a healthy diet for bears is primarily vegetarian; nuts, acorns, grasses, berries but they may prey on young animals, insects and

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of course honey. In the fall they feed to store up fat reserves to get them through the winter. Although not true hibernators bears become inactive, enter their dens and females give birth to cubs during this time.

As this is "bear country" DEC encourages us to not attract bears when they are active in the spring and fall by eliminating bird seed, pet food and garbage.

The black bear is after all one of the main icons of the Adirondacks and they are here in our backyard. But as winter approaches, they will retreat into their dens and the only bears we may see could be under the Christmas tree.

Roberta Games is a longtime Sacandaga region resident and spends many hours hiking and exploring the area. She has a degree in Biology with a special interest in Wildlife Biology and loves sharing about her many encounters with wildlife.



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by Barbara Klueg

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

I love Christmas, don't you? Recently I watched the movie, Elf. It's on my must-see list for the holidays, along with 'It's a Wonderful Life' and 'White Christmas' with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye (which always makes me cry happy tears).

There are so many activities to enjoy over the holidays . . . besides watching Christmas movies. Maybe you play Christmas music non-stop or enjoy picking out those special gifts for your loved

ones, or you reach out to help those less fortunate, or cut down your own Christmas tree, or you put out your favorite Nativity display, or just love to go Christmas caroling, or you attend countless Christmas concerts and parties . . . well, you get the picture!

It is the most wonderful time of the year! Yes, it is, but why and what are we really celebrating? We celebrate the Most Amazing Gift ever given . . . our Savior, Christ the Lord.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Matthew 1:21-23 says, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us.)"



Join us as we celebrate 'Emmanuel, God with us' at our 7 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. We will be rejoicing with a sing-along, and our Kids Choir and Adult Choir will share the beautiful Christmas Story, and the grand finale will be . . . the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Besides celebrating . . . sometime during this most wonderful time of the year . . . take time to read Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 and worship the one who came to earth with this specific purpose . . . to save His people from their sins.

May you have the Merriest Christmas ever!

Check out our Sunday services on our church website: bconny.org. If you need spiritual advice and guidance, contact Pastor Larson at church (518.863.8001). He has a heart for God, will pray with you and share God's Word with you.

Our weekly
schedule is:

- Sunday:
Sunday School
for all ages: 8:45
a.m. Worship: 10
a.m. Youth Choir
Practice 11:30
a.m. Jr. & Sr.
High Youth 7 p.m.
@ BCON Corner
- 1st Sun. of the
month: Family
Night: 6 p.m. with
refreshments &
service following.
- Monday: Bible
Club (K-5th) after

school – 4 p.m. @ church. Sr. High Girls Bible Study @ 7 p.m. Man Up Bible Study @ BCON Corner 8 p.m.

- Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m. BCON Corner. Moms & Tots: 2nd Wed. of the month @ 9:30 a.m. (Call church for location)
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Worship Choir Practice: 8 p.m.
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 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'
 Fall on your knees
 O hear the angel voices
 O night divine
 O night when Christ was born
 O night divine
 O night, O night divine
 Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
 And in His name, all oppression shall cease
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
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Northampton United Methodist at Fish House invites you to join us as we seek to share God’s love as revealed through Jesus Christ. We welcome all to join us for a time of hearing God’s word, singing the hymns of faith, and having fellowship with one another. We are a historic congregation located on the shore of Great Sacandaga Lake.

- Sunday Services at 9:00 AM
- Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM
- Study Group Wednesday at 10:00 AM
(No Study Group December 7th)

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM
 Christmas Day Service 9:00 AM
 Our study group will be looking at the life of the early Christian movement.
 a small group of believers shared a faith that became a world-wide movement
 it is remains life changing and life giving today
 The pastor also has a Daily Photo Devotion available by email, contact him at revdavid76@gmail.com to be added to email list.

Christmas is Coming

As I write this column in the middle of November some radio stations are already playing Christmas music, decorations are out in the stores, and holiday celebrations have begun. Preparations for celebrating the Good News of Jesus’ birth. Young and old are excited that Christmas Day is approaching. They can hardly wait to engage in the holiday traditions.

