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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thurs	2	7:00 pm	Zoning Board Meeting
Sat	4		Independence Day
Sat	11	2:00 - 9:00 pm	Hadley Family Celebration (p. 56)
Thurs	16	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Sat	18	10:00 am	Property Owners Association of Day Annual Meeting (p. 41)
Tues	21	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Sat	25	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Edinburg Fire Co. Barbecue (p. 8)

Burn Permits

You can get burn permits at the Town Hall during regular business hours, if you are only having a campfire a burn permit is not required.

Garbage Bags

The Town of Edinburg will no longer be able to pick up or have brought to the Recycle and Reuse Center black garbage bags. This is a requirement from the facility where we take our garbage.

Edinburg Common School 4th Grade

I would like to thank the 4th Grade for cleaning up the park down by the Batchellerville Bridge.

Summer Fun

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

Respectfully,
Bob
Robert D. Anderson
Supervisor



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy 4th of July!!!

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

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND ZONING IS IN EFFECT

Pavilion Usage

The pavilion is open for use; you need to contact the Town Hall for information on it. You must now sign up for your dates with the Town Clerk. If you have a party, you cannot bring in bounce houses, water slides etc. All garbage must be taken out by you. There is no smoking or alcohol usage.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Monday, July 6th.

Recycle and Reuse Center

The Recycle and Reuse Center will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

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Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

Happy 4th of July and Americas 250th Anniversary!!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy weekend.

Saratoga County Annual Senior Luncheons

Every year, the county sponsors a luncheon in downtown Saratoga for all seniors in the county that want to attend. Each town in the county is represented. And I wanted to give a shout out to the local businesses from Edinburg, that have generously donated to the Saratoga County's Annual Senior Luncheons. In 2025 we had Shelby's Four Corner Diner and Brownell Lumber. For this year, we had Edinburg Marina and South Shore Dive. Again, thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Local Activities for Seniors

What activities do you want to see locally? The town offers well groomed hiking trails, bocce courts and horseshoe pit. All equipment is readily available. As well as a large pavilion for shaded get togethers and all behind the Town Hall.

Do you have any other ideas of regular activities you'd like to see? Bring your ideas to the clerk at town hall. Or call 518 863-2034. Please feel free to share what you'd like to see or do locally. The more ideas the better.

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Tim Blydenburgh*

The Edinburg Historical Society is making plans for its Tuesday, July 21 program, when we'll talk about the tornado that struck the town and caused heavy damage two years ago. Bring your stories and photos for this informal discussion. The program starts at 7 p.m. at Sand Hill schoolhouse, Tange Road. All are welcome.

Honors

Edinburg Common School fourth-grader David Knapp has been named the winner of the annual Nellie Tyrrell award. The monetary award is named in honor of the Gloversville teacher who founded the Edinburg Historical Society in 1975. She was the town's first historian.

Museums open

The Rural and Nellie Tyrrell museums on North Shore Road near the Four Corners are open to the public Saturdays, noon to

3 p.m. until Aug. 29, except for July 4 and Aug. 1, which is the date for the summer sale at the Rural Museum. Other dates to remember are the Sept. 26 fall festival and the Holiday Bazaar on Oct. 24.

Vendors are wanted for our fall festival booths, please call George at 518-752-8839 if interested. There's no charge to set up,



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Come see our new display on the Copeland covered bridge at the Rural Museum. In a related matter, the board is working on updating information about Covered Bridge Shares contributed by donors, and we ask your patience while it is being done.

We welcome members and volunteers. Dues are only \$5 per person or \$10 for a family and can be paid to Treasurer/Edinburg Historical Society, PO Box 801, Northville, NY 12134. Also feel free to drop by one of our events and join in person.

Students tour historic sites

Edinburg Town Historian Evonne Barber took Edinburg Common School students on a tour of historic sites on May 28, including the Rural Museum. Evonne was assisted by long-time historian Priscilla Edwards. The class was complimented for their interest.

Thank you!

The historical society would like to thank all those who came to our May bake sale and bought items to help us raise funds, and also to those member/volunteers who worked on that day at the Rural Museum. We are looking for help from bakers and food preparers for our summer sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 1, also at the Rural Museum. Contact one of our members or come by the museum at 8:30 a.m. with your food to sell.



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by Brian DeFeo

May 12th through June 12th saw a slight uptick in emergency calls, at fifteen. The following is our Call Log for that time period.

- 5/17 Military Road, Brush Fire
- 5/20 Mutual Aid to Northville, stand by
- 5/21 Fox Hill Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- 5/21 Heather Lane, Structure Fire
- 5/22 Mutual Aid to Northville, stand by
- 5/22 White Birch Road, EMS Assistance
- 5/23 Four Corners, Motor Vehicle Accident
- 5/24 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 5/25 Mutual Aid to Northville, (Benson)
- 5/27 South Shore Road, Motor Vehicle Accident
- 5/28 Mutual Aid to Northville, cancelled in route
- 5/29 Mutual Aid to Middle Grove
- 5/31 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 6/1 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 6/11 Mutual Aid to Northville, cancelled in route

In June, the Edinburg VFC once again hosted a multi-department drill. Present were members from Edinburg, Northville, Providence, and Galway. Departments. Using the latest in rescue tool technological advancements, a three vehicle accident was staged next to our Firehouse. Two cars, also involving a "towed" pontoon boat, served as the simulation.





Galway's inflatable rescue bags were used to stabilize the vehicles. Then Edinburg's recently purchased battery operated tools were utilized during the extraction phase. These intra-departmental drills are extremely important, as we often have to call on mutual aid support. We have included a few pictures.

Saturday July 25th marks our ever popular Chicken and Ribs Barbecue. For you hearty eaters, I suggest considering the combo. Our hours are four to seven. Everyone who comes here knows that's a big lie.

As we never have any food left by seven. My personal advice is to show up by five, or take your chances!



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EDINBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3 North Shore Rd, Edinburg
Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Stephanie Schrom, Pastor
E-mail: edinburgumcpastor@yahoo.com

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

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

July 4th, Independence Day is a time to celebrate the independence of our nation from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. Psalm 33 verse 12 tells us: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." May our nation always enjoy the freedom we have had over the last 250 years and remain one nation under God. We pray everyone has a safe, fun celebration!

We would like to thank everyone that came out to support us on our Homemade Salad and Sides sale. Thank you also to those who took the time to make and donate salads, sides and baked goods to raise money to support our community events and missions.

Thursday, July 16th we will host Madalyn Downing from 7pm-9pm for an evening of a variety of music. Madalyn is a local, very talented musician and singer. This event is free for everyone so come on out to enjoy Madalyn's beautiful music. We will have light refreshments following.

Sunday, August 16th we will be holding a Home Coming Revival and picnic to celebrate our church's 190th anniversary. This is a free event open to everyone. If you or members of your family have attended our church in the past we welcome you to come celebrate with us. We also welcome anyone who has never

been to our church, please join us. We would love to have you! We will begin with our worship service at 9am and a picnic on our pavilion with lots of food and entertainment at 12 noon. Feel free to join us for the day as we celebrate the longevity of our beautiful little church.

Saturday, September 12th we welcome musician Keith Bartholomew for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing from 6pm-8pm. This event is free for all and everyone is welcome to join us. Light refreshments will be provided following. Although all of our events are free and open to all, donations are always greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

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Sr. Pastor: Rev. Andrew Larson

by Barbara Klueg

A Tangled Mess!

Recently on one of our hot summer days, I saw our neighbors working hard at cleaning out tangled vines and trimming some overgrown very tall bushes. My husband joined in 'the fun' and helped them (after all it was a mess we shared at our property line). I provided tall glasses of cold iced tea and cheered them on as they worked so vigorously!

Their work project reminded me of the tangled mess our lives can quickly become if we neglect to have a close walk with God. If we forget to pray or stop reading God's Word and worshipping Him on a regular basis, it won't be long before our lives become a tangled mess, just like those vines and overgrown vegetation.

A well-known line from poetry comes to my mind, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when we practice to deceive." Sin is usually not something we plan to do, it just comes naturally.

After all, we are all born sinners. Thankfully God provided a way for us to be forgiven of our sin. Jesus came to earth with a purpose: to pay for our sins on the cross.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. For that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." (1 Timothy 1: 15-16) Praise His Name! "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen." (1 Timothy 1:17) You can call on the King of Kings today to receive this wonderful gift when you repent and believe on Jesus . . . to get rid of your tangled mess!

Happy 4th of July! May God bless our country . . . despite the lack of love many have for our God and country. The Famous Northville DOIN'S will be July 3rd and 4th this year, along with fireworks at dusk on Friday, July 3rd and our BIG parade on Saturday, July 4th at 1 p.m. This year's parade theme is Northville Celebrates 250! Besides our fireworks and parade, come and enjoy the rides, vendors, entertainment and . . . stop by our church table on the corner of Main and Bridge St. too. Say 'hi' and enjoy a free bottle of COLD water! We also have a doggy bowl of cold water for your pet to enjoy, and a Goodie Bag filled with free stuff for you to take home. Hope to see many of you at



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Calling ALL Kids! Our church's Vacation Bible Xperience this summer is called "God's Team" and will be held at the church July 13-17 (6-8:30 PM). VBX is for kids entering Pre-K through 12th grades in the fall. Pre-K through 5th grade classes are held at the church with a Bible lesson, outdoor games, and snack time. The Jr. and Sr. High students (6th-12th grades) meet at the church and are transported by school bus to a private beach where they have a Bible lesson, snack, game time and/or swimming in the lake. Lifeguards and adult leaders are provided. This year's daily offerings will go entirely to an overseas mission.

