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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

Mon	1	Labor Day	
Tues	9	5:30 pm	Edinburg School BOT Meeting
Thurs	11	Patriot Day	
Tues	16	7:00 pm	Edinburg Historical Society
Thurs	18	6:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Mon	22	First Day of Fall	
Thurs	25	7:00 pm	Edinburg Planning Board Meeting



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

HAPPY LABOR DAY! AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Well, Summer was a blur for me how about everyone else? It doesn't seem possible it is September; in a few months it will be 2026 WOW!

The Town of Edinburg Town Hall has had a busy summer with new building going on the new website along with new telephone system.

General Election

The November election will be held on November 4th. The polling place for Edinburg is now the Town Hall at 45 Military Road. The polling place will be open for voting at 6am – 9pm. If you will be away on election day you may apply for an absentee ballot or can arrange for early voting. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall.

Hunting Licenses

The 2025-26 hunting licenses are on sale. The last day to apply for a deer management permit is October 1st. Hunting licenses are still sold at the Town Hall.

Garbage Bins and Mailboxes

I know this is stated every year, but if you are going to go away for the winter months, please make sure your garbage bins are moved back or away from the roadways to make room for plowing. Also, mailboxes should be moved from the highway right of way, if possible, to save them from any snow damage.

911 Numbers

Please make sure you have your 911 number prominently displayed for our emergency crews and for mail and package deliveries.

Ring of Fire

Just a reminder the Ring of Fire will be held Sunday evening August 31st. Hope the weather cooperates and everyone stays safe and has a great time.

Dog Licenses

All dogs must be licensed within the State of New York whether they are a small dog or large. They must have their rabies shots before licensing. If you have questions please contact the Town Clerk for information.

Burn Permit Sign Up

The Town of Edinburg is considered a fire town; you need a permit to burn other than in a fire place. You should sign up for the townwide permit at the Town Hall and pick up the rules.

School Buses

School will be back in session, please remember to look out for school buses and please do not pass a stopped school bus with their red flashing lights going on.

Town Hall Closed

The Town Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st.

Recycle and Reuse Center

The Recycle and Reuse Center will be open on Friday and Saturday August 29th and 28th from 9 am – 3 pm during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Solid Waste Collection

The solid waste collection will be kicked to Tuesday, September 2nd for North Shore and Tuesday, September 3rd for South Shore because of the Labor Day Holiday.

Town Hall Hours

The town hall is open Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and Friday 9 am – 1 pm.

HAPPY FALL YA ALL!

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With the great Summer weather we have experienced this season, emergency calls around the Lake and beyond have continued to climb. Once again, last year's monthly average of twelve plus calls, has gone up to eighteen for the period of July 12th through August 12th, 2025. Below is a list of our runs:

- 7/12 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 7/12 Lines Down, North Shore Road
- 7/15 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 7/15 EMS assistance, Ash Fraser Road
- 7/17 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 7/18 Motor Vehicle Accident, North Shore Road
- 7/19 Mutual Aid to Providence
- 7/19 Landing Zone, Airport Road

- 7/23 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 7/24 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road
- 7/26 Motor Vehicle Accident, South Shore Road
- 7/26 Brush Fire, Tange Road
- 7/27 Lines Down, Lakeside Avenue
- 7/31 Mutual Aid to Hagaman
- 8/2 Fire Alarm, Wilder Hill Road
- 8/2 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 8/3 EMS assistance, Fox Hill Road
- 8/4 Mutual Aid to Northville

Are you cheap? I can be at times. There is nothing wrong with being frugal, most of the time. Yet, there is one time when you should never skimp on costs. That's spending money to have your chimney professionally cleaned each Fall, if you heat with wood. You might say to yourself, well I can go another six months, or even a year. And maybe you can. Yet, you may be risking a lot, like the lives of your family.

And once you get that wood stove and chimney cleaned, consider burning it on the hotter side most of the winter season. Personally, I kept my stove at 400 degrees most of the time. I will admit that made for a pretty toasty house, but I worried a lot less about creosote build up. Do whatever works out best for your situation, considering the size of your house, and the draft in your chimney.

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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

The Friends of the Northville Public Library wrapped up their final summer fundraiser — the annual Ice Cream Social and Raffle. Event Chairs Wendy Beaulieu and Judy Barnum did an amazing job amassing many raffle prizes from local merchants and coordinating the ice cream social event. Friends and supporters of the library showed their library love by purchasing raffle tickets and attending this event in the library gardens. Also, many volunteers helped make the Ice Cream Social happen — from raising the massive tents to lending their musical talents. A special thank you is extended to Stewart's for providing the ice cream and the phenomenal bakers who provided cakes and cupcakes. It's all appreciated. More than \$1200 was raised and all money will go for the benefit of the library.

A special shout out goes to the area's merchants, vendors and crafters who donated prizes for the raffle. The list is long, but a heartfelt thanks is sent to each and every one:

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Tim Blydenburgh

Make plans to attend the Edinburg Historical Society's fall festival on Saturday, Sept. 27
— you'll be glad you did.

The society is gearing up for the event, planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rural Museum on North Shore Road, with one highlight being free pumpkin painting. After completing their pumpkin, young people can take them home. A large basket of goods also will be raffled.

As always, the festival will include delicious homemade baked goods, soups and other products, many with an autumn theme. Homemade pickles, jams and jellies are also welcome for donation toward our food sale. Contact Renee at (518) 774-5638 if you'd like to help out.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy time with your friends and neighbors and support a good cause. If you're not a member, please consider joining.

Other news

Society board members at their recent meeting said they were pleased at the turnout at the Aug. 2 summer bake sale. Thank you to all volunteers and all who came to buy goods to help raise funds for the work we do to preserve the town's history.

Also thank you to all who toured the Rural and Nellie Tyrrell museums during the summer. We enjoyed meeting you and hope that you learned something about the Edinburg area's past.

We continue to make plans for our annual Holiday Bazaar and bake sale to take place on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Sand Hill schoolhouse.

Work will begin soon on fixing up the garage at the Sand Lake Schoolhouse on Tange Road that will enable the society to have more room for events. The society is also looking forward to next year's schedule of programs and speakers.

The September board meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 9 and the members' meeting is Sept. 16. Both are at the Sand Hill Schoolhouse.



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Alisha Rivera Holmes - Director - 518-863-6922

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 Club:

Shirl Doherty will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book God of the Woods by Liz Moore on Tuesday, September 9th at 10am. Summary: "Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn't just any thirteen-year-old: she's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. And this isn't the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara's older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found. As a panicked search begins, a thrilling drama unfolds. Chasing down the layered secrets of the Van Laar family and the blue-collar community working in its shadow, Moore's multi-threaded story invites readers into a rich and gripping dynasty of secrets and second chances. It is Liz Moore's most ambitious and wide-reaching novel yet."

Programs at the Library:

Teen Programs:

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

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

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm.

New at the Library

We'll be changing our library hours starting this month! Look at the library website and social media for up-to-date hours.