We celebrate the fulfillment of what generations of the descendants of Abraham and Jacob eagerly



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waited for, the promised Messiah's arrival in our midst. The Good News of a loving God who reaches out in love with forgiveness, the promise that love is stronger than hate, that peace is not an impossible dream, and that we need not fear even death.

But this season we celebrate more than just a past event, we celebrate what is happening now, and what is yet to come. We celebrate the continuing coming or Advent of God into our lives. We celebrate the promise that God is not finished with us and this world of ours.

God is currently at work through individuals who like Mary and Joseph said yes to God and were channels through which God came into the world and flesh and blood form. Those who like the shepherds heard the Good News from the angels and share it through their words and actions. Individuals who offer words of hope and through concrete action share God's love with those in need, offer hope, and work for peace.

God also promises that the day is coming for each of us and this world of our when the powers of good will triumph completely over the forces of evil. God will indeed enable all things to work together for good and we will know victory over even the power of death itself.

Faith Communities stand ready to celebrate with you the Good News of God present in the world and that the best is yet to come. They stand ready to surround you with God's love and work with you in sharing it with the world. If you don't currently belong to a Faith Community Northampton at Fish House welcome you to be part of our community. We gather on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, meet on Monday evening at 6:00 PM to discuss life issues and ways our faith can address them, and gather on Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM for Bible study. The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, revdavid76@gmail.com or on the pastor's blog at www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM FISH HOUSE

As a Christmas Gift we are offering you the opportunity to receive a free family photo. On Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 PM the pastor will be providing a free family photo. Each participant will receive a free 4x6 photo and a digital copy of the photo. When offered at The Mayfield United Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar this proved popular so this year it is also be offered at Fish House.

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Dianne Knapp, Board Member

“You say ‘amateur’ as if it was a dirty word. ‘Amateur’ comes from the Latin word ‘amare’, which means to love, to do things for the love of it.”

Source: Mozart in the Jungle (television series)

When December arrives on the calendar, a new level of anxiety arises in me alongside the urge to participate in and enjoy festivities, celebrations and creative projects. So many things to do: choosing gifts, planning events, decorating...

The SVAN Board of Directors has been doing just that. We invite you to join us at the Northville Gallery and Gift Shop, 303 South Main Street, on December 1st, 4-6pm at the Artist Reception, for refreshments, viewing of newly hung artworks, shopping and socializing. Did you know that

there are artfully crafted greeting cards and small gifts available as well as larger fine artworks? December 1st is also the close of the Silent Auction for the masterfully designed boat paddles. The winners of the bids for each of the six paddles will be announced at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to support the arts, support your community, and get a wonderful one-of-a-kind gift, all while enjoying the festivities. Start your holiday shopping locally!

Relax with us on Friday, December 8, 6-8:30 pm, for a hands-on workshop. Dianne Knapp will provide materials and instructions in a mini art holiday image using watercolor paints. This fun activity can become a greeting card or gift. Amateurs are very welcome. For more information check our website, svanarts.org, events on Facebook, or SVAN Grapevine. To register email vicepresident@svanarts.org. Seats are limited, so don't delay.

Already working on a creative project? Bring your materials to SVAN Art Club, at the Northville Library Gallery, 2:30 on December 12th. Enjoy conversation and support from other creative

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people. We'd love to see what you're working on. All skill levels welcome! Art Club also meets virtually. More Art Club dates and information can be found on the website.

A workshop series in crochet is being offered by two talented friends of SVAN. The first class will be held on Friday, January 12, 6-8pm, at the Northville Gallery and Gift Shop. Instructions and materials will be provided for the completion of one or more Mug Rugs (coaster). Class 2, (January 26) will expand on acquired skills with the introduction of more stitches and instructions for a scarf or lap throw. A third class, TBD, will be scheduled based on interest. Participants are welcome to register for any one class or all classes. Watch for more information coming soon.

Save these dates for the following festive entertainment opportunities:

- January 21, 3:00, Mark & Jill Sing the Blues, The Local Dine and Spirits, Northville.
- Hot Night returns to the Sport Island Pub on February 2nd & 3rd!
- February 11, 3:00, Michael Jerling, singer/songwriter, The United Methodist Church, Northville.

