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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 2 Groundhog Day

Thurs 5 7:00 pm Zoning Board

Tues 10 5:30 pm BOT Meeting

Sat 14 Valentine's Day

Mon 16 President's Day

Tues 17 7:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society

Thurs 19 6:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting



EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy Valentines Day!

Wow, it just seems like we had Christmas and New Years! Time flies when you're having fun or so they say. I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Valentine's Day.

Phone Numbers

Please note we have direct lines for just about everyone at the town hall now. They are as follows:

Supervisor: 518 863-2396, Code Enforcement: 581 863-2793, Town Clerk: 518 207-4230,

Tax Collector: 518 207-4247 and for the Assessor, Assessor's Clerk and Historian please call the old number 518 863-2034.

Extensions

If you call the 518 863-2034 number and you would like to reach someone other than the Town Clerk you can enter the following for extensions: Supervisor 101, Assessor 103, Bookkeeper 104, Tax Collector 105, Assessor's Clerk 106, Code Enforcement Officer 107 and Historian 108. Once the phone message starts all you have to do is punch in the extension and it will direct your call to the person you are looking for.

Saratoga County

Saratoga County launches health and wellness initiative for veterans in partnership with Saratoga Regional YMCA. For further information contact Peer Connection Program

Coordinator Erin Cassidy 518 605-2899 or visit www.veteranspertopeer.org.

Dog Control Officer, William VanNostrand

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to William, "Bill" VanNostrand for his service to the Town of Edinburg as Dog Control Officer. Bill submitted his resignation to the Town Board becoming effective as of December 31st. I would like to extend well wishes to him in his future endeavors.

Dog Control Officer Position

The Town of Edinburg has or will be hiring a new Dog Control Officer by the time this gets into the Newsletter. This person will be conducting a dog enumeration within the Town of Edinburg in the near future. It is required within New York State that all dogs must be licensed. This means the tiniest to the biggest, whether they are an indoor dog or an outside dog ALL dogs must be licensed. If you have any questions, you should contact the Town Hall at 518 863-2034.

NYS Comptroller's Audit

The NYS Comptroller's Office has completed the audit on the Town of Edinburg. The audit is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Board had thirty days to respond to the audit; which was done and an additional ninety days to send the Boards plans to correct what was found. We have been working on correcting the issues that were found and have already taken care of many of them.

Town Hall

We have made some changes to the Town Hall. The Town Clerk's message board has been placed outside on the building for the public to view.

Recycle and Reuse Center Hours

This is just a reminder the Recycle Center is now on their winter hours. They open on Friday at 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm and Saturday at 9:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Garbage Pick Up

If there happens to be a winter storm on a day that garbage is to be picked up your garbage may not be picked until the next day. Also, if a holiday falls on a Monday, garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, (North Shore) and Wednesday, (South Shore). There will be no garbage pick up on Monday, February 16th, (President's Day) it will be picked up on Tuesday, February 17th for North Shore and Wednesday, February 18th for South Shore.

February Holiday

The Town Hall, will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents Day.

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Sand

Just a reminder there is sand available at the Highway Garage for residents of the Town. This sand is not to be used for commercial use, only personal. It is on the right side of the building so help yourself.

Tax Season

The tax season has started for the Town, if you have not received your tax bill; please contact Faye at 518 207-4247 or call 518 863-2034 and enter extension 105. If you do not want to send your bill through the mail it can be dropped in the drop box on the right side of the building. If you want to give it to Faye please call to see if she is in the office.

Again, Happy Valentines Day!

Bob

Robert "Bob" Anderson, Supervisor



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Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

Attention soon-to-be Northville Central School graduates! With graduation just around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reflect on some of the memories that made your childhood special. Hopefully, that includes favorite books and stories.

The Friends of the Northville Library wants to recognize and honor the graduating class by purchasing favorite books for the library's collection. Inside each book will be a book plate commemorating the Northville Central School Class of 2026. Hopefully, these books will be a part of our library community for years to come — giving future generations the opportunity to enjoy these special books.

Seniors are invited to stop by the library to compete a quick list of favorite books. Forms will also be available at the school.