Hours: Sept - March

Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10am - 8pm
Wednesday:	10am - 8pm
Thursday:	10am - 8pm
Friday:	10am - 6pm
Saturday:	10am - 2pm

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Mayfield Historical Society

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by Barbara Klueg

Give it All to God!

When we were young, we often pictured what we hoped or expected our lives to be like when we grew up... what we would be doing, where we would live, marriage, kids, success, happiness? Has your life turned out the way you had hoped or expected? Or have you faced many difficulties and hard times – hurts, an illness, injustice, bankruptcy, betrayal?

How do we heal from painful times that we all experience in life? It is not by rejecting God and losing our faith. Do not blame others for your hard times or claim to always be the innocent victim. Blaming others, vengeance, self-defense, finger-pointing and slander will not ease your pain. God tells us how to deal with it all, and how to find His healing. He will help us! The remedy is simple, but radical: Forgive one another.

The book of Genesis says that God helped Joseph to forgive. His brothers treated him unfairly, were jealous of him, even hating him . . . so much that they sold him into slavery. (Read Genesis chapters 37-50) It's well worth the read! It was hard for Joseph to forgive his brothers, but God helped him. Are you willing to forgive others like he did? God will help you to choose to release your hurt and forgive. He can help you just like He helped Joseph!

Forgiving others is often the last thing you and I would ever think to do or want to do. We're afraid if we forgive, they will somehow get away with what they have done to us. By holding onto our anger, we feel we are making that person pay for what he or she has done. It's a form of vengeance. But to harbor bitterness, a vengeful spirit, or an unforgiving attitude is like drinking poison . . . hoping the other person will die.

The injustices and wounds we suffer in life can go far beyond hurt and can become spiritually self-destructive. But God is in control. Trust Him! Don't give up praying! You must forgive others! Forgiveness . . . is a decision made in obedience to God's command. Pure and simple. Make that decision now. Why? Because God freely forgives all who come to Him in repentance. That is why Jesus died on the cross. Your forgiveness might not change that other person, but it will release you from your hurt and bitterness. Give it ALL to God!

We had a great VBS this summer and God blessed above and

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beyond! Besides having a great attendance and wonderful week, the offering this year blew us away! These kids brought in an amazing amount! (\$8,589.08) WOW! We give our total VBS offering every summer to assist a ministry, whether it be local or overseas. This year's offering went to help a facility in Mexico where church leaders are trained on how to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Earlier this year some of our church teens and adults spent a week at this facility to help with repairs and updates. A Huge Thank You to our VBS kids and families for their generosity. What a Blessing! It's true, it is more blessed to give than receive!

Mark Your Calendars! "Cars & Coffee" Event Sat. Sept 6 (9-11 a.m.) in the church parking lot. All car years, models and makes are welcomed! Come and enjoy the cars, and a morning cup of coffee along with a donut or two.

Join us Sunday morning at church or 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.

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

(Colossians 3:13) "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."



EDINBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3 North Shore Rd, Edinburg
Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Stephanie Schrom, Pastor
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God's Grace and Peace to all from all of us at the Edinburg United Methodist Church!

Summer has come to a close and fall is upon us. We hope everyone has enjoyed boating, swimming, BBQ's, rest and relaxation on the beautiful Sacandaga the last few months. September brings the beginning of the school year, an exciting time for children to reconnect with their friends.

Our prayer for back to school:

Gracious Lord, thank you for the rest and relaxation enjoyed over the summer months. We pray for the children as they begin the new school year. Bless them with joy as they reconnect with their friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace and fatigue with energy.

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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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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



August was a significant month for honeybees in Upstate New York as they transitioned from the height of summer activity to preparations for the cooler months. Goldenrod nectar is a crucial nectar and pollen source for honeybees in late summer and early fall in Upstate NY. The Goldenrod nectar flow can significantly impact a colony's honey stores, which are essential for winter survival.

I am thankful that I live in an area with abundant Goldenrod and have enjoyed watching the honeybees coming back to the hives with their "pollen pants" visibly full of bright yellow pollen to make honey for the upcoming winter. Other flowering plants in September include asters, buckwheat, clovers, purple loosestrife, and thistles, which are important late-season forage for bees. A healthy colony needs ample honey (around 70-90 pounds) to get through the winter. Beekeepers may need to supplement honey stores with sugar syrup if necessary, particularly after harvesting honey. Bees also use decreasing pollen flow as a cue to start rearing "winter bees", which are longer-lived and better suited for winter conditions.

Colonies begin rearing "winter bees" in September and October, which are physiologically different from summer bees and have a much longer lifespan (up to six months). These bees are responsible for sustaining the colony through winter.

Drone bees (males) are often evicted from the hive as they no longer serve a reproductive purpose and become a drain on the colony's resources.

The queen's egg-laying rate slows down considerably, and brood rearing may cease altogether before winter arrives. September in Upstate NY is a time of transition for honeybee colonies as they prepare for the long winter months. Ensuring adequate food stores, managing pests and diseases, and providing proper insulation are all crucial for overwintering success.

I will be working hard to ensure my honeybees are prepared for this next season of our journey together.



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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

This summer has flown by and it is hard to believe that Labor Day is in three and a half weeks. It feels like the summer has just started and not winding down. In a blink of an eye, our July visit with the grandchildren was over. We packed a months worth of fun into two weeks and we were all exhausted. We thought we were going to back to New York with them for another two weeks but our plans suddenly changed.

This is the first full summer we have ever spent in Key West. I have to tell you that we are loving it. Most of the tourists that come to town, during the summer, have gone home and all of the kids have gone back to school. We have been out on the water, often, for fishing, sand bar hopping and snorkeling. Restaurants and stores are not crowded and everything is chill and relaxed. So many people have asked us, how we can stand the heat? Truthfully it has been hotter in upstate New York, this summer, than the Keys. One thing we loved about living on the lake was all of the shade and breezes to keep us cool. Thankfully, here just like on the GSL, we have an abundance of breezes. There are many options to get out of the hot sun for a while. Take a swim, find some shade, sit by a fan or turn on the AC. There are many strong and dedicated people who work in all kinds of weather conditions, year round. These men and women are the strong ones in our world. If you ever worked in the restaurant business you know how hot it can get the kitchen, especially during the summer months. So many people work in this type of environment and come to work every day despite the seasonal working conditions.. These strong individuals do their best to bring us quality food, entertainment and the necessities

we often take for granted. Many local business owners and their employees have to work outside year round. Thanks to them we enjoy safe roads, electricity, drinking water, plumbing, construction to meet our needs including building, remodeling and repairs. People working in the trades are the back bone of our communities and they are, often, not given the thanks that they deserve. Instead many people complain about everything. I see this continually on local Face Book pages in both Florida and New York. When did people stop looking at the positive things in life and start taking things for granted?

Service providers work their butts off to make sure that we all have, the necessities that we need. I know many of these people are happy to hear a simple thank you. We all like to feel appreciated. A few kind words to the people you interact with has a big impact. Sadly, sometimes we lose focus and do not see the big picture. I admit that I have been guilty of this on more than one occasion. Deep down I know I am a work in progress and will never be perfect. No one really knows about all of the stress we, as individuals, have in our lives.