You can submit an early VBX Registration for your children by picking up our VBX Registration Forms at the church or you may enroll them when you bring them to VBX. On Friday night we meet at BCON Corner for our closing, to hear the week's results, and to enjoy a free picnic for the students and their families. There will also be some outdoor fun and activities after the meal. Hopefully, we will have the Dunkin' Booth again too! Call the church office for more VBX info (518.863.8001)

Do you need some prayer or spiritual guidance? Contact Pastor Larson at church (518.863.8001). He is a good listener, loves the Lord and will share some godly wisdom with you. We would love to have you join us at church too. Our services are listed below. If you are housebound or sick, you can always watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org

Our Church Schedule and Ministries are:

- Sunday: (8:50 a.m.) Sunday School for all ages, (10 a.m.) Worship Service (Nursery & Children's Church provided), (6 p.m.) Family Night Fellowship & Teaching (1st Sun. of the month with refreshments)
- Monday: (8 p.m.) Man Up Bible Study for young men at BCON Corner
- Wednesday: (10 a.m.) Northville Food Pantry at BCON Corner
- Thursday: (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Prayer Meeting, (6:45 p.m.) NLH Nursing Home Service on 3rd Thursdays.
- Saturday: (6:30 a.m.) Men's Coffee Hour at BCON Corner
- Small Groups: Call the church for times and location
- Teen Events: Call the church for info regarding occasional events during the summer.
- July 13th-17th VBX "God's Team" 6-8:30 p.m.
- Aug 28th-30th (Fri-Sun): BCON's "Build, Fight, Sing" Conference: Speakers: Rev Ned Suffern, Rev Nathan Herrmann & Rev Andrew Larson (The whole family is welcome to attend)
- Aug 30th Church Picnic & Baptism at Whittaker/Alter Beach after church at 12:30 p.m. (and might I add my birthday, too!) Come celebrate God's goodness with our church family! There will be a Sign-Up sheet on the church bulletin board for the picnic.

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New at the Library

We’ve opened a Necessities Pantry at the Library! The pantry is filled with food and hygiene items and is open to everyone, regardless of residence.

Dear Edinburg Residents,

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

Book Clubs:

Evening Book Club:

The Evening Book Club will be reading Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenz on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30pm. Summary: “Justin has a curse, and thanks to a Reddit thread, it’s now all over the internet. Every woman he dates goes on to find their soul mate the second they break up. When a woman slides into his DMs with the same problem, they come up with a plan: They’ll date each other and break up. Their curses will cancel each other’s out, and they’ll both go on to find the love of their lives. It’s a bonkers idea ... and it just might work.”

Programs at the Library:

- Summer Reading is here!: Check out the library facebook page, website or come in for a calendar of events!
- Finding Freedom on the Frontier: Step into the story and experience American history for a special 250th Anniversary of Independence event! July 31st from 10am - 2pm. Stations include:
- Muster with the Militia

Hours:

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Adult Programs:

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

Teen Programs:

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

Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: Every Tuesday at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
- Lego Afternoons: Saturdays from 11am-12pm

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, July 21st 6:30pm

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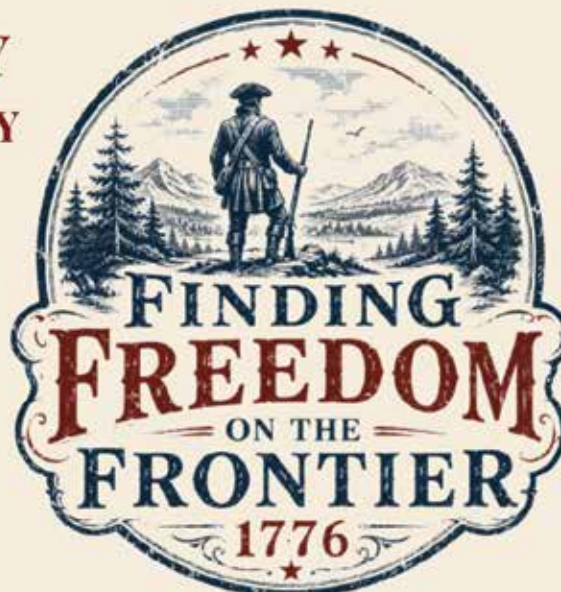
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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

On Wednesday, July 29, the Friends of the Northville Public Library will be sponsoring a speaker with years of bird rescuing experience.

Deborah Saltis from Falcon Heart Rescue will be speaking at both 4 and 6 pm. The earlier presentation is geared toward the library's youth patrons, while the 6 pm talk immediately follows the Friends' Annual Meeting.

Falcon Heart Rescue, based in East Herkimer, NY, annually saves more than 60 birds and is home to 14 educational birds. Ms. Saltis will be bringing owls, a hawk and a crow with her. She has spent thousands of hours observing and interacting with falcons and other birds - which gives her extensive knowledge of their behavior. While releasing birds back into the wild is always a thrilling experience, education has always been the most rewarding focus of Deb's journey.

Both presentations are free and will take place at the library. Reservations are recommended because space is limited. Please contact that library at 518-863-6922 or stop by to get on the reservation list.

Donations of paper towels, antibacterial wipes, Dawn dish soap, large black contractor garbage bags, unsalted peanuts or goldfish crackers are welcome to support Falcon Heart Rescue.

Members of the Friends and the public are also invited to attend the Friends' Annual Meeting which will take place just prior to Ms. Saltis' presentation. The Friends organization sponsors fundraisers throughout the year — including the annual Mammoth Book Sale and the Summer Raffle. Money that the Friends raise goes to help the library with programming such as the youth summer reading program, book purchases in recognition of the senior class, garden maintenance, miscellaneous capital improvements and other programming offered throughout the year.

A Friends' membership helps support these efforts. The cost is \$10 annual for an individual membership and \$25 for a household. Friends also get free early-bird admission to the Mammoth Book Sale. If interested in becoming a Friend, please pick up a membership card at the library's circulation desk. Also, if you are interested in joining the Friends' board of directors, please contact the library.

The annual Summer Raffle will begin on July 15 with the raffle taking place on August 15. All raffle items will be on display

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in the library. A huge thank you is extended to all businesses and individuals that have donated prizes or gift certificates.

The Friends are selling canvas totes with our new logo imprinted on the bag. It is a great way to support the library and to carry books or whatever, while promoting your local library. The bags are for sale in the library in the Friends' Book Nook area, located in the vestibule. While there, check out the huge selection of "Five for a Dollar" paperbacks. These books make for great summer reading by the lake.

Finally, the Friends extend a huge thank you to the community for their year-long support. We are particularly grateful for those who have donated their time, their talents, the contributions to our raffle and those who donated books for re-sale, as well as those who purchased books or raffle tickets. As we have just completed another Mammoth Book Sale, our volunteer book-sorters are going to take a break from weeding through books for the summer. We will resume collection of donated books on September 1.



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As we enter the month of July, and on the Eve of our nation's 250th birthday, I've been thinking a lot about Freedom. That's a word that has long seemed synonymous with the USA and our democratic republic. We speak of many freedoms, or rights as we sometimes call them – freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association, and freedom of religion. And these freedoms, when ensured for all members of society, act as the foundation for a healthy civil society and a functioning democracy. Because when civic freedom is robust, citizens can hold power to account, advocate for social change, and protect the public interest.

Conversely, when civic freedoms are restricted, abuse of power goes unchecked, journalists and everyday citizens are intimidated and/or punished for critiquing powers and policies, and the rights/freedoms of diverse communities are significantly diminished. And when that happens, the foundation of our democratic society starts to crumble, and we find ourselves increasingly enslaved in systemic dysfunction.

As I consider freedom from a civic standpoint, the apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians comes to mind. I especially like Eugene Peterson's translation as found in The Message. Here is what it says about Christian freedom:

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out – in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?"

Paul goes on to argue that we should live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. When we do so, we are freed from the sinful self-interest that lurks within each of us. Further, when we live God's way, we will exhibit traits such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. In short, the freedom we gain in and through Christ, Christian freedom, is

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essentially freedom from those selfish impulses that keep us divided and enslaved.

It seems to me that we need both kinds of freedom, civic and Christian, to have a balanced experience of true freedom. We need to continue to strive towards ensuring that all members of our society have the fundamental freedoms of expression, assembly, and association, and at the same time embrace the kind of freedom that comes in Christ – freedom from selfishness and freedom to become servants of his love for others.

I pray that as a country, as we celebrate the nation's 250th birthday, we will recommit to the core principles of civic freedom, and that we will live out those principles in compassion, grace, humility and love among ourselves. For if we use our freedom to destroy one another, to attack and dehumanize those with whom we differ, and to promote agendas that serve the interests of the few above the interests of the many, we will soon realize that we are all slaves to selfish desires.

