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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

Tues	7	9:30 am	Food Bank at Northville Central School
Tues	7	5:30 pm	BOT Meeting
Sat	11	4-6 pm	Edinburg Fire Co - Spaghetti Dinner
Mon	13	Columbus Day	
Tues	21	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	16	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Thurs	23	7:00 pm	Edinburg Planning Board Meeting



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy Halloween!

As I am writing this I am wondering where did the summer go? I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend and enjoyed the ring of fire. I know that some of our Snowbirds will be leaving us soon. I want to wish you all a safe trip and a happy winter.

Code Enforcement Officer

Our CEO Dave Brackett has been busy with schooling and with building around town. Just a reminder if you are planning on building, installing a shed, septic, well or even a porch. Please contact Dave concerning a permit. Also, many people do not know if you are tearing down a large structure on your property you should contact the Building Department to get a demolition permit. This will take the structure off of your taxes. Dave will be taking schooling again on October 6th – October 9th and he will be testing on October 15th. He is at the Town Hall but; he can not take care of your questions until later in the afternoon on these days.

Passport Night

The Saratoga County Clerk's Office will be holding a passport night on October 2nd. They will be offering extended hours from 4 pm to 7 pm. You must call and make an appointment at 518 885-2214.

AED's

The Town now has three new AED's they are located at the Town Hall, Recycle and Reuse Center and at Justice Court. We hope we never have to use them.

Deer Management Permits and Crossbow Legislation

Deer Management permits are still available through the day on October 1st. The New York State Department of Conservation has just announced anyone who is using a crossbow must take a bowhunters course. You can do this by going on-line or in-person course. You should go to NYSDEC to get your questions answered and to find the on-line course.

Bear Sightings

We have been hearing of bears around town. To try to deter them please do not put your garbage outside until collection day and please take down your bird feeders. They are getting ready for the winter months by feeding all they can and what better and or easier way than this.

Edinburg Cemetery Fence

Please be aware the Town of Edinburg has been working with the fence company to get the damaged fence repaired at the front of the Edinburg Cemetery. We were told they were busy through the middle of August; after contacting them in August we are now slated for October 8th, we have been told if they get an opening before that date they will come and repair it. Please be aware we would like to have the fence repaired as well as everyone else, but we are at their mercy. Remember all good things come to those who wait. We had to wait until the snow was gone and we were working with the insurance company. The monument company has been contacted and the monuments are being slated for repair and or replacement we were told this could take up to a year.

Halloween

Halloween is celebrated on October 31st in the Town of Edinburg. You should look to see if residents have their lights on for trick or treaters and use your discretion for the time limit.

Columbus Day

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day; garbage pick up will be as follows: North Shore, Tues., Oct. 14th , South Shore, Wed., Oct. 15th

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. The polls will be open at the Town Hall beginning 6 am – 9 pm. If you will not be present to vote you can get an application for an absentee ballot at the Town Hall or you can vote early at the early voting locations. The Town of Edinburg is not one of the locations.

Saratoga County News

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's has adopted a local law establishing the Saratoga County Animal Abuse Registry.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week will be
October 5th – October 11th.

Hope all is well and
remember it is only 100 days
until Christmas as I write this!

Bob Anderson
Robert D. "Bob" Anderson
Supervisor

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by Brian DeFeo

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With the current summer trend continuing, the Fire Company replied to double the amount of alarms we would have answered compared to last year. From August 12th to September 12th, there were twenty-four calls for assistance. We are making good use of our new apparatus. Our running log is as follows:

8/12 STRUCTURE FIRE, NORTH SHORE RD
8/12 BRUSH FIRE, NORTH SHORE RD
8/12 FIRE ALARM, LAKESIDE AVE
8/14 EMS ASSISTANCE, SANDS POINT RD
8/14 STAND BY IN STATION
8/14 FIRE ALARM, JOHNSON RD
8/15 EMS ASSISTANCE, SOUTH SHORE RD
8/16. MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/17 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE

8/19 BRUSH FIRE, NORTH SHORE RD
8/23 MUTUAL AID, TO HADLEY-LUZERNE
8/23 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/23 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/23 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/24 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/24 LANDING ZONE, AIRPORT RD
8/24 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/25 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
8/26 FIRE ALARM, SINCLAIR RD
8/30 GOOD INTENT, FOX HILL RD
8/31 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE
9/2 EMS ASSISTANCE, BAY SHORE RD
9/3 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, NORTHVILLE RD
9/3 MUTUAL AID, TO NORTHVILLE

The Fire Company is sponsoring its FIRST ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER on Saturday October 11th at the Fire house. It is a TAKE ONLY event. The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, and bread.

It will run from four to six pm. The cost will be \$12.00 for an adult and \$6.00 for children under twelve. We hope you will partake in this fund raising event.



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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

Board members of the Friends of the Northville Public Library met recently to review fundraising efforts in 2025 and to make plans for the next year.

The two major fundraisers that took place this past summer — the book sale and the ice cream social and raffle — collectively brought in about \$4,800. A huge thank you is extended to all who supported these fundraising efforts — either through volunteering, donations, purchases or other means of participation.

In turn, the Friends are working with the library to determine how best the money raised can benefit the library.

The board voted to sponsor a book dedication program to recognize annually each graduating class from Northville Central School. The Friends will be reaching out to the school and senior class representatives to give the Class of 2026 the opportunity to tell us what books are their favorites. They could be books from childhood, young adult books, classics or anything else. If the library does not currently have those favorites on the shelves, the Friends will purchase the books and include a bookplate in each book noting a dedication to the graduating class. This way, the class will be recognized by the library and new generations of readers will have the

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opportunity to enjoy favorite and well-loved books.

The Friends are also sponsoring a new Lego Club program for seven to ten year olds (second through fourth grade). As the library expands program offerings, like this Lego Club, the Friends are helping to fund purchases to make it happen.

In the past, the Friends sponsored a holiday raffle program. After much discussion, it was decided to try a new kind of fundraiser this year — a holiday pop-up book sale, combined with a craft sale and a coffee house music event. This event will take place pre-holidays (the date is TBA) and will be a great opportunity to get into the festive spirit while purchasing books and handmade items — all in support of the library.

Finally, we continue to try to grow our Friends membership. Currently, there are 84 households and individuals that make up the Friends membership. Many are summer residents who appreciate access to the library and want to show support. The Friends welcomes local residents from the entire Sacandaga region — including townships that don't have access to other libraries. By supporting the Friends, you are showing support of the library because all money collected from dues (\$10 per individual and \$25 per household) directly supports library programming, book purchases and more. Friends also have the opportunity to volunteer for specific events like the book sale, the summer raffles, garden maintenance and other fundraisers. Volunteering is a great way to connect with others and make

a positive contribution to the community. If you are interested in joining the Friends or want to volunteer, please stop by the library and ask for details. Everyone is welcome.



EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO. *First Annual Spaghetti Dinner!*

*Saturday, October 11th, 4-6 pm
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Tim Blydenburgh*

The Edinburg Historical Society Board has named Bob Monacchio its 2025 Volunteer of the Year.

Bob's hard work and creativity led to new exhibits at the Edinburg Rural Museum and the award was announced at the Sept. 16 members' meeting.

One of the displays is a miniature model of a barn and farm scene originally constructed by the late Fred Brownell, who built the replica of the 1924 Frendale farm when he was a teenager. He passed away in 2017.

Bob, a longtime member of the historical society, finished rehabbing the model at his home earlier this year and it was brought to the museum before the opening of the touring season. The meticulous work includes farm animals, agricultural machinery and silos — ingeniously constructed using potato chip cans.

Bob also set up Fred Brownell's model train display, which is currently on a shelf above the farm scene.

Volunteerism is vital to the historical society and its mission of educating area residents about our important and interesting past, and we are always looking for new members. If interested in becoming a member, come to our meetings — the next member meeting is Oct. 21 — or see our website for more information.



Upcoming

As mentioned, Edinburg Historical Society members will next meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Sand Hill School House on Tange Road. We will be sharing ghost and holiday stories. Do you have any? Drop by and talk about them.

Plans are continuing for the Nov. 8 annual Holiday Bazaar, running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sand Hill School House. Come celebrate with your neighbors. We'll have plenty of food and basket raffles. We'll have an update and more details in November's issue.

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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 Club:

Pat Nugent will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book 1984 by George Orwell on Tuesday, October 14th at 10am. Summary: "Winston Smith toes the Party line, rewriting history to satisfy the demands of the Ministry of Truth. With each lie he writes, Winston grows to hate the Party that seeks power for its own sake and persecutes those who dare to commit thoughtcrimes. But as he starts to think for himself, Winston can't escape the fact that Big Brother is always watching..."