As summer fades into fall many things will change again. Summer fun is replaced by fall responsibility and it can be overwhelming. Going to a new school, getting a new teacher or starting a new job can certainly be daunting. We have all been there and we need to remember how we felt. We need to listen and not judge.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer on the beautiful Great Sacandaga Lake. If you have experienced the lake as a visitor, or as a resident, you have been blessed. We can't control other people but we certainly can try to control ourselves, our emotions and our interactions.

Psalm 43:10 says Be still and know that I am God. Words to live by, no matter what is going on in life. Enjoy the rest of your summer and continue to live your best life!



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DID YOU KNOW THAT--

By Priscilla L. Edwards

School Days, School days—

Looking at the calendar I realized in only a few more days school will be starting again for the 2025-26 season.

It's been many, many years since I started school for the first time. I started school in the 1st grade as there were no pre-K's or Kindergarten classes of any kind in Edinburg when I started school. My mom had already taught me all the things I was expected know when I started, including writing my name and tying my shoes. I attended the Edinburg Consolidated School on Sinclaire Road, (property now owned by Barry Fordyce). It was a 3-room school with no cafeteria when I started.

There were playgrounds with equipment on both sides of the school—a smaller set on one side for the younger children and a larger set on the other side for the older children. That gave us two sets of swings and two sets of teeter-totters. There was also a merry-go-round and a chinning bar. I loved spending time on the chinning bar going round and round, hating to give someone else a turn. My sister Linda wasn't so lucky- she fell off and broke her arm. On a lower level of the yard was an area for playing ball. The bus garage was on the far edge of the property. Hobie Frasier was the janitor for many years. He also played ball and made everyone laugh.

Downstairs was the auditorium. As an adult I've often wondered how they could have ever gotten all parents and family members into this room and still include a stage for the Christmas Programs. Just a couple of years after I started school a cafeteria was installed. A cooking and serving area was installed along one wall of the auditorium. All cooking was done in-house and the meals were delicious. Tables and chairs were set up in the auditorium area. The first cooks that I remember were Pauline Neelands, Ada Rockwell and Helen and Elwin Ginter.

The 1st and 2nd grades were in one room and Mrs. Mary Allen was our teacher. My first grade went well but then along came 2nd grade and multiplication tables. I was a very shy child and we all had to take turns at the blackboard by ourselves doing

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our lessons. I did fine with other subjects but for whatever the reason-multiplication did not click with me. I guess the teacher thought I was faking and one day pulled my ear. Another time my turn at the board came just before lunchtime and Mrs. Allen made me stand at the board, holding up lunch period for everyone else which was, of course, very embarrassing for me!

It wasn't long before I came up with all kinds of reasons why I shouldn't attend school. It didn't take my parents long to "smell a rat" and off they went to Mrs. Allen's home with me in "tow" to discuss the problem! I don't remember the rest of the year but there were no more pulled ears or embarrassing moments. In my older years I've often thought of Mrs. Allen. Maybe because I did O.K. in my other classes, she thought I was faking? She did not have children of her own—would she have looked at the situation differently if she had?

My 3rd and 4th grade teacher was Mrs. Marion Eddy. Every child should have a teacher like her! She saved me from hating school and also got me through the multiplication tables! She had a way of bringing out the best in kids and helping them learn.

My 5th grade teacher was Mrs. Anna Stead. A quiet, calm lady who always got things accomplished. Every day during reading class each child had to take a turn reading and one had to pay attention as you never knew which turn would be yours. I've often thought that it was a clever plan on her part- thus she would know which student needed extra help.

6th grade found our Edinburg students attending school at Northville Central School. It was rough! There were two classrooms of 6th graders-meaning that many of the friends I'd grown up with were now in a different classroom and we seldom saw them. The other kids in our room were complete strangers to us. In time we got acquainted with the Northville kids.

One of the worst and hurtful things we encountered was being made fun of by the Northville kids—just by the ones- and more so the girls-of just the families that had businesses in the village.

Edinburg kids weren't the exception—kids from the Mountain Road, Benson, Hope, Gifford's Valley—basically any of us that were "Country Kids". We didn't dress as well or speak as well OR so they said!

I have discovered this to be a common practice with some village kids as opposed to country kids. I have friends-both country girls-that encountered the same treatment attending schools in Fonda and Broadalbin.

I would like to think that these actions no longer exist but if they do—a cleaver teacher will recognize it and put an end to it!

I can say however, that the "country kids" in my class received some vindication at our 50th High School Reunion when one of those village girls walked up to me and said "we really gave you Edinburg kids a rough time, didn't we?"

I simply replied "you certainly did"! —end of Story.

I had a great time at Northville Central School. I had wonderful teachers and learned a great deal and made many friends that I still have to this day.

Education is a wonderful thing and we should never stop learning! I hope young people when in high school realize that the profession they're thinking of at that time may not be the one their life settles on "down the road" but that may not necessarily be a bad thing.

In a few short weeks my great-grandson will be starting pre-K 3ths. He's so young! I hope he will learn to love school as I did and will make the very most of the time he will spend there.

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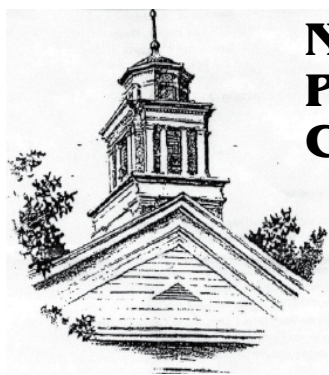
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“The Whole Truth” (

based on excerpts from a sermon preached in June 2024)

In the Gospel according to Mark, we read these words, “But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before Jesus, and told him the whole truth.” (Mk 5:33)

According to Mark, the woman had been bleeding for twelve years. Her condition rendered her ritually unclean — not just for a day or a week or a month, but indefinitely. The woman’s very body had become a source of isolation and disgrace. She was an outcast, an embarrassment, a pariah. Lonely beyond description.

And so it might have remained if the woman hadn’t — in a desperate and stunning act of civil disobedience — defied the religious rules of her day to pursue an encounter with Jesus.

She knew she had no business polluting the crowds with her presence. She knew she was forbidden to touch any man, least of all Jesus. She knew that even her fingertips on his cloak would defile him. She decided to touch him, anyway.

If the story ended there — with a stolen touch, an unremarked healing, and an invisible but still potent transformation of the woman’s life — I would consider it miracle enough. But no. Jesus invited more. He insisted on more. He insisted that the woman, terrified though she was, come forward and tell her story. Her “whole truth.”

He knew that she had spent twelve long years having other people impose their narratives on her. Their interpretations, their assumptions, their prejudices. She’d been reduced to caricature. Shamed into silence by bad religion. Even if she trembled, stammered, and took all day to tell her story, Jesus knew how desperately she needed someone to listen, to understand, and to bless her “whole truth” in the presence of the larger community. This is what Jesus did. He restored her to fellowship, to dignity, to humanity. “Daughter,” he said when she fell silent at last. “Daughter, go in peace.”

