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## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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*by Jean Raymond*



### Town Roads Weight Posted

All town roads have been weight posted to 4 tons maximum until the frost is gone. The signs will be removed once they can be safely driven on with heavier vehicles.

### Town Roads being Pre Treated Prior to Snow Storms

Town roads this winter are being pre treated with a salt and water brine prior to the snow. You will notice wet stripes on the roads. This is done so that the snow does not bond to the pavement. They are using live edge plows that have been installed on the trucks and make the snow much easier to remove and leaves less to salt. The salt usage has been reduced by at least 50%.

### Town Highway Paving Plan for 2022

The Highway Department is hoping to pave the upper portion of Tennantville Road and Johnson Road this summer if possible. The price of oil will have to come down in order to afford all the paving. The prices for materials will have to be considered when we get closer to actual paving. If the price does not come down there will be less paved and possibly some funds will be rolled over to 2023.

### Historical Society Plans Historic Edinburg Day

The Historical Society is planning to have Historic Edinburg Day this year on July 9th. They have had to cancel the event for the last 2 years due to Covid. The town will again provide the face painter and horse and wagon rides. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars and come out and support the Historical Society.

### DEC Burn Ban

The DEC burn ban is in effect from March 15, through May 14th. From March 16 through May 14, New York's annual statewide ban prohibiting brush burning is in effect. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires each spring. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed, but only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these or any fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round. For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

### Clearly Visible House Numbers

Residents are reminded to be certain that their house numbers are clearly visible from the street. The police, fire or ambulance must be able to find you. If you have a long driveway be sure the house number is on a post or sign at the start of the driveway. If you live on a private road be sure there is a sign, clearly visible from the main road, with the name of the private road.

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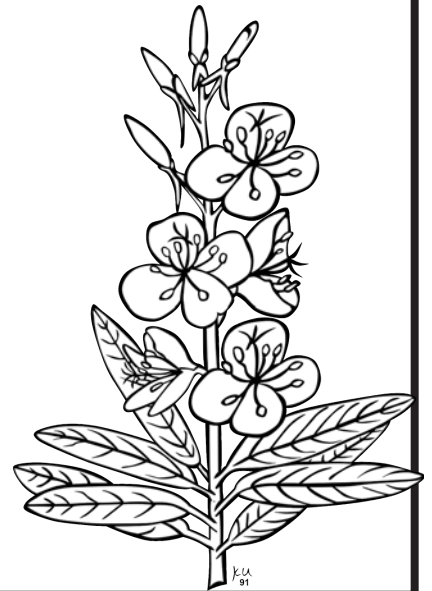


# APRIL 2022

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Here's a list of some notable dates and meetings.  
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Thurs	7	Edinburg Zoning Board 7:00 pm
Tues	12	Edinburg School Board 6:00 pm
Sun	10	Palm Sunday
Fri	15	Good Friday
Sun	17	Easter Sunday
Thurs	21	Edinburg Town Board 4:00 pm
Thurs	28	Edinburg Planning Board 7:00 pm



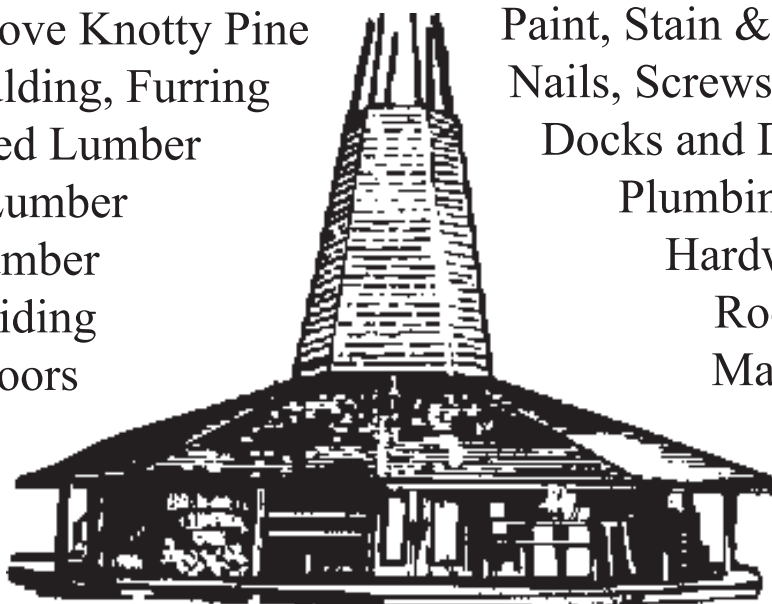
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*Claudette Koza - Secretary*

The Edinburg Historical Society is anxious for spring welcoming back members that are snowbirds. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Sand Hill one-room schoolhouse on Tange Road. The speaker will be announced in the next Edinburg Newsletter.

On Saturday, May 28, 9 am to Noon EHS will hold a Salads and Bake Sale to supplement our loss of revenue from being unable to have our two festivals during the Covid outbreak. Edward's Maple Farm will be selling their maple sugar products. Cookies, pies, fudge, bread, brownies and more will be available along with macaroni, pasta, and potato salads.

Plans are underway for the Historic Edinburg Festival on Saturday, July 9 from 10 to 3 p.m. The festival will include free horse and carriage rides by J & D Percherons. There will be more publicity when we have finalized the plans when the whole town turns out for the festival.



J & D Percherons



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The Northville Rotary Foundation Scholarship Established in Memory of Rotarians Barbara Curnow, Beth Smith and Priscilla Horesco

An endowed scholarship of \$500 will be awarded each year beginning in the fall of 2022 to a student in the Northville-Edinburg area who is enrolled in a one-year technical program at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. The original endowment of \$10,000 was created through the kind and generous donations of Northville Rotarians and Friends of the Northville Rotary and will provide a \$500 yearly scholarship in perpetuity.

The scholarship is named after Barbara Curnow who was an active member of the Northville Rotary who volunteered to help with many of our projects along with her Rotarian husband Gary; Beth Smith, who was a retired elementary teacher and vital part of the Northville Rotary who worked along-side her long time Rotarian husband Bob on many service activities and Priscilla Horesco, wife of Rotarian Theo, who taught math at FMCC

and was an integral part of the Northville Rotary for a number of years. They all valued education and we believe would be proud to have their names associated with this scholarship.

Interested parties should contact FMCC or their school guidance counselor for further information and to apply for the scholarship. This is one of the first, and hopefully the beginning of future endowments and projects through the Northville Rotary Foundation. If you are interested in more information or donating to the Foundation, contact President Chas Owens at [chasowens86@gmail.com](mailto:chasowens86@gmail.com)

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

### Decoration/Memorial Day

“The lilacs will (won’t) be in bloom for Decoration Day this year.” As long as I can remember that phrase was expressed at this time of year by family, friends or neighbors. The reason for the “lilacs” comment? Years ago many folks in our rural communities decorated family gravesites with lilacs on Decoration Day which was May 30.

My younger readers now know this day as Memorial Day.

Decoration Day originated in Charleston, South Carolina on May 30, 1865 when Black children and their families sprinkled flowers on the neglected graves of Union soldiers. The idea soon spread to the North and on May 5, 1868 the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic-GAR- John A Logan, designated May 30 as a National Memorial Day and ordered all GAR Posts to decorate the graves of fallen comrades. The New York State Legislature designated May 30 as a legal holiday in 1873 and every state in the North was observing it by the 1890’s.

A Confederate Memorial Day was legalized in the South but its observance varied from state to state. Since WWI Memorial Day has been set aside to honor all men and women that have fallen in all U.S. wars or military actions. After WWII

Decoration Day became the official Memorial Day and was to be held on May 30 each year no matter what day of the week it fell on. In 1968 the Uniform Holidays bill was passed to use federal holidays as 3-day week-ends and since 1971 a federal law set aside the last Monday in May as the official observance day but not all states observe the 3-day week-end when schools and most businesses are closed.

Decoration Day meant several things to folks in Edinburg in the 1940’s, 50’s and 60’s. May 30 was always celebrated on the day it fell which to the kids often meant a day off from school in mid-week and for parents, a day off from work. Almost all businesses would be closed—no big department store sales—and flags would be flying everywhere. Northville always had a morning parade with marching veterans, the school band and children on bicycles decorated with red, white and blue streamers. My family always attended the parade giving me the impression that it was an honor and duty to do so. The parades were bigger then and so were the number of spectators.

Many families spent part of the day working in the cemeteries as this was before the days when our town highway crew maintained the cemeteries as they do now.