Programs at the Library:

Adult Programs:

- Needles & Pins: Every Wednesday from 11:30am-1:30pm
- Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm
- 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
- Writing Club: Every Second Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Game Night: every Fourth Thursday of the month from 4pm-6pm
- Art Guild: Every Fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm
- Community Club: Every First Thursday of the month from 3pm-4pm
- Study Club: Second Thursday of the month from 6pm-8pm

Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: First and Third Tuesdays of the month starting at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
- Lego Afternoons: Starting Saturday, October 4th from 11am-12pm

Workshops:

- Basket Weaving: Saturday, October 18th
- Grant Writing for Artists: Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm
- Overhearing History: a workshop for homeschoolers; Thursday, October 30 at 11am.

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30pm.

Libby:

Looking for a book we don't have in the library? It might be on Libby! The library provides E-resources for our patrons. Go to our new website: <http://northvillepubliclibrary.mvls.com/> and click "eBooks/eAudios" or add the Libby app to your reader. This will take you to the site where you may borrow E-books for Kindles, tablets and similar devices and E-audiobooks for your listening pleasure. You may search by author, title, or subject. If you have a problem with your device, come see us!

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Mayfield Historical Society

Carol Johnston Publicist - 518-332-0538

Presentation: Sir William Johnson and The Founders of Mayfield

Join Mayfield Historian Eric Close as he discusses connections between Johnstown's famous Loyalist, Sir William Johnson, and those responsible for settling in the Mayfield area. The presentation will be held on Monday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield. Free admission and refreshments. For more information, call 518-332-0538.

*Submitted by: Carol Johnston, Publicist
Mayfield Historical Society*



Johnson Hall in Johnstown, NY, Home of Sir William Johnson

Annual Fall Harvest Cruise-In at Rice Homestead

The Mayfield Historical Society's Annual Fall Harvest Cruise-In will be on Saturday, October 4, from 12 to 4 pm at The Rice Homestead.

The event will feature antique, vintage, and hot rod vehicles and perhaps an antique tractor or two. Each registered vehicle will receive a coupon for a free hot dog, donut or chips, and drink. Cruise-In participants can pre-register by calling or texting president Bob Suits at 518-857-2820.

Live music will be provided by Dan Lynaugh from 12:30 - 2:30. Visitors will enjoy spinning demonstrations and bunnies in The Loom Room, locally made honey and soap from Brett's Farmstand, maple syrup from Dutch Hill Farm, farm animals, a Meet & Greet table with Mayfield Historian Eric Close, Oliver's Nature Trail, and the last day of viewing the 2025 special exhibit in The Rice Homestead - "Echoes of Yesterday - The Clothing Collection of the Mayfield Historical Society."

Also available will be hot dogs with the locally iconic Lee's Snack Bar's secret meat sauce, cider, donuts, drinks, and chips.

The Rice Homestead is located at 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield, NY (GPS is Gloversville). For further information, please text or call 518-332-0538.



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by Barbara Klueg

The Family of God!

We enjoyed our annual church picnic on Great Sacandaga Lake the Sunday after Labor Day. Thank you, Mike & Judy Alter and Rob & Molly Whittaker for sharing your little piece of Heaven with us. Folks brought their favorite dishes to share, the guys grilled hotdogs, and there was plenty on the dessert table. After the beach picnic we were blessed by three individuals sharing their faith in Jesus and seeing their baptism in the lake. It was a beautiful way to end a perfect Sunday and to kick off the fall season.

Speaking of fall, everyone is back into the swing of things at church. Our weekly Small Group Bible Studies have started up again, along with the Jr. and Sr. High Groups and Activities, Bible Club and Choirs. We all benefit greatly from these groups by growing closer to the Lord and each other.

Our church Deaconesses recently held a fun 'Purse Party' where gals brought their unused pocketbooks to swap with each other. The leftover purses were filled with toiletries and donated to a local women's shelter. As the saying goes, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

We appreciate our Church Family so much. It's true what the well-known singer/composer, Bill Gaither wrote in his song, "Family of God".

You will notice we say brother and sister 'round here. It's because we're a family and these folks are so near. When one has a heartache, we all share the tears, and rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I'm part of the family, The Family of God.

As part of this great Family of God, we are to serve the Lord with our whole heart. We are very thankful for our Pastors who love, teach, lead and care for us spiritually, and for those who also serve God in our church: our Elders, Trustees, Deaconesses, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Sunday School Teachers, Worship Leaders, Choirs, Musicians, Praise Team, Youth Leaders, Jr. Church and Nursery Workers, Bible Club Workers, those involved in our Missions Programs . .

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. even going overseas to serve Jesus, Small Group Leaders, the Security Team, and Facility Manager and Cleaning Crew who keep the church and properties clean and looking great each week . . . and for so many others who serve the Lord!

We are always in need of items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry and the TLC Program for Life Saver Ministries. Thank you, Cathy Hopper and Molly Whittaker for all you do to keep these ministries going strong. We also want to thank Sally Peck for the great job she does in maintaining our emergency Prayer Chain which is used for urgent prayer requests, and of course, we are thankful for those who faithfully pray! We are grateful for Karensa Derstine organizing needed meals for folks through the Food Tidings Program. It is such a blessing for folks to receive a meal when going through difficult times in life. Connie Winn does an amazing job organizing and calling folks to make food for funeral dinners. There are so many who serve in so many ways in our church . . . we are blessed! God has given each one of us special gifts and talents to share with others and to build up the body of Christ. There is NO such thing as a small job to do for God. Little is much when God is in it! It's has also been said, "Many hands make light work".

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ... one and all, for serving God with a willing and happy heart. (Forgive me if I missed someone who gives of their time and energy to serve Jesus

and others in and through our church.) We are very blessed at The Baptist Church of Northville, to be a small part of the big picture: The Family of God!

Come, worship and serve the Lord with us! If you are housebound you can watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org Do you need spiritual guidance or encouragement? Contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Philo at 518.863.8001. They love the Lord and are here to help and serve anyone and everyone!

Times our Church Ministries meet:

- Sunday: (8:45 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), (7 – 8:30 p.m.) Jr. and Sr High Youth Groups at BCON Corner
- Monday: Bible Club (K-5th grades after school), (8 p.m.) Man Up Bible Study for young men at BCON Corner
- Wednesday: (10 a.m.) Northville Food Pantry at BCON Corner, (7 – 8:30 p.m.) Girls' Sr. High Bible study in church basement
- Thursday: (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Prayer Meeting, (6:45 p.m.) Girls' Jr. High Bible Study, (10:30 a.m.) NLH Nursing Home Service on 3rd Thursday.
- Saturday: (6:30 a.m.) Men's Coffee Hour at BCON Corner
- Small Groups: Call the church for times and locations

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 4)



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

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

The leaves are beginning to change and all of God's splendor is being revealed. Indeed, natural beauty is one of the most unmistakable ways God reveals His character to us. Isn't the fact that He wants us to know Him enough to make you rejoice? The psalmist was rejoicing when he wrote the words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

When you look across the beautiful Sacandaga or up at the surrounding mountains full of the fall colors, recognize God's

greatness. The same God who created spectacular vistas, beautiful mountains and skies is the God who comforts you in moments of weakness ... who knew you before you were born ... who offered His Son's life in exchange for yours. When you're admiring the vivid colors and beauty of the changing leaves, consider His splendor, celebrate His glory and rejoice!

This world we live in seems to become more divided, hostile and evil. Be the change, look for the beauty in everyone and everything. Spread love, kindness and respect to others to make our little corner of the world a better place.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and personal hygiene products, white t-shirts, socks, gloves, hats & umbrellas for the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events and missions in the community.

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

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Election Day November 4, 2025, will soon be upon us and we need to exercise our right to vote.

- The endorsed Republican and Conservative Candidates for The Town Of Day and Saratoga County are as follows:
- Harry Brennan Jr., for Day Town Supervisor
 - Tracey Ladd, for Day Town Clerk
 - Sandra Mahr, for Day Town Council Member
 - Danny Allen Jr., for Day Town Council Member
 - Jeff Brown, Saratoga County Sheriff
 - Brett Eby, Saratoga County District Attorney

Many good things have occurred in The Town of Day over the last few years thanks to the hard work that our town officials and employees have done. Several signs have been placed in different locations to provide assistance and directions. The Day Town Council has increased correspondence with local law enforcement and HRBRRD authorities resulting in increased enforcement on our town roads and the Great Sacandaga Lake to keep us all safer. Enhanced recreational opportunities with new games and activities are now provided at our town park. The food pantry is now serving many in need from Day Town Hall. This would of not been possible without the support and facilitation provided by the Day Town Council. The Day Town Museum has been updated and open when volunteers are available. A new farmers market event was brought to town with great success, along with exciting new programs for our children. The Day Town Council has maintained a zero tax rate for the towns general fund without any tax increases for many years, much of this has been accomplished thanks to our all new all volunteer finance committee. Harry Brennan Jr. is currently serving as our Day Town Supervisor, and is also a Saratoga County Supervisor who meets every month in Ballston Spa, and our county has the lowest spending and taxes including sales tax rate in NY State!"