Something beautiful happens when we give each other permission to tell the truth. Something dies when that essential permission is stripped away.

Could there be a more fitting gospel story for our time and



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place? Right now I'm haunted by the many voices seeking to silence, exclude and marginalize whole groups of people whose truths are uncomfortable and therefore deemed unacceptable. I think of the thousands of immigrants and their families in the U.S who are in anguish because their "whole truths" remain unpalatable to many Americans. These asylum seekers have searing stories of violence, pain, and terror to share. But those stories fall on deaf ears because they don't fit into so many in our culture's racist narratives about "illegals" and "aliens."

In many states women have seen their bodily autonomy and rights stripped away under the guise of "protecting life," even as many women's lives are now imperiled by restrictions on access to healthcare. And those who are courageous enough to stand up for women's healthcare rights, and to provide necessary services to women and girls, are being targeted as criminals and face potential arrest and prison.

Across the country dozens of voter suppression laws have been enacted to restrict US citizens from having their voices heard in state and federal elections. Most of these laws' weight falls disproportionately on the poor and persons of color, thus pushing already marginalized people even further into the margins.

In our political, cultural and religious lives, in our own communities and throughout the nation, members of the LGBTQ community have been targets of harassment, slander, violence

and hatred, simply for living their own whole truths about who they are and whom they love.

And all too often, those of us in the church have failed to speak up loudly for the rights and dignity of all people – no matter where they come from, what their gender, color, nationality or belief. We are living in a world where empathy, mercy, and human decency have been replaced by "zero tolerance." Where God sees life — hungry, hopeful, needy, broken, sacred, inviolable life — those in positions of privilege and power are pronouncing death.

In response to these and other horrors, Bishop Michael Curry reminds us that "if it doesn't look like love, if it doesn't look like Jesus of Nazareth, it cannot be claimed to be Christian."

If it doesn't look like love, it isn't Christian. Period.

What looks like love? What looks like Jesus of Nazareth? The one who risks defilement to touch the bloody and the broken. The one who insists on the whole truth, however falteringly told. The one who listens for as long as it takes. The one who brings life to dead places. The one who restores hope. The one who turns mourning into dancing. The one who renames the outcast, "Daughter," and bids her go in peace.

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Rev. Lucy Harris

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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

This column, introduced in the February 2025 issue, examines individual small towns in our immediate and surrounding counties to discover the unique ways each one defines small town and small-town life. In doing so, perhaps we will demonstrate that these places stand as a testament to the endurance of small towns and the vibrant life within them. This 8th installment marks the last in the series.

8. - Wells, NEW YORK

Not many small – or large – towns can claim to have 23 named mountains, 2 lakes, 1 river, 1 falls, 3 hamlets, and even 1 ghost town, not to mention being the site of the crash of 2 jet fighter planes, but Wells, home to 683 residents according to US Census data, can. Wells historian, Pat Unterborn, tells us that Wells stands as the first town formed in what became Hamilton County. But its history actually began long before anyone even envisioned any such county. As the town historian notes, Wells’ “ability to sustain despite struggles remains in step with the first footprints made.”

Those first footprints, of course, came from the Mohawks, but according to the History of Hamilton County archives, by 1798, European settlers had arrived, and by 1805, they had established Wells as a town in Montgomery County. Yet, reductions and growth continued to change Wells’ geography and county membership, creating the loss of Mayfield and Northampton and by 1818, Hope and by 1837, Long Lake. The Hamilton County archives show that parts of Mayfield and Northampton eventually returned to Wells, and by 1858, so too did Lake Pleasant become a part of what had by then emerged as a Hamilton County town. According to Tom Hughes, writer for

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Adirondack Life's Our Towns, before 1860, a Wellstown and a Wells Centre (Pickleville) existed, but after 1860, they unified under the simple name of Wells.

In those early days, as Pat Unterborn notes, Wells proudly encompassed "many sawmills, several tanneries, and vast lumbering activities." Unterborn adds that the village center housed "hotels, three churches, two schools, four general stores, a hardware store, a dry goods store and grocery store, a creamery, a blacksmith, two wagon-makers, a ladies' dress and hat shop, a jewelry store, insurance agencies, a barbershop, Gerard's Sugar Bush, boarding houses, and a Town Board of Health with a town doctor." The town even had two of its own newspapers, circulated through several nearby counties: The Adirondack Herald (1876 – 1947) and The Hamilton County Record (1863 – 1947). People can still read some of those news articles, editorials, and community events pieces in the New York Historic Newspapers microfilm archives and in the US Library of Congress archives.

Only the remnants of the parts of town once populated by sawmills and tanneries and the workers who ran them remain: a cemetery; two, ancient, stone chimneys; and a large, cable suspension footbridge. According to Andy Arthur, Adirondack historian, the ghost town called Whitehouse in Wells garners most of its attention from the hikers of the Northville-Placid Trail and those who want it included in the Silver Lake Wilderness Area by closing West River Road to preserve the awe-inspiring views of the Sacandaga River and Dugaway Mountain and the historic bridge before they, like the ghost town, all but disappear.

Not all of the entities of the old Wells have vanished. Wells still possesses the 1845 former Wells Baptist Church in its new iteration as The Revival, a restored National Historic Register building now used for concerts and occasions such as funerals, weddings, and other celebrations. The town also maintains the 1916

Orra Buyce Family Homestead (formerly used as the Wells Municipal Building) as the site of the Wells Historical Society Museum. According to the museum's website, in 1867, the building served as the Wells Centre Lyceum and the Historical Society's meeting place. In 2005, it became the museum with the help of several grants, a donation from the Town of Wells, and a great deal of time, energy, and skill donated by a multitude of volunteers from the community. In addition to the museum, in what RaChel Hosley, writer for Experience the Adirondacks calls a "fun, thriving little downtown," in both repurposed and new buildings, Wells offers Wells Central School for Pre-Kindergartners through 12th-graders; the Hamilton Mercantile; the Over Rock Café; Wells Edge Country Store; a laundromat; 3 churches (Catholic, Methodist, and Wesleyan); Alicia Miller's Real Estate Agency; Mike's Garage; The Wood Place; and Torts Twist (ice cream and frozen yogurt).

Natural wonders still abound in Wells, too, with the Sacandaga River, the many mountains, Lake Alconquin, and Willis Lake providing the same kind of respite or challenge as they did long ago. Among these attractions, perhaps Augur Falls stands out for its beauty, its ease of access, and its variety. Tim Rowland of The Adirondack Explorer terms it a "short jaunt best

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done as a loop,” for the 1.25-mile loop offers a fairly level and reasonably flat terrain that follows the Sacandaga River and its “minor falls and riffles, swimming holes, and rocky ledges.” The destination achieved on this little trail – Augur Falls – provides a visual and sound show created by a great deal of water falling through a deep chasm that hikers can observe from above it or explore at its edge. The hardest part of this hike stems from its

weakly marked trail and its sometimes-slippery rocks. Though a small trek, it presents an opportunity to spend time by a loudly talking river in the shadow of yellow birches and huge hemlocks. While newcomers may initially think its pathway hidden, residents think of it as a route everybody already knows, evident in its well-worn contours.