The men of the family might haul in dirt to fill sunken graves; trim weeds or brush while the women decorated the graves with flowers. Lilacs were popular in our town—almost every yard had lavender and white lilac bushes—and depending on the kind of Spring we’d had were often in bloom somewhere near May 30th. One of the favorite containers was a Mason canning jar filled with water—all brought from home as our cemeteries have no source of water. The canning jar was sunk into the soil in front of the gravestone and for almost a week the cemeteries would be in full bloom before the flowers started to turn brown.

Eventually manufacturers tried to capture the market with cemetery pieces of artificial flowers set in foam with wire legs that pushed into the soil. These are now used extensively but rural women resisted them for many years

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because they looked fake, were expensive, whereas lilacs cost them nothing and were fragrant as well. Silk flowers have now replaced the old plastic ones giving the cemetery pieces a much nicer appearance.

For the families who had to travel distances to get to a cemetery a picnic lunch was packed and taken along for the day. Some families spent the rest of Decoration Day quietly—much like a Sunday. In the 1960's, weather permitting—this holiday marked the beginning of the summer season with family picnics and other events which we still enjoy today.



The holiday was not without its problems however. A 1915 Gloversville newspaper reported that James B. Avery of Avery's Corners (now underwater and once part of North Broadalbin) lost a Rhode Island Red hen to an automobile party heading north on Decoration Day. Not only did they run over and kill the chicken but they also stopped the car and stole it as well! Mr. Avery got the license plate number and threatened trouble if the driver didn't call and offer a settlement!

Today, thanks to Jean and Todd Becker, American flags (supplied by the town) are placed on all veterans graves in Edinburg's cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. A Canadian flag is also placed on the grave of a Canadian veteran.

On this Memorial Day think about the Real meaning of the day. Display your flag, gather your kids or grandkids and attend a local parade. Take a walk through that nearby cemetery. Say a Prayer and give Thanks to those veterans who gave their all to give us what we have today.

Last but not Least—

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## Celebrating 200 Years!

*by Dave Davidson  
Town of Day Historian*

### Chapter 2 - Pathways

Before 1795, the valley was largely uninhabited – there is no evidence for the existence of significant Indian settlements. We do have evidence of seasonal Indian camps in the flood plain – at the mouth of Bell Brook for example.

The valley was a major link in the Indian trail system linking the Mohawk valley with the Champlain and St. Lawrence valleys.

“Tory Rock” trail was the most important trail in Day. Beginning at Crown Point on Champlain, the trail crossed the Sacandaga at Huntoon’s Riff



Ted Mirczack at Tory Rock

(Brooks Bay) then up along Daley Creek past “Tory Rock” to the ridge top, through what is now Mulleyville to Lake Desolation, then down the mountain to Rt. 29 – from there, via either Middle Line Road/Rt. 50 or Sacandaga Road, to the Mohawk River at Scotia, or west of there.

Munro, and the 200 British, Tory, and Indian troops he commanded, used this trail when they raided Ballston in October, 1780, and it is the trail they followed when they brought their 30 captives back to Canada. It is likely that this raid gave name to “Tory Rock.”

The 2nd trail in Day ran along Military Road. This trail linked the Mohawk Valley around

Amsterdam to the St. Lawrence Valley. At least one leg led from Fish House to Johnson Hall and was much used by Sir William Johnson.

Before the early 1960’s, when it was named Military Road, the road was known as State Road. Curiously, there are no known military actions associated with the trail.

Watch for more chapters about the history of the town of Day, NY.

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The Library will change to its Spring and Summer hours beginning Friday, April 8. At this time, through August, the library will extend Friday hours until 4 pm.

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Apr 12 at 10 am in the library's program room. Amy Jo Stewart will lead a discussion of "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah.

### Hours: September - March

Monday	9am - Noon
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The Friends of the Library Executive Committee has announced the dates of its summer fund

raisers. The Mammoth Book Sale will be held June 30 & July 1 (9 - 4) and July 2 (9 - 3), and the Annual Ice Cream Social and Raffle is slated for Saturday, July 23; 5 - 8 pm.

The Friends have scheduled their Annual Meeting for Wednesday, July 13 at 630 pm with Doghouse Carpenters, an Americana trio of Bill Ackerbauer, Bill Healy and Bob Zink. Playing a mix of traditional acoustic instruments in a variety of roots styles, the band has performed at festivals, taverns, coffeehouses and other venues around the Adirondacks Foothills since 2015.

All three members of the trio are vocalists and accomplished musicians. This program requires a ticket, free at the library.

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*by Brian DeFeo*

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2/18 Mutual aid to Northville, stand by our station.  
2/18 Mutual aid to Northville, Town of Benson.  
2/19 Mutual aid to Northville, Fish Back Rd. EVFC received mutual aid from Providence.  
2/19 Mutual aid to Northville, call in Village.  
2/20 Mutual aid to Northville, Town of Benson.

2/20 Mutual aid from Providence, Beechwood Ln. carbon monoxide.  
2/22 Good intent call, North Shore Rd.  
2/23 Lines down, South Shore Rd.  
3/1 Mutual aid to Northville.  
3/8 Carbon monoxide, Oakwood Ln.  
3/13 Land Zone assistance, Plateau Sky Ranch Airport

In April all volunteer Fire Departments across New York will be opening their doors in a statewide effort to recruit new volunteers. This Column has written on numerous occasions how essential it is to keep a steady flow of new volunteers coming into the Company. The upcoming effort is sponsored in part by the Fire Fighters Association of the State of New York. It is designed to increase volunteerism and awareness of your local departments.

The Edinburg Fire Company will be holding an open house on Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00 am until noon, and again on Sunday April 24th, from noon until 2:00 pm. We would very much enjoy the opportunity of meeting potential members or just new folks to the community. Keep in mind that there are many different jobs within the Company



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The Company also has a Junior Fire Fighter program sponsoring young people between the ages of fifteen and seventeen. The Juniors learn all aspects of fire fighting and are able to perform certain limited functions at an actual emergency. This serves as an excellent community service reference for those considering going on to attend college or even those considering the military. Applications will be available. At a later date Candidates will be interviewed by our Board of Directors, and parents requested to attend that meeting.

We hope to see you in April. Your friends and Neighbors at EVFC.

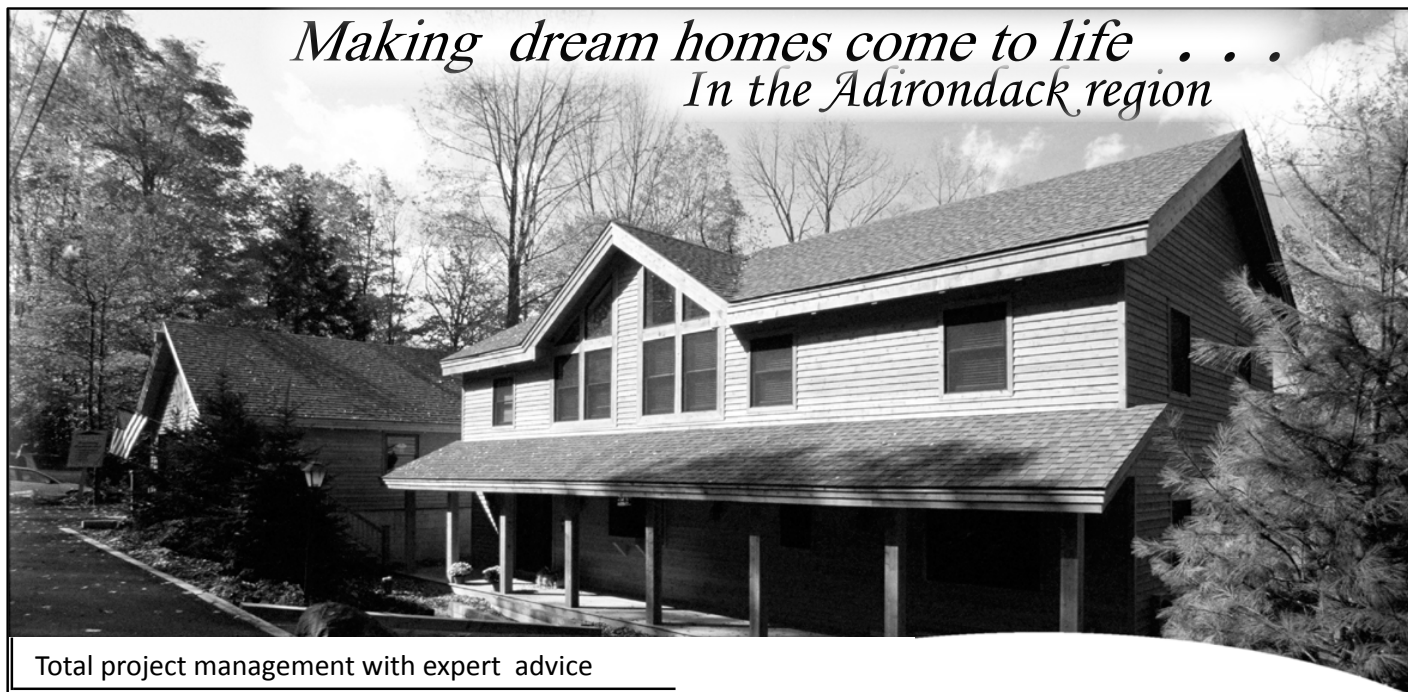
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# Flower Talk

*Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn*

Washington DC, George Washington and the Cherry Tree Blossoms share common grounds. The Cherry Tree Blossom is known as Sukura in Japan and is their national flower. In 1885 Eliza Scidmore, a world traveler, writer, diplomat and board member of the National Geographic Society, had returned to Washington from her first visit to Japan. Having fallen in love with the cherry blossoms, she suggested to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds that Cherry Trees be planted along the Potomac waterfront. Unfortunately it all fell on deaf ears. She persisted with this idea for 20+ years.