Sacandaga Valley Arts Network welcomes members and friends and neighbors at all of our sites and activities. Come for the love of doing it, whatever your interest or skill level might be. I'm looking forward to celebrating life through the Arts!





Thank you from the Knights of Columbus – Northville

The Knights of Columbus (“KOC”) of St. Francis church in Northville extend a sincere thank you to the community for their generosity in supporting our fund-raising activities. In August we held our third Chicken barbeque prepared by Don Beach of Wells. 300 fantastic dinners were sold, and in October a coin drop was held in the rain, unfortunately. Thanks to the community’s support we are able to continue our charitable work. We were able to provide 24 new winter coats, hats and mittens for children, provide a happier Christmas for local families, make donations to local fire departments, assist in the Bishop’s Appeal, assist with faith formation classes by providing bibles and provide financial assistance to the local food pantry and other worthy charitable efforts locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. Once again Thank You for your support of the Knights of Columbus so we may continue to help those in need. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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December 7th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30, Fish Sandwich with Tartar Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spinach, and Pudding. We will celebrate all December birthdays with a cake provided by Marion Balch. STFSL Program at 12:30: Dorothy Edwards will entertain with stories of "This and That"

December 14th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, and Mousse . STFSL Program at 12:30: The "Unnamed Musicians" featuring Tom and Judy Black, Sally Peck, Larry Cramer, Anna

Wrabel and John Varrouso preforming an impromptu concert.

December 21st, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, and Chef's Choice Dessert STFSL Program at 12:30: Northville Central School Middle and High School Choir will perform a selection of Holiday music..

December 29th, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30. Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Green Beans and Cake. No Program this date. There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic this date.

Call Fulton County OFA at 736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. . For closure information check channels 6, 10 or 13 and WENT 1340 radio. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 752-8737 and leave a message.

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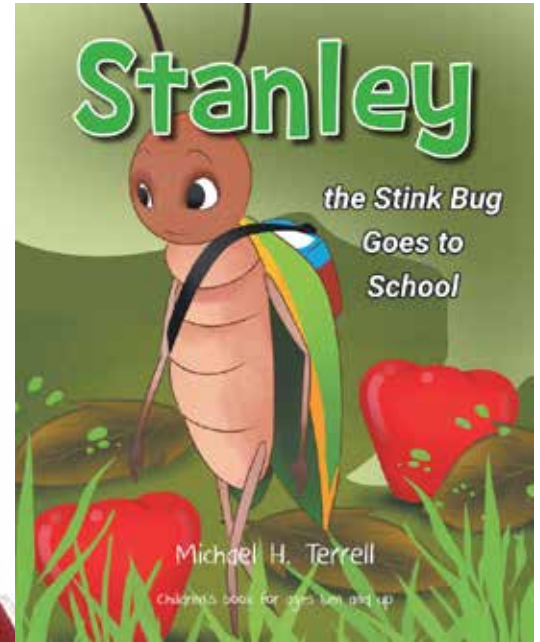
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Christmas greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! The Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten and turned into miraculous other meals ... sandwiches, soup, salad, more soup! The tables have been cleared and family members have gone home with leftovers. We hope you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday no matter where you find yourselves in life these days. Following is a message from our pastor, Ron Talbott:

“Starting December 3, we find ourselves in the season of Advent, a time where we hear through scriptures when God fulfills his promises; when we prepare for the Messiah. God’s words become actions and on Christmas Day, we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child.

As things become hectic and frenzied, I want you to stop and look at your lives. Stop and count the blessings that God has given you. Put your faith in our Lord, letting him take up your burdens. Pray for our community, our world and each other as I pray for you. I pray that you know that you are blessed, that God loves you and, most of all, that everyone has a very Merry Christmas.”

On December 6, our church is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to

www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code FirstUMCNorthville.

On December 9, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Thrift Store at 10 am.

Also on December 9, Zorba’s Trio (brother and sisters) will be performing a Christmas concert at 4 pm in the church sanctuary.

On December 24, we will have our regular Sunday worship service at 11 am and a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 pm.