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That sense of following what everybody knows also shows itself in the 75-year history of the Wells Old Home Day, a first-weekend-in-August celebration that has held sway since the 1950s. Filled with everything from parades to wacky boat and swimming races to games to rides to presentations to contests to dancing to live music and capped with a fireworks display over Lake Algonquin. This two-day event brings the whole community together in a carnival-like atmosphere that honors small town life and traditions.

While tradition matters in Wells, it also embraces the new. One such example includes the Adirondack Sacandaga River Sculpture Park. According to the park's self-guided tour pamphlet, the 8-acre parcel, "once part of a 19th -century wood products mill" showcases the changing works of sculptor John VanAlstine and Caroline Ramersdorfer. As Pamela Merritt notes in an article for Experience Our Adirondacks, the sculptures by John VanAlstine use "natural forms of the stone and add metal pieces to accent the concept" and create large, bold pieces. She adds that Van Alstine, born and raised in the Adirondacks, found the neglected lumber place, especially its remaining products and buildings "a home and a studio." Individuals or groups can view the sculptures by appointment only, and if so inclined, they may even purchase a sculpture.

Another addition to Wells arrived in 1987: the Lake Algonquin Hydroelectric Dam and Project, owned and operated by the town, itself. According to the Federal Reserve, the 239-foot long, 26.5-foot high, concrete gravity dam with a 10-foot diameter, 113-foot long, steel penstock for the turbine generates 1,363 megawatt-hours per year. While it does impact the lake and the Sacandaga River, it also allows for some control over the height of the river and the generation of the power needed by the town's homes.

Whether Wells has faced the loss and restoration of its downtown, the constant shifting of its geographic area, or its inclusion of new and challenging population and housing changes; whether it has contended with a 1986 crash of National Guard A-10A Thunderbolt fighter jets that the New York Times reported "sent up a plume of black smoke that forest rangers saw 25 miles away [. . .] and touched off two small forest fires," killing one pilot and severely injuring another; or whether it has paused each year to celebrate its longevity and sense of community and tradition, Wells has emerged not as a place that has lost much, but rather, as a place that has reinvented and upcycled itself, poised to continue for another couple of centuries.



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By a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress on Dec. 18, 2001, September 11 was designated as Patriot Day. The resolution calls for the president of the United States to issue a yearly proclamation requesting that all U.S. flags be flown at half-staff. Further, Americans are asked to honour the dead with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 am, Eastern Standard Time, the time that the first airplane struck the World Trade Center, and to respect the ceremonies of remembrance when they are conducted. Prior to passage of the resolution, several other names had been proposed for the day, such as the National Day of Remembrance and the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

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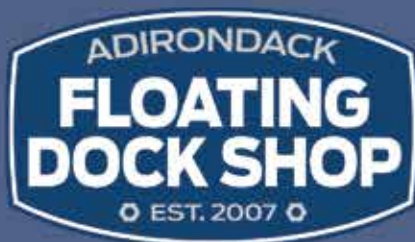
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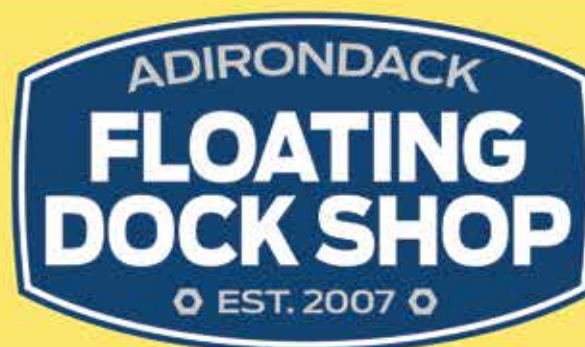
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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

The Genesis Adirondack Ice Cream Cone

Most people probably do not naturally associate the mountains with ice cream cones, yet, in the Adirondack Mountains, the ice cream cone enjoys a prominent place in the hearts of visitors and full-time residents alike. Whether the nostalgia of long-standing family tradition; the desire for something cold, sweet, and refreshing after a hard hike or a sun-soaked boat ride or paddle on a lake or river; or the several, unique flavors such as maple raspberry or Chocolate Moose Tracks offered only in the area cement that love affair, the allure of the ice cream cone saturates the Adirondack Park, especially from late March through early fall. As Adirondack USA writer, Eileen Mowrey notes, “Almost every town in the Adirondacks has at least one ice cream stand,” and not one of them remains empty for long, even on a rainy day.

This phenomenon perhaps stems naturally from the area’s history. The indigenous people, Iroquois, Seneca, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, and Mohawk nations all farmed the

land before the settlers arrived, and settlers continued that agricultural trend. During the late 1700s and early 1800s, they did so primarily for their own sustenance, with relatively little sold or even bartered to others. Farms might have had a single milk cow amid the pigs, chickens, and multiple vegetables. Adirondack Harvest editors tell us that by the 1860s, however, British landowners had an increased demand for dairy cattle, so igniting a “rise in the dairy industry in New York State, which is still the dominant agricultural industry in the region today, [. . .] with over 20,000 dairy cows producing 42 million gallons of milk a year.” The editors add that although that industry is currently shrinking somewhat, the Adirondack Park still hosts “1,300 farms on 57,600 acres of land,” most of it in Essex County.

But how did that dairy production lead to the flourishing -- and long-surviving -- ice cream cone businesses in the Adirondack Park?

First, of course, came the invention of ice cream itself. Whether the milk came from cows, buffalo, goats, or another hoofed milking animal, the International Dairy Food Association (IDFA) and a host of other historians and scholars trace its origin in the world as far back as 54 BCE. They note that some emperors and kings sent their minions to get ice and snow and cover it with honey or fruit juices, and that in Persia in 550 BCE and in China in 618 CE, the use of mammal milk combined with

flour and some source of sweetening created a cold dessert savored as iced dessert. The IDFA claims that by 1533 France and then in the 17th century, England, had frozen desserts akin to what we label ice cream today, and by 1660, those nations made the treat available to the public -- albeit the wealthy, privileged public. The IDFA identifies 1744 and 1770-1790 as key dates for ice-cream-makers in the United States, for in 1744, Maryland’s governor, William Bland made some, and by 1770 -1790, ice cream actually reached the consumer market, tough its price still



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Ice cream's popularity and the subsequent demand for it, however, fostered the creation of the ice cream cone. Its convenient, carry-away form offered people a new way to enjoy their sweet treat and provided the possibility of an affordable portion. Both Time Magazine and the Library of Congress concur with the IDFA's conclusions regarding the creation of the ice cream cone, though over the years, debate about no fewer than seven individuals – Charles S.E. Menches, Ernest Hamwi, Abe Doumar, Albert and Nick Kabbaz, Arnold Fornachou, and David Auaypu – credited with the invention has remained constant. Time tells us that as early as 1804, the Parisians ate ice cream out of some kind of small container, and in 1846 and again in 1894 and 1896, European cookbooks described wafers filled with “ice pudding,” but always “put on a plate and eaten with utensils.” Time and the Library of Congress agree that in 1903, in New York City, Italo Marchiony actually filed a

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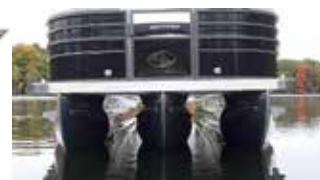


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The large-scale creameries, though, embrace a tradition of family dedication that spans generations. As the Adirondack Creamery's own website states, owner and operator Paul Nasrani, once a Manhattan financier, pursued his dream of giving good ice cream to others by returning to the farm because he "always knew that the closer to the cow you could keep the ice cream, the better it would be." According to its posted history, the creamery uses milk from local, small, family farms operating from as long ago as 1948 (The Lee Dairy Farm, run by three women).