It wasn't until 1906 that Mr Fairchild, a plant explorer and Dept of Agriculture official imported 150 varieties of cherry trees to plant on his property in Chevy Chase, Maryland to study their hardiness. Pleased with the success of the trees he too began to promote the idea of Cherry Trees in Washington DC. On Arbor Day Fairchild gave children saplings to plant in their school districts. Before this good deed, he gave a speech that shared his dream of making DC into a 'field of Cherry Blossoms'. He invited Eliza Scidmore to this event, referring to her as a great authority on Japan.

In 1907 Eliza had an idea, she was going to raise money for the trees and have them donated to DC. The First Lady Helen Taft, who had lived in Japan and was familiar with the beauty of the blossoms, accepted her offer. When a Japanese chemist heard about this plan he discussed it with the Mayor of Tokyo, both thought it would be fitting to donate 2000 Cherry Trees to be planted along the Potomac in the name of Tokyo. The good news was, the Tokyo trees finally arrived. Bad news, they were infested with parasites, insects and disease and were ordered by President Taft to be burned. Sincere letters expressing deep regrets were sent to Japan. They responded with friendly feedback of determination and good will. So, a second donation was made, this time 3,020 trees of 12 different varieties. They were shipped on Valentines Day, 1912. To reciprocate, the U.S. gifted dogwood trees to Japan. As the years passed the tree's blossoms took the attention of the nation. In 1935 the first Cherry Blossom Festival was held.

A few years later, Washington was clearing the grounds for the Jefferson Memorial. The Cherry Trees were so loved that a group of women chained themselves together by the trees to make a political statement to President FDR. It was called the Cherry Tree Rebellion. So a compromise was reached with more trees to be planted along the memorial. In rebellion to the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941, the trees were vandalized, 4 were cut down. In hopes of preventing future damage during the war, the trees were referred to as the "Oriental" flowering cherry trees.



By 1965, another gift of 3800 trees were given to First Lady Johnson. Later, clones from the first cherry blossom trees were propagated and sent back to Japan, where they have successfully been planted and grown into flourishing trees. Then in 1999, fifty trees were propagated from a 1,400+ year old "Usuzumi" cherry tree, which was declared a National Treasure in 1922, growing in the village of Itasho Neo, Japan (these trees were planted in West Potomac Park). It is said that the 26th Emperor Keitai of Japan planted that tree 1,500 years ago to celebrate his ascension to the throne. Propagation still exists to retain the genetic lineage of the trees. Two of the original trees still stand with a plaque commemorating the occasion. The Cherry blossoms are a symbol of friendship between the U.S. and Japan, as well as a symbol of renewal and hope.

The trees are cherished in Japanese culture symbolizing renewal, the fleeting nature of





existence, beauty, the essence of the moment and more. In the years 794-1185, known as the Heian Period 'flower watching' parties for nobility were almost exclusive to the Cherry Blossom. (Now people of all walks flock to see the beautiful flowers) Unlike the western notion that flowers are more for women to enjoy, the Samurai adored them. The toughest soldier appreciated the quiet, feminine strength of the cherry blossom. In fact, Samurai families bore the sakura (Cherry Blossom) as their clan's crest and blacksmiths decorated swords with the flower.

Surprisingly, Macon, Georgia is known as the "Cherry Blossom Capital of the World", and is home to 300,000 Yoshino cherry blossom trees. Traverse City, MI has more than two million cherry trees (grown for their fruit), making it a gorgeous place to visit in early spring.

In Japan, cherry blossom leaves are often used as mochi wrappers and the flowers are used as flavoring for a variety of foods and drinks, such as sakura-flavored Coke, which has a delicate cherry and flowery taste.

Not all cherry blossom trees actually bear edible fruit—only some varieties do. When you can't eat the fruits... you can eat the petals! Sometimes Sakura buds are plucked while young and tender; and undergo a process that pickles and dehydrates them. Then they're packaged in airtight containers, and can be used whenever. Many confections make use of cherry blossoms.

So here's the question. Did George Washington chop down a cherry tree? Since the moral of that story by Washington's biographer, Mason Weems is "not to lie", I must confess it is a myth.

I conclude with the fact that cherry blossoms symbolize mortality. Nothing lasts forever, after all. So it makes sense we should aspire to be like cherry blossoms: Inspiring, beautiful, and dignified until the end.

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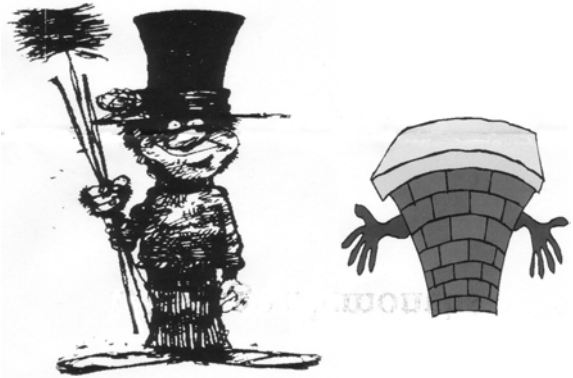
There is something "sweet" for all age groups at Hadley's Maple in April Festival, April 30th from maple "goodies" to the lil' sugar dust-off Car & Truck Show. You'll find all kinds of tasty maple treats like maple cotton candy, maple popcorn, maple cheesecakes and delicious organic maple milk as well as fun and games for the kids and great musical entertainment all day long. Join the festivities on April 30, 2022, along Rockwell Street, Hadley 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters and food vendors will line the streets, a tasting contest for Backyard Maple Syrup Makers, H.B.A. Scholarship Breakfast, live presentation of birds of prey, horse drawn wagon rides and adding to everyone's enjoyment this



year is the arrival of Green Mountain Amusements and rides aboard the blue Thomas the tank engine look alive. An Art Auction of festival spring scenes created by local Plein-air artists are at the Hadley Town Hall and a Job Fair at the Senior / Community Center 11-2 p.m.

The festival is an outdoor event with a few indoor activities so dress in the Adirondack layered style. There are no guarantees when it comes to the Adirondack weather, but the festival committee guarantees you that they will work hard to make the Maple in April Festival the best it can be. For more information email [info@Hadleynybusiness.org](mailto:info@Hadleynybusiness.org)

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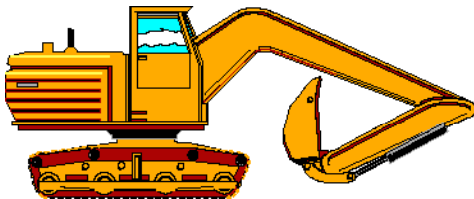
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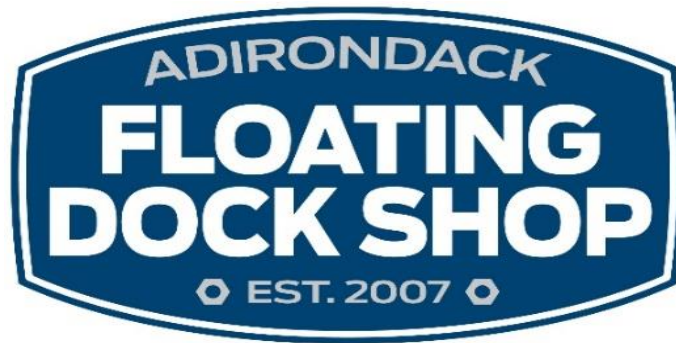


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## Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

by Dianne Knapp

Spring brings a renewed energy after a long winter. With the longer days comes a longer list of things to do. The SVAN board and volunteer members have been busy planning the revitalization of programming on this 25th anniversary year. Honoring our past while reshaping the future.