May you all have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the lake and the mountains; get together with family and friends; take a trip (or just stay home and relax); go to the festivals, fairs and community concerts. In short, have fun! And may you have a happy 4th of July.

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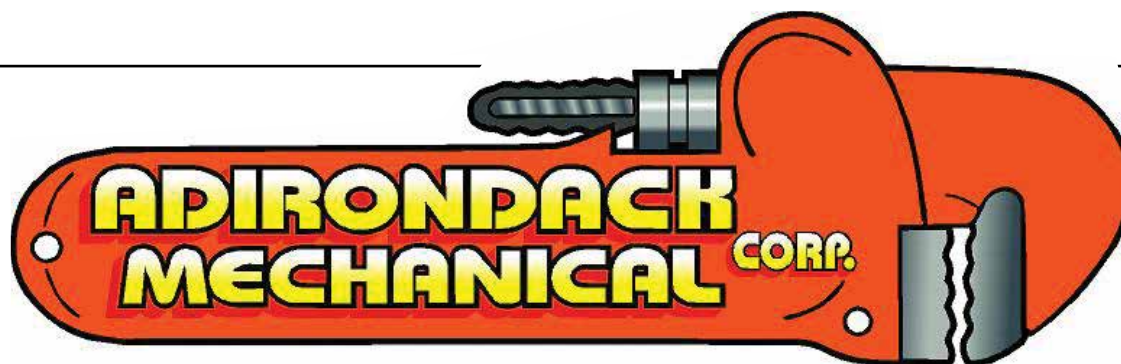
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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

Summer Starts and Fall Endings: The Fair Season of the Adirondacks

Some say the sheep started the trend. Others claim religion did. Several scream that holy days merged with commerce to create them. Still additional debaters posit the premise that education and recruitment inspired the tradition. Many maintain that only the audience shaped – and continues to shape – the iconic, annual event: the country/county/state fair. Who's right, and who's wrong? Perhaps the answer encompasses all of these theories.

According to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in its "History of Fairs," the very origin of the noun, "fair" stems from the Latin "feria," which means "holy day." We might imagine fairs as a modern or American invention, but in actuality, they began probably in 500 BCE with trading and market fairs in the Middle East. The International Association

of Fairs and Expositions adds that by the Middle Ages, holy days – those days when work ceased and people traveled to religious centers – "in great cities, including Nineveh, Athens, Rome, and Mecca," and eventually those of Western Europe, "fields adjacent to the temples were staked out for traders" of all kinds of commodities for "barter, exchange, and finally, outright payment." Gradually, these markets added forms of entertainment -- jousting, acrobats, jugglers, etc. -- and other activities – archery contests, storytelling, minstrel performances, etc. – and so, the modern era fairs in many ways emulate these early renditions.

The fair arrived in America in the early 1800s (1808 – 1811) largely through the efforts of two men and largely as a way to promote agriculture and sell sheep. Scholar Mark A. Mastromarino tells us that Elkanah Watson, seeking to spawn agricultural education and improvement organized his fellow Pittsfield, Massachusetts elite professionals and capitalists into an agricultural society that hosted the first American fair, one that actually showcased only one entity: imported Merino sheep. The group continued to refine and add to the fair with an aim "to replace undisciplined folkways with secular ritual, healthy competition, rational amusements, and innocent recreations."

In New York State, a similar movement toward agricultural societies among gentlemen farmers – men who owned a lot of acres and had tenant farmers working them – occurred, with Chancellor Robert Livingston leading the drive toward discussion of science- and technology- based agriculture and improved awareness by the public of the value of that agriculture. According to WAMC, a public radio podcast with experts Joshua Hauck-Wheaton, Judith LaManna Rivette, and Julia A. Avery, like Watson, Livingston "started in his goal of selling sheep, popularizing sheep, having sheep shearing fairs, sheep shearing demonstrations, and sheep shearing competitions." Unlike Watson, however, Livingston managed "to get state government involved in supporting his little venture, and so they were giving out bounties for high quality wool at these competitions." Eventually, however, these two men connected, with Watson

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buying some of Livingston's sheep and expanding considerably on the Livingston model, "injecting a great deal of pageantry" and adding cattle, parades and talent demonstrations, lots of contests, and farm produce. At the time, all fair activity came under the auspices of the elite gentlemen's agricultural societies.

WAMC tells us that in 1832, however, that condition changed with the formation of the New York State Agriculture Society, actually "created by the New York Legislature" and "granted \$25,000 to promote agriculture in New York State." Added to this supportive push, in 1841, the New York State Legislature acted again by funding "individual county agricultural societies," which ultimately became the "501c nonprofits" that have always run the fairs and have used the government money to offer premiums to encourage farmer participation and to promote "advancing agricultural practices in both crops and livestock and farming implements." These same bills also earmarked financing for the State Fair. Such money also enabled state, county, and country fairs to begin to purchase actual, permanent fairgrounds and to construct permanent structures upon them. Historian Mary Savig notes that FDR's New Deal projects specifically to build permanent fairgrounds buildings to employ architects, laborers, writers, scientists, and artists also aided in this fairground building frenzy. As fairs grew, they also began to add elements such as racing, music, local agricultural and

artisan crafts and wares as well as food and games. Gradually, the one-day event ballooned into a multi-day event, offering not just an opportunity for farmers to show off and win prizes and learn from each other, but also a chance for communities to come together, always bearing in mind that the agriculture and agricultural heritage must remain the central attraction and draw and must include youth through 4H of FFA Kids [Future Farmers of America Kids] to encourage the continuation of that heritage. As scholar Michael P. Gadomski states, the country/county/state fair "is a symbol of grassroots America [. . .] to show pride in the homegrown and handmade, connect with neighbors and friends" that has lasted from generation to generation for 250 years.

While these generational traditions expanded and the inclusion of homemade crafts and art proliferated, artisans and attendees began to see a need and audience for individual arts and crafts fairs apart from the country/county/state fairs. As scholar Mary Savig claims in her history of state fairs, people saw that "craft was worth preserving." According to Connie Mettler of the American Craft Council, by 1973, "the first wholesale craft market in the US at the fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, New York occurred and showcased "special items no competitor had." At present, some 1,200 crafts people offer

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their wares at such craft shows, and that number continues to grow, many of the craftspeople now actually earning a living with their creations, no longer just competing for fair prizes and sales. Likewise, art fairs and expos have blossomed here in the U.S. and abroad. They demonstrate the merger of culture and creativity, of commerce and inspiration. They attract the artist as well as the collector, the specialist and the everyday, interested fair goer.

The attraction to country/county/state fairs may indeed have begun with the sheep, the holy days, and the commerce and may have changed with audience preferences and attendance, but with the USDA's data that counts 23,234 acres of farmland in Fulton County; 113,287 acres in Montgomery County; 73,771 acres in Saratoga County; and 8,155 acres in Warren County, all of them contributing roughly a combined total of \$636 million to the economy, we will not see agriculture or its attendant celebrations fade away. Chief among those traditions stands the country/county/state fair. Long may it live!

Almost every New York County offers fairs of some kind, but here is a sampling of those offered in our readership's counties.

- The Fulton County Fair: According to county historian Jeanette Shiel, this fair opened for the first time on October 12, 1819,

in Johnstown, operated and organized by the Fulton County Agricultural Society. "In 1865, the Society bought about eighteen acres of ground near Johnstown for a permanent fairground, on which a half-mile race course was laid out." By 1877, the society had added a show building. This year's fair will occur from September 4, 2026 – September 10, 2026.

- The Mayfield Bannertown Fair: Sponsored by the Mayfield Firemen's Association and in its 49th year, this fair offers a midway of rides and games, food, entertainment, and various activities. It will run from August 13, 2026 – August 15, 2026.
- The Fonda Fair (Montgomery County): According to its web page, The Agricultural Society organized this fair on October 13, 1841, but it actually took place on the courthouse grounds on November 11 and 13, 1841. Located on a 26-acre parcel that contains a building with horse stalls, a performance platform, a grandstand, a judges' stand, and lots of fencing, this year's fair will commence on September 3, 2026 and ends on September 7, 2026.
- The Saratoga County Fair: Also founded in 1841, this fair also stands out as one of the oldest in New York State. Its organizers, The Saratoga County Agricultural Society (SCAS) boasts a membership representation from every town in

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Saratoga County. In the 1880s, after forty years of movement, the fair settled on permanent grounds of 80 acres in Ballston Spa. A six-day fair, this year, it runs from July 21 – July 26, 2026.

- The Warren County [Youth] Fair: Once a stalwart of the fair circuit and begun in 1857, this fair stopped in 2025. The permanent grounds it had acquired can now be rented for various festivals and events.
- The New York State Fair: The oldest state fair in the United States and located on 375 acres in Syracuse, New York, this fair will operate from August 26, 2026 – September 7, 2026

A Sampling of Art and Crafts Fairs in Our Readership Area:

- The Juried Art and Craft Fair at North Creek: November 21, 2026
- Northville Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend: July 17, 2026 – July 19, 2026
- The Shirt Factory Thursday Market at Glens Falls: Late May – Early September Thursdays featuring arts, crafts, food trucks, and live music
- The Beekman Street Art Fair: A family-friendly event with over 60 fine art and craft vendors on June 14, 2026

- The Varin Enterprises 3rd Annual Craft Fair: Local small businesses showcase their handmade goods, seasonal gifts, and food on August 8, 2026 in Johnstown.
- FCRSPCA's 14th Annual Woofstock: Hosted in Sherman's Amusement Park in Caroga Lake, this dog-friendly arts and music festival offers craft vendors, food, music, and brewing tastings on September 12, 2026.
- Warrensburg's Annual Apple Festival: This festival offers food, apples, cider, maple products, handmade crafts, fresh produce, music, demonstrations, and apple-based baked goods from 3:00 – 6:00 PM on September 11, 2026.