Books can be from any genre and for any age. It could be a bedtime story read before entering school; a book an elementary teacher shared with the class; a first-ever chapter book; a novel read in high school; an autobiography that resonated; a collection of short stories; non-fiction; or any well-loved book.

Submissions should be made by March 15 and may be

The logo for Fish House Fabrications. It features a stylized illustration of a fish skeleton at the top, with the word "FISH" in large, white, serif capital letters and "HOUSE" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. A decorative horizontal line with a fish fin at the end follows. Below this, the words "FABRICATIONS" are written in a gold-colored, serif font. To the left of the main text, there is a white box containing a list of services: "Pontoon Boat Repairs", "Custom Fabrication", "Stainless Steel, Aluminum", "Steel Welding Services", "Aluminum Dock Repair", "CNC Plasma Table Services", "Engraving", "Custom Signs", and "Metal Art". To the right of the main text, there is another white box containing "Like us on Facebook @ fishhousefabrications" and "Email: fishhousefabrications@gmail.com". At the bottom, the phone number "(518)883-7021" and the address "7178 Fish House Rd, Galway N.Y. 12074" are listed.

dropped off at the library. A book dedication will take place in the Spring.

In other Friends news, the board is looking to work with the library to assist with programming requests and other needs to help improve the library experience for the community. Our usual Mammoth Book Sale will take place during Fourth of July week. Book donations will be accepted again beginning on February 1 (we were unable to take donations during the library's recent renovation project).

As always, we thank the community for their support of the library and we look forward to a wonderful 2026.

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Tim Blydenburgh

=For those who have never visited the Edinburg Historical Society locations, or who haven't stopped by in recent years, here are some of the highlights of our collections and annual presentations.

The Rural Museum on North Shore Road, just beyond the fire station, used to be the town barn and is still owned by the town.

Inside the large red building, the historical society has a display of a general store, a typical Victorian parlor and kitchen, a workshop and displays of blacksmithing, maple sugaring, logging, dolls, an old farmhouse, a handmade canoe and many replicas of the Arad Copeland covered bridge which still stands farther down the road on Beecher Creek. Near the bridge is an old carriage shop, which is not currently open.

In between the Rural Museum and the 1800s bridge is the Nellie Tyrrell museum, an old schoolhouse named for Edinburg's first town historian. Inside is a military section with information about veterans dating to the American Revolution. There are also maps from different eras and a stunning collection of picture albums, with many



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of the photos depicting life in and around the town before the Great Sacandaga Lake was created nearly 100 years ago.

On Tange Road is the old Sand Hill one-room schoolhouse where we hold board and membership meetings and present holiday bazaars. A garage/shed was recently renovated for different uses.

In February, the society board hopes to meet to discuss new exhibits, the schedule for the opening of the museums — usually Saturdays in July and August — and annual fundraisers for each season.

We'll schedule speakers on historic topics and talk about other innovations and initiatives as well, so stay tuned. We're proud of our past speakers, including area resident Norma Porteus, who recently passed away at the age of 106. Look for next month's edition for more about her.

The historical society's website — www.edinburghhistoricalsociety.org — has more information, hats and shirts for sale and ways you can get involved by becoming a member and volunteering. Annual dues start at \$5 per person.

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Edinburg Senior News

Donna Houlihan

Upcoming Events sponsored by the Saratoga County Office for the Aging:

May 15, 2026 - Senior Luncheon

September 10, 2026 - Senior Picnic

When more details about these events are made available, I will share them here.

SNOWBIRDS

Safe travels. Enjoy your warmer weather. Just some tips to know before you go. Make sure your neighbors know you'll be away. They are watching your place anyway(lol), so if a strange vehicle pull in, they'll know what to do. Leave a light on or have one on a timer. Have the Post Office or neighbor hold your mail(so it doesn't pile up). Don't forget to have someone water your plants.

The Saratoga County Office for the Aging is a great resource for all seniors which include information on:

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New at the Library

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

Dear Edinburg Residents,

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

Book Clubs:

Sacandaga Book Club:

Wendy Haugh will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Date TBD. Summary: "Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her."