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It is a beautiful fall day in upstate New York today. I am getting acclimated to the cooler weather. I have the heat set to come on automatically at night and we have been blessed with an abundance of sunshine during the day. The average daytime temperature has been 70 degrees, which makes it easier. Yesterday, Hoss and I went for a walk. The air was crisp, the sky was blue and the sun was bright. Hoss was not a fan of our walk, however. He did not want to walk in the tall wet grass on the shoulder of the road. He did, however, like running in the short grass and sniffing all of the smells. He is used to wide sidewalks. All of the car and truck traffic coming by, so close to us, scares him. Every year when we visit I have to remind him that I walk next to the road and he walks on the inside. Well he might understand that but refuses to do it. This little dog knows he is my protector. I guess that living in Key West, has made him a city dog.

The following morning, instead of going on a walk, we had a visit from one of Hawk Drilling Company's favorite customers. . . Mr. Lincoln. He lives down the road from the business and when he enters the office all work comes to a halt. Mr. Lincoln turned 99 years old in June and his mind is sharp. He started using Hawk Drilling to take care of his water needs in the mid 1990's. He is now enjoying visits with Sandra. He got double the love from both Sandra and I today! His smile was priceless and I am thrilled to have pictures from our visit. I would love to be like this man at 99 years old. He is sharp as a whip, has a joke about everything and gives wonderful hugs. We shared lots of hugs

and listened to many jokes that cracked us up. I am thankful that his daughter Penny could drive him over to see us. This was truly one of the highlights of our visit. The time spent, on our whirlwind trip, has been nothing short of fantastic..

We have been trying to catch up with as many friends as possible. Sadly we never made it up to the lake. Fortunately some of you came to Ballston to spend time with us. Hopefully we will see those of you that we missed, in Key West, during the winter and spring. We love it when our lake friends come to town.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me wondering how I am dealing with the colder weather, during this visit. While, I am not used to 45 degree temperatures I survived. This year I came fully prepared with clothes for all weather conditions. Well that is an exaggeration, I did not bring winter boots. Thankfully, the cold only lasted a week and summer type weather as returned during the day. Today, I was warm enough to put on a pair of shorts for two hours. That was awesome and I am thoroughly psyched. When we leave on Thursday I hope you continue to have warm weather and a great Indian summer. Lol, I know that hunting season starts soon and then snowmobile season will be on everyone's mind.

Upstate New York and especially the Great Sacandaga Lake provides so many seasonal opportunities and living there is a true gift! Make the most of where you live and play.

The best part of coming home to our old stomping grounds is getting together with life long friends. You know who I mean, the people you shared your dreams with, you laughed with and/or cried with. Make as many memories as you can. I don't know how many times the phrase "do you remember when . . . ?" came up in conversations, since we have been here.

Memories are what keep us going. Lots of love, laughter and yes sometimes tears! They remind us who we are and where we came from. Live your best life! Happy Fall, my favorite time of the year on the lake.



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Dan Reidell Receives Northville Rotary's Community Member of the Year

At Northville Rotary's 75th Anniversary Gala on September 26th, Dan Reidell received this year's Community Member of the Year Award. What an appropriate venue considering so many community members were there to congratulate him. Dan is the Highway Superintendent of the Village. Many mornings you can see Dan and his crew working on improvements and repairs around town.

But, Dan goes beyond the requirements of his job. Northville Rotary has been assisted by Dan in so many ways over the years. Without him and his crew, the annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Show sponsored by Northville Rotary would not go as smoothly. Dan provided us with his cell phone number to get in touch with him if anything comes up and we need his assistance. He helps deliver parking cones, large trash bins and

parks the Village truck near the Bradt Building so we can dispose of garbage and bush and tree trimmings. We especially were thankful for all his help with the installation of the kayak launch as well as preparation of and blacktopping the site. Dan provided guidance as we purchased the launch. The Rotarians wanted to recognize him for all his help by naming him Community Member of the Year for 2025. Along with a certificate, he was given \$100 for the non-profit of his choice.



When you go to the kayak launch, you will notice two new Adirondack chairs that were donated by Craig and Rose Marie Parker in memory of their cousin Parker. The Girls Scouts have built and painted wooden boxes to use for trash and keep the site clean to keep the site clean. Thank you!

At the Northville Beach, a box of beach toys has been donated by Rotary so folks can borrow them while on the beach and then return them to the box. The box was built by Gary Curnow, painted by Naomi Darling Parker, and the sign was donated by Clear Image. We hope it will help parents cart less items to the beach!

In August, we signed on three new members... Pat Zullo, Nydene Carmody and Michelle Ellis. Welcome to the club! Anyone is welcome to our meetings which are held 5:30 the first and third Thursday of the month at the Sport Island Pub. Come to one of the meetings and see if you would like to join us!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT--

By Priscilla L. Edwards

Edinburg's New Historian

I've realized that I have been very neglectful in giving my readers a good introduction for our new historian, Valerie Kaye—and yes, "Kaye" is her last name.

I had spent 38 years as Edinburg historian and 3 years before that as assistant to Edinburg's first historian, Nellie Tyrrell. I loved the job but decided it was time for someone else to take over the reins as historian and I would stay on for awhile to lend a hand. Therefore, I retired as historian at the end of 2024.

I've known Val for over 20 years when I used to share a church pew on Sunday mornings with Val and her mom at the Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Val was raised just outside the village of Broadalbin, attending and graduating high school from the Broadalbin Central School. She furthered her education at Utica College which is now Utica University majoring in English and History. Her Masters was in K-12 education.

After college she taught for a couple of years then went to work for the Fulton County Social Services Department. After a time—she moved on to the NYS Social Services Department in Albany. She retired from this office in 2012.

Val had moved to the village of Northville in 2005, spending her spare time taking care of her mom—now deceased.

Her dad and uncle both worked on the Sacandaga Reservoir project in the 1920's. Her uncle was a member of the "boneyard gang", removing bodies from the valley cemeteries to be reburied in cemeteries on higher ground. Her dad was part of the crew that moved the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church to higher ground to escape the high waters of the new reservoir.

Val has many interests including history, painting pictures, photography, the arts and writing. She finds it very important that people are made aware of things that need correcting.

Shortly after I agreed to putting some of my writings into book form for the benefit of the Edinburg Historical Society, Val stepped up and offered a hand. The late Paula Bradt Frasier had spent the summer of 2020 typing up many of my articles that had never been put on a computer. When Paula was finished Val took over the reins, sorting photos, organizing stories and editing everything.

I assure you—if it hadn't been for Val there never would have been a "My Mountains, My People" book to read!

You'll find Val about town—at Edinburg Historical Society events, working with the 4th graders of the Edinburg Common School, grabbing lunch at Shelby's diner or at the Edinburg Town Hall in the historian's office. Stop in and say "Hi". You might even find me wondering around there also.



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**Northville Meal Site Menus and
STFSL's Program Calendar for October, 2025**

Lunch and programs are held each Thursday at the Northville Meal Site which is now located in the Fellowship Hall in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, 161 Reed St. Northville. The site is accessible by stairs and by elevator.

Oct 2, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes and Zucchini, Peaches. STFSL Program at 12:30, no program
We will celebrate October birthdays with a cake provided by Gloria Fulmer

Oct 9, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fresh Fruit.
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Oct 16, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Roast Turkey Dinner with Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit cup. STFSL Program at 12:30: Lori Mead, the Benson Town Historian, will teach us about native plants, past and present

Oct 23, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Apple Crisp
STFSL Program at 12:30: There will be a blood pressure clinic this day

Oct 30, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Egg Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Tropical fruit cup
STFSL Program at 12:30: Maggie Luck will explain the Lifeline program from Littauer Hospital

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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Upcoming Trips:

October 4th - Taste of History
at Old Fort Johnson. 12 soups to enjoy plus bread, dessert, and iced tea. Cost is \$30 prepaid.

October 12th - Adirondack Experience. Free to Adirondack Park residents. Bring lunch or buy it there.

October 15th - The Empire State Youth Orchestra Concert for Seniors at Proctor's. Free.

Early November - Historic Cherry Hill. Explore American history Through the lens of one Albany household. Cost is \$5 for seniors.