The King Brothers Dairy/Creamery tells a similar story in The Glens Falls Living blog, written by Brianna Lyons. According to her, the creamery produces 60 flavors of ice cream, "with brothers Jan and Jeff running the farm and operating the creamery, Jeff's wife running the farm store and ice cream production, and Jan's wife, a veterinarian, keeping the Holstein herd healthy." This creamery distributes all of its products – milk, chocolate milk, buttermilk, and cream products in addition to the ice cream – via home delivery,

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Though the family business began in 1921, and ice-cream-makers Percy and Charles V. Drake started in 1945, Stewart's Plant/Creamery began its foray into the ice cream shop in Ballston Spa in 1954, according to Adirondack Life writer, Lisa Bramen. She adds that while the entire enterprise is run by family, that family has a rule that Gary Drake states: "You have to work elsewhere for a few years before you come back" to the family business. Of course, Stewart's creates many products other than ice cream, but, as Bramen notes, "close to 500 people work in the facility, pasteurizing, separating, and homogenizing the milk from 25 Stewart's-exclusive dairy farms, mostly in Washington County; flavoring, freezing, and packaging ice cream;" and performing all the other tasks the business requires.

The ice cream such Adirondack large and small creameries make becomes the favored fillings scooped generously into the cones served at shops all across the Park. Some of these stands and shops date back to the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, though some rank among the newcomers to the area. Their numbers capture the visitors and locals so thoroughly that according to ADK Taste and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST), in 2021, the region hosted its first "Battle of the Cones" from mid-July through mid-August (repeated in 2022, 2023, and 2024). ROOST contends that the contest, conducted through online voting, aimed to "encourage people to share their experiences" and "to visit the towns throughout the region by using ice cream Wayfinder trail maps," and the public responded enthusiastically with a great many participating. Of course, such maps echo the so-called "Adirondack Ice Cream Trail" described by Eileen Mowery in Adirondack USA.com, and the "10 Iconic Upstate New York Ice Cream Stands That're Ready for You this Summer" identified by Chuck D'Imperio in 981thehawk.com, or even "A Sweet Adventure Awaits: Visit the Best Ice Cream Shops in the Adirondacks" featured in the Adirondack.net pages. Even Adirondack Life's Lisa Plumley offers her list of the best ice cream shops to visit on any trek to the Adirondack Park. These maps and descriptions do a thorough job of singling out which shops represent the best the Park has to offer, but they cannot possibly catalogue all of the places tantalizing and satisfying those longing for a cold, sweet treat. Whether readers seek a spot in the High Peaks area or in the Eastern, Southern, or Northern parts of the Park, they will have to go on the quest themselves. Who knows how many they will find or how many new ones they will discover to add to the list?

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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

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Highway Superintendent Reidell reports brush and leaf pickup continues every other week. Residents in the Village can put loose leaves and small brush at the curb for pickup.

The DPW crew recently painted lined parking spaces in the lot behind the old firehouse and at the old bank property on N. Main Street, across from the post office. There are 25 additional spaces that have been added for public parking to those lots which the Village utilizes via parking lot agreements with the owners. Our commercial district is easily accessible from all the lots.

Police Chief Rick Richardson reports that 60 calls were handled by the department during the month of July.

The last Farmers' Market will be on Saturday, August 30th.

in Waterfront Park, 10-1 p.m. Stop by and visit your favorite vendors. While you are there, enjoy the Sacandaga Jam session in the overlook. The Ring of Fire 5 K will also be held on Saturday, August 30th in the park. The races starts at 9:30 a.m.

The Village will host Fall Fest on Saturday, October 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will have vendors, activities and entertainment in Waterfront Park. Vendors interested in participating can email clerk@villageofnorthville.com. 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 pie sale. Many of our local businesses will have specials during the entire weekend so make plans now to spend the day in Northville.

Looking ahead, the Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 5 p.m. If you want to participate in the parade, please email clerk@villageofnorthville.com. Every year, our parade grows and we always have room for more.

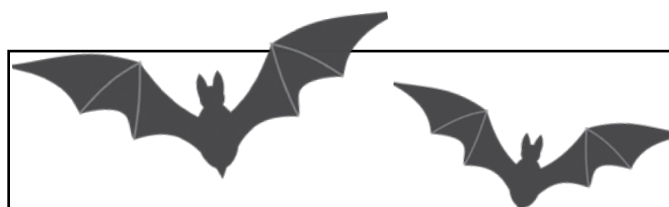
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Clergy Column

Many will say the church needs to stay out of politics and I agree with that because we are called to be open to all individuals, that they may hear the message of a God who reaches out with love and offers forgiveness to all who will accept it. Therefore, I believe the Church should refrain from endorsing individual candidates or a political party.

Yet the message of the prophets and the ministry of Jesus call us to be on the side of the disadvantaged, to minister to them, and to speak out against policies and actions that are unloving and cause harm, including that which affects our environment.

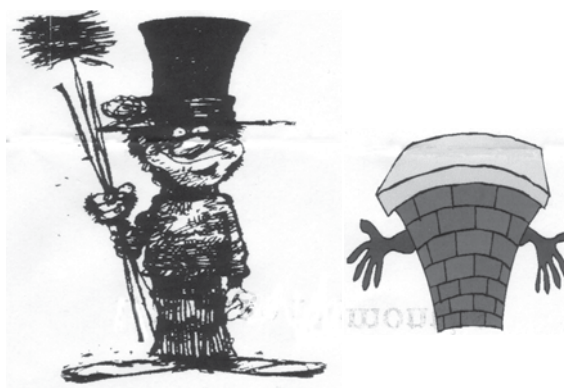
As people of faith, I believe we have an obligation to be involved in supporting policies and actions that are concerned with the common good and oppose that which is harmful to others with special attention to those who are vulnerable.

Finally, I believe that my faith calls me to love God and my neighbor as myself, even when I disagree with them.

While there may be issues which we strongly disagree, I don't believe that should keep us from working together on common issues.

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Carolyn Wilcox

Sacandaga Valley Arts Network: Wrapping Up Summer and Looking Ahead

For the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN), the close of summer always feels like both a celebration and a pause. By the time the last notes of music drift over Northville's Waterfront Park from our summer concert series, we've already wrapped up our annual fundraiser, marked the 10th anniversary of Art Trails, and closed another exhibition at the Northville Library Gallery. August, as always, was a whirlwind.