Evening Book Club:

The Evening Book Club will be reading *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30pm. Summary: "In this tale of passion and obsession, Diana Bishop, a young scholar and a descendant of witches, discovers a long-lost and enchanted alchemical manuscript, *Ashmole 782*, deep in Oxford's Bodleian Library. Its reappearance summons a fantastical underworld, which she navigates with her leading man, vampire geneticist Matthew Clairmont."

Programs at the Library:

We will be hosting the Alzheimer's Association for their lecture on the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's on Tuesday, February 24 @ 5pm.

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
- Art Guild: Every Fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm

Children Programs:

- Toddler Social Hour: First and Third Tuesdays of the month starting at 10am
- 1000 Books before kindergarten
- Lego Afternoons: Saturdays from 11am-12pm

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, February 17th 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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Thursday:	10am - 8pm
Friday:	10am - 6pm
Saturday:	10am - 2pm



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by Brian DeFeo

Our Call Log from December 12th through January 12th documents a total of nineteen requests for assistance. Seven of which all occurring on December 19th, due to the extremely high winds which hit our community.

The following is a listing of our Calls:

12/16 Mutual Aid to Northville
12/17 Mutual Aid to Northville
12/19 Mutual Aid to Hadley
12/19 Lines Down, Military Road
12/19 Lines Down, Fox Hill Road
12/19 Lines Down, Fox Hill Road
12/19 Lines Down, Fox Hill Road
12/19 Lines Down, Military Road
12/19 Mutual Aid to Northville
12/21 Lines Down, Northville Road
12/30 Lines down, Morris Road

12/30 Mutual Aid to Northville
1/5 EMS Assistance, Northville Road
1/9 EMS Assistance, Sand Lake Road
1/9 Mutual Aid to Northville
1/10 EMS Assistance, Sand Lake Road
1/10 Mutual Aid to Northville
1/11 Mutual Aid to Northville
1/13 Mutual Aid to Galway

Continual training is an important part of any fire company, Edinburg is no exception. This past Fall we had an opportunity to participate in a school bus extraction and rescue class. Thanks to the generosity of the Edinburg Common School District, whom provided two retired school buses for the exercise. Over thirty firefighters from numerous districts participated at the Saratoga County Fire Training Facility. This was followed up with a hands on session hosted by the Porter's Corners Fire District. At which time the buses were deconstructed as part of a simulated mass disaster motor vehicle accident. This particular drill does not occur very often as it is hard to obtain retired school buses. We thank Edinburg Common School District for being a critical partner in this effort. The following members of the Edinburg Fire Company attended this training: John Osmstead, Garret Metzler, Deb Jablonski, Christian Hosler.

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by Barbara Klueg

If Anyone Loves Me . . . Then

One time Ruth Bell Graham was asked in an interview: "Did you ever consider divorce over your many years of marriage to Billy?" She answered quickly, "Divorce no, murder yes!" I laughed hearing this. Let's face it, a good marriage takes work . . . and commitment, but it is SO worth it.

Happy Valentines Day! Show some extra love and appreciation for the Love of your life . . . your Valentine . . . Sweetheart . . . your True Love. Well, you get the idea. Make sure you do something special for your sweetheart, who has been there for you through thick and thin! (I want to add a personal note here.) I am so very thankful for the love of my life. Rick and I just celebrated 55 years of "Wedded Bliss". OK, I'll be honest, not every minute has been wedded bliss, but by striving to keep God in the center of our lives and marriage . . . and saying often: "I'm sorry" to each other and "You were right, right, right and

I was wrong, wrong, wrong", we have made it to 55 years. We praise God for His love and faithfulness to us.

We read a lot about love in the Bible, not just human love, but God's love for us. Did you know the Bible commands us to Love the Lord? It is not an option.

- "Love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always." (Deuteronomy 11:1)
- "Be very careful to observe the commandment to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." (Joshua 22:5)
- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Thinking back to my geometry class in high school, I vaguely remember learning about "If and Then". We were taught if something is true, then this next thing will be true. It works with the Bible too.