Late November - Christmas shopping trip to Colonie Center in Albany, with stops at other stores.

December 6th - Holiday Tea at Old Fort Johnson. Cost is \$30 prepaid.

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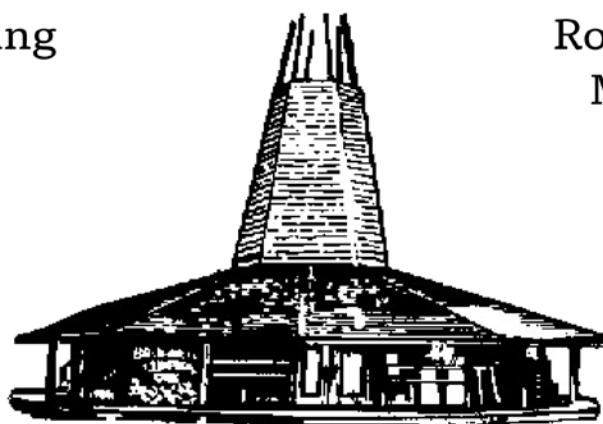
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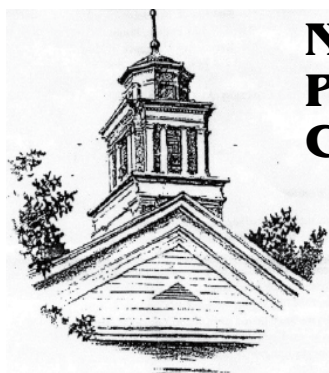


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Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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Grace to you and peace from the Northville United Presbyterian Church.

In the blink of an eye, it seems, summer came and went. It feels like just last week our seasonal church members returned for a few months, and now we have already begun saying our farewells for now. We also greatly enjoyed worshipping at the historic Batchellerville Church during July and August, yet we are glad to have returned to the Northville location (161 Reed St.)

It has been an incredibly busy few months at our church as we have been doing extensive renovations and upgrades to ready our building to host the Bright Futures Montessori Preschool program beginning this fall. We are feeling very blessed and excited to have this opportunity to share our building with a

program so desperately needed in Northville. We believe that our partnership with Bright Futures is an opportunity to give concrete expression to Jesus' command to bless and care for the children (and their families) in our community.

We were also excited to confirm some of our youth in early September. Our Confirmation program not only helped prepare the young people to actively affirm and live out their faith, it was an opportunity for many of our older members to connect with the youth and to re-visit questions and concepts that may have drifted away from the front of their minds. Additionally, we had a very lively midweek Bible study throughout the summer. It was a time of renewal and growth for all of us.

Now we look forward to the various opportunities for mission and outreach entering the fall season. We look forward to joining our larger community in celebrating Fall Fest; we will have children's activities, a bake sale, chili and soup, and a basket raffle. We will be offering a new members class in the Fall as well. And we will once again host our Halloween warming hut for children and parents out trick-or-treating. We just feel so blessed in having so many wonderful things happening.

Of course, our excitement and sense of blessing exists within a larger context of our lives as citizens and neighbors, and the political and cultural climate. In a time when many of the most powerful voices in economics, politics and culture seek to set us against one another, neighbor against neighbor, we



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believe it is all the more important to practice and proclaim welcome and inclusion and a determination to hold fast the bonds of fellowship, even when it is challenging to do so. Our congregation strives to show love and acceptance to any who enter our worship or whom we meet in the course of our daily lives. We aspire to be agents of God's gracious welcoming love, and then to wrestle together with questions of how to best enact that love in the many spheres of life.

If you are looking for a place where you can explore your faith, learn more about our gracious God, work side-by-side with others to make our world a better place, and enjoy fellowship with others who are on a similar journey, we invite you to pay us a visit. Our worship services are at 10 am every Sunday. There is a children's sermon and Sunday school most weeks, and we have a wonderful time of fellowship following our service. All are welcome!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lucy Harris



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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

OF OCTOBER REVELRY AND HAUNTS

If September in the southern Adirondacks envelops a season of leaf-peeping and invigorating hikes, then October perhaps encompasses a tradition of community gatherings centered around Halloween and harvest with a few ghost stories added to the mix.

Halloween traditions stem from as far back as 2,000 years ago when, according to historian Lucas Coman, the Celtic festival of Samhain celebrated the new year on November 1. The date, of course, “marked the end of summer and the end of harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter.” This celebration included huge bonfires during which “the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins.” Coman adds that eventually, after the conquering of most Celtic territory by the Romans, the celebration became a hybrid of the Celtic tradition blended with the Roman Fevalia traditions – a celebration of the dead – and the Roman Pamona celebration of fruits and trees. The celebration changed again when Christianity spread and introduced All Saint’s Day and All Soul’s Day, and participants began to don the costumes of saints, angels, and devils.

The American version of All Hallow’s Eve initially had very limited participation, for the New England Protestants frowned upon it. Nonetheless, according to Coman, by the second half of the nineteenth century, the flood of new immigrants to the USA revived -- and to some extent, reinvented -- the Halloween tradition, making it less religious and more secular than it had been, and between the 1920s and 1950s, the trick-or-treat customs truly began to take hold. These evolutions have reached the point that today, Coman notes, “Americans spend

an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.”

These days, at least in the southern Adirondack Park, with only a few exceptions, communities seem to have returned to an 1800s concept of Halloween: community festivals that include adults and children, fall harvests, parades, and games.

The exceptions encompass a few particularly well-advertised venues: The Haunted Adirondack Trail of the Spirits of the Mountains, the Lake George Haunted History Ghost Tour, and the Double-M Haunted Hayrides and Haunted Houses.

According to travel writer Evie Carrick, a surprising number of Adirondack “unsolved murders, missing persons, and ghost sightings” produce what the Adirondack Wayfinder has curated as The Haunted Adirondack Trail, comprised of “nine truly spooky stops over more than 230 miles.” This trail begins with Big Moose Lake, where the supposed spirit of murdered Grace Brown wanders. Carrick explains that the trail includes Inlet; Hotel Saranac; the Lady of the Lake, the Palace Theater, and Stagecoach Inn in Lake Placid; a Lake Champlain witch; and the Rhinelander Estate in Lake Pleasant. Emphasizing stories of the murdered, the lost and possibly murdered, the imprisoned, and the violent, these paranormal adventures summon a host of ghost-seekers, especially in October.

According to AdirondackUSA, other hauntings not included on this trail might incorporate the reportedly haunted Fort Covington, the Faust Lumberjack, the friendly ghost of Santa’s Workshop, and the Lake Placid Club’s Annie Godfree Dewey’s ghost in the rocking chair. ADK Taste notes that Lake George’s History Ghost Tour, too, capitalizes on a somewhat “bloody history [. . . on] a tour with an expert guide through the Fort William Henry Museum’s haunted corners.”

The engineered variety of ghostly scares and thrills presents itself in the Double-M Hayrides and Haunted Houses in Malta of Saratoga County. A family-owned operation in business since 1991 and managed by 3 generations of the Leo Martin family, the enterprise began as The Original Haunted Hayride. According

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to reviewer HauntWorld Magazine, in its current iteration and under its new name, the experience as a “full-blown haunted scream park” includes “a 40-minute haunted hayride, four haunted houses totaling 30 minutes, nine tractor-drawn wagons that each seat 50 people, 150 employees, and 25,000+ customers per season.” Leo Martin claims that it grows and changes each season because “A key management team of 10 horror junkies meets throughout the year to develop the upcoming season’s attractions.” Part of that process involves creating a rough sketch they bring to the annual TransWorld’s Halloween and Attractions Show in March to help them decide what to buy for “new costumes, horrific props, multi-motion animations, extreme CGI FX, or anything else.” The building starts immediately upon their return. According to Martin, they actually hold a summer job fair and auditions and then require training and rehearsals. In addition, on site, they have one make-up artist, security, and EMS personnel and do active shooter training with the Sheriff’s Department. HauntWorld Magazine adds that the Double-M also hosts a “grand finale Extreme Night, an 18+ interactive experience” that closes the season.

The more community-oriented events of the season begin in the very first week of October with Mayfield’s Historical Society’s Annual Fall Harvest Cruise. According to Mohawk Valley Museums Newsletter, hosted at the Rice Homestead, this venue

showcases “antique, hot rod, and vintage vehicles” alongside musical entertainment; refreshments such as hot dogs, cider, doughnuts, and make-your-own-sundaes; farm animals; and locally sourced products such as produce and pumpkins, homey, soaps, and loom-spun products.