In December 1997 "Ten Professional Artists met with David Cook at the Inn at the Bridge to discuss the need for an Arts organization in the Sacandaga Valley. Some of these individuals are Bill Mosher, Constance Dodge, Anne Miller, The Plotners, Warren Green, and Janet Marie Yeates," according to Connie Dodge. 25 years later you can still see artworks by Janet and by Connie hanging in the SVAN Galleries! I'm sure there must be more of you out there who are still creating! We'd love to see what you're making now. The drop-off date for the first rotation at our Northville Gallery and Gift Shop as well as the Gallery at the Tourist Information Center is Saturday, April 23, from 9am to 1pm. The official Spring opening of these two galleries is Friday, April 29, at 3pm.

Be assured that our galleries welcome all member artists to show their work, not just



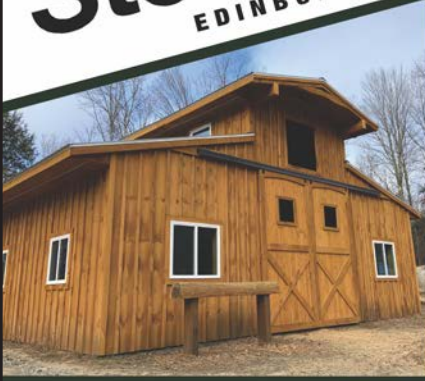
Charter members from left - Janet Yeates, Constance Dodge, Bill Mosher, and Judith Plotner

founding members. Gallery managers Sandra Peters and Linda Hinkle have agreed on these dates for the 2022 rotations: Drop-off Sat, June 25, 9-1, Gallery opens Friday, July 1; Drop-off Sat, Aug 27, 9-1, Gallery opens Friday, September 2; Drop-off Sat, November 5, 9-1. Gallery opens Friday, Nov 11.

Running on a different schedule is the Northville Library Gallery. This gallery, open when the library is open, is managed by Janene Bouck who writes "In anticipation of our 25th year celebration honoring the original SVAN artists, the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network Gallery Program is presenting a juxtaposition exhibition! The Regional Light Styles exhibit features fine-art photography by Bill Broderick, Michael Tondreau, and Paul Valovic, three of SVAN's newest members. View the exhibit at the Northville Public Library Gallery at 341 South Third Street from April 4th until June 10th. Meet the artists, hear the back story, and learn about the methodology of capturing these stunning images at the Meet-the-Artists Reception at the Library on Tuesday, May 3, from 6p.m. - 8 p.m. All are welcome to view the exhibition during the regular library hours,

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excluding another scheduled event in the gallery. Visit [northvillepubliclibrary.weebly.com](http://northvillepubliclibrary.weebly.com), or call the library at 518-863-6922 for hours."

Viewing artwork created by others can get one's creative juices running. Friday, April 8, is the date of a hands-on workshop, "Off-loom Weaving". New and experienced weavers are welcomed. Contact [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org) for further information.

With so many things on our agenda we are happy that we have been chosen beneficiaries of a project designed by Eagle Scout Thomas Stallmer. Thomas is working with local craftspeople to build a free-standing event sign where SVAN can post upcoming things of interest. Look for it in the Northville Waterfront Park, a perfect placement because this same park hosts the SVAN Summer Concert Series. Our music committee has once again been awarded a grant to help fund this wonderful series. Held Saturdays, 6-8pm, the series is starting July 2, 2022 with Sirsy, a Pop music duo. It will be followed by another concert each Saturday through August. Along with your donations, local merchant sponsorship, Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

This same grant was awarded to SVAN for the

one day event, The Art of Nature, Saturday, June 4th (rain date Sunday). Led by "Environ-mental" Educator, George Steele, participants will explore the natural world while hiking (meandering) in a local "wild" property. Optional creative activities will be guided by retired Art teacher, Dianne Knapp.

Another well known grant-supported program, Art Trails, is in the planning and scheduled for the weekend of August 20-21. Carolyn Wilcox, owner of Silver Maple Stained Glass, is leading this initiative. New artists are always welcome to join this wonderful event that brings people from afar to learn about our local artists.

A call will soon go out to local artists of all genres to participate in the Arts Jubilee on Saturday, September 17th. This all-day celebration, free to attend, hopes to provide music entertainment, theater, and a variety of demonstrations. The day will culminate in a catered ticketed dinner under a tent, that honors our beginnings and celebrates our future possibilities. Plan to be part of this Sacandaga Valley community event. It promises to be a memory making occasion!

As always, SVAN welcomes you! For information visit our website, [svanarts.org](http://svanarts.org), our Facebook pages, SVAN Arts and SVANVisual Arts, our printed newsletter and the E-News, The Grapevine.



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The Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living announces the return of their weekly Thursday lunches will take place on April 7th at their new home - the Northville Presbyterian Church on Reed Street. We hope to welcome all of you back to enjoy a nutritious meal and to socialize with friends you may not have seen for a while.

You may bring your own lunch of course, but if you wish to have the meal provided by the OFA for a \$3 donation, you should register at 518-736-5650. In addition we are pleased to announce that Don Hoffman will also be there to entertain us with his wonderful music.

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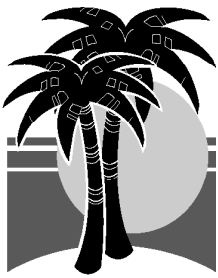


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## Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

*by Janice Hawk-Baldwin*

Last week we traveled up to the town, where my Dad lived, for two business meetings. Since it is seven hours one way we decided to have some fun along the way. Quickly the weather changed. The temperatures dropped to the 60's and it rained for the first five days. Just call it the Baldwin luck! Our first hotel was old, damp and dingy. I admit it was basically clean but kind of creepy. On top of that renovations were going on which meant a lot of noise. It drove Hoss crazy. We did not say anything to anyone, we just made the best of it. The third afternoon we checked into the hotel I always stayed at when visiting dad. It continued to rain but at least were sleeping in a better environment. We went to breakfast the next morning at one of Dad's favorite restaurants. Mom and Dad had been going there since the 1980's. It is a diner that specializes in home cooking. The calorie content in everything was astronomical and in the beginning that used to drive me crazy. It took me a while to change my attitude, I am ashamed to admit that! I finally realized that when I was with Dad it was all about Dad. Once I did that our visits were much better. We set up a routine that worked for both of us.

In 2017 our world changed. Someone tried to embezzled all of my Dad's money and fed him lies about me. We had gone from being very close, to him hating me in a short period of time. There was a nasty court case and I lost guardianship of Dad. The Judge and the lawyers could not convince Dad otherwise. It was a year before he would let me visit him. Dad would yell at me about how I ruined his life. I still went to visit him with Billy by my side. Fast forward to 2020. Quarantine made my Dad's dementia worse and he forgot that he was mad at me. We would visit

him whenever visitors were allowed. In 2021, I was lucky to have three more visits with him. He started acting like the Dad that I remembered. We started going back to the diner. Dad remembered old jokes that we used to have together. He started telling me how to get to different places again and told me his short cuts. He talked about my mom all the time and he told me he just wanted to die and go and be with her. Billy was not there for the first visit, he had to see it for himself. The third visit was even more remarkable and we were lucky to be able to take Dad back to that diner two days in a row. Two weeks later Dad died. The day of our meetings, Billy and I went back to the diner for one more breakfast. The waitress who always waited on us, welcomed us the moment we walked through the door. The service and the comfort food was wonderful. Calories be damned! I wanted to savor the moment and remember all of the times that Dad and I ate there. When we got up to leave, I handed the waitress a \$100.00 bill for being so kind to Dad. We both teared up. She told me that eight other customers had died in the last few months. She really cared about them all. I will never forget the way she always treated people.