- "If anyone loves God, then he is known by God." (1 Corinthians 8:3)
- "If anyone loves me, then he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words." (John 14:23-24)

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Let's all thank God for His wonderful promises! "If anyone loves me, then . . . they are mine!"

Children are a blessing from God! We had a huge blessing at church recently when four families had their little ones dedicated to the Lord in the morning service. It looked like a parade as they marched up front holding their precious babies. Pastor Larson said a prayer for them and encouraged the parents to teach their children to love God with their whole heart. What a wonderful blessing to observe these families committing themselves to raise their children to know and love the Lord.

God instituted the church so believers could grow spiritually and serve the Lord together. Come and join the rest of us sinners . . . as we desire to do this very thing. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor Larson and Pastor Philo at church (518.863.8001). They are good listeners, love the Lord and are very encouraging. If you are housebound, you can watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org

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



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Northville Rotary Grows

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Save the Date! July 17-19 2026!

When many folks are dealing with the cold, snow and ice, Northville Rotarians turn their thoughts to the warm days of July. Planning for the 17th annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Show begins at the end of the previous show and continues throughout the year.

The first show was held at the Inn at the Bridge in July 2009 when 11 artists took a chance on the Northville Rotary's new venture. Two of those artists are still with us – Al Caruso and George Olsen!. The show grew steadily over the years to over 70 artists.

This is Northville Rotary's most important and many times only fund-raiser. In addition to raising money, the goal of the show was to bring more folks to the Village of Northville and spread the word about our lakes and activities. It usually is a great weekend for local stores and restaurants. We have had people ask "When will the show will be held this year?" so they can schedule their vacation that week!

This year, Northville Rotary's Seventeenth Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend July 17-19 will include artists from this area and beyond. Woodworkers, jewelers, weavers, potters, stained glass, photographers, painters, and many other artists will display and sell their artwork at the Bradt Building and Town Park on So. Main Street in the Village of Northville.

We are proud to announce this year's two Featured Artists. Ineke Fredricksen from Jefferson, NY creates unique cement leaves in all sizes and purposes including bird baths. Tad Davis from Northville builds beautiful Adirondack chairs, other unique furniture, and useful home wood products.

The festivities will begin on Friday from 5:00-8:00. Hours Saturday will be 9-4 and Sunday 10-3 and include demonstrations, raffles, and a silent auction. Food can be purchased from a number of vendors. Proceeds from this event will be used throughout the year to provide scholarships to students, support community organizations, and projects of Rotary International. Come share the fun!



Ineke exhibiting her cement art.



Tad relaxing in his Adirondack Chair.



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

February is usually a bitter cold month but it is also the month of love. Our church has been very fortunate to have given much love monetarily and in the form of donations. We give thanks to God for the ability to help others in need. Matthew 22 verse 37 tells us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself." We pray that our love will touch and help others during this new year and beyond. Will you also share God's love with your neighbors?

February 14th is Valentine's Day. This day is not just about romance, it's a day to remember the spiritual side of love. 1 John 4:9-12 tells us: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

February 15th is Transfiguration Sunday. This is the last Sunday before Lent and the end of the Epiphany season. You can read of this miraculous experience on the mountain in Matthew Chapter 17 where Peter, James and John saw Jesus "transfigured" before them. The message of the Transfiguration is that you can lean on Jesus and trust Him.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. There are 2 things we focus on: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. Throughout the Scriptures ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sins.

February 22nd is the 1st Sunday in Lent, an observance in the liturgical year commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring the temptations of Satan. It is a period of preparing to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Lent

is a season of Spiritual reflection and sacrifice. Please feel free to join us as we embark on our Lenten journey.

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.

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

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DID YOU KNOW THAT--

By Priscilla L. Edwards

Mother Nature is fickle—always has been—probably always will be. My son-in-law, George, says that she's cruel and she really is. Just when we think we have her figured out she pulls a surprise stunt like the tornado she sent us on July 16, 2024, doing so much damage to the South Shore of the Reservoir in Edinburg and Day. It hasn't been the first time and it won't be the last. Thankfully no lives were lost!