Not long after that weekend festival, Gloversville hosts its Fall Fest at Trail Station Park. Geared toward children, according to Gloversville’s town website, the festival provides “bounce houses, pumpkin paintings, and jumbo yard games” as well as “potato sack races, three-legged races, and hula hoop contests, with prizes awarded.” Last on its agenda is a Halloween costume parade and award ceremony complete with local vendors supplying trick-or-treat goodies.

About a week later, Gloversville also hosts the Spooktacular Craft Fest, an event centered on a Halloween theme and featuring a night of children’s games and several craft-making stations. According to 44 Lakes Things to Do in Fulton County, Gloversville sponsors one, additional event: The Haunted Happenings, “a community Halloween party for children, adults, and ghouls alike” and including a haunted house, games, cookie- and pumpkin-decorating, a fortune-teller, and a costume parade.

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Johnstown, too, hosts a Harvest Festival at City Hall that offers a chili cook-off, lots of food, many children's games, and a Halloween parade. Prior to the event, the Johnstown Business and Professional Association provides a Trick-or-Treat Street party to give treats to all who attend.

The Johnstown Mall also presents a Harvest Health Fair that offers free health-screenings, demonstrations and exhibits, and lots of health-related information. Children's games, prizes, face-painting, Halloween treats, entertainment, and refreshments add to this late October community celebration.

On Halloween night itself, no fewer than 11 towns, villages, and cities in Fulton County have their own costume parades and prizes, many with filled trick-or-treat bags included. Adult-only events at various taverns and other such companies in the area offer opportunities to show off costumes and eat and drink, too.

Our southern Adirondacks October festivals may not celebrate the new year or ask us to don animal heads, but they do certainly bring together whole communities, young and old, to cement traditions and foster unity. Amid the fun, one can still find the haunting thrills of mountain ghosts, too.

A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



As an upstate New York beekeeper, my October is all about preparing my bees for the long, cold winter ahead.

The goldenrod flow is ending, and the temperatures are dropping, so my final actions now will determine if my colonies survive until spring.

As I conduct my hive inspections, I am looking at the colony's overall strength. A strong, healthy hive with a vigorous queen has the best chance of survival.

This time of year, beekeepers consolidate weaker hives, combining them with stronger ones to ensure a robust population for each colony. A full-sized colony needs to have a large enough bee population to generate the heat needed to survive the coldest months.

My main goal is to ensure the bees have enough food. A full-sized colony needs anywhere from 70 to 90 pounds of honey going into winter. The honey provides the essential carbohydrates needed to generate heat and survive the fall and winter.

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Carbohydrates: The primary component of honey is a dense mixture of sugars, mainly fructose and glucose. These sugars provide the high-energy fuel necessary for the bees to generate warmth and survive the cold.

Pollen: Pollen, stored separately as "bee bread," is the bees' source of protein, lipids, vitamins, and minerals. While honey provides energy, pollen offers the essential building blocks for the bees' bodies and for raising the new brood in late winter and early spring.

Vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants: Honey contains small quantities of these essential micronutrients, which support the bees' overall health. Antioxidants also help protect bees from oxidative stress.

Water: Honey has a low water content, typically 15–17%, but is a source of hydration for the bees. The low water activity, combined with a naturally acidic pH and the presence of hydrogen peroxide, also gives honey antimicrobial properties that prevent spoilage.

This behavior is crucial for the colony's survival as it allows them to maintain a warm environment despite freezing external conditions. As temperatures drop in the fall, bees

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huddle together to form a tight, basketball-sized cluster. This cooperative behavior is essential for conserving heat, as the bees on the outside act as a layer of insulation to trap warmth. The colder it gets, the tighter the cluster becomes. While inside the cluster, the worker bees consume their stored honey to provide energy. They use this energy to vibrate their powerful wing muscles in an uncoupled fashion, meaning they contract the muscles without moving their wings. This isometric contraction creates metabolic heat, similar to how shivering warms mammals. Heat is generated most intensely by the bees in the core of the cluster, where temperatures can reach 80–95°F (27–35°C), even when outside temperatures are well below freezing. The workers constantly rotate between the cooler outer layer and the warmer center of the cluster. This allows all bees to take turns warming up, ensuring the colony's survival.

This behavior is where the term hiveminded

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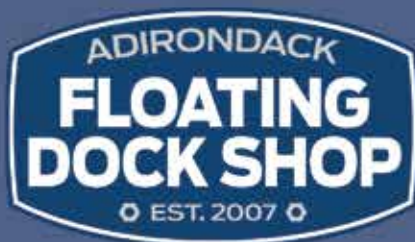
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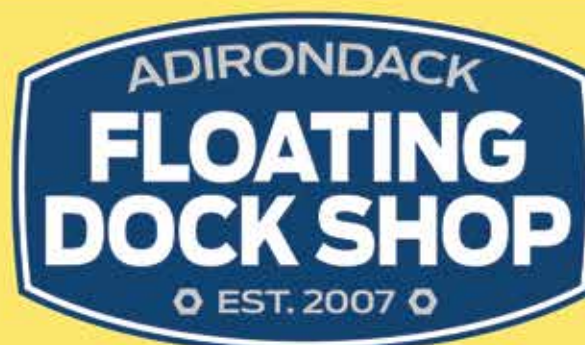
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By P. J. Schaefer

We might all think of Great Sacandaga Lake as our flood-controlling playground, calling us to swim, boat, fish, and dive in the summer or to ice-fish and snow-mobile in the winter, or to 4-wheel in the mud in fall and spring, but our lake also serves as a training ground for a unique branch of the New York State National Guard: the 109th Airlift Wings. We might have heard them on one of their fly-overs to honor essential workers, or we might remember them helping to repair local county storm damage, or maybe we have seen those “109 AW Training This Way” signs but never really knew what they meant. Though according to the Official US Air Force website, the 109th Airlift Wings formed in 1948 “as a fighter unit” and has experienced “11 outstanding commanders, and ever-changing missions [. . .] deploying statewide, worldwide, and from the North Pole to the South Pole,” the 109th is now “the only LC-130 ski unit in the world.”

These Lockheed C-130 Hercules turbo-prop transport planes – so called “skibirds” – have made the Stratton Air National Guard Base in Schenectady/Scotia their home since 1977. From there, they have provided air lift support to missions all over the world. For example, according to the Schenectady Military Affairs Council, during 2011-2012 alone, “crews flying six LC-

130H Ski-Herc transports carried out 359 missions between McMurdo Station, Antarctica and eighteen inland Antarctic destinations, transporting more than seven million pounds of cargo and fuel and 1,600 passengers.” In writing for the 109th Airlift Wing News Search, Jaclyn Lyons offers another example, stating that from October 2024 through February 2025, the 109th Airlift Wing “moved 1,076 passengers, carried 900 tons of cargo, and transported 120,000 gallons of fuel.” In addition, the group has conducted successful medical evacuations, critical supply drops, and infinite numbers of vital equipment drops. They

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To accomplish all these tasks, the 109th needs training, some of which it does on Great Sacandaga Lake at the Hudson-River-Black-River Regulation District Field Office, just 30 miles from their home base. Such training involves two, distinct types during two, separate seasons: Polar Camp Ski-Way Team (PCST) training and Water Survival and Emergency Parachute Training.

“As the 10th largest lake in New York State, measuring 41.7 square miles, the lake approximates the Arctic wilderness levels well,” Major Brian Caldwell says. This training for polar missions on our lake provides members with an opportunity to practice and enhance their skills in creating ice runways for the skibirds. According to a New York National Guard press release, “The team members use specially outfitted snow

The advertisement for Reets Boatworks & Bayside Marina features a large, stylized 'Reets' logo at the top. Below the logo is a blue banner with the text 'BOATWORKS & BAYSIDE MARINA'. In the center, a white box with a blue border contains the phone number '518 332-3629' and a list of services: 'FLOE DOCK SALES • PRINCECRAFT BOAT SALES', 'PONTOON BOAT RENTALS • INDOOR STORAGE', 'SERVICE • BOAT TRANSPORT • DOCKAGE', and 'UPHOLSTERY • CUSTOM WOODEN BOATS'. At the bottom, a photograph shows a wooden speedboat with a white stripe and an American flag, moving quickly across the water and leaving a large wake. The background of the photo shows a lake and distant mountains under a cloudy sky.

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mobiles to drag tow-hitched groomers thousands of feet for weeks at a time to prepare the snow and ice to withstand the landing of ski-equipped landing planes.” Those planes carry scientists and research equipment. Major Caldwell adds that “During the exercise on the lake, the team sets up a campsite like the one they would erect in the Arctic. They test new grooming equipment and snow mobiles.” According to Tech Sergeant Logan Brennan, in the training and the actual missions, “survival is a key element” when they build a polar camp ski-way in these remote locations. Success in training translates to “ensuring safe and effective operation in one of the most demanding environments on the planet,” according to Colonel Rob Donaldson, and it involves everyone, including pilots, maintenance, and support personnel.