The next morning, Billy and I headed to the west coast of Florida to see longtime friends. That was definitely what we needed to finish out the

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trip. It changed our total focus. We had a day and a half filled with memories and a lot of laughter. As we were driving home I kept thinking about the one question that came up over and over again. The question was, "what do you do now that you are retired?" We would answer that we go out on the boat, fish, volunteer and spend time with friends. Our answers sounded trivial at best. I had five hours to think about it on the ride home. The truth is we are doing everything we could not do when we were working. We are living the life that we missed out on for the last 40 years. We get up when we want, we eat when we want, we go to bed when we want. When we are not volunteering, entertaining or traveling, we fill our days exercising and visiting with friends. We go out to dinner and we listen to a lot of great music. There are many community events in Key West. We joined a group called the Southern Most Coconut Castaways. It is a community service organization made up of members who believe strongly in giving back, putting in many hours of volunteer work each year for local charities. It is a truly amazing group of people and we are proud to be a small part of it. We also appreciate

our at home time. We watch all of the movies and television shows that we missed over the years. As often as possible we just sit in our back yard and watch Hoss run around and look for lizards. At night we have fires and stare at the water and the sky. Mostly we look around us and thank God that we are able to live in such a beautiful place. We have earned the right to live our life to the fullest and so have all of you. If you ask us what we do in retirement I will start giving better answers. We are healthy, we are happy and we are going to enjoy life to the fullest... until we can't. Always remember that tomorrow is never promised!

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## NAV-ED Lake Safety

*by Captain Peter M. Byron,  
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### Didjaknow?

It is time to collect all of the information we can use for our boating season which is almost upon us! We thought it would be great to prepare the first part of a 'DIDJAKNOW?' (Did You Know?) list to share with your friends or to post on the refrigerator door. Who knows you might want to use it to quiz your neighbors when you say: "I bet Jadidntknow!"

The current installment contains: (1) Where are we? (2) What is the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District? (3) Why is the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District important to visitors to the Great Sacandaga Lake? (4) How is the weather going to be on the lake?

We plan to offer future installments on Great Sacandaga boating destinations, boat handling and on-going information on the latest safety and certificate information provided by New York State Parks and Recreation.

### Where are we?

There is nothing more confusing than being

on the lake and not knowing where you are. First, the basics – (1) "In 1930, the Hudson River Regulating District completed the Conklingville Dam in the Sacandaga River, creating a 42 square mile reservoir, the largest in the State." (2) "The Great Sacandaga Lake is contained by 125 miles of shoreline, and its total capacity is 37.75 cubic feet. Once the waters flow past the Conklingville Dam, they continue along the Sacandaga River until meeting the Hudson, where they continue their journey until meeting the Atlantic Ocean at New York City." (Great Sacandaga Lake Map – JIMAPCO)

The map which is available on the lake lists cautions that are important for boaters. Among these warnings is the statement that: "The map is designed for recreational reference. This is NOT an official Navigational Chart. There may be errors in Depth or Buoy Markings. Use this guide for GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY."

The map displays the entire lake including the lakeside and local towns. It also provides a view of the buoy placements (given the above warning!) for low water as well as the channels. This map should help you place yourself on the water and help chart a way to visit friends and cruise.

### What is the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District?

In 1930, the Conklingville Dam on the Sacandaga River was constructed creating the Sacandaga Reservoir. In 1959, the New York State Legislature formed the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District.

The Regulating District "is a New York State public benefit corporation that protects public health and safety by regulating the flow of waters in two great neighboring watersheds in the Adirondack Region: the Upper Hudson River and the Black River." There are many benefits derived from the Regulating District's operation including: "... flood protection to the public corporations (counties) and parcels of real estate (power plants) downstream of said impoundments; low flow

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augmentation, to provide sufficient water flow enabling downstream wastewater treatment plants to avoid increased treatment costs associated with waste discharge to lower volume rivers and enabling downstream hydroelectric plants to generate low cost hydroelectric power in the hot summer months when rates are generally highest.” This information and additional information on the district can be found at: <https://hrbrd.ny.gov>

### **Why is the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District important for visitors to the Great Sacandaga Lake?**

Well, the Regulating District as we noticed above, regulates the water on the Great Sacandaga Lake. Although this function of the District is well known to lakeside property owners, it may not be readily known to visitors to the lake. It also may be a little frustrating for intermittent boaters to notice that the water level ‘doesn’t seem the same as it was last month’! As one could suspect, there is an answer to this somewhere. Let’s go back to the Regulating District website (<https://hrbrd.ny.gov>) and take another look at the opening page.

Step 1: Move your cursor down and over to the right. Step 2: Under “I want to”, click on ‘Check Water Levels’. Step 3: Select “Great Sacandaga Lake Reservoir Level”. Scroll down the page and look on the left hand side where you will find two charts for “Lake or reservoir water surface elevation”. There are 8 days of data displayed. Step 4: Move your cursor back up the page until you encounter the “Year-to-date Elevation” and a small chart. Step 5: Press on the small chart to see the Great Sacandaga Lake Surface Elevations. At this point you are viewing the current elevations in relation to the median, settlement target elevation and the current year!

The chart that you are now viewing provides an ongoing display of current year water elevations. Experienced Great Sacandaga Lake boaters use this information at a minimum to make sailing and anchoring decisions as the water depth varies during the season depending on the amount of water coming into and leaving the lake.

### **How is the weather going to be on the lake?**

Lake visitors vary in their purpose. Some are boaters, some are fisherpersons, some are hikers,

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some are restaurant patrons and others were taking a ride and found the Great Sacandaga! For all of these visitors, we hope that they took a look at the lake weather report and matched their activities with the latest forecast.

It is really quite easy to check the current conditions and forecast in the local media or on the computer or cell. The weather is changeable on the Great Sacandaga but there are some checkpoints depending on your destination. These checkpoints are Mayfield, Broadalbin, Northville, Edinburg and Day. There may be a slight variation between the locations.

How do we access the information? Step 1: Type: <https://www.weather.gov> Step 2: In the top left hand corner type your desired location i.e. Northville, NY, USA and press GO. You now have access to the weekly forecast.

Once the location is selected, one might want to check further options at the bottom of the page. These options include: a printable forecast; text only forecast and an hourly weather forecast. Of course, don't overlook the hazardous weather forecast!

The displayed information will allow you to plan what you would like to do or what you would like to delay! Take care!

## A Repeat Reminder from New York State Parks and Recreation

All boaters must have a boating safety certificate by 2025!

Individuals born on or after January 1, 1988 must have their certificate NOW! The remaining age requirements are: Born on or after January 1, 1983 will need a certificate beginning in 2023 and born on or after January 1, 1978 will need a certificate in 2024!

Details on the regulations regarding the operation of vessels, personal watercraft and deadlines for the certificate requirements can be found at: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>

Boaters can take a course either in person or online. Specific information on the availability of boater safety courses statewide including dates, locations and instructor charges, if any, is available at: <https://parks.gov/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx> This location also contains access to 'online' instruction including a FREE course! The price is right and the time is right so

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Sunday Services at 9:00 AM

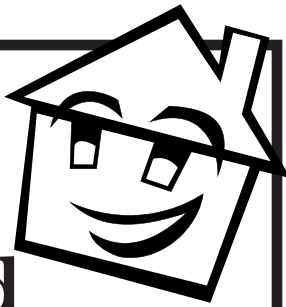
Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

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## April Clergy Column

### What Can We Say?

As a person of faith, I ask myself what can I say at times like this? What does my faith have to offer as we deal with the tragedies that seem to surround us. Millions of individuals have been forced to flee their country because of the conflict that exists there. Then there are the tragedies that are in our own back yards.

The stories that are part of the sacred writings of my faith as a Christian and those of other world religions tell of the trials of previous generations and how the presence of a loving God and the support of brothers and sisters of the faith has provided comfort. They recall how time after time God has enabled something good to come out of the most difficult of circumstances. They also call upon each of us to engage in a rigorous self-examination and make a commitment to readjust our life in accordance with the will of our Creator. Finally, they remind us that we are all God's children and called to care one another despite our differences. In the Scriptures of Judaism and Christianity we find the story of our connection when Abraham, who is claimed as the Father of their religion and Islam, that through his descendants all the nations of the world would be blessed.

My faith tells me there is hope for us because there is a loving God who is ultimately in charge. My faith also reminds me that God has given us free will that allows us to be channels of God's love or to commit acts that run contrary to God's will and create difficulties and suffering.

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that can support you in  
experiencing the hope and  
support of a loving God.

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In addition to support and hope you being part of a Faith Community also offers a path through which your actions as part of Faith Community can make a difference in this world. Faith can change individuals who can change others and the communities they are a part of.





## First United Methodist Church

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Ron Talbott, Pastor

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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC. Happy Easter and Happy Spring! How glad we are to see this season after what felt like a very long winter. Hope abounds in this season of spring and Easter as we walk gently but cautiously out of the pandemic that held us in place for so long. It is hope in the Risen

Christ that makes our hearts and spirits soar. It is hope in the light that comes after the darkness. "Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear, God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness." (from the April Issue of The NEWSLETTER Newsletter)

Along with the rest of the world, we are in constant prayer for the people of Ukraine – trying to make sense out of the senseless, looking for hope and light in the darkness. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) is uniting with other partners to provide humanitarian relief in Ukraine and in other countries that have taken in refugees. UMCOR is an arm of The United Methodist Church (global) that is supported by First UMC in Northville through monetary donations, 100% of which goes directly to relief services. It is a ministry that is near and dear too us and, if anyone would like to help us in this support, please contact the church.