NO ONE-no one wants their routine disrupted in any way. I have found people over the years who are a little more accepting of it. In the past year and a half I have spoken with several South Shore residents and heard their reactions to the tornado and clean-up. Interesting indeed! I do hope that many had generators and were able to use them.

We live in the Adirondack Foothills and we learn to improvise, adapt and be resilient. This includes coping with what life sends our way. We also do our best to look out for our neighbors in times of emergency and need.

We got our first ice storm for winter 2025-2026 on Sunday night Dec. 28th into Monday morning Dec. 29, 2026. I'd much

rather have a foot of snow than an ice storm but-then-we never have a choice, do we? As I finished my breakfast coffee the lights went out and thankfully my generator kicked in. We were fortunate-power was back in a couple of hours!

In my early childhood we really didn't notice if the electricity went out. In fact, your home maybe didn't have electrical power at all. Edinburg received some electrical power in the 1930's but all work stopped with the onset of World War II in 1941. It was after the end of the war (1945) before many roads—including the one I live on—received electricity.

The majority of families heated their homes with wood-fired chunk stoves and cooked their meals on a wood-burning kitchen range. Your lights were kerosene lamps, no indoor plumbing and your refrigeration was a wooden icebox that operated on blocks of ice in the summer to keep your food cool. Outside lighting was a kerosene lantern.

We don't lose electrical power nearly as often as we once did. Since Niagara Mohawk started contracting with various tree trimming companies we seldom lose power as so many of the problem trees have been cut or trimmed. If we do lose power it doesn't stay off as long.

Within the past thirty to forty years many homes have acquired gas or propane-fired generators. Something never heard of when I was a kid. These are costly but I'm so thankful to have one!

In the mid-1960's a bad storm struck the area wiping out the electrical power. Our new home had all electrical appliances which were of little use. We did have a wood-burning furnace in the cellar which kept the house warm. What to do? While my husband, Jay, loaded our young daughters into the car, I grabbed a loaf of bread and bottle of milk and we headed a half-mile down the road to the Edwards' family farm. At that time the old farmhouse was heated with wood-burning chunk stoves in the parlor and living room while Grandma Edwards cooked all the family meals on the kitchen wood stove. Mornings always found the coffee pot and tea kettle staying hot on the back of the stove.

I hurriedly wiped off the griddle tops with a clump of wax paper, tossed on a few slices of bread and in nothing flat—we had breakfast.

Over the years as a power outage occurred one learned to improvise using what you had available to put a meal together. Sixty years ago many small-town women (incl. your truly) did a great deal of home canning, putting up hundreds of jars of food placed on shelves in the cold cellar: fruits, vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams and jellies—even meat-canned venison is delicious. Many baked several loaves of bread each week. As freezers became more affordable, one of those was added to our cellar. Country women didn't make a trip to the store every day! Still don't!

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In time we installed a Ben Franklin stove in our living room. It was ideal to warm the house in late spring after the furnace had been turned off for the season or in early fall before the furnace had been turned on. We never left home while the stove was burning as it had sheet metal sides rather than heavier metal sides but was ideal for cooking meals when the power was out.

As time went by more and more families acquired gas-operated generators-some pull-start and others push-button start. Jackie's diner at the 4-corners also installed a generator which made it great for town folks to grab a meal or cup of coffee.

In 2000 Jay purchased a gas-fired, push-button start generator from Sacandaga Outdoor Equipment on Rt. 30 just below Northville. He consulted with an electrician in order to safely switch from electric to generator and back again. When using the generator for the first time we had heavy-duty lead cords running throughout the house! The next time the electrician had set things up in the cellar and all I had to do was turn switches off and on as needed. That was my job. I would slip on my headlamp and to the back corner of the cellar I'd go!

After several years this generator developed a problem and it was replaced with a pull-start generator which I could not start. Murphy's Law says that a husband is never around when you need him so as a general rule when we lost power I depended on family or neighbors to start the generator. Thank goodness for Chrissy and her boys!

In February 2012 Jay lost his life in a trucking accident. I continued on with the old generator. After several years I knew I had to do something different. As we all got older some helpers developed health issues; the neighbor boys and my grandson moved on with their lives and I could no longer carry a 5-gal. can of gas. I bit the bullet-bought a propane-fired generator and never looked back! Hugh decision but so glad I did!