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesdays, 2-5 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags if possible. All purchases are by donation. Gently worn, good, clean, used clothing only is accepted and welcomed. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, BEDDING, ETC. We cannot emphasize this enough! We have added a jewelry room on the second floor across from the church office. It will be open during regular Thrift Shop hours on Tuesdays only.

We ask God’s blessing on you and your families this Christmas season; and, we invite everyone to join us on Sunday mornings for music, prayer, and interesting sermons, including a children’s time with the pastor.





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Historian, Pam Morin

Let's meet at Hadley's Gazebo December 3rd.

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is Sunday, December 3rd from 3:30pm til 5pm when we light the town's tree. Community holiday spirit is plenty as we sing Christmas carols around the heat lamps, enjoy hot soups and cocoa, cookies and S'mores at the campfire.

We'll be Stuffing-a-Van with non-perishable food items for the Lions' Club Holiday Baskets and the Maxfield/Powers Food Pantry. The van will be at the park on Rockwell Street, please help us stuff it!

JP Henderson of Galaxy Entertainment returns with Christmas Carols and holiday tunes. Add to the festivities, local musicians from the H-L High School and the new Kazoo Band on the Block will provide live entertainment.

The Hadley Business Association sponsors and organizes the annual Tree Lighting Event. They donate balsam trees to all non-profits to decorate displaying its mission in a holiday theme of “Dream Upon A Star”. Please come vote for your favorite tree; awards will follow at 4:45pm. For more information contact Sue at 518-696-4947.

For the good will and benefit of all, let me tell you about the Dude Ranch Era that seemed to begin to establish the future years during the depression, following the logging on the Hudson, travel and tourism during WW II and roared into the 50/60 & 70's with the aura that was showcased by the stage and popularity of television's western cowboys and movie personalities. The theme and draw to Trail Riding, Square Dancing, Rodeo and the Country Western fashion style was as unique and popular to the Lake Vanare's adventure traveler as “Rock & Roll” was to the “Bars, Bands and Beaches” just 7 miles away in the Lake George Village. “Romance at the Ranch” was Earl Woodward's big selling point to the Tri State Marketing Trade and it worked.

This series will start with the world of rodeo at the Painted Pony in Lake Vanare, then continue with more history about other local “Ranches, Rodeos and Wranglers” and the birth of the ever-present NYS Scenic Byway known as the “Dude Ranch Trail.”

In 1943 Walter Isaacson from New York City told his friend Jim, “I am going to look for property somewhere in the Adirondacks and I am going to build a dude ranch.” Walter sent correspondence





to realtors in the Adirondacks all summer long. In the fall of 1943, he received a letter from a realtor, Earl Woodward, in Lake Luzerne. Over Columbus Day Weekend the deal was completed and Walter, his wife Betty and brother Charles were in the dude ranch business. After a lot of hard work, on April 19, 1947 the Isaacson's welcomed their first paying guests, a young couple on their honeymoon. By Memorial Day weekend they had 24 guests, room rate was \$40.00 a week per person. This included lodging, 3 meals a day and horseback riding. Walter and Betty's advertising "hook" was to advertise as a family ranch. Many other competitors discouraged children. Walter stated, "If they don't want the kids, we'll take them." Their brochures carried the phrase, "The East's Most Western Ranch-Where the Pavement Ends and the West Begins" and is still used to this day. A big turning point came when a story about the Painted Pony Ranch was written by John Hughes and appeared in "Wheel, Keels and Wings." After that story ran, the ranch became established as a family ranch.

On October 21, 1950, local cowboy, Don Baxter married Janie, the Isaacson's only daughter, honeymooned in Arizona, spent the winter breaking wild mustangs in Montana, shipped the herd home in the spring of 1952 to Hadley Railroad Station, drove them through Town to the Ranch 5 miles away and settled in. Soon Don suggested a rodeo arena and weekly rodeos be their next business adventure adding to the ranch. On the last Friday of June in 1953 at 8 pm, Don led the grand entry, with Janie following carrying the American flag and a ranch guest carried the Painted Pony flag. 70 years later, now 2023, the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo tradition still continues 4 days a week here in Lake Vanare with the Graham Family. Would love your comments.