We invite you to spend some time with us in word, song, and prayer during worship now and at Easter.

Regular Sunday worship is at 11:00 am.

Holy week services are as follows:

April 10 – Palm Sunday Worship at 11:00 am

April 14 – Maundy (Holy) Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm

April 17 – Easter Sunday Worship at 11:00 am

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. Hours are: Tuesday, 2-5 pm; Friday and Saturday, 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, etc.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the church on April 26 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm, sponsored by First UMC and the Masonic Lodge. To make an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code FIRSTUMCNorthville.

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## FRACTURED FACTS

*by Brian DeFeo*

My Grandmother used to refer to english (her second language) as the language of beggars. By that she meant that english was taken a little bit from this language and that. As native speakers we don't give the english language as much thought as it deserves. We stick to our vocabularies of comfort and make little effort to expand beyond them. There is a lot more to the english language. Here are just a few oddities I was never aware of.

RHYTHMS is the longest word that contains neither a,e,i, or u.

BOOKKEEPER is the only word that has three consecutive double letters.

ANGRY and HUNGRY are the only "modern english" words that end in GRY.

QUEUE has five consecutive vowels, all of which are silent.

DREAMT is the only word that ends in MT.

Sometimes english phrases turn logic on its head.

We park in driveways, yet we drive in parkways.

Your fingers have tips but not your toes. Yet you can tip toe, but you can't finger tip.

Jail and prison are synonyms, yet jailer and prisoner are antonyms.

Your nose can run, and your feet can smell.

Here are three vocabulary words you might wish to consider.

HALFPACE, is something you might already have, if you are living in two story house.

It is that small landing on the stairs where you turn to go up the next flight.

PLUVIOPHILE, you might even be one but don't know it! A pluviophile is someone who loves the rain, finding both peace and joy on a rainy day

MERITOCRACY, is a society governed by people elected to office based on their experience and ability. Like that's going to happen anytime soon.

Lastly, I don't normally mention commercial enterprises in this column but I need to give a shout out to WFNY

93.1 FM. The reason is, they recently placed a transmitting antennae on the top of the hanger at Edinburgh International or what everyone else refers to as W Airport. From my unscientific observations

I find that 93.1 can be picked up in Northville, much of Mayfield, and up to the top of Fox Hill Road. I am not sure if it is available at the far north end of the Lake. They also broadcast on 1440 AM if you are down in Gloversville / Amsterdam.



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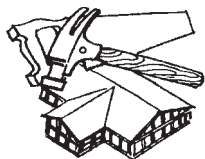




I would tell you what their music format is, however after listening for hours I still don't have a clue. I have heard music ranging from the Andrews Sisters in the 1940's, to the theme song for the Perry Mason TV show, to Dean Martin in the 60's, The Rolling Stones, Kenny Rodgers singing "Lucile". And a song I had never heard of, about a woman who apparently really enjoys being spanked! There is no DJ so you are sort of on your own. Still, it is always nice to have something that comes in pretty clear at the house, so enjoy.



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## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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### Reflections on Easter

This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 17th. Easter is a time of new beginnings: of Spring weather, of Easter Eggs, of the sight of Robins and of tree buds and of Crocus shoots popping up where there was once snowy, frozen ground. But most importantly, as Christians, we know that Easter Sunday brings to us the good news that all is, or will be well and the promise of salvation through the Lord's resurrection.

In today's environment particularly, when we are seemingly blindsided by challenging events, we may become overwhelmed and ask "why are we tested so?" Without definitive answers, we turn to each other... our friends, families, pastors, and communities as a whole... not for hope of receiving all the answers, but for comfort and the knowledge that we all share the same degrees of fragility, and that we depend on each other to persevere. Many of us also turn to God through the Holy Bible, for stories and verses that provide comfort or a bit more insight into "what it is all about." In these times, it is well to reflect on a verse from Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." God has promised us the ASSURANCE that all will be

well, with our conviction of God's promise, that is, with our FAITH. With faith and assurance, please consider Easter as a new beginning to a life of more sharing, more love, and more service to God.

### Reflections on Viewing an Old Film

Recently, my wife and I waxed nostalgic and took in an old movie on TV. We were searching for something a bit more uplifting than the usual fare, and found the 1981 Academy Award winning movie, "Chariots of Fire." The story has been described variously as "achieving victory through self sacrifice and moral courage" and "finding God in an Olympics foot race;" and "...full of magnificent and profound messages that we have always needed – messages that are even more necessary today."

As you may remember, if you have seen it, the film tells the true story of two men of different religions, but each on a mission: a mission they pursued at one period of their lives through athletics. Both were track athletes and premier runners. Eric Liddell was a devout Scottish Christian and church missionary, while Harold Abrahams was a Jewish student from Cambridge College in England. Both represented the United Kingdom at the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris.

While Eric displayed his faith proactively, both through his missionary work and domestic preaching, Harold showed his faith reactively, by standing up against the bigotry and hateful anti-semitism of the 1920's. A study of two quotes from the film by the men involved provided me with inspiration beyond just providing a good story. For instance:

In an ad hoc sermon, Eric remarked: "I have no formula for winning the race. Everyone runs in



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her own way, or his own way. And where does the power come from, to see the race to its end? From within. Jesus said, "Behold, the Kingdom of God is within you. If with all your hearts, you truly seek me, you shall ever surely find me." If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race."

That observation of the kingdom of God being within us, from Luke 17:20-21, is a tenet I firmly believe in. I also believe that that inner kingdom can be lost or ignored when hatred, greed, and similar sins take over the lives of those who have become immersed in evil by building inner walls around that kingdom.

Another telling quote, is found in a conversation that Harold Abrahams had with his lady friend Sybil, in which a despondent Harold remarked: "If I can't win, I won't run!" To which Sybil replied: "If you won't run, you can't win." Isn't that the truth. So often we feel so despondent or helpless to make a positive change in ourselves or in the world that we wonder why we should even try. Of course we would never be able to change anything if we just give up and don't even try! One person CAN make a difference, even if just by sincerely trying, that person inspires one or more others to also try and pass on the inspiration to yet others.

## Church News

Thank the Lord, our Pastor, and our Congregation... for being so patient, diligent, safety minded, and supportive of our times away from in-person worship. Whether in person or by streaming over the internet, God hears our prayers of thanks, of supplication, and of joys and concerns.

Keep advised of all the news and announcements at our website. Join us in person at 10am each Sunday or watch and participate in our streaming services at the link below. In the meantime, as always, take care of each other, and thank the Lord for the blessings we have every day.

<https://www.m.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch>

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Until next month, please, please, never forget that God created humankind in God's own image: ALL of us! Be the good Samaritan! We pray that we and all of our neighbors acknowledge and practice this understanding. We, at NUPC

continue to wish you all WELLNESS, PEACE, LOVE, BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD, OTHERHOOD, INCLUSIVENESS, AND GOD'S BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS !

Note: these are the views of Frank Ralbovsky, Congregant, Elder, and Deacon of the Northville United Presbyterian Church) with the full support of his pastor, Rev. Kate Kelly.

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## Northville Baptist Church

*by Barbara Klueg*

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### He has Risen . . . Indeed!

What is the MOST wonderful time of the year? Eastertime . . . because we remember and celebrate what Jesus did for us. He shed his blood on the cross and then rose again so we could be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life.

During the Easter season we might hear these words: "He has risen . . . He has risen, indeed!" It is not just a polite response from one Christ-follower to another. This tradition of saying "He has risen" goes back to the Bible.

The Friday before Jesus' body was laid in a tomb: the Son of God was falsely arrested, flogged, and ordered to carry a cross on which He would be crucified. His body was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb. Jesus predicted all this. Matthew 28:5-7 says, "The angel said, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead.'"

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian faith. Without this pivotal moment in history and the belief that Jesus is our Savior . . . Jesus' life and the Bible would mean nothing! When Jesus arose, He proved He is the King of Kings. He proved that He is the Son of God! And, He accomplished the redemption of those who would repent and believe on Him. When Jesus rose from the grave, it was . . . and still is the GREATEST VICTORY in history! This is why we say, "He has risen. He has risen indeed."

Forty days after conquering death, His disciples witnessed Jesus going up to heaven in the clouds. Jesus told them to keep His commands. In John 14:28, Jesus said, "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."