A "heads up" to my readers—please check on your neighbors in case of a storm. Even if they own a generator they may not be

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able to gas it up or start it. Check those that have no generator. They may need a warm place to stay until the power comes back on. Some folks are hesitant to ask for help and -believe it or not-not everyone has a cell phone, a computer or on face book .

One more word on Mother Nature—she may be fickle but she also sends us-I believe with help from the "man upstairs"-some wonderful things such as beautiful sunrises, glorious sunsets, rainbows and the fantastic Northern lights.

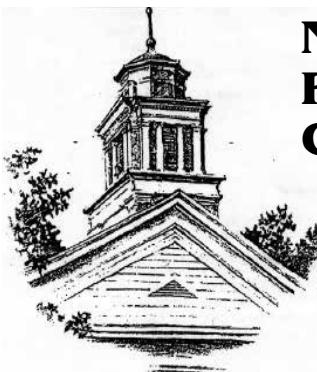
Long-time Edinburg Historical Society member Norma Porteus passed away December 31, 2025 at the age of 106. She would have been 107 on January 11, 2026. Norma was a "jewel". We Edinburg Historical Society members who had the privilege of working with Norma over the years at many of our events were truly blessed. She was one of a kind! God Bless Her! More on Norma in next month's issue.



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Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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Grace to you and peace, from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

As I sit down to write this, my heart is heavy with lament, a profound experience deeper than mere sadness, its weight felt deep in my being. As a minister of the Gospel, I try to share the good news and hope we have in Jesus, to encourage those who are fearful and strengthen the weary. But sometimes even pastors experience the kind of brokenness of spirit that comes in the wake of too many tragedies. I know that hope and confidence will rise in me again as a gift from God, but right now I need to speak of the heaviness and brokenness felt by so many.

Last week, the world watched the killing of Renee Nicole Good at the hands of a federal officer. Three shots and two words of contempt aimed at a young mother who had broken no law, and who posed no credible threat. Then I watched as leaders and citizens alike slandered her, calling her a “domestic terrorist” and claiming, in spite of evidence to the contrary, that she was attempting to kill the officer who shot her. The current administration, and too many of our compatriots, rushed to the defense of the one who killed her, and celebrated the death of an innocent woman.

And while Renee Good’s death is tragic, and some of the responses to her death are deeply disturbing, it is also just one

example of the myriad ways in which the powers of this world abuse and oppress people, not only in foreign nations, but even more heartbreakingly, right here in the United States. Immigrants and citizens alike are being terrorized by our own government in cities and states seen as disloyal to the current regime; those in positions of power have cast empathy and inclusiveness as weakness; funding for programs that help the most vulnerable of our neighbors at home and abroad has been frozen or slashed, leading to thousands of unnecessary deaths; and now the administration in DC is threatening to ignite war in Latin America and in Europe and in the Middle East.

As a Christian pastor, and a disciple of Jesus, I am deeply disturbed by the fact that many of my brothers and sisters in the faith have pledged ultimate allegiance to this president and this administration. Scripture tells us, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:2-3). God alone, as witnessed to in Scripture and embodied in Jesus Christ, is our ultimate allegiance and the object of our trust and obedience. We are called to reject the elevation of loyalty to any personality, political party, or community above our duty to love God through love of others.

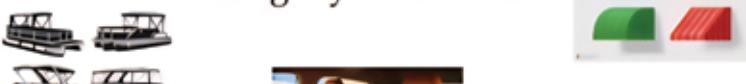
Furthermore, God’s prophets and his Son Jesus Christ have made clear that what matters most to God is that we live with one another in communities of fairness, compassion, humility, and mutual respect. As Christians, we are called to support practices and policies that improve justice and kindness, and to commit ourselves to seeing all persons as beloved of God, and therefore worthy of our respect, even in times of disagreement over politics, religion and social concerns.