Don Baxter driving cattle from the Hadley Station, over Bridge of Hope to Painted Pony Rodeo in Lake Vanare in 1951



Painted Pony Rodeo in Lake Vanare. Circa 1951 ?

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There is something startlingly interesting to learn about every one you encounter.

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One of the best conversations I ever had with a stranger reinforced this theme. That chat lasted the entire flight from Colorado to Washington DC. I should add "B.C." - before cell phones. (and I wonder if 99% of these conversations no longer happen.)

It so happened that I'd just picked up at my

mother's house an archeological magazine I'd never seen in her house before. An archeological site that predated every thing else in North America had been uncovered in Titusville, Florida. Well that was easy to remember. My stepson lived there.

And then I happened to take a seat next to a professor who said his area of expertise was something like Anthropological Psychology. What??! I wanted to say are you sure that's a thing? Well, like a detective at a crime scene, he was tuned into physical clues that were indications of thoughts and actions.

The Titusville discovery was recent enough that he wasn't aware of it, but he explained for instance how burial sites said a lot about religion and spiritual beliefs.

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After that enlightening discussion, Professor Fred mused about the difference in tone between 50th birthday celebrations and 60th birthdays. He thought that most people tolerate a 50th birthday party, but try turning 60 very discreetly. Shhh. So he and some old school chums, all Psychologists, decided to do a big thing the year they all turned 60. They would cross America by bicycle. But not all at once. The adventure would span four summers.

The kickoff event was from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. Imagine the panoramas you'd see riding the brakes on a westward descent from the Rockies, coasting through quickly changing vistas and enormous expanses.

The final segment was the Midwestern piece, (groan) the Great Plains. But something unexpected developed. This quartet of inquisitive cyclists agreed that the final leg of the journey became the most interesting of all. Each day while they ground through many miles of, let's admit, mostly monotonous, barely changing scenery, their thoughts and comments were filled with the conversations they'd delved into the day before.

If the first ride had been sumptuous to the eye, grandeur unspeakable, the last ride fed them much more: the meat and potatoes of American thought. Eric Hoffer, the American longshoreman/philosopher used to say he liked to talk to people with calloused hands. That's where you find common sense.

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And so, surrounded by “amber waves of grain” they sat down with the men that made all that happen. These were the men that sat on tractors a lot, thought a lot, solved problems, watched weather, managed big animals, knew their neighbors, would help anyone, and at the end of the day answered to themselves.

(remember the billionaire presidential candidate who once declared that today’s economy demands High Tech workers - not like the old times when farmers just put seeds in the ground? I’ll leave his name out so as not to make fun of the poor man, but his campaign belly-flopped after that first speech).

The riders shared coffee, (Or was it beer?) wit, and wisdom with fellas who’d probably never worn a pair of bicycle shorts. Probably wouldn’t be caught dead in them, if truth be told, but knew when they’d earned a sit-down break. These guys and their retired grandfathers were long in the business of making food happen, but they were also remarkably good at packing our travelers with food for thought.

They could be found in every town along the way, on the porch of the general store, solving the day’s problems or discussing hay prices, ready to fill in any “unlocal” who had a pair of ears.

The hours flew by quickly on that flight but the enjoyment of the wide ranging conversation never has been forgotten.

Then there was my neighbor. She seemed like the kind of farm wife you’d go to for advice on canning or barn cats. Her cheerfulness was very appealing. One day she said the most unexpected thing. When quite young, she’d taken flying lessons. But not going from point A to point B. It was loops, spins spirals and anything else her instructor could think of. But what ever might’ve come of it was suddenly interrupted. With the advent of WWII, Uncle Sam commissioned all private planes for the war effort. So if you know someone named Bertha, tip her a wing and she might tell you more.

People are entertaining. This sounds as corny as a Kansas cornfield, but there’s more to us than meets the eye. If you’re ready to listen.



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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

It is hard to believe we are rounding the end of the year already! As winter is approaching, please be on the lookout for any closings, delays, and/or early dismissals for inclement weather.

Information and updates regarding closings or delays will be shared with families on the Remind App, district Facebook, and local television/radio stations. Also, please remember that children will need to have winter gear and snow clothes (coat, hat, mittens/gloves, boots, and snowpants) everyday for outside recess. The only time we will not be outside for recess is if the temperatures (with windchill) fall below 20 degrees or there is freezing precipitation/rain. Should your child/children be in any need of winter clothing, please reach out to us for help at 518-863-8412.