That same level of participation becomes necessary in the Water Survival and Emergency Parachute Training that occurs on the lake, too. Master Sergeant David Gillis states that, “The idea is to make these trainings as realistic as possible. In parachute training, students practice multiple types of malfunctions [. . .] and go over how best to correct any malfunctions that may arise.” According to him, one of the most challenging scenarios stems from landing in the water and disentangling from the multiple, tiny parachute lines. Likewise, recovering from getting dragged through the water or covered by a parachute requires skill and ability to quell panic. Students also practice how to deploy a parachute safely on land “in different conditions such as trees, power lines, and in the dark.” Again, safety and success in training garners successful missions.

The 109 Airlift Wings look forward to the completion of many successful local, national, and global missions, whether in Canada, Greenland, New Zealand, or anywhere else their special skills can serve. Grateful for Great Sacandaga Lake’s provision of realistic training ground so close to their home base, the 109th anticipates returning the required every three years to update their skills.



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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

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Works Department, who all came together to lend a hand in getting the situation under control and assisting our crew who worked long hours on the repair. We truly appreciate the efforts of all involved. We also would like to thank Fulton County Emergency Management Director, Steve Santa Maria, for utilizing the emergency notification system to contact the Village residents affected by the water leak. If you are not on the list for emergency notifications, contact the Fulton County Emergency Management Office at 518-736-5858 to be added.

Chief Richardson reported that the department handled 64 calls in August. They continue to monitor the speed in the Village and have also been addressing issues with cars failing to stop at stop signs. Help us all by driving safe when in the Village. As a reminder, the phone number for the Northville PD is 518-795-0306.

DPW Superintendent Reidell reports that leaf pickup will soon begin. Residents are reminded to rake leaves to the curb, separated from rocks and branches, and they will be picked up by the leaf vac.

Northville Central will also be hosting their second annual Artisans for Education Fair, sponsored by the Northville Educational Foundation, Inc., in the school gym on Saturday, October 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Northville Educational Foundation, Inc. is proud to initiate and oversee the Northville Military Banner Program, which salutes our brave men and women who are currently serving and those who have honorably served in the military by creating and displaying a military banner in our Village of Northville.

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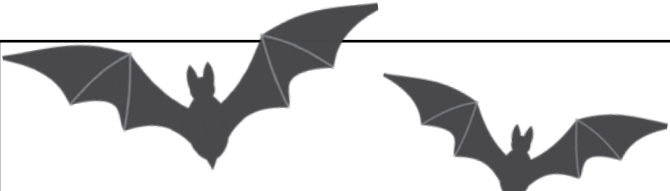
The Village will host Fall Fest on Saturday, October 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will have vendors and entertainment in Waterfront Park. Top Shelf Entertainment will be playing tunes from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Also, in the Village that Saturday, our churches will be having their annual events, such as the St. Francis of Assisi's bazaar, the Presbyterian Church chili sale at the Church along with activities for children, and the First United Methodist Church Thrift Shop will be open. Alumni soccer games at NCS will be ending the festivities in the Village that Saturday. The girls play at 4:30 p.m. followed by the boys at 6:30 p.m. Many of our local businesses will have specials during the entire weekend so make plans now to spend the day in Northville.

Start making plans for the Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree lighting, which will be held on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 5 p.m. We already have participants lined up for the parade and are looking for more! Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to sign up!

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Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

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The newsletter provides up to date information on ongoing services in Saratoga County related to seniors. The monthly menu of delivered meals is also included.

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- Compare premiums: Find

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10/19 “Persistence”

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

10/26 “I Need Help”

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14

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/.

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Clergy Column

"Reflections on Recent Events"

As I study Scripture in preparation for worship services each week, I am amazed at how relevant the words recorded there over 2,000 years ago are to the events of today. As I reflect on the assignation of Charlie Kirk and the reaction to it, I hear the words of Jesus as he dealt with a world dealing with similar issues.

Jesus lived in a country that was under occupation by the Roman Empire and saw heated divisions in society. The Jewish population and the Samaritans divided over differences on where one could offer sacrifices to God despised one another.

Jesus in dealing with a question concerning which of the 632 commandments was the most important replied: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:29-31)."

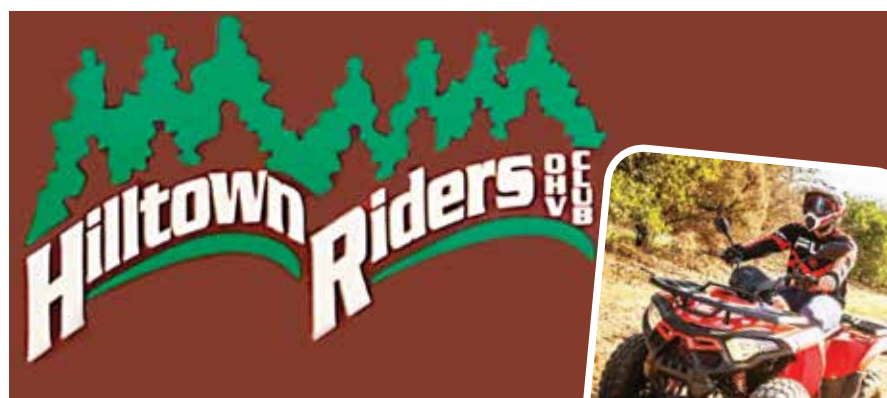
When asked who is my neighbor, Jesus responded with the parable of "The Good Samaritan" where the hero of the story was

not a devote Jew but rather a hated Samaritan making the point that the commandment to love our neighbor included even the hated Samaritans.

I wonder what our world would look like if we could listen to Jesus and love even those whose views differed from ours. Can we set aside the villainizing those who disagree with us, love one another, and know the peace Jesus came to bring to a troubled world?

If you don't have a current Faith Community, Northampton at Fish House United Methodist Church invites you to join us. On the third Saturday of each month we offer a Potluck Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 PM. In addition to our regular activities, we will be scheduling periodic Community Outreach Events in which we will offer programs that we believe will be beneficial to the community. In October we will be offering a free course on "Basic Computer Skills". We also offer a "Daily Photo Devotion" by email or through the pastor's Blog, Daily Photo Devotions Blog Posts – Daily Photo Devotions.

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Fred Brown

Perhaps Emily Brontë says it best with, "...every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree." Mother Nature has certainly taken over the reins of artwork at this time of year as she paints our landscapes multi-colored hues, capturing our eyes and imaginations. Many of SVAN's contributors draw inspiration from the fall foliage and the crisp October air.

SVAN always takes pride in recognizing the artists who helped make the spring/summer season a success. The 10th Anniversary of Art Trails was well attended, and several new artists joined our outstanding cast of regular contributors to make it a memorable weekend. Thank you to Carolyn Wilcox who has chaired the Arts Trails for numerous years, always making it an event to enjoy and remember. The free summer concert series held in Waterfront Park ended with a flourish with the Electric City Horns giving a large crowd a season-ending performance. Thank you to Barb Spaeth and Don Hoffman for

their immeasurable efforts in securing funding and talent to make these Saturday concerts so enjoyable. Thank you to our sponsors and the Village of Northville for their support of this and other events.

A special thank you to the First United Methodist Church of Northville for permitting SVAN to use their parsonage for gallery space. "Turn Up the Heat," SVAN's annual major fundraiser was successful in providing the funds needed for utilities for the Main Street Gallery for the year.



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SVAN is proud to collaborate with numerous local and civic groups throughout the year. SVAN supports the “*Artists for Education*” program on October 4th with the Northville Public Schools Foundation. We also collaborate with the Northville Library with rotating art displays, the current one being works by the *Guild of Adirondack Artists*. The next display will begin on October 4th, featuring Janet Marie Yeates, “Encounters II.” An Artist Reception and Gallery Talk will be announced shortly.

Planning is already underway for these and other events for the coming year. If you have ideas or suggestions you would like to share for future programming or events with the SVAN Board of Directors please contact President Dianne Knapp at vicepresident@svanarts.org or Linda Brown, Membership Chairperson at membership@svanarts.org. All suggestions to improve the programming is welcome and appreciated.

SVAN will be hosting a grant writing workshop on October 15th, sponsored by Saratoga Arts. The workshop will be led by Spenser Sherry and is open to anyone interested in learning more about grant writing and will be held at the Northville Public Library.