We owe our thanks to so many people. To the artists, musicians, and performers who brought their talents to our community. To the patrons who came out—sometimes in heat, sometimes in rain—to support local arts. And to those who bought tickets, bid in auctions, or simply lent their encouragement: we are grateful.

But there is a special place in our gratitude for the people who



make these events possible behind the scenes—the SVAN board members and volunteers. This summer's successes are built on their planning, organizing, phone calls, poster hanging, and countless hours of coordination.

At our August 9 board meeting, six of us sat around the table. We were, as always, glad to be there. We are a generally happy group, proud to serve SVAN and to contribute to the life of our community. Yet there were also deep sighs that night, and a kind of quiet exhaustion. Many of us have served not only on SVAN's board but also on other boards and community organizations—zoning boards, school boards, Rotary, Garden Club, foundation committees, and more.

Our SVAN board is dedicated, talented, and generous. The longevity of some members' service is truly remarkable. But as the years pass, we face a challenge: our numbers are shrinking, and while our enthusiasm for the arts hasn't faded, our energy sometimes can't keep pace with our ambitions.

The same is true for our volunteers. The number of people able to step forward has been declining. And when too few people shoulder too much of the work, it can become overwhelming. Events still happen, and the community still



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This is where you—our neighbors, art lovers, and community-minded friends—can make a real difference. SVAN's mission is simple but powerful: to bring the arts to the Sacandaga Valley region and to support the artists who live here. That mission is as strong as ever, but it needs more hands to carry it forward.

Serving on the board isn't just work—it's a way to shape the cultural life of our community, meet interesting people, and see firsthand the joy the arts bring to others. Volunteering, whether for a single event or on a regular basis, connects you with a creative, dedicated group of people and gives you the satisfaction of knowing you helped make something beautiful happen.

As summer fades and our calendar quiets, we're already thinking about next year's concerts, exhibits, and programs. We hope you'll consider being part of the team that makes it all happen.

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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

If you are lucky enough to experience the Great Sacandaga Lake and surrounding communities in the fall, you know how magical it is to witness the changing of the seasons. It is a beautiful time of year and the intense colors and beauty are a reminder of how important it is for all of us to each do our part in taking care of and protecting the environment.

One way you can do that is to support (by volunteering, becoming a member) the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

(gsla.org) which, for almost 75 years, has been advocating, educating, protecting and preserving Great Sacandaga Lake.

It is a critical time for the GSL as its popularity as a pristine, 4 season destination increases and as climate changes are impacting all of us, everywhere. As a local, grassroots organization, the GSLA is on the ground, doing the work of educating the community about and encouraging good environmental stewardship and best practices for protecting the Great Sacandaga Lake.

We are hoping you will consider joining us as we begin planning for 2026 and beyond. We are a 100% member funded organization and we encourage your participation in our monthly meetings and events.

This past June we hosted our first "Clean-Up Day" event and are beginning our discussions for next year and we need your help volunteering on a committee to help us with all of the details required to make it a success. It is a very rewarding way to participate and a wonderful way to meet some of the amazing people who make up the GSL community.

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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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It's still mid August at this writing but college students probably are in their dorms and attending classes in some cases. Sports practices have begun or are about to begin. In a few more weeks, public schools will be bustling with activity, pre-k and kindergartners will be walking into their first classes, new middle-schoolers are facing new challenges with locker combinations and moving through the halls from class to class, and seniors are excited for their last year of high school but feeling a little sad at the finality. Parents are looking for the best buys for new clothes and school supplies; teachers and administrators, school staff and bus drivers are gearing up for a whole new batch of students. It's a good time for everyone to remember that everyone is not alike and people learn at different speeds. Be kind. Be patient.

Labor Day falls on September 1 this year. Honoring the Gift of Work: The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world. Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and



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strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, “We are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV). On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care. —Author unknown

The first day of Autumn is September 22. 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.

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Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

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Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrington of West Stony Creek celebrated the one hundred and first anniversary of their birthday. They were both born on March 28, 1811. One son was born to the couple, and he is the constant companion

and caretaker of "Uncle Ben" and "Aunt Harriet" as they are known to all of their friends. Mr. Harrington helps about the farm and does all the barn chores. He milks 10 cows twice a day. He has never been sick in bed. He served through the Civil War and has many good stories to tell. His mind is clear, and his memory is as good as it was fifty years ago. "I have always lived close to nature, he said yesterday, and have never used tobacco or whiskey, love and respected God, and never questioned the ways of the creator, that's all I can tell you." Mrs. Harrington works about the house and garden: makes her own clothes, has never worn glasses and reads as readily as a school girl. She has great skill in her needlework to exhibit to the admiring visitors, such as wonderful quilts and beautifully woven bedspreads.

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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

Back to school month makes me think of Japan where I returned to work every September for 3 years in a row. It was mind-boggling. Now kids are going back to school again. They too will think about mind-boggling things. Things like what is the sustainable population level for our planet?

It's a good question, but I always think the answer is, "it depends." Doesn't it depend on how much we love, or value, other human beings? Are they just Competitors in a race for scarce resources? Or unique Contributors to the diversity of the human race?

For instance, who is about to write the new program that makes your life easier or streamlines your business? Who's staffing that new restaurant you can't stop talking about? Who has a new song in their head about to go viral? Whose vision will lead your community? Whose kindness will change the way you think? Once there was a man who invented some advanced equipment for dental offices. Later his marriage broke up. He fell on hard times, became homeless, and while sleeping in a park, was badly beaten and his laptop stolen. That's how he met a dentist who did pro bono work for the homeless. In his office, he saw the dentist's equipment then mentioned and proved to him that he was the one who had developed it. Impressed, the dentist helped him get his life back together.

To one rough fellow, the guy in the park was just someone to take down for a laptop; to the dentist, the guy with broken teeth was someone who advanced his profession, admirable and worth investing in.

The sustainability debate also makes me think of densely populated Japan. By observing many traditions of respect, the tightly-packed Japanese live together

quite peacefully. In so many ways its amazing.

A member of the Adirondack Folk School shared an observation from her time there while on business. Among the Japanese, she learned, asking directions can be rude as it carries an assumption that the other person needs to take care of you. If a Japanese person was standing in Tokyo with a surfboard, she explained, he would not presume to ask the nearby police officer, "How do I get to the beach?" It would be

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more appropriate to say, "I would like to go surfing." The officer would then kindly offer assistance.

Another traveler learned that Japanese dislike metal cutlery because the atmosphere at mealtime is more serene with the soft touch of bamboo rather than the clang of metal against porcelain.

One mealtime tradition I loved was a single word uttered before eating, "itadakimasu," (sounds like "eat a docky moss.") It recognizes, in one word, that the meal in front of you represents the efforts of many, many laborers. All the fishermen, farmers, tofu makers, miso crafters, cooks, truck drivers and brewers etc. that had a hand in getting the food to you are acknowledged when you say the word that translates, "and now I help myself."