On Thursday, November 9th, the students, teachers, and staff honored our local veterans in the gymnasium. We are thankful for their services and the sacrifices they have made to protect our country. The students sang patriotic songs, made projects, and read poems in their honor. We would like to thank the Girl Scout Troop #2090

for leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Boys Scout Troop #55 for the flag folding ceremony. We would also like to thank our teachers and staff for their help with another successful Veterans Day celebration.



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“An Eagle Eye on . . . ”

Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being

Student of the Month for December 2023.

PK - Ivan

K - Damen

1st - Devin and River

2nd - Kendyl

Students in grades PK through 2nd grade are honored monthly for their great character, being a good friend to their peers, making great choices, and displaying great work ethic in class. The teachers and staff at ECS think you are doing a fantastic job! Keep up the hard work!

Honor/High Honor Roll students in 3rd through 6th will be honored for the 1st quarter grades.

Please stay tuned for those names in the next edition.

The Edinburg Common School District will hold the

annual holiday concert on Monday, December 11th at 6:00 PM (with a snow date of Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 PM).

Under the direction of Ms. Pat Zullo, the students will sing traditional and modern day holiday songs. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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





Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 1st - Eagle
Afternoon 2:30 PM

Monday, December 4th - Half Day
Dismissal at 11:45 AM Bus, Pick-
ups 11:50 AM

Friday, December 8th - Discovery
Kids 3 year old program 2:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12th - ECS
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Monday, December 11th - Holiday
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****We must receive mailed entries by Friday, February 16th****

If the contest is canceled, 80% of the proceeds will be raffled off to the entries received by February 16, 2024



Mayfield Historical Society Christmas Open House at The Rice Homestead

*Carol Johnston, Publicist
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The 32nd Annual Christmas Open House and Pie Sale at The Rice Homestead will be on Saturday, December 2nd, from 12 - 4 p.m. Musical entertainment in the Victorian Parlor will be by Fleur de Lys from 12-2 pm and Dana Carroll on the hammered dulcimer from 2-4 pm. Rooms will be decorated in the holiday spirit of yesteryear with fireplaces ablaze and homemade cookies and hot mulled cider will be served. Spinning and wool rug braiding demonstrations will be in The Loom Room and the very popular Homemade Pie Sale will be in the dining room as well as gift baskets for raffle. This event is free and open to the public and refreshments are free.

The Rice Homestead is located at 328 Riceville Road in Mayfield, NY. For more information, call 518-332-0538 or visit www.facebook.com/ricehomestead.



Fleur de Lys performing at The Rice Homestead Christmas Open House



The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club


BP Lions End October With Broadalbin Youth Soccer and Perth Dedication

Broadalbin, N.Y., Oct. 28, 2023 -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club ended October with a flurry of activity involving a youth program in Broadalbin and an environmental project dedication in Perth, displaying their commitment to Lions Clubs International's global causes by demonstrating local actions.

During the morning of Oct. 28, Lions staffed their concession stand at the Broadalbin Town Park, offering refreshments and snacks to the players and parents of the Broadalbin Youth Commission's (BYC) fall soccer program. A portion of the funds generated by these sales are returned to the BYC to help sustain the program.

Later that afternoon, several Lions gathered at the Perth Town Hall to dedicate a wishing well on the grounds. The wishing well, designed and made by Lion Tom Kevlin, was presented to Town of Perth Supervisor Greg Fagan, who is also a Broadalbin-Perth Lion. The cedar piece was placed over the facility's well head, embellishing the grounds.