No group, however, is more deserving of a hearty thank you than all our faithful supporters and friends at the wide variety of entertainment and artistic events. This includes not only our

sponsors, but each of you who join SVAN supporting the arts through your memberships, contributions and attendance at programs held throughout the calendar year. SVAN helps to make the fine and performing arts scene vibrant throughout the year but can only do so with support from individuals like you. Membership is reasonably priced and can be found at SVANARTS.org.

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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

"I wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realized, I am somebody." - Unknown

Thanks to everyone who joined us at our Annual Meeting in August. It was great to see so many old and new faces and to celebrate GSLA Vice-President, Dave Smail. Dave has made significant contributions to the GSL Community via his commitment to volunteering (for the GSLA and the Town of Day Property Owners) and coordinating the Great Sacandaga Lake Coliform Monitoring program since 1990. We are grateful for all of the good work he has done to advocate for and to protect the Great Sacandaga Lake.

As a reminder, members can access the 2025 water testing results (second testing completed in September) as well as previous testing and historical documents on our website at GSLA.org. The annual water testing is the GSLA's biggest expenditure and is funded by your membership.

Our main goal as a non-profit organization is education. We use our website to share information about the GSL and to help keep us all informed about any issues facing the lake. We also share opportunities for environmental stewardship (the GSLA Environmental Citizenship Award) and community involvement.

With the addition of a new blog editor to our board (officially starting in January of 2026), we will be working to make GSLA.org your destination for news about the lake, fish & wildlife, issues impacting the health of the lake as well as opportunities for community involvement. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see there, feel free to email us as GSLA438@gmail.com.

We are also looking for people with good technical skills to help us with our new website, marketing, membership outreach, community outreach etc. to either join us as volunteers or board members. If you are a student looking to build your resume with non-profit environmental work, come join us. We are always open to new ideas and fresh voices.

If you have some great life/work experience we would love to have you join us too. Our board is filled with a variety of highly experienced professionals and committed volunteers that bring so much to the table as we grow as an association.

Volunteering with the GSLA is a great way to give back to the community and we hope you will consider joining us.

Our remaining monthly meetings for 2025 are Thursday, October 23rd @6:30 (In Person at Northampton Town Hall) and Thursday, November 20th @ 6:00 (On-Line)

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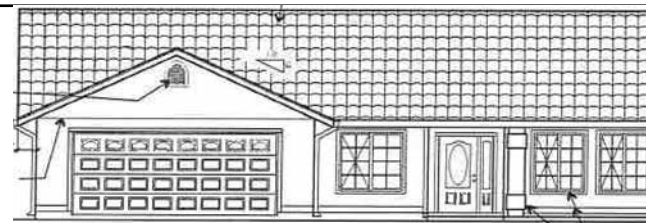
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Greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! At First UMC, we open our hearts and arms to welcome you to be in worship with us. It's a great time to take an hour to just rest, clear your mind, and open up your heart to God's presence. Join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

Autumn is upon us in another week; but, as of this writing, it still feels like summer during the day and nights are starting to get cool and crisp. We celebrate the leaves changing colors ... God's paint brush at work here in the foothills of the Adirondacks. A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival: Lord of all seasons, as the leaves change and the days grow cooler, help me embrace the rhythm of your creation. Teach me to let go of what I no longer need and to trust your timing in every part of life. Thank you for the beauty of autumn; for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest. May this season deepen my gratitude, renew my spirit, and draw me closer to your heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

On October 5, we at First UMC, along with thousands of other churches, will recognize World Communion Sunday during our worship service.

On October 19, First UMC will celebrate Laity Sunday, a time when the worship service is led by members of the congregation in the pulpit while the pastor sits in the pew!

On October 26, we'll mark Reformation Sunday, our heritage of faith and God's enduring word. Come celebrate the truth that still sets us free: salvation by grace, through faith, in Christ alone.

On October 31, the kids in both Northville and Edinburg schools will be having some Halloween fun by dressing up in costumes and parading in the afternoon. In the evening, usually 5-7 pm, they will be out trick-or-treating for goodies. Our church will be providing treats and hope there are no tricks!



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October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. We are grateful for Pastor Ron Talbott and his wife, Maggie, and ask God's blessing on them as they continue in ministry with us.

The Sounds of Worship: Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!” (Psalm 98:4) The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship. God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are. What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

A Little Bit of Humor: After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, “Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.” And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was! HA!

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"Stones from the Creek"

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Barber Place, Over the mountain, Cody's place you may have heard the area called by one of these names or by all of them. In this article I will be telling you about G Y Barber.

The following is taken from newspaper article from the Warrensburg News.

G.Y Barber has purchased from Harvey Combs of West Stony Creek a camp and 234 acres, which Mr. Barber will use for hunting purposes. The camp is one of the best known in the Adirondacks. Mr. Barber is planning extensive improvements, which includes the erection of an additional log cabin and a big dam to make a trout pond.

Mr. Barber also played Santa Claus to the town's children, purchasing gifts for them at Christmas.

Carrier pigeon cared for by US

Even the humblest stray carrier pigeon fills a niche in the vast defense program being mapped by Uncle Sam's war department. A pigeon off its course was picked up by G. Y. Barber at his West Stony Creek camp. Barber sought Dr. Leo Lynch in locating it's owner. Dr. Lynch a member of the United States Public Service Reserve, sent the code number on the bird's leg to the United States Signal Corps. Promptly the chief dispatcher replied that the International Federation of Homing Pigeons Fanciers would notify the owner. The signal corps. keeps in touch with all homing pigeons' fanciers' associations throughout the country as a source of trained military message carriers, Dr. Lynch said.

I hope that you have enjoyed just a few of the stories of G. Y. Barber.

Till next time,

Cindy



Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

Not much looks as useless as dried up old leaves laying around. You might say they are worse than useless, they mean work. But organic gardeners know better. My big ol' pumpkin says so, too. Mother Nature knows what she's doing.

I just grew the biggest pumpkin I've ever grown, starting with a big pile of oak leaves. I moved wet leaves, which pack down better than dry ones, into a knee-deep heap. A few inches of sand on top went to hold them down and then I fed the pile a bucket of chicken manure. The ground under all this was undiggable, laced with roots and blocked with rocks but the pumpkins didn't care. Now I have my first knee-high pumpkin.

Tree roots can reach deep into the ground mining the minerals they need to leaf out and grow. Then, at season's end, all those cast off leaves leave a layer of free nutrients scattered over the ground. A rake and a tarp are two of my favorite kinds of exercise equipment.



A KNEE-HIGH PUMPKIN

The same leaves that would smother your lawn can be used to great advantage. One gardener described a wire cage full of leaves he kept out back as a compost bin but also threw in some old wrinkly potatoes one year. By fall he was amazed to discover a very fine crop of volunteer potatoes had been thriving there all summer. A wire bin full of leaves can just be ignored for a couple years or so, even if you don't turn it, and the results will be outstanding topsoil - nature's formula.

Nature doesn't waste anything, not even a leaf.

I'd love to go back in time and tell a farmer that a bag of dirt from his garden would one day sell for about as much as the bag of corn he grows. Or you can get it for free, after the leaves come down.



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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Kick Off Fall Soccer Season with Broadalbin Youth Commission

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club was on hand for the fall season opener of the Broadalbin Youth Commission's Soccer program, at Broadalbin's "Field of Dreams" athletic fields. The Lions have been supporting this activity for more than 20 years, raising funds through concession sales on site.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and extend their service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, food insecurity, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions were selling refreshments to parents and players at the opening of Broadalbin Youth Commission's fall soccer season at the town's Field of Dreams athletic fields. Lions, beginning second from left, Pamela Brooks, Mary Balaban and Linda Swietlicki staffed the concession stand. The Lions will be present throughout the season which runs through October. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, club president Bob Townsend, Tom Kevlin, Pamela Brooks, Linda Swietlicki, Mary Balaban, Mike Auricchio and club vice president Tim Ott were out early to set up their refreshment stand to support Broadalbin Youth Commission's fall soccer season opener at the town's Field of Dreams athletic fields. Support of youth programs is one of Lions International's global causes, acted upon locally by the Broadalbin-Perth Lions. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



Club president Bob Townsend serves a young patron at the Broadalbin Youth Commission's fall soccer season opener. The Broadalbin-Perth Lions will be operating their refreshment stand throughout the season which runs through October. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



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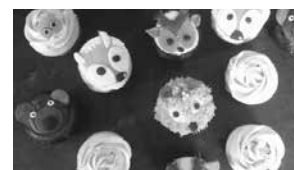
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“Nuggets and News” from the Town of Lake Luzerne

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Part 1 of 2...

Upon my request years ago for a story about “Romance at the Ranch,” I was gifted with this delightful response. In honor of my heavenly friend and who was a great and grand storyteller, I pass on to you her recollections of employment at the Painted Pony Ranch from 1957-1962 as a teenager.