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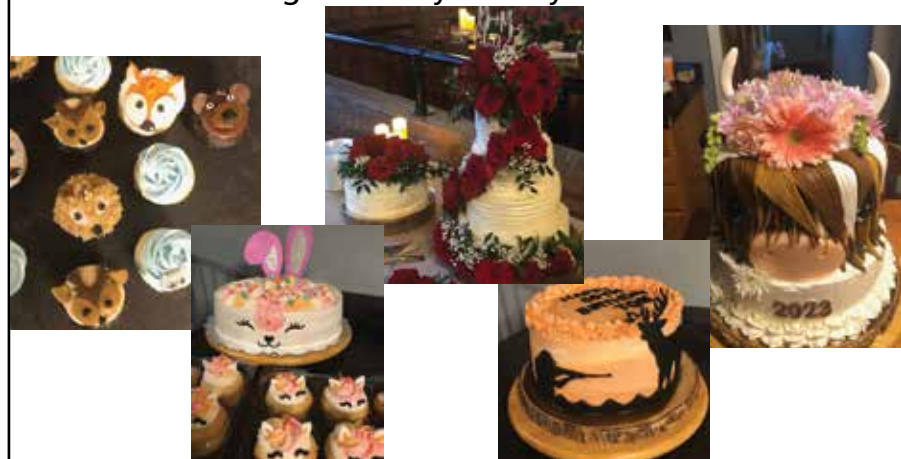
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"Summertime and the living is easy". This is a song that pops into mind when the month of June ends and the month of July begins. Schools are out, graduations are over, days are warm ... sometimes too warm ... and the evenings stay lighter longer. Beaches are full of happy shouts of laughter as kids play in the water, learning to swim, learning to kayak or just learning how to splash! We look forward to the fun Independence Day events in our village and eating fried dough and ice cream! Summer for many people still means going to work but maybe looking forward to vacation. There is so much to do in our area; so many places to hike; so many campgrounds; so many farmer's markets to visit; so many musical events in the Waterfront Park; so many hammocks to snooze in; so many books to read. God

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has given us much to be joyful and thankful for in our lives. We look forward to welcoming our summer visitors back to worship and spend time with them during fellowship hour following our worship services.

June 28 – casual worship in the fellowship hall with Gayle.

July 18 – there will be a bake sale at 9 am, followed by hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Stop by and enjoy some refreshments on your way to the woodworkers event.

God's Bonus Days - An author writing in Guideposts magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special. She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days." — Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea* *

Stay Connected this Summer - Summer schedules can be full, but staying connected matters. Be sure to check the bulletin, newsletter and social media for updates on worship, events and opportunities to serve. We are grateful to walk through this season together as a church family. *

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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

I got a text message on Wednesday asking for my article. I was shocked when I looked at my calendar. I had no idea what day or date it was. That is so not me. We went up to the mainland to visit friends who can not travel. We make the journey twice a year. As usual we had a great time. After our visit we took a leisurely drive back home to the Keys. We stopped for three days in Key Largo and had a wonderful time. Our RV site was on the water and was beautiful. We met so many nice people. I love retired life and being able to do whatever we want.

We got home yesterday and I had to force myself to get out of bed to write this article this morning. I was so comfortable. There is definitely no place like home !

I used to be so jealous of our parents when they moved to Florida. It was a nice place to visit but we never thought about

living in this state. Twenty years ago we made our first trip to Key West. I had never even heard of it. Billy wanted to come down because he watched fishing shows with his Dad, when he was younger. I had absolutely no idea of what to expect.

The Florida Keys are laid back, beautiful and unique. Key West is actually a “small town” where most people are friendly. It reminds me of living on the lake. There is always something to do. That being said, if we want to be lazy, we can be. That is the beauty of retirement. We have so many options available to us.

This is our slow season here and we love it. The community we live in feels like a ghost town, this time of year. We love the quiet time and cherish every moment of it.

Enjoy your summer on the beautiful Great Sacandaga Lake. Work hard and play hard. Life is short and none of us know how much time we have together. I want to take this opportunity to ask you to pray for our friends Celeste Knobel and Jimmy Looman. Both of these people have been amazing friends to everyone on the lake. Please pray for healing for both of them. Thank you to those of you who donated at their fundraisers.

Billy and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on July 10th. I never expected the time to go by so quickly. It's been quite a ride ! We are thankful and blessed ! Hopefully we will get to see you on the lake!

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Final Paragraph from Last Month's Story

The Links That Hold A Community Together And The Mission to Restore A Historic Course

By Pat Cahill

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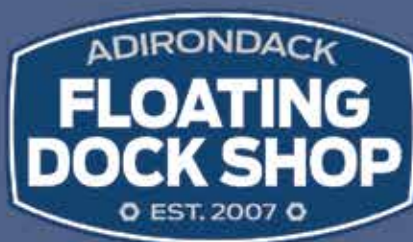
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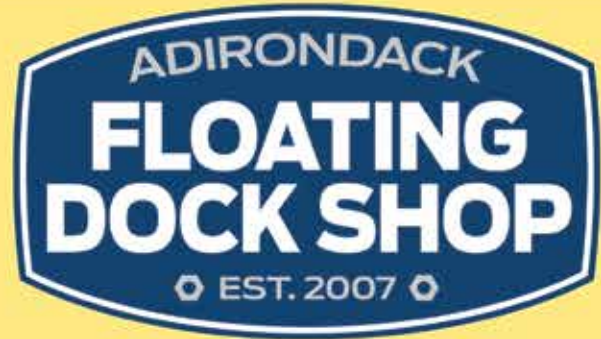
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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

The Great Sacandaga Lake Association's second annual Clean-Up Day on May 30 was a chance to celebrate environmental advocacy — including the recognition of five area students for their efforts.

The GSLA's 2026 Environmental Citizenship awards honor one graduating senior from each of the five schools adjacent to the lake. Winners are:

Angela Leto of Broadalbin-Perth. Angela's interest for environmental stewardship was nurtured at a young age and her true passion sparked as a sophomore in high school when she had the opportunity to be a part of an AP Environmental Science class with Mr. Henry. As a participant of the Broadalbin-Perth 1st year GSL Artificial Habitat Initiative Project she was introduced to project-based learning which resulted in enhancement to the walleye population on Great Sacandaga Lake. Angela is committed to SUNY Cobleskill majoring in Wildlife Management. Her goal is to work as a wetland biologist.

Aiden Pettit of Corinth. Aiden grew up in the Great Sacandaga Lake region, spending most of his free time fishing, hunting, and camping in the Adirondack Park. His experiences inspired a love and passion for environmental stewardship. His experiences led him to his current path. His goal is to become a DEC officer and plans to pursue an academic major in Wildlife Management at SUNY Cobleskill.

Rylie Sears of Hadley-Luzerne. Rylie's love of helping others has been put into practice through community service efforts that help improve the quality of life for community members. Rylie participates in National Honor Society community service projects such as sharing her musical talents with elderly residents at nursing homes. Rylie also works with her teacher and peers to help the Lake Luzerne Association's water testing efforts.

Dana Mosconi of Mayfield. Growing up in the woods, off the shore of the lake, Dana learned to love the wildlife and vistas of the Adirondacks. Her concern for the environment inspired her to enroll in HFM BOCES Environmental Conservation program. When a local firefighter was injured, she collected cans and raised \$100 for a for his recovery, she honored 9/11 victims by climbing 110 flights of stairs in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Challenge, and independently organized a Wear Blue Day at Mayfield High School in honor of human trafficking victims. Dana plans to major in Sustainability at Paul Smith's College.

Rylan Czadzeck of Northville. Rylan learned as a young camper how to positively impact the environment in many ways. The years spent at Ndakinna, a Native American storytelling and survival camp, taught Rylan to respect habitats, to protect the environment, and to value interconnectedness of the plants and animals that coexist in the ADK. Rylan plans to attend the University of Buffalo with a major in media studies/game studies.

GSLA member Jan Cioffi, the scholarship chair who interviewed the winners and compiled their stories, said their accomplishments show they will be real contributors to their communities. It reflects "a growing civic engagement around the lake," she said.

John Callaghan, executive director of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District, who recognized the award winners, pointed to the "human infrastructure" around the lake that makes a difference now and will do so in the years to come.

For more information about the winners and the award, and photos from the May 30 event, please see our website at gsla.org

Clean-Up Day celebration

On May 30 the GSLA members and friends also gathered at the Northampton Town Hall in Northville to applaud the efforts

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of the volunteers who participated in cleaning up and properly disposing of garbage around the lake.

They swapped stories about “discoveries” along their neighborhood roads in recent years — from a rubber glove filled with urine, rotisserie chicken remnants (22 over time!), shattered side-view mirrors and innumerable beer and soda cans.