Finally, throughout the Hebrew stories of liberation, the call of the prophets, and the example of Jesus, God expresses special concern for the vulnerable in society, especially the poor, the marginalized, and immigrants. Christ calls us to stand against the inhumanity in policies of indiscriminate detainment, imprisonment and deportation of immigrants and even citizens in the US, as well as in the threats posed to our common well-being by draconian cuts to governmental services.

In the name of Christ, we must call on our government to cease the sweeping targeting and detainment of people who “look” or “sound” like immigrants, to strive for a more measured and compassionate response to the complex realities surrounding immigration, and to enhance rather than reduce governmental investment in human services and civil protections.

Two thousand years ago, God entered into our midst as one of us, taking on our lot and our life, and even our death, in order to free us from the sins of self-seeking, of worshipping power and wealth, of setting ourselves in judgment over one another. And for two thousand years, we have continued to miss the mark of

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My prayer for the days, weeks, and months ahead is that people of Christian faith, as well as those of other faiths, or even no faith at all, might come to see one another as equal partners in the task of speaking truth to power, calling for mercy and righteousness in our common life, and caring deeply for those who are in need and find themselves excluded, oppressed or marginalized. In this way, may the divisions we have allowed to deepen, the seeds of discord and mistrust we have sown, and the animosity towards those who are “different” be healed and our common life strengthened, so that all of God’s children might live securely and in peace with one another.

May it be so, with God’s blessing, guidance and love.

Portions of this article are based on the statement ‘We Cannot Remain Silent,’ from Albany Presbytery. The full statement can be found at albanypresbytery.org by searching for ‘We Cannot Remain Silent’”

Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

A Guiding Tradition

We who live in the Adirondacks every day have a kind of connection with not only our towns and communities, but also with the wilderness that surrounds us. Yet, newcomers or visitors to the area may need some assistance in discovering that kind of link for themselves. In a book on the history of Adirondack guides, Chuck Brumley tells us that guides stand as that “bridge between the wilderness and the people.” Those guides have served as such conduits from the early days of European colonization, and though they number fewer today than they once did, guides still offer much needed service, safety, and discovery to many.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) tells us that today, 2,500 licensed guides populate the state, with 256 of them right here in Warren (139), Fulton (18), Saratoga (83), and Montgomery (6) Counties. (Individuals can actually search NYSDEC Guides site by county and desired activity to find the licensed guide they need.)

Long before such licensing became required or the state kept such records, the Mohawk, Abenaki, and other Haudenosaunee peoples acted as guides to the European settlers. Who knew the Adirondack wilderness better than they? Whether they assisted the colonizers in the fur trade, aided hunters in providing food for their communities, or helped colonial military powers navigate the trailless lands, the Native American guides enabled the success and survival of the Europeans.

Famous guides such as the Abenaki Mitchell Sabattis built reputations for expertise in and extensive knowledge about the Adirondack wilderness, whether they ferreted out new and expedient trails; tracked enemies or animals such as bear, deer, moose, wolves, and panthers; or paddled the sometimes unpredictable and dangerous waterways

with aplomb. By the 1800s, when wealthy city folk came to the Adirondacks for cooler temperatures, evasion of diseases, or the challenges of an adventure, guides became their quite popular choice, even for Presidents such as Arthur and Cleveland. According to Adirondack Life writer, Annie Stoltie, guides such as Orson Phelps, Bill Nye, Mart Moody, Alvah Dunning, Orson Schofield, and the (probably) first known female Adirondack guide, Julia Burton Preston had a following and set a standard. Before the heydays of the Great Camps, the guides predominated.

In those days, no New York State licensing existed; not until 1914 did such requirements arise. According to NYSDEC, today’s rules for licensing mandate that each guide completes and submits the application and several other forms; passes at