I started to work @ PPR when I got my working papers at age 14. My brother, Steve, was already working there as a waiter. My first job was as a chambermaid. I worked with Pat Thorpe and Nancy West. Charlie Isaccsan, co-owner lived next door to us so he would bring us to work “bright and early.” Charlie would take the laundry from the ranch to the local laundromat on Church Street every morning. Think he went at 4 am as he was finished by 6:30am.

The first year as a chamber maid I cleaned the Annex and the cabins. The second year I worked with Nancy in the Motel and the Hacienda. If there were a lot of linen, the grounds keeper would bring them “up the hill” by truck for us.

Nancy was always singing-if there were people in the unit next to us, I would tell her “Not so loud.” She would laugh and say the people wouldn’t know which one of us was singing.

As a chamber maid, the most devastating thing that happened to me was the day a woman lost her diamond ring and I was the last person in the room. After rechecking – she found the ring in the sleeve of her sweater. I was happy for her and happy for me.

When I was sixteen, an opening for a waitress was available, so I applied. That was a great job – a lot of work, hours and fun. We had one meal off per week and my paycheck was \$18.32. Had 3 meals a day and tips were usually good so we didn’t care.

We ate a round a big table in the kitchen before we served the guests. The cowboys also joined us. It was fun listening to tales from the barn. Don Baxter was head cowboy and others were Ronnie Martin and two brothers. Low Hawk was the head cook and pearl and Doris were helpers. Lou was a wonderful cook-meals were delicious, especially enjoyed the turkey dinners and spaghetti.

In the dining room if you were caught with your elbows on the table, everyone would sing, “Mabel, Mabel, if you are able, get your elbows off the table”. That would continue until that person stood on her chair and wiggled.” Breakfast was on an individual basis, lunch and dinner were family style. We would refill bowls and platters as needed and remove the dishes. After all was washed we dried and reset the tables for the next meal. We would then have a couple of hours off to relax. The wait staff

then was my brother Steve, Jimmy Rosana, Jimmy DePalma and Dave.

During my time off I would check out the gift shoppe which was located next to the motel. Janie Baxter, daughter of Walt and Betty Isaacson ran the shoppe and the office.

I would also hang out with Cookie Eldridge. She was an only child of Dee and George Eldridge from Teaneck, NJ. Cookie would spend the whole summer at PPR. She had a room in the main lodge, where the Isaacson’s lived. On Wednesday evenings, the Ranch would have music and a “weenie roast” in front of the lodge. I usually stayed and helped, few folks attended. Also, the ranch provided a horseback ride and picnic at the Towner bridge, a favorite swimming hole on Towner Road. They would take the food up by truck. I didn’t ride horses so didn’t go!



Friday night was Rodeo night; the rain date was Saturday. Most of the wait staff worked the concession stand. The cowboys would come for hamburgers and drink. Money was never exchanged. They would always say “Don’t tell Walt!”

If we weren’t too busy, I would go up to watch the rodeo. It was so impressive to see all the cowboys and cowgirls from the ranches ride in with matching outfits, usually satin shirts. After they circled the arena, they would have a square dance on horseback. They would ride so fast, just missing each other. Also enjoyed watching the Rodeo Clown, Skip Graham. Though he was so funny, never realized what a dangerous job he had keeping the horse from the fallen cowboy.

Hub and Eunice Hubbell were always a favorite. Hub would show all the tricks his horse knew – people were amazed. Can’t remember what Eunice did – guess I couldn’t get past her beautiful western wear and how attractive she was.

-Part 2 in November

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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

Dear Edinburg Common School Families and Community Members,

We hope this newsletter finds our community and families well! We cannot believe how quickly fall has approached us. Everyone has settled into the 2025-2026 school year and we look forward to another exciting year.

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, the Edinburg Common School District honored our Grandparents/Special Persons day with a breakfast with over 70 special guests joining us. We surely enjoyed spending time with our loved ones for breakfast and we thank everyone that was able to attend! We also would like to thank our teachers and staff for making this event possible!



The ECS Discovery Kids Program will be starting in October for the 2025-2026 school year. The Discovery Kids Program will be held several times a month in our Pre-K classroom. The program was created as an opportunity for our 3 year old students to start building relationships with their classroom teacher and to become familiar with the classroom setting. Discovery Kids students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend the program. Please contact the main office for further information about the program and to sign up today at 518-863-8412.

The first session will begin on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM. The projected dates for future sessions will be:

- Friday, October 17, 2025 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, October 31, 2025 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, November 14, 2025 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, December 5, 2025 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, December 19, 2025 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, January 9, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, January 23, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, February 13, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, February 27, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
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- Friday, May 15, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, May 29, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
- Friday, June 12, 2026 - 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM



Halloween Parade - On Friday, October 31st at 1:00 PM, the Edinburg Common School District will hold the annual Halloween Parade. Should the day bring inclement weather, the parade will be held in the gym. We cannot wait to see all the ghouls and goblins at the parade.

The students, teachers and staff would like to send a huge thank you to the Edinburg PTO for celebrating the first full week of school by having the ice cream truck stop by! We are thankful for all the wonderful things the Edinburg PTO does for our school community each and every year! You're the BEST!



Speaking of the PTO!
Just a reminder that the Edinburg PTO will be holding the Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffles on Saturday, November 8, 2025, so **SAVE THE DATE!** The Roast Beef Dinner will be offered in the gymnasium, but you can always place takeout orders to go. We cannot wait to see everyone! Follow the Edinburg PTO Facebook page for further details!



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

Dates to Remember:

October 3rd - Eagle Morning 8:00 AM
October 3rd - First Day of Discovery Kids 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
October 10th - Public Safety Day
October 13th - Columbus Day - No School
October 14th - PTO Meeting 4:45 PM
October 14th - Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM
October 31st - Halloween Parade 1:00 PM



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Thank you all who participated in the Bet on the Lake raffle this year. We are all winners in supporting the SPC. Our main mission is to protect our lake access. By doing this we are all able to enjoy and create great memories of times on the water. Such as the catch of a large fish, or our Grandkids' first fish, water skiing, tubing or just cruising around the lake visiting friends, going to restaurants or sandbars or taking in the wildlife such as Bald Eagles or Loons. We are very fortunate to have this great resource, let's protect it for the rest of our lifetime and that of future generations so they can enjoy and create their own memories.

The prize winners in this year's raffle are as follows:

\$10,000 Jack & Lanie Groff

\$2,500 Amy Duval

\$1,000 James Conkling

\$500 Ken Sullivan

\$100 Michelle Laforest; Fred Arnold; Doug Alberts; Kathy Degasperis; Susie & Chris Calyer; Julie Levinus; George Krehel; Ruth & Steve Saliski; Alesha Hoffman; Julie Glover

Congratulations to all the winners and a Huge thank you to all who purchased tickets and our volunteer sales people. The SPC is a 100% volunteer organization and we would not be able to carry out our work without our volunteers and the many hours of labor they donate to the SPC.

As summer is winding down we hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the nice days and look forward to the colors changing and the fall season of apple donuts, pumpkin spice, fall fires and however else one may enjoy the GSL, Have Fun !

To learn more visit SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com, or our Facebook page. You can email us at SPCGSL@gmail.com with any questions, to donate (P.O. Box 86 Mayfield NY 12117), or to volunteer to assist the SPC in our mission.



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From Hawk....

people would say. In one of Charlie's podcasts, he was asked whether he was scared for his safety when he went into big groups like this and his response will stay with me, I "don't want to have to be accountable to God when this life passes and he asks, why did you not trust in Me and fight evil, because we as Christians are called to fight evil".

I pray for everyone who takes a second to read this, whether you agree or disagree, liked Charlie or didn't like him, that Jesus gets to work in your life like he has in mine. Because He is so good.

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Sandra Baldwin

I am struggling with what to write this month. Jeremy and I are not politically driven people and strictly follow the etiquette rules of what not to discuss at family dinner tables, but it has only been 2 days since Charlie Kirk was shot, and I am sad. Since I generally use this as an informal diary, I figured I should be honest about this too. Jeremy and I are Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, hard-working business owners and parents. I'm sad that I feel like I had to have courage to say that. I'm sad that the guy that killed him was only 22 and his own family had to struggle with the issue of turning him in, knowing that Utah is a death penalty state. I have no idea, if when this actually goes to print, whether the man will be charged or if something will change, but that is the reporting this minute.

We are nobody special; it is still funny to me that people take time to read what I write, but I would be remiss if in 10 years I looked back on what I wrote and did not mention something that feels so big to me right now because I was worried about what

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