GSLA board Secretary Larry Cioffi noted how a lot more garbage was collected this year and how “it took a lot to make it happen.”

He thanked the many groups, businesses and individuals who made the event a success, including the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council, GSL Safe Lake Initiative, the five area school districts around the lake, Hannaford, Price Chopper and Stewarts Shops for their generous donations, Northampton town officials, John Callaghan, and GSLA President Jane Kinney Denning, the driving force behind the effort.

Also attending were representatives of the Sacandaga Protection Committee, which says it supports keeping the state permit system around the lake the way it is so people can enjoy the lake as they have for almost 100 years.

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Happy Birthday, America!!

This year-2026- our Country is celebrating 250 years of freedom from Great Britain.

Thus far I have found twenty-six Revolutionary War Veterans buried in our Town of Edinburg cemeteries. Edinburg as a town did not exist during the war years of 1775-1783, in fact we didn't even exist as Saratoga County. The area that became Edinburg was part of Albany County until Saratoga County was formed from Albany County in 1791. Many of the veterans that made their way to the Sacandaga Valley after the war might have passed this way during the war on their way to Fort Ticonderoga. They saw the fertile land along the river as well as the huge white pine forests and decided it would be a quiet, peaceful place to settle and raise a family. Fighting in a war is a dreadful, stressful event whether it be the 1700's or today. Soldiers see and experience more in a war than anyone should ever have to see. Possibly the soldiers of the Revolutionary War needed the quiet of our Adirondack foothills to adjust to a new life. Word was also being circulated

by realtors and politicians to see more settlement in sparsely settled New York State, so word was soon circulated throughout New England that one could live on three days of work in NYS as easily as six days in New England. Tall tales, indeed!

A few veterans were given land grants in payment for their military service. Others like Samuel Downing worked the land for many years before he could claim it as his own. I've read that Jesse Barker Jr. received a land grant but I've yet to see proof of such.

Abijah Stark, Edinburg's first recorded settler in 1787 is buried in the Anderson Cemetery on South Shore Road. Abijah had fought at the battle of Bennington with his uncle General John Stark. After the war Abijah and his family traveled from Coleraine, Massachusetts settling just north of Fish House on what we now know as South Shore Road.

David Lawton, James Partridge, Isaac Thayer and Daniel Washburn are buried in the Partridge Cemetery on Sinclair Road. The Lawton and Partridge families settled on the west side of the river not too far from the Town of Northampton line; It's unknown where the Thayer family settled while the Washburn family settled near Beecher Hollow.

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Those buried in the Clarkville Cemetery on Tennantville Road include Jesse Barker Jr., David Cole, John Cook, John Corey, Samuel Downing, Capt. Ziba Hunt and James Simpson. Jesse Barker introduced Methodism into Edinburg. David Cole came with his family from Dutchess County. He was my 4th great grandfather. The Cook family settled in the western part of town. Samuel Downing was originally from Massachusetts. He enlisted in New Hampshire at the age of fifteen serving with Gen. George Washington at Yorktown. He also did garrison duty in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. At times he took part in scouting parties against the Indians and Tories. He died at the age of 102. Capt. Ziba Hunt, a native of Connecticut moved from New Lebanon, Colombia County, NY. He was a tanner and shoe maker by trade. He and his family were buried in the Cold Brook Cemetery and moved to Clarkville with the creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir.

James Simpson lived just over the line in the Town of Hope but is buried in Clarkville with the rest of his family, having a field stone as his headstone. He was held captive on a British war ship for three months during his war service. I have the paperwork that describes his captivity on the enemy ship. "Old James" was my 3rd great grandfather.

John Corey came from Rhode Island with the Tennant, Cole,

Robinson, Greenfield, Simpson, Gorton, Grimes and Kinnicutt families in the early 1790's-all settling in the northwest section of town.

The Edinburg Cemetery is the resting place for veterans Azariah Ellithorp, Calvin Graves, Sampson Hosley, Cushing King, Isaac Noyes Sr., Jonathan Smith, John Sumner, Robert Sumner, Philip Vandenburg and Aaron Van Patten.

Azariah Ellithorp served in Pennsylvania and while serving under Gen. Washington was at the battle of Trenton and spent a winter at Valley Forge. Azariah and his family came to Edinburg in oxen-drawn sleighs in the middle of February 1802. He built the first distillery in town and was very active in town events. Sampson Hosley had settled along the river road northeast of Beecher Hollow. He died at the age of ninety. Cushing King, died at the age of eighty. Isaac Noyes Sr. and his family settled near Batchellerville in 1806 buying the Sumner sawmill. His body was moved from the Batchellerville Cemetery.

Jonathan Smith was a captain in the Continental Army. He later married Betsy Sumner, daughter of veteran Robert Sumner. Their family settled on the river road northeast of Beecher Hollow. John Sumner built the first sawmill in town. His family settled on the river road northeast of Beecher Hollow. Robert Sumner-brother of John-was the town's first Supervisor.



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His family also settled on the river road northeast of Beecher Hollow.

Aaron Van Patten’s family also settled on the river road northeast of Beecher Hollow. The Jonathan Smith, Calvin Graves, Philip Vandenburg and Aaron Van Patten families were originally buried in Cold Brook Cemetery and then moved to the Edinburg Cemetery. The Sampson Hosley, Azariah Ellithorp, Cushing King, John and Robert Sumner families were originally buried in Beecher Hollow and removed to the Edinburg Cemetery. These removals were also done due to the creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir.

Benjamin Sumner was taken prisoner and taken to England in chains. His long confinement and shackles caused sores from which he never recovered, finally causing his death. He and his wife were buried in unmarked graves behind their home on Sinclaire Road.

Job Albro was born 1741 in West Greenbush, Rhode Island. He enlisted in 1775, was wounded at the battle of Harlem Heights and discharged in the spring of 1777. He and his family were in Edinburg by 1810. He passed away in 1843 but burial site is unknown.

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John Rhodes settled in the western part of town but we don't know his burial site either.

Neither do we know the burial site of a most unusual veteran-John Gordon. According to his great grandson Wellington E. Gordon, John Gordon was a Hessian soldier in one of the regiments hired by George the 3rd of England to fight our Colonial troops. John was captured at the battle of Bennington, held as a prisoner in Boston where he enlisted in our American army and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. He married Mary Whitman, a niece of Gen. Gates in Henniker, NH. They moved to "York" State settling in the Sacandaga Valley where they bought a farm and built a log home a mile north of Batchellerville on the east side of the river. I cannot find John or Mary's burial site in any of our cemetery records so it's possible they were buried in the "back forty" of their farm.

I found 3-4 other veterans that settled in Edinburg for a time before pushing on westward for better farming conditions. Some settled in western New York State while others moved further westward after the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825.

All of these men believed so strongly in freedom from Great Britain for themselves and their families that they banded together as "ONE" to fight and defeat the enemy. We must admire these hardy souls that left their secure homes in New England after the war to travel to an unknown wilderness.

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Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Town of Day Town Hall,
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The meeting will cover issues
important to the lake community.

Our guest speakers will include:

- Harry Brennan, Supervisor of the
Town of Day
- John Callaghan, Executive
Director of the Hudson River-
Black River Regulating District
- A board member from the
Sacandaga Protection Committee

We will also be collecting non-
perishable food items (such as
peanut butter, canned vegetables,
pasta, sauce, rice, cereal, and
cookies) and monetary donations
for gift cards. The general public is
welcome to attend.

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Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for July, 2026

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July 2 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Omelet, Hash Browns, Sausage, Muffin, Tropical Fruit.

No Program this date. We will celebrate July birthdays with a cake provided by Judy Van Heusen

July 9 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Fish on a Bun, Three Bean Salad, Spinach, Fresh fruit cup.

No Program this date

July 16 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Pizza Burger, Confetti Rice, Broccoli, Cookie.

STFSL Program at 12:30: We will play Bingo on this date

July 23 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Ham and Cheese Cold Plate, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Pudding.

STFSL Program at 12:30: We will have an Ice Cream Social - Make your own Sundae

July 30 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Turkey with Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Cauliflower, Chef's Choice Dessert. No Program this date. There will be a blood pressure clinic on this day.

Call Fulton County OFA at 518-736-5650 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.

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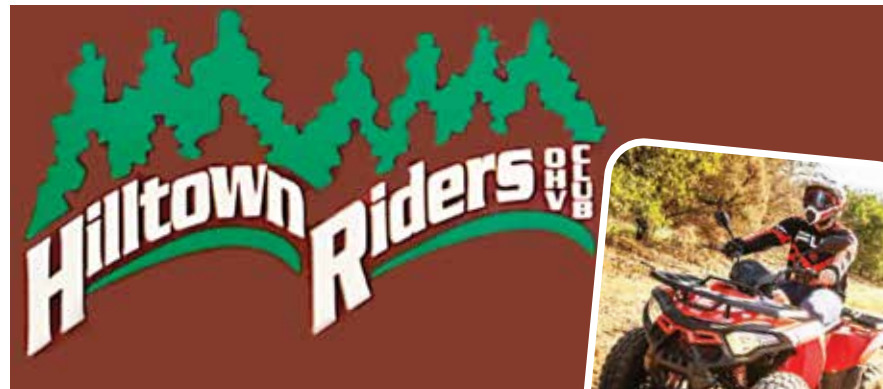
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October 3rd - A Taste of History at Old Fort Johnson. \$30 prepaid. Sample over a dozen homemade soups, breads, and desserts. Alcoholic drink tickets sold on site.