As Easter Sunday approaches we are thankful for these facts. "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23) Praise God! "He has risen. He has risen, indeed!"

Come and join us as we celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection! At the Palm Sunday service April 10th the Bible Club kids sing as the following day is their Closing Party for this school year. All of the children in church that day are invited to wave palm branches as they walk down the aisles during the choir's special music. On Friday night April 15th is our Good Friday Service and on Sunday April 17th we celebrate Jesus' resurrection at our morning worship service. Hallelujah! Up from the grave He arose!

Our church's weekly schedule:

#### Sunday:

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Youth Groups at BCON Corner.  
Jr. High 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Sr. High 7:30-9:00 p.m.

#### Monday:

Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Club after school to 4 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

N'ville Food Pantry 10 a.m. BCON Corner.

#### Thursday:

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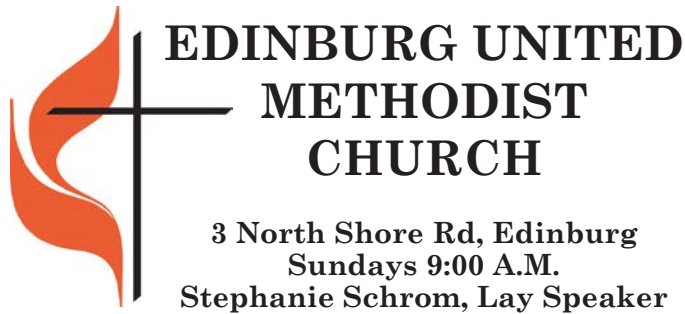
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This Month of May we celebrate "Ascension Sunday" the day Christ returned to God. Mathew 25, Jesus says, "I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me just as you did it to one of the least of these you did to me." Mathew words, form and guide us in how we treat others and how we worship God and follow Jesus, and love and respect the dignity of every human being.

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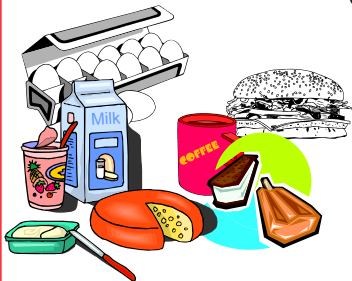
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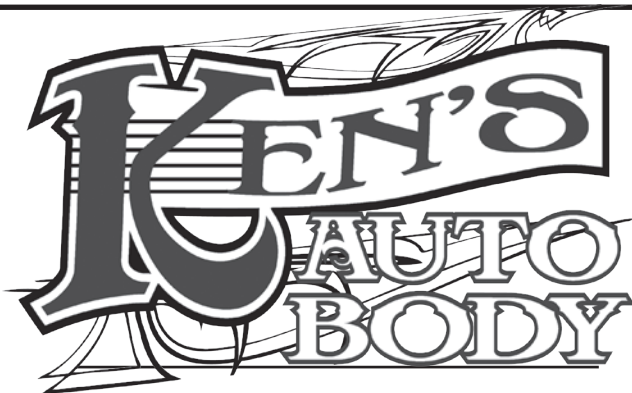
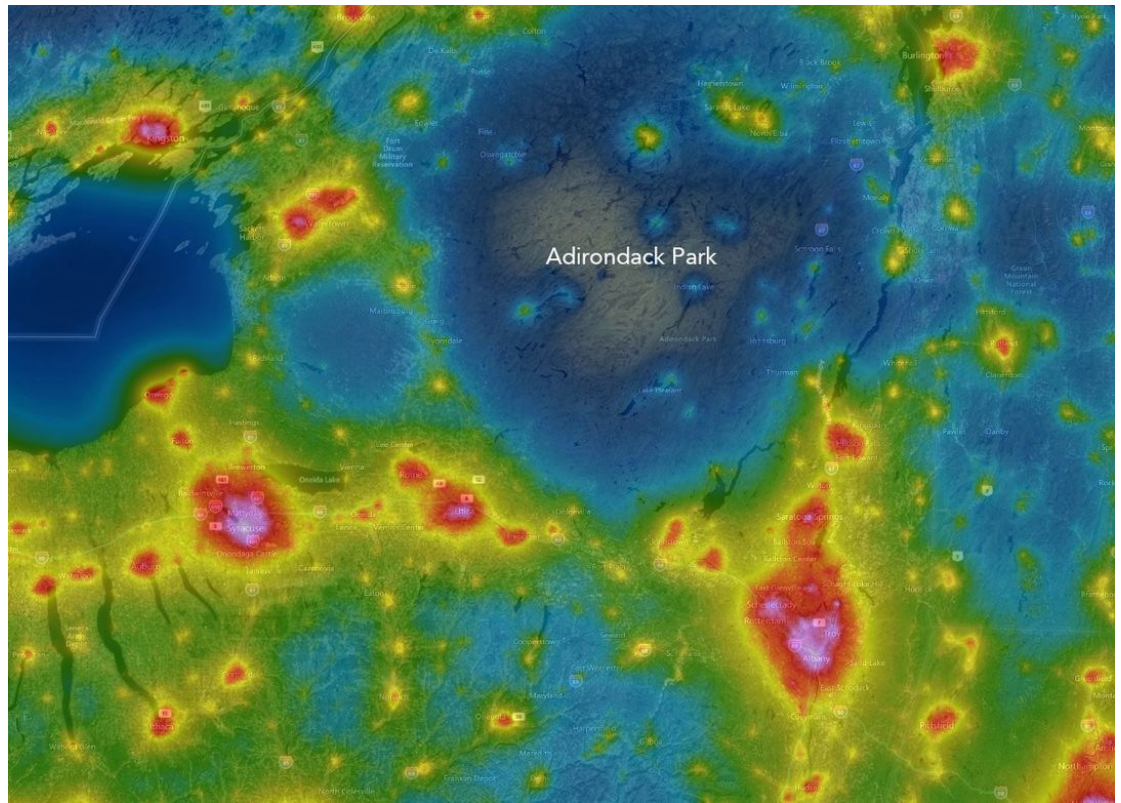




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*by Joe Sullivan  
SPC Co-Chair*

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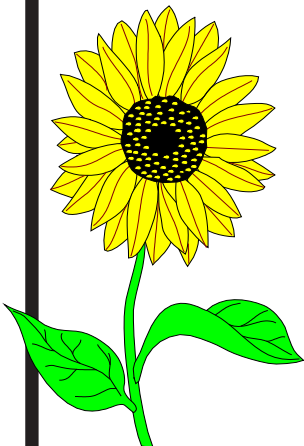
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### **Saturday April 2**

Canvas Tote Bags with Janet Flinchbaugh. 1/2 day. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$25.

### **Saturday & Sunday, April 2&3**

Birch Bark Picture Frames and Mirrors with Jim Schreiner. 2 Days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$35.

### **Saturday & Sunday, April 2&3**

Shaker Cat Head Basket with Barbara Boughton. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$35.

### **Sunday April 3**

Make a Native American Medicine Pouch with David Cornelius. ½ day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$10.

### **Sunday - Monday - Saturday, April 3&4**

The Beekman Pie Carrier Basket with Beverly Cornelius. 2 days. 9am-5pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$230. Materials fee \$115.

### **Sunday April 3**

Make a Native American Feather Fan with David Cornelius. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$10.

### **Tuesday April 5**

Block Plane with Eric Pintar. 1 day. 9am-5pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$100. Materials fee \$40.

### **Tuesday April 5**

Adirondack Painting with Patrice Jarvis-Weber. 1/2 day. 6pm-8pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$20.

NOTE: This class is offered 3 times. Painting for each class. February: ADK Winter Lake. March: Mountain Mist. April: Purple Trillium.

The class is held at the Lake George Outlets 1476 Rt. 9, behind the Log Jam.

### **Wednesday & Thursday, April 6&7**

Shaker Carriers with Eric Pintar. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition 250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$60.

NOTE: This class is open to all experience levels, no woodworking experience required!

### **Friday & Saturday, April 8&9**

Shaker Oval Nesting Boxes with Eric Pintar. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition 250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$60.

NOTE: This class is open to all experience levels, no woodworking experience required!

### **Saturday April 9**

Create Your Own Roasting Fork with Steve Gurzler. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$120. Member Tuition \$140. Materials fee \$25.

NOTE: Hard shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

### **Saturday & Sunday, April 9&10**

Introduction to Chip Carving with Dennis Wilson. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$250. Member Tuition \$200. Materials fee \$30.