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 we extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions staffed their concession tent at Broadalbin Town Park to provide refreshments and snacks to players and parents participating in the Broadalbin Youth Commission's Fall Soccer Program. A portion of the funds generated by these sales are returned to the BYC to help sustain the program. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from Left, Valerie Kevlin, Bill Suchy, Tom Kevlin, Town of Perth Supervisor Greg Fagan, Mike Auricchio, and Club President Bob Townsend gathered for the dedication of a wishing well to the Town of Perth. Lion Tom Kevlin made the cedar structure that is placed over the well head at the town hall, embellishing the grounds. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/ Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Bill Suchy attaches the finishing touches to the wishing well gifted to the Town of Perth. The cedar piece was placed over the facility's well head, embellishing the grounds. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/ Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Valerie Kevlin, left, presents Town of Perth Supervisor Greg Fagan a plaque in appreciation of the combined efforts of the Lions and the Town of Perth in their successful youth soccer program. The Lions wishing well is a symbol of the ongoing efforts to support youth and serve as a good steward of the environment. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/ Lion Ed Balaban).

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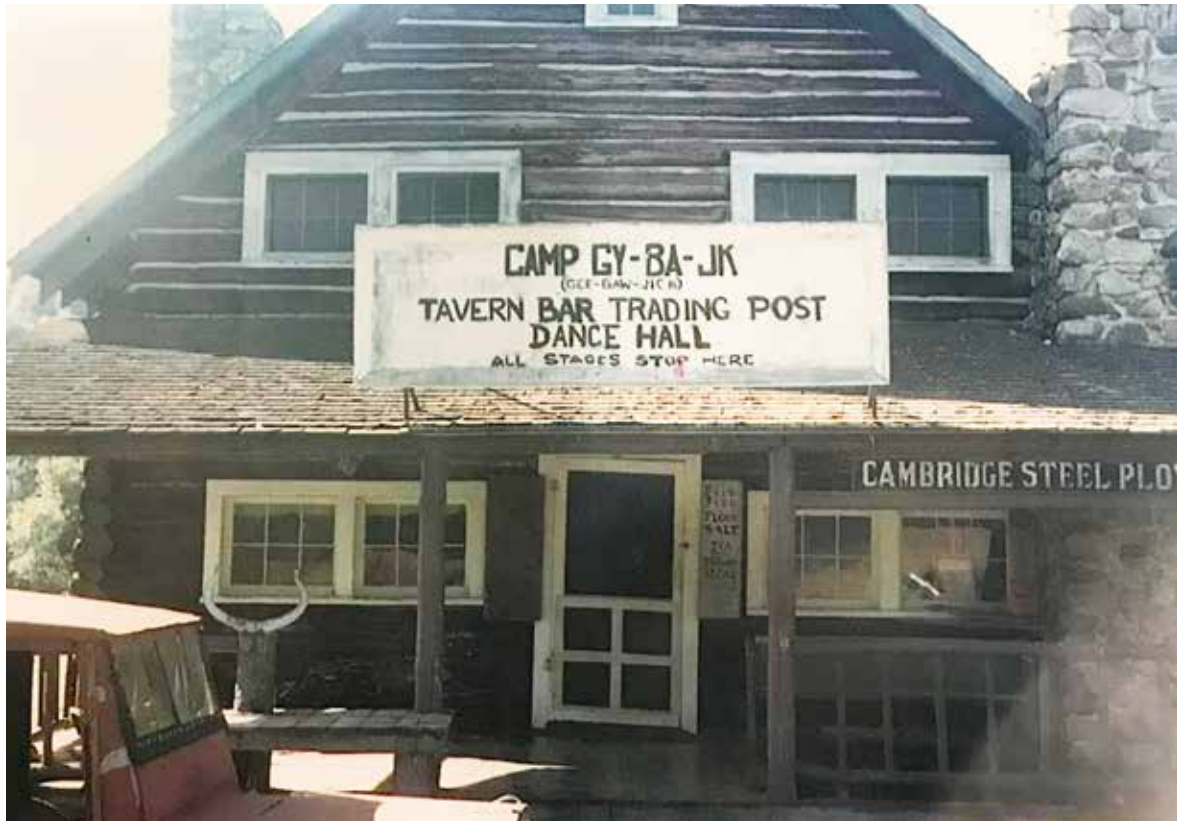
Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Have you ever been Over the Mountain into West Stony Creek? This is a trip to the back country just over the town line in Thurman, Head westerly out of “Creek Center” on the Harrisburg Road for about 5 miles, turn north (right) on the Wolf Pond Road for about a mile, then turn north-west (left) for the ascent on to the West Stony Creek Road. The town line is crossed at about a mile past the intersection. The grade continues upward for another mile or so before dropping down to a valley where the Barber Place lies.