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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

Born in 1940, Jan Kovaleski grew up on Staten Island in New York City when it was very rural. Inseparable from his brother Joe, they ran across fields, marshes and berry patches, ending up in woods and rivers. But when his children, Tara and Kurt, were born there wasn't so much roaming. The land was no longer rural.

The solution was found outside Hadley on the Great Sacandaga. Back then the region was undiscovered and the land was cheap. Land deeds changed hands at poker games. Jan found a piece of land but was hesitant. His brother gave him a push, "If you don't take it I will," and so he jumped in. Then a cabin was built and a destination created.

Not only his children but dozens of others from the concrete neighborhood found their way out of the city to discover adventures in the Adirondacks, with hiking, boating and campfires. His whimsical sense of humor and a sense of adventure was irresistible to children. One boy in particular became like his shadow. Young Colin watched constantly for signs of Jan's departure and showed up to claim a spot before

every trip. Once he asked to bring a friend. when Jan pulled over to pick them up he saw a clump of boys assembled. It appeared that 5 or 6 boys wanted to see them off.

But they didn't. They all wanted to go too. Jan opened the van and showed the inside loaded with furniture. The boys began claiming spaces and wedging themselves in, under tables and sprawled across dressers. Later after they were fed, and night fell they became anxious. In a camp with no landline, they said they needed to call home.

"Why?" Jan asked.

Maybe they'd never been anywhere before where buses or trains didn't run. They had no idea how far away they were going. And their mothers had no idea where they were. With a roll of quarters at the nearest payphone, it was all sorted out.

Jan smirks at the memory of outsmarting the whole pack of them. Hearing a whispered conspiracy one night, "Let's get Jan," he quickly put the camp light out and stepped behind the woodstove. The sound of teenage boys crashing into each other proved that his timing was correct. There was a dog pile; he wasn't in it.

Many of the kids kept in touch with Jan after they were grown. One even became interested in falconry. They made



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sure the next generation got to connect with their mountain man, even if briefly. But when summers went by with no kids to tease, Jan missed their energy. Missed their curiosity. He began sending gifts to the Summer Camp program run by the New York State Sheriffs' Institute. He wanted to know that kids who might've played on hard surfaces all summer could get a life-changing adventure, by jumping off a swim dock and learning to get into a canoe. Padding and steering a canoe is a tremendous confidence builder. Walking barefoot just feels good and seeing the stars is unknown to kids whose nights are bathed in street lights.

Kids who never roam open green spaces might become the adults who can't enjoy natural settings. Like the fellow who considered the outdoors just inconvenient space between shopping destinations. Another woman found a soft drizzle on a short hike absolutely terrifying. To her, the misty atmosphere among old trees was the setting for a horror film. There's one NYC gal who can't even pronounce the word caterpillar, it being almost a foreign language to her. Many expect ravenous bears lurking everywhere. I think the prize goes to a woman on a

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rafting trip who wanted to know how far (downstream) till we got back to the cars. Yes, she thought the Hudson River was another Lazy River that went in a continuous circle and would bring us back to the starting point.

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by Susan Armstrong



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Funds from the Woodworking Show Help Support the Community

In addition to on-going programs such as the Backpack Program, Northville Rotarians have been responding to additional needs of the community organizations and individuals.

For the first time in their 62-year history, the Town of Northampton Ambulance now has a second agency-owned emergency response vehicle. The Northville Rotary Club donated \$3,000 to equip the "Fly Car". It allows our EMTs and paramedics to respond quickly to emergencies such as anaphylaxis, cardiac arrest, stroke, severe bleeding, and motor vehicle accidents beginning care before the ambulance arrives. The vehicle will also be used for less serious calls, such as lift assists (falls without injury) and basic evaluations where ambulance transport may not be required. In addition, you may see it at standby events like the Ring of Fire 5K and the Walleye Challenge. In April, an AED was purchased and installed at the



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Soccer Field to assist with emergency heart irregularities.

The cost of fuel is eating into the budgets of the local Emergency Squads and Fire Departments. In response to this, Rotarians voted to give both the Northville and Edinburg Fire Departments as well as the Northampton and Edinburg Emergency Squads checks for \$500 each to help with the increased fuel prices. Checks will be given at the beginning of the Woodworking and Fine Arts Show on July 17.

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from individuals. As an alternative, we will be providing funds of \$1000 to the Northville Education Foundation each year earmarked for students K-11. The Education Foundation will oversee the money. For adults who request funds or need help in a tragedy, we refer them to Sacandaga Helping Hands which we provide \$500 from our budget each year.

Of course, our pets are members of our families and community. Recently, the Brennan Human Society had an emergency where 27 dogs were admitted in terrible condition. The need for food, medicines, blankets, etc. put a strain on their budget. They asked the community for help. The response was wonderful. Rotary donated \$500.

These types of donations are possible from the proceeds each year from the Woodworking and Fine Arts Shows sponsored by the Northville Rotary. The funds come from the artist fees, raffles, silent auction, sale of Edwards Maple Syrup and donations. Come this year, Friday, July 17 (5-7pm), Saturday, July 18 (9-4) and Sunday July 19 (10-3) and help keep these community donations possible.



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM
Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 7-8:30 PM at Mayfield United Methodist
Wednesday 10-11 AM and 6-7 PM – Office Hours

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 10
8 AM – 4 PM – Community Center Rummage Sale
Saturday, July 11
9 AM – 2 PM – Community Center Rummage Sale
Wednesday, July 15
4:00 PM Church Council
5:00 PM Community Covered Dish
Sunday, July 26
9:00 AM Service at the Beach behind Church
10:00 AM Bring Your Favorite Dish to Share

Communion – First Sunday of the Month

All are welcome who desire to turn away from all that is contrary to God's will and follow the way of Jesus. It is a time to be renewed by experiencing in a powerful way the very presence of the risen Christ. A Jesus who reaches out in love, offers forgiveness and the opportunity to be channels of God's love.

UPCOMING - SERVICES

July 5 Proper 9 (14) -Independence Day Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 145:8-21; Zechariah 9:9-12; Matthew 11:27-30
Message: "Freedom"
Young People's Time: "Resting Place"
July 12 – Proper 10 (15)
Scripture: Psalm 65; Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Message: "Promises"
Young People's Time: "Trust Me"
July 19 – Proper 11 (16)

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Message: "Judgement"

Young People's Time: "Gardens"

July 26 – Proper 12 (17)

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11, 45; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52;

Romans 8:26-39

Message: "Stronger than Hate"

Young People's Time: "Unseen Help"

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/.

Clergy Column Foundations

This is a historic time for our nation as we celebrate its 250th Anniversary. I take great pride in our nation because of its foundational principles as expressed in our declaration of Independence: "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Right, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." These foundational principles agree with my understanding of God and a belief that we are all created in God's image and called to love one another, even those we would label enemy. It is a way of life that I believe Scripture and the experience of generations have shown to be the way to true peace and joy.

At its finest our nation demonstrated this after World War 2 as it helped those who were our enemies rebuild and forged ties that transformed them into our allies. Allies who were willing after 911 to stand with us.

As we celebrated our 250th anniversary may the end of the celebration be the beginning of a renewed commitment to our foundational principles and efforts to find ways to be reconciled with those we have differences with and a world where actions of reaching out to one another in love replace division and resorting to violence to resolve differences.

I pray that in the days to come rather than fearing those who are different we may recognize we are all God's children and learn from one another.

Loving one another is not always easy but we don't have to do it alone. Our God has promised to be with us and through the person of the Holy Spirit to enable us to face all of life's difficulties. Your Faith Community stands ready to help you in your faith journey and equip you to share God's love with those close to you and even those who you find difficult to deal with.

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Nuggets and News from the Town of Lake Luzerne

Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184



7/1/26 Painted Pony Rodeo PPR Lake Luzerne, NY (Wed) 7:30pm
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 7/31/26 Painted Pony Rodeo Lake Luzerne, NY (Fri) 7:30pm



Mayfield Historical Society

Carol Johnston Publicist - 518-332-0538

The Mayfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 16, from 6 to 8 pm at The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield, NY.

Free tours of The Rice Homestead, Oliver's Nature Trail, Heritage Gardens, and the new special exhibit "The American Revolution in Mayfield" will be featured along with the unveiling of a America 250 plaque on the Homestead property. Musicats Duo from the Capital District will be performing with music from the 1920s through the 1970s with songs from Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Fats Waller, George Gershwin, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, George Benson, George Duke, and Al Jareau.

Homemade cake with ice cream and lemonade will be available for a donation of \$5/\$3 for children 8 and under. For more information, contact 518-857-2820. The rain venue is Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.

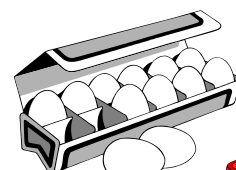
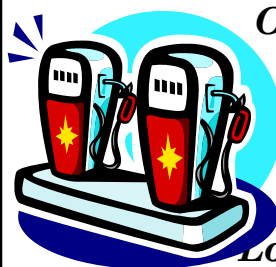


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The Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society is pleased to announce they will be planting a tree on July 4th and 11th to commemorate American Independence. Attached you'll find a short article and clip art art of two trees to be planted.

The Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society is commemorating the 250th anniversary of American Independence by placing a Liberty Tree in Col. Benjamin Butler Pavilion Park on July 4th and the S. Smead Memorial Park at Hadley's Founders Day Celebration July 11th. As you may know, the Liberty Tree was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston. The patriots gathered around the tree in 1765 after the Stamp Act to sign the first petition of their rights against the British government. The tree became a symbol of the American Revolution and American Independence. Now Hadley and Lake Luzerne will have its own Liberty Tree.

We selected a maple tree for Hadley and a hemlock tree for Lake Luzerne because of its importance to the development and most especially to the region's tanning industry and cultural heritage.



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Stones from the Creek

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer.

This month is a little this and that from the Warrensburg News for various years of what was happening in our little town of Stony Creek.

September 27, 1921



March 22, 1951

There was much excitement up-street when a station wagon carrying two dead brush wolves (or coyotes) parked in front of the hotel yesterday. The wolves had been killed by Fred Streever at West Stony Creek. They were run down at the Baker Camp by two wolf hounds imported from Missouri by Mr. Streever. He hopes to make this into a sport comparable to other forms of hunting. What with the bounty it should also be profitable.



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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 years 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 last 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 dinners.

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Thoroughbred turkeys valued at ten and twenty dollars apiece are being shipped by John Quincy Adams and son, Arthur Adams, to Petersburg and Hoosick Falls. Mr. Adams is a breeder of fancy Rhode Island Reds and turkeys. At one time this section was known as a "turkey country," but the raising of turkeys here has diminished greatly in the last few years.

February 14, 1920

Mrs. Sarah Goodnow of the State Road owns a young black ewe lamb that weighed seventeen pounds at birth.

Fred Reynolds of Luzerne, in charge of repairs and installation work for the telephone company, is in town installing new telephones. The local and out-of-town service has been very satisfactory all winter despite the heavy snowstorms and cold weather. Burt Ridell of Luzerne is manager for this district.

It has been learned that United States Internal Revenue Agent Michael J. Collins of Glens Falls recently visited some private places and camps some miles from here in search of moonshine stills and illicit whisky. It is reported Mr. Collins made a diligent search, even going in the cellars of some of the places, but outside of the usual barrel of home-made cider, no evidence was found to show that whisky was being manufactured or sold. It is supposed that someone with an ancient "grudge" was responsible for the visit of the revenue agent and also the report that illicit whisky was being manufactured or sold by private individuals at this place. Many times these mountain "grudges" are held for years and passed down from parents to children with the result that just as soon as one side or the other learns of the other violating a game law, revenue law or criminal law, a letter is sent to the respective agents in charge of investigating such crimes.

Prepare for City Fishermen.

Worms are used as bait very successfully during the early part of the trout season and are sufficiently tempting to lure the "wise ones" from the depths of the swift flowing streams. Later, when the weather is warmer, fly casting is the favorite sport.

March 31, 1920

Back in West **Stony Creek** woods at Mary Jane Fuller's celebrated hunting camp her sons are making preparations for the arrival of city fishermen who congregate there annually.

At Harvey Comb's log cabin camp nearby workmen are building a small dam which will flood an old beaver meadow almost directly in front of the cabin. The stream, "Sure-Catch," has been a favorite place for trout fishermen, and by building the dam a small lake covering a quarter of a mile square in which will be thousands of trout, will be at the convenience of fishermen who enjoy the hospitality of "Happy" Harvey every year. Mrs. Harriet Glassbrook, Harvey's mother, will fry the trout this year in her famous way that makes city men forget their chefs and full course dinner affairs back in the make-believe life in the large cities.

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Fred and Linda Brown

Happy 250th Birthday America.

It seems only a few years ago that we met the “Wagon Train” coming across the country in Valley Forge, PA in 1976. A great deal has changed in the past 50 years, some for the better, some for the worse, but regardless, we live in a great country still full of promise and potential if we as citizens do our part. Watch for SVAN in the July 4th “Doins Parade” featuring Pam Broiles, dressed as “Betsy Ross,” Mike Eisenberg as “Uncle Sam,” and Don Hoffman as “Statue of Liberty,” entertaining us with patriotic tunes as we celebrate our country’s 250th Birthday. Be sure to turn out and support the Northville Community, SVAN and our country on this once in a lifetime day.

I heard a radio host this past week talking about artists and musicians passing down through generations experiences and beliefs otherwise lost to the ages. A direct quote from an AI page says it best. “This creative expression taps directly into the

brain’s emotional processing centers, allowing both the artist and the viewer to explore universal human experiences like joy, sorrow and anxiety.” I would add human experiences such as beauty, love and appreciation for what the art expresses. SVAN strives to bridge the ages through art, crafts and music, bringing to the Greater Sacandaga Valley outstanding performance and artisans.

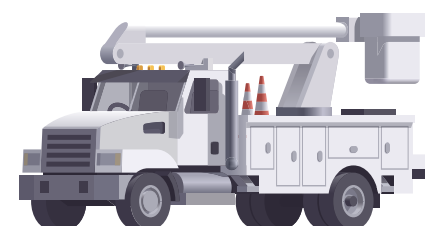
The reimagining and reopening of SVAN’s Main Street Gallery are a good example of this sharing of beauty, craftsmanship and imagination. Artists both old and new to SVAN have shared their work with us to admire, appreciate and perhaps purchase. The gallery now has regular hours, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 - 6:00 pm. A reception was held on June 14 to share the new walkable space, and another is scheduled for July 12th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. The theme for the



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next reception with be “Pairings” featuring still life paintings by artists Madeline Morrow and Kael Von. Their exhibit will be open July 3 – July 25. As always, additional artist’s work will also be available for viewing and purchase.

SVAN is proud to announce the scholarship winners for 2026.

Annabelle Case from Gloversville High School and Rylan Czadzeck from Northville High School will each receive a \$500 scholarship to assist them in their future education.

Annabelle will be attending SUNY

Potsdam, majoring in music and Rylan will attend the University of Buffalo, majoring in media. Both students were active in their school productions and activities. Svan is proud to recognize both outstanding individuals and wish them great success in their futures.

July signals the beginning of SVAN’s very popular Summer Concert Series* in Northville Waterfront Park. The concerts are free to all and a goodwill offering is accepted. The performing groups for July are:

- Sirsy, July 11th sponsored by Northville Rotary
- Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra, July 19th sponsored by CRG Ken Adamczyk and Liz Perrins, licensed realtor with Howard Hannah.
- Bob Stump Band, July 25th Sponsored by CDL Insurance
- Caroga Lake Music Festival, July 26, sponsored by SVAN at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 main St., Mayfield. (General admission is \$20, \$15 for SVAN Members and children are free.)

Be sure to pick up a Rack Card listing all the summer performances for the year at SVAN’s Main St. Gallery.

The popular “Music Jam” returns to the Northville Farmer’s Market on Saturday mornings with Mike Eisenberg. Bring your instrument and join Mike for a morning of fun and music. The market runs from 10:00 – 1:00 every Saturday.

Looking Ahead with SVAN:

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events. Additional information on the activities listed below will be provided in the August Newsletter.

- SVAN Reception August 9, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Rhonda Anderson, Gallery featured artist in August (2026 Best in Show -

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- Art Trails – August 15 & 16 – Meet your favorite and new favorite artists in their creative spaces. *
- “Turn Up the Heat” – August 23 - SVAN’s popular yearly fundraiser.
- iPhone Photo Workshops – September 9 & 23 with Award winning photographer Rhonda Anderson. Since most photos are now taken with our phones, maximize your skill and results with this hands-on workshop.
- “Looking Up” Workshop with Anna Finch, award winning artist and birdwatcher inspired by the everyday beauty of the Adirondacks - October 6. Anna will be leading the activity in mixed media using paints, collage, stencils and more.



SVAN is pleased to cooperate with “The Revival,” a performance center located at 1441 Route 30, Wells, NY and operated by Pam Broiles, a long time SVAN supporter and member. Please support the programming in their intimate and unique venue on the beautiful Lake Algonquin.

- July 3 – Josh and Ashley Clevenstein
- July 19 – John Dale and Friends
- August 21 – Bob Stump and his Band
- September 11 – Midnight Choir

A complete listing and description of upcoming concerts may be found by visiting their Facebook page “The Revival.”

The Fulton County Visitors Center located at the traffic circle of Rts. 29 and 30 hosts the Vail Mills Gallery. Artist displays are available for viewing Friday -Mon, 10:00 – 4:00. Please visit and support the Visitor’s Center and this SVAN site.

As always, thank you to our dedicated volunteers and members for their support and time to keep SVAN a vital part of the Sacandaga Valley arts community. Membership information may be obtained by contacting Linda Brown at membership@svanarts.org.

“From the oldest cave paintings on the Iberian Peninsula to a child’s first marks with a crayon, art-making is one of the many means of expression that humans engage with to understand and interpret the world around them.”