While our culture hypes super-sized meals, all you can eat specials and big, heaping portions, Japanese cuisine is tuned in to beautiful, sometimes stunning presentations that are savored with the eyes as well as the tongue. At a traditional Japanese meal every different kind of food might be served on its own plate or dish, artfully composed but never filling the vessel. Each bowl is unmatched to the rest so as the meal progresses the loveliness of each piece of pottery is exposed. A fine meal feels like a celebration.

They say it takes a lifetime to learn to be Japanese, and that's if you're born there! In this pinnacle of heightened social awareness you might ask, "How do Americans fit in? Are we the most clueless and blundering oafs imaginable? No, foreigners need not fret; we are not expected to understand the formalities. To the contrary, they appear often intrigued by our unpredictable ways, spontaneity, openness and directness, as long as we show respect.

But they are experts at cooperation. It's a matter of survival. Residential neighborhoods often have one lane streets. If

two cars meet, it seems like whoever first sees the other quickly backs up to allow the other to pass, no hesitation.

I traveled roads along the coast thinking, if we stopped right here, someone inside that house could reach out and shake hands with a passenger sitting in this car. It was close. The United States have about 2.5 times more people than Japan, but their

country is 25 times smaller.

Yet the "sustainable" question doesn't strike me as a math problem with a numerical answer. It's more like a spiritual question. What potential do we see our fellow beings?



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Senator Walczyk Visits Broadalbin VFW Post 869

Broadalbin, N.Y. (July 22, 2025) -- New York State Senator Mark C. Walczyk (49SD), visited with members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8690, Broadalbin, to discuss veterans issues and exchange experiences while in uniform. Walczyk, a veteran of the Global War on Terror, heard from veterans who served in Vietnam, the Cold War, and Iraq. Pictured are Post 8690 members, from left, Ed Balaban, Mario Cristaldi, Senator Walczyk, Post Commander Dave Becker, Frank Malone, and Gary Downey. (Photo courtesy of Sen. Walczyk staff/Ashley Fernandez).





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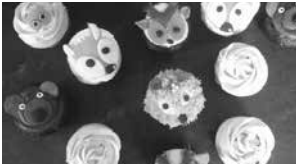


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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 School Year!

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As we start the first few weeks of school, bus arrival and departure times may fluctuate. We ask for your flexibility as these schedules iron out. We also ask our community to drive safely around and near school buses. Our safety and getting to our destinations are a high priority for everyone. The District works hard to ensure our students are safe and we appreciate your patience.



Families, when waiting for the bus, please stand back and keep eye contact with your driver when they pull up. Only cross when your driver has motioned to cross. In inclement weather, buses may run behind schedule. Please be patient and respectful to our drivers/bus attendants. Should you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call the main office at 518-863-8412 for help. We look forward to working with you!



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Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. We can't wait to see our families! This will give everyone a chance to meet staff and tour the building. In the classrooms, you will meet teachers and have an opportunity to visit our learning spaces and the resources they have to make them successful. Open House will start promptly at 5:30 pm in the gymnasium.

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Sacandaga Protection Committee

Hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having at the GSL. The water is the warmest I can remember in years. We have been spending a lot of time floating and soaking in the Lake.

By now you have seen the road signs the SPC has put out stating "NO FREE WATER FOR BROOKFIELD". I have been approached by neighbors asking "Just what does that mean". I'll try to keep it brief. Brookfield Renewable Energy ("Brookfield") operates the power plant at the Conklingville dam. Brookfield had been paying the HRBRRD \$1.5 million dollars a year for the use of the water from the GSL. The agreement expired in June of 2023 and Brookfield has not made any payments to the HRBRRD since! Therefore, Brookfield is now at least \$3 million in arrears. HRBRRD sued Brookfield for payment and to turn off the water supply to Brookfield. The federal court ruled the HRBRRD CAN NOT turn off the water and turned the financial dispute over to NYS court. The NYS Attorney General's Office has taken over

the case against Brookfield and is waiting for the courts. NYS officials have conducted two visits to the Conklingville Dam with Regulating District personnel in recent months. In both these visits, these representatives noted the strong support in the community for the Regulating District in this dispute, as seen in countless SPC signs along North Shore and South Shore Roads. This is in anticipation of an affirmative case seeking damages from Brookfield and resumption of annual payments. Just a note, on Friday, August 1st, Brookfield reported record quarterly earnings, including from North American hydroelectric generation alone of \$227 million (\$2.49 million per calendar day). Already, the cessation of payments from Brookfield has resulted in downstream assessments higher than county governments in Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Albany and Rensselaer counties had anticipated. Leaders in these counties have questioned why Brookfield can be allowed to increase its profit margin by skipping out on its bill, and sticking their taxpayers with the tab. In essence Brookfield is stealing a NYS public asset, WATER, and making huge profits. The SPC will continue to monitor the issue and is willing to provide assistance to the HRBRRD as needed.

Enjoy the rest of summer and the Ring of Fire (No tickets required!)

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From Hawk....

is ENGAGED! She has had a long journey to this end. Her fiancé is her high school sweetheart and they reconnected after difficult breakups. It has been refreshing to see her so filled with happiness. We were joking about babies too...that would be fun for me. She and I were just discussing options for the back room. It is currently storage, but maybe it will be a nursery?!?

My poor Lucas failed his first attempt at the driving test. He took it in stride, as per his usual, but he is stressed about it. I rescheduled for 2 weeks, but now am a nervous Mom, worrying that maybe it is too soon. I'm not a helicopter Mom, but it really is scary to let them go on their own. My Dad used to openly worry whenever I and my 2 siblings would go out together. He would say to PLEASE drive safely, he could not survive if anything happened to all 3 of his kids. I used to think him dramatic. I am hopeful that Lucas passes this second chance. I think Jeremy and I got him worked up before his exam. OH! and about 5 minutes before he was supposed to leave, a giant tree fell across the road and took out the power and blocked traffic. There were HUGE fireballs as the transformer it hit kept exploding. I had to rush Lucas and Jeremy out of the office to drive in the opposite direction to get to the DMV on time.

I have had a few customers this past month that have said they read my article and it is always a funny experience for me – very good, and also interesting. I have been writing this article a bit like a diary now for 5 years and it has been an overview of the growth in the company, and my family. I appreciate that people want to read about us. So thank you, and “HI” to Pamela Hanke! Lots of Love from Hawk Drilling and we hope the transition back to school was easy for everyone.

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Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

September is a big month for Hawk Drilling. Jeremy and I have purchased a new drill rig (we technically purchased it last year, but it takes forever to be built) and are receiving it this month. We also purchased another pump hoist at the beginning of the year and it will be delivered soon; this will be 4 now. We have been slowly replacing old equipment with new. We thought we were ahead of the curve with new equipment, but just got bitten by the truck that we have the frack unit on. The frack unit is new; the truck is not. It is currently in Michigan getting a new wire assembly that apparently is no longer made. Sigh. We have customers that have been waiting for us and it kills us to not be able to be prompt for them. The truck worked one day, then nothing the next. This industry is so tough when it comes to new equipment or needing repairs. Any time something fails, it is big monies to correct and usually long down-times because these are not common pieces of equipment. This too, shall pass.

On a different and wonderful note, Amanda

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