Sabattis photographed circa 1855 with a pack basket and guideboat

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70% or higher the written exams in basic guiding services and any specialty area they will practice; acquires certification in any one of 16 areas of first aid, in CPR, and in any one of 12 areas of water safety; and successfully completes any additional courses necessary in the area of specialty they will offer. Every guide must also possess any applicable license necessary to conduct their operation: fishing, hunting, and other such sporting licenses. Guide and blogger Dan Crane tells us the exam consists of 54 general requirement questions plus 20 questions for each, specific category. He adds that once the applicant has met all requirements and paid the \$100 fee (for a 5-year license)

and \$20 for any additional specialty area, the applicant will receive a frameable certificate, an ID card that must be carried at all times, and a bronze badge. The guide, defined by NYSDEC as “a person 18+ years of age who offers services for hire, part or all of which includes directing, instructing, or aiding another in fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, white water rafting/canoeing/ kayaking, or rock and ice climbing” can then offer those services anywhere in New York State. Once a person becomes a guide, that individual might want to join the New York State Outdoor Guide Association, which, among other opportunities for peer interaction, “Each March hosts a 4-day Winter Rendezvous event” for both aspiring guides and existing guides.

One of today’s guides, Sheila Young, interviewed by Annie Stoltie, states that “Guiding is a profession you have to love. You’re probably not going to get rich doing it. Guides of the past were caretakers, carpenters, and lumbermen – today there are guides who are doctors and lawyers.” She adds that the joy “is in helping other people learn how to love this place as much as you do.” Andrea Rice, a fellow guide and another woman, whose numbers among NY State guides are rising, according to Young, notes that “too many people underestimate the Adirondacks,” and though they should get a guide, they instead rely on themselves, social media, and cell phones and come to the wilderness essentially unprepared. That unpreparedness often leads to dangerous situations that require rescue.

Guides in the Adirondacks help people prepare for and then enjoy a wide variety of activities that encompass all 4 seasons: biking, camping, hiking, boating, paddling, rafting, hunting, fishing, and mountaineering. Even during the winter months, guides lead snowmobiling outings, snowshoeing treks, cross-country skiing guided adventures, winter hiking and camping journeys, ice-climbing, winter mountaineering, and winter hunting and ice-fishing tours. These trips tend to provide all required gear and guide the participant in what to wear, what food, snacks, and beverages to bring, etc. On a successful adventure, all participants have attained their goals, stayed safe, and learned something while doing so.

Many of these adventures consume perhaps a day, or maybe a weekend or a week. Even as far back as the mid 1900s, guide Philip Christy, quoted by Adirondack Almanack writer Charles Herr, bemoaned the fact that “hunters now-a-days are always in a hurry. They come in on the morning train, want to hunt for a day, and go out on the night train. In the early years, a party for a two weeks’ stay was out of the ordinary; most of them came for a month.” Perhaps today’s users of Adirondack guides also have limited time, but still, they spend it here with experts who lead them and perhaps show them enough to bring them back for a longer – or maybe even a permanent – stay. Perhaps these guides unwittingly serve as the PR managers of our areas, for in their successful outings, they start the germination of a love for the place we are all fortunate enough to call home.



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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! Even when the weather turns cold, our church family stays warm through worship,

fellowship, and faith. Join us and be reminded that there's no better place to find warmth than in God's presence and among His people. We ask God's blessing on you and your families.

We are meeting in worship on Sunday mornings in the chapel area off the dining room for the winter months. It's a warmer, cozier space for singing and praying, a space for us to feel closer to one another spiritually and to feel the Holy Spirit among us.

February is normally a very quiet month in our church. It's the space between Christmas and Lent where we relax and regroup for several months. Some of us are still wrestling with whether or not to get the Christmas decorations put away or keep them up for a couple more weeks to enjoy some of our favorite things. Others have their tree out on the curb and all traces of holiday décor put away by the day after Christmas or at least by New Year's Day. It's all personal preference. However, for those of us who are born procrastinators, we are in for a rude awakening because the end of February 2026 brings us smack into the season of Lent! Surprise! In the meantime, we get to celebrate Valentine's Day and eat more chocolate and the school kids get a winter break for Presidents' Day/Week. February can feel long and cold even though it is the shortest month of the year ... but God's love is warm and steady. If you need prayer or a friendly conversation, send us a message; we're here for you.

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day: "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Valentine's Day is a sweet reminder that God's love is the very source of all love. May we share it freely — with kind words, grateful hearts and acts of compassion. This month, let's share God's love in simple ways — a kind note, a prayer, a helping hand