**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.*



Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

Farewell to the 2025 - 2026 School Year

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, students, teachers, and staff celebrated the end of the 2025-2026 school year with our annual sixth grade graduation and farewell. We surely hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!

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

Honor Roll (89.5-94.4)

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| • Brayden | • Koupas |
| • Carter | • Aubrey |
| • Noah | • Lillianne |
| • Matthew | • Gabriella |
| • David | • Tori |

High Honor Roll (94.5-100)

- Kenley
- Devin
- Cora

On Friday, June 5, 2026 at Eagle Morning Program, we honored students of the month! These students and staff member are “reliable” and a person we can count on! Keep up the great work everyone! We are proud of you!

- PK Mason
- K Arlo
- 1 Caroline
- 2 Kaedance
- 3-6 Carter, Kendyl, and Natalie
- Teacher/Staff Mrs. Moore



ECS Drama Club Production "Madagascar Kids"

On Sunday, June 7, 2026, the ECS Drama Club presented two matinees of the production "Madagascar Kids". Under the direction of Mrs. Beth VanEvery, the students gave a wonderful show. We are so proud of the students for their performance. We would like to thank everyone who worked and/or volunteered their time to make this show possible. Way to go everyone!



PTO Sponsored Field Day

We would like to thank the Edinburg PTO for all their hard work and dedication that went into planning an amazing field day on Monday, June 22, 2026. We are so fortunate for their continued support and opportunities they provide our students, teachers, and staff.



Father - Special Person's Day

We had an amazing morning on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 with our dads and special guests to honor Father's Day! Our guests enjoyed a yummy breakfast made by Ms. Millington and Mrs. Hennessey. We thank you for spending your morning with us!



2025-2026 Yearbook Covers

The Edinburg Common School District and the Edinburg PTO would like to congratulate Tori and Leah for their outstanding artwork for the front and back cover of the 2025-2026 yearbook! The yearbook reveal took place on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Congratulations to the both of you!



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



Sacandaga Protection Committee

Bob Jones

The Sacandaga Protection Committee held our 6th annual golf outing fund-raiser on June 6th at Hales Mills Country Club. It was a very successful and fun day and the weather cooperated this year! We would like to thank all our sponsors, golfers, volunteers and the Hales Mills staff for making the day a success. A special thanks to our major sponsors Camp Bigenuf, Depaula Auto Group, Fuel and Food, Tri-Valley Plumbing and Heating, Bolton-St. John, Riva Payments, Environmental Design Partners, Brown's Collision, Frank and Son's Body Shop, NLH Properties, Brownell Lumber, T/Day Property Owners Association, Howard Hanna Realty, Mangino Auto Group, Malta Development, Park Marine and Empire Wine. We also had many donations for tee signs and silent auction items, see elsewhere in this edition or future edition for a list of those donors. And Alex Lilly who donated his 50-50 winnings back to the SPC. Our contest winners were as follows: 3 teams tied for best score at

-10, using the USGA tie breaking system, the winners were Bob Jones, Tim Bibbens, Greg Ferrero and Alan Draper, 2nd place Bob Anderson, Charlie Asher, Bill Purdy, Todd Scott and 3rd place Tom Wood, Tom Kuchark, Kevin Cappabianco, and Doug Bee. Closest to the pin was Charlie Ascher, Long Drive winners were Tom Kuchark, Jack Cottrell and Debra Cottrell.

This golf outing is one of 2 main fund-raising events we have annually. The other is the Bet on the Lake raffle, which is going on now. Tickets are \$100 each; first prize is \$10,000, 2nd prize is \$2,500, 3rd \$1,000, 4th \$500 and 10 \$100 prizes, only 400 tickets are sold. Get your tickets from an SPC board member, Brownell Lumber or the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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

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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

The Summer season is here! We welcome back our seasonal residents and annual visitors to the Village.

The 2026 DOINS celebration will be July 3rd and 4th. On Friday, July 3rd, the fun will begin in the Waterfront Park at 3 p.m. We have vendors, entertainment, fried dough and rides throughout the day until 9 p.m. The Zorbas Trio will be performing in the bandshell from 4 -6 p.m. and Luke Pavlus will be performing from 6:30 – 9 p.m. We will end the night with fireworks that will be set off at dusk from the Spencer’s property overlooking the Little Lake. Many thanks going out to Tom and Sharon Spencer for use of their property for the fireworks display. The event will start up again on Saturday, July 4th at 10 a.m. with vendors, entertainment, fried dough and rides throughout the day until 9:30 p.m. Top Shelf Entertainment will be playing tunes at the parade viewing stand from 11-1 p.m. The parade will start at 1 p.m. sharp! The theme of the 2026 DOINS parade is Northville Celebrates 250! The Klippel Family, who are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Klippel’s Kozy Korner in the Village this year, will be Grand Marshals for the parade. Members of Sacandaga Dance will be performing at the bandshell area at 3 p.m. You can also stop by and visit the Traveling Therapy Pigs who will be in the park after their appearance in the parade! Musical group, Two for the Show will be performing in the bandshell from 5-8 p.m. **DON’T FORGET, OUR FIREWORKS ARE FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 3RD!**

Police Chief Rick Richardson reports that 55 calls were handled by the department during the month of May.

Our DPW department will continue to pick up brush and leaves every other Wednesday during the summer. While you are out and about, take a moment to notice the beautiful new planters that are around the Village. These planters were constructed by GS Troop 2785 members as part of the Bronze Award Project of Ali Parker and Norah Frederick. The plants in the planters are donated and maintained by various businesses and residents in the Village.

The Farmers’ Market kicked off the 2026 season on Saturday, June 27th. The market will run from late June through Labor Day weekend in the Waterfront Park, 10-1 p.m. We have some new faces at the Market this year and many of your old favorites so be sure to stop by!

We are pleased to have the Sacandaga Jam group performing in the overlook at the park. They are always looking for extras who want to sit in and jam with them! “You always have a home at the Market.”

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on July 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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From Hawk....

enjoying the videos of visitors to the U.S. from other countries for the World Cup. Videos of the Japanese attendees cleaning the arena afterward, the Scots taking over Boston and ridding them of all their beer, the Dutch doing their silly left/right dance everywhere they go...and especially people just saying how much they love the U.S. and how wrong the media has portrayed us. I would have LOOOOOVED to be a part of some of the celebrations, but alas, work. What an event.

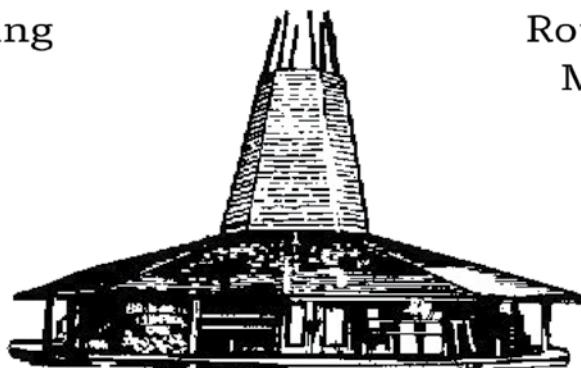
On a different note, Lucas and Acadia got part time jobs with one of the boat lines in Lake George. The manager is a friend of ours and I pulled Mom strings. Although my kids are excellent workers, I do feel bad because they do not have great communication. They don't give me correct hours and they have not been great at telling the company when we are away. This cruise is an example – they got an email last month saying no one else could request July 4th off due to the large amount of people away – well apparently my kids did not tell them that they are part of the away group. When they first got the job, I gave them a list of dates we are not around and they were supposed to relay this. Acadia said, “why would I tell her I am away in July if it was still only May and the time off schedule hasn't come out yet?”. Sigh. I am going to have to buy the manager a gift. I know that this is life lessons for the kids. I would hate to have to schedule teenagers.

Related, one of the schedule changes was because I was gifted tickets to see Forrest Frank at the MVP arena from a customer (TY John Sarchioto – you are the best!!!). Acadia made me think she was working in the morning – nope. I had to reach out to the manager and plead for the time off for her (which I felt terrible doing – but it's Forrest Frank). If you don't know who he is – look him up – you're welcome. She was so gracious and rescheduled Acadia (I really need to get her a gift). Acadia and I had near floor seats – it was so awesome! We sang and danced and I cried (I am a worship-crier); great memories.

Hopefully you all get to make great memories this Summer on the lake. Remember that we don't need others to tell us that the U.S. is an amazing place to live – we see it every day, and I hope the 250th anniversary celebration is the best you have ever experienced.



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Sandra Baldwin

Happy 250th Anniversary of the USA! I bet Europeans giggle about our excitement. (Said in a man's thick French accent) – “silly Americans, my house is older than your country.” Still fun!

This year, my whole family and I will be on a cruise for July 4th. Being that it is leaving from Florida, I hope they have something awesome planned. 2 years ago now, I went on a cruise with just my brother, sister and Mom and Dad. It was so wonderful! We had not been together, just the 5 of us, in (literally) decades. This year, we are doing the exact same cruise, but now with our families. The kids are staying together (boys in one and girls in another) and the adults have adjoining rooms so we can have one large balcony. I love hanging out with everyone. I also hope they are televising the World Cup championship – can you imagine, there is a chance that England could go against the U.S. Bear in mind – although this is the July article, I am writing it in June and all of this is in the future for me.

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