Guthrie Y. (G.Y.) Barber was born in Canada and lived on Gramercy Park in New York City. He purchased Lot 13, Range 7 in 1922. He was connected with a woman’s-wear business, had a brother and 2 sisters and a wife named Viola. He named the estate “Camp GY-BA-JK” (GEE-BAW-JIK)

He kept a guest book, the many entries included business associates, such as department store buyers, Boy Scout groups, Adirondack Mountain Club members, and his Stony Creek neighbors. In an article dated December 21, 1942 it describes the late G Y Barber camp and it’s many attractions, like the Lodge Museum of Indian relics, the old stage coach used by Theodore Roosevelt, the pet

deer, the Canadian geese, horses, cows, dogs, etc. the Barber trip has become a favorite one for hundreds of Scouts in the county. Another article says one of the buildings on the Barber Place is the Trading Post. G. Y.’s collection included, museum items, books, a number of horse-drawn vehicles, including old wagons, buckboards, sleighs and a stage coach.



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January 8, 1931
SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER

G. Y. Barber plays Santa Claus in Stony Creek Section

Stony Creek, West Stony Creek and nearby hamlets were visited by Santa Claus Christmas week in the person of G.Y. Barber, of New York, a summer resident of West Stony Creek, who distributed gifts to more than 200 families in that section. Several thousand dollars worth of presents, which were personally selected by Mr. Barber in New York several weeks ago, were distributed through the churches and other organizations. Each child of school age received \$1.50 worth of gifts, namely, a durable toy and either a warm pair of mittens or stockings. Some as old as seventeen benefitted by the gifts, while children of pre-school age received \$1.00 worth of presents. This was in addition to the Yuletide sunshine baskets distributed by Mr.

Barber, who for the past five years has played the role of Santa Claus in the Stony Creek section.

When the D and H railroad station at Stony Creek was destroyed by fire a short time ago, a considerable number of turkeys were burned. Those who were doomed to disappointment by the catastrophe were remembered by Mr. Barber, who purchased more birds for the Christmas dinner.



Mr. Barber died of a heart ailment at his home in New York. Funeral services were conducted in New York, followed by cremation. The ashes were brought to his farm and camp. GY-BA-JK at West Stony Creek for burial.

I hope that you enjoyed your trip over the mountain, and learning about Mr. Barber's place, and his acts of kindness for the children and their families of Stony Creek. 'Till next time, Cindy



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Hawk Drilling loves Christmas – well, maybe it's just me, but the office has been decorated since November 5th. Amanda bought lights for the outside – hopefully we aren't annoying our neighbors too much. Each tech has a stocking hung with their initial and I'm really looking forward to filling them. The deer heads have their red nose covers and the trees are up. We decided that we would purchase a new tree for each year we own the company – we currently have 3.

Chris once told me that my love language is giving presents – I had never thought about it before, but he is accurate. I LOVE giving presents. I take my time to consider what would be wanted and it's fun looking for new things to put our logo on. I have been asked multiple times whether I am being coerced into buying gift cards when getting things for the staff. The manager has to come over and ask me very seriously if someone is requiring me to do this – the answer is yes – Santa!

It is tough to get everyone together for a Christmas dinner, so we do a Christmas

breakfast. Chris has agreed to dress up as Santa – because of course – and we plan to have gag-gifts that he hands out to everyone. We have some zingers planned! Then we will have a white elephant party – I still laugh when I think of some of the things that have been passed around and I wonder if they will turn up again this year.

It's wonderful to enjoy the people you work with. I have certainly worked in jobs that this was not true for me. We describe ourselves as a family – we love each other and we argue sometimes – but we take care of each other. □ This isn't meant to be condescending, but giving out gifts to all of them feels as fun as giving gifts to my kids.

I'll end this edition with a funny story Amanda told me this morning. She was talking with her son – who is full of wise-for-his-age comments – about how Christmas is more about giving than receiving and he told her, “no, Mommy, that's what Thanks-GIVING is for”. Ha...smart kid.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! See you next year!