NOTE: Chip carving knives will be supplied by the school. Students wishing to purchase a chip carving knife should do so from either [mychipcarving.com](http://mychipcarving.com) or [chipcarving.com](http://chipcarving.com). An Introductory Chip Carving book may be helpful as well.

### **Monday-Saturday April 11-16, and Monday-Friday, April 18-22**

Build a Wee Lassie Canoe with Larry Benjamin. 11 days. 8:30am-5:30pm. Tuition \$1400. Member Tuition \$1300. Materials fee \$1300.

NOTE: The class is held at the Lake George Outlets 1476 Rt. 9, behind the Log Jam.

### **Thursday April 14**

AFS Sewing Circle with Various Instructors. 1/2 day. 10am-2pm. Tuition \$0. Member Tuition \$0. Materials fee \$0.

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NOTE: Registration is not required and tuition is free for AFS Sewing Circle.

### Wednesday April 20

Tote for Fun with Linda Scherz. 1 day. 9am-5pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$100. Materials fee \$60.

### Saturday April 23

Fly Fishing - Casting Basics with Paul Sinicki. 1/2 day. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$10.

NOTE: This is an active casting course. Students 16 or older who have a NYS fishing license can cast into the lake. Those without will cast on dry land. Students must bring a hat and glasses to wear for safety.

### Saturday April 23

Small Copper Embossing with Mark Swanberry. 1/2 days. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$50.

NOTE: Extra materials will be available for purchase.

### Saturday April 23

Walking Stick with Inlaid Compass with Frank Lagace. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$100. Materials fee \$25.

### Saturday & Sunday, April 23-24

Forging Tongs with Derek Heidemann. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$280. Member Tuition \$240. Materials fee \$50.

NOTE: Hard shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

### Sunday April 24

Introduction to Woodturning with John Kingsley. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$15.

NOTE: For your safety: no loose-fitting clothes, hair tied back, comfortable shoes and no jewelry. If sensitive to wood dust, registration for turning classes is not recommended.

### Sunday April 24

Principles of Herbal Medicine with Margo Mullein. 1 day. 10am-4:30pm. Tuition \$125. Member Tuition \$100. Materials fee \$35.

NOTE: While each class stands on its own, this course is being offered in a series of 6 classes for a richer experience. Take one or take them all!



**Sunday April 24**

Rugs from Rags with Caroline Dvorak. 1/2 day. 12pm-4pm. Tuition \$85. Member Tuition \$65. Materials fee \$10.

**Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30**

Wooden Barn Quilt with Janet Flinchbaugh 1+1/2 days. 4/29 9am-12pm. 4/30 9am – 4pm. Tuition \$195. Member Tuition \$155. Materials fee \$40.

NOTE: Please wear old clothes or bring an apron/smock.

The class is held at the Lake George Outlets 1476 Rt. 9, behind the Log Jam.

**Monday – Friday, April 29-May 2**

Complete Basic Blacksmithing with Dick Sargent. 4 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$560. Member Tuition \$480. Materials fee \$100.

NOTE: Hard shoes and long pants are required for student's safety.

**Saturday April 30**

Sharpening and Honing Blades with Howard Schechter. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$140. Member Tuition \$120. Materials fee \$10.

NOTE: Come prepared to work in a dirty process so wear work or old clothes. Closed toe shoes required.

**Saturday April 30**

Perfect Pictures Every Time with Carl Heilman II. 1 day. 10am-6pm. Tuition \$205. Member Tuition \$195.

Materials fee \$0.

NOTE: Class is for the beginner to advanced beginner level. Equipment requirements include a DSLR and lens system/OR full featured point and shoot camera (preferably with screw-on filter and tripod capability), a sturdy tripod and a remote release. In addition, bring along whatever variety of lenses you have plus the manual and / or reference sheet for your camera.

**Saturday April 30**

Fairy Lore: Stories, Poems & Houses with Margo Nelson. 1/2 days. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$70. Member Tuition \$55. Materials fee \$12.

NOTE: Fairy Houses created in this workshop are temporary structures intended and designed to remain in the Forest of the River Trail, and not to be taken home.

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# Edinburg School Happenings

*by Michelle Ellis, Superintendent*

We surely hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is finally so nice to see our evenings having more daylight and warmer weather to play outside!

During the month of March, Edinburg Common School traveled and/or hosted 7 basketball games for the 2021-2022 Basketball Program. It has been quite some time since we have had the Basketball Program, so everyone was so excited to see this opportunity start once again. We would like to thank Miss Julie Hampton and Mr. Thomas Moore for leading the program. Edinburg students played against Northville, Wells, and Lake Pleasant students. We look forward to building the program to the way it used to be in previous years! Great job everyone!

Being that March was Women's History Month, Saratoga County historian, Mrs. Lauren Roberts,

gave a presentation entitled "Extraordinary Women in Saratoga County History" to our students in grades K-6th grade. Mrs. Roberts gave a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation which focused on four women whose accomplishments span the fields of science, government, art, philanthropy, military and women's suffrage. We were honored to have Mrs. Roberts share her knowledge with us and learn more about some amazing women from Saratoga County!

On Tuesday, March 29th, the Edinburg Common School hosted a "Family Game Night". The evening was a fun night to get out and play some good ole fashion board games with a snack as well. Please watch the school website and flyers for future family nights!

On Friday, April 1st, we kicked off Eagle Afternoon with an ice cream social and watched the 3rd and 4th grade basketball game! We honored birthdays, Students of the Month, and Honor/High Honor Roll for the 1st and 2nd quarter. Moving forward, Eagle Afternoon will be the first Friday of each month from 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM. Eagle Afternoon is held in the gymnasium and open for families to attend. We can't wait to see everyone there!

On Thursday, April 14th, the PBIS Committee has a special day planned for students, teachers, and staff! Our gymnasium will transform into a "Carnival" for all to enjoy! Everyone will

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enjoy games, treats, and balloon making for the afternoon prior to spring break. The "Carnival" is to honor all the positive behavior that we see throughout the building with students and adults. We would like to thank the PBIS Committee for all their hard work in planning this event and giving ECS such a fun experience. Shhhh don't share the surprise just yet; the students don't know yet!

### "An Eagle Eye on . . ."

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!

Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month for March 2022:

PK- Russell Jensen

K- Matthew Barber

1st- Gabriella Caciopoli

2nd- Odessa Barrows

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

Dates to Remember:

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correct word), so it is just an empty tank right now. Amanda suggested putting fish cutouts on the glass, so I had fun doing that. We plan to have little crabs and snails, sand-spitting fish (can't wait for these), clown fish, starfish, and the center piece is a red Hawk fish – come on! The seller said that they can be jerks though, so he agreed to take it back if it wasn't playing nice. Funny. I really wanted a puffer fish, but he said that it would eat everything in the tank, so that's out.

Anyway, we hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and call us if you need anything water-related!

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Hi Lake friends! I feel like I can say that after meeting so many awesome Sacandaga Lake locals at the Saratoga Rotary Home Show last weekend. Lots of people around the lake came to our booth to tell us that we drilled their well, helped them out on their system, (and/or) enjoy our article. We can't express how much we appreciate the support and feedback. We had such a good time there - the Rotary did a wonderful job. Aside from the great selection of vendors and craftsman, the Rotary had free food and coffee for the exhibitors (this goes a LONG way). There were raffles, bake sales, a balloon artist, a magician, and alcohol samples. The time flew by!

I have to give a shout out to Chris Santilli – our lead water treatment tech. He is so much fun at these. He's interactive not just with the attendees, but also the vendors. It seemed like he knew everyone there! He organized the table (and broke it all down at the end of the weekend) and figured out what to bring. All I had to do was make sure that there were fun freebies and set up the TV. It feels awesome to really be able to rely on someone. Thank you, Chris.

We are attending another home show/craft show at the Broadalbin Perth High School the weekend of April 30th. This one also sounds like it is going to be great and we would love to see you there! As I said, we have fun freebies – chocolate rocks (from Joann's Candy in Wilton), sunglasses, nail files, and of course discussion on everything from drilling wells to crazy water treatment.

Speaking of give-aways, the best one I got at the Saratoga Rotary show was a mini garbage can with candy in it – I got one each for Lucas and Acadia and they were so excited! Thanks Twin Bridges – fun stuff. Now that I think about it, I also got tulips from Grasshopper Gardens – that was awesome!

Changing topics – we decided to splurge and got a 90 gallon saltwater fish tank installed by BFR in Ballston Spa (I put a picture on our Facebook page). I have always wanted one, but in truth, would likely kill everything, so we hired BFR to also maintain it. Apparently, it takes weeks for the tank to acclimatize (not even sure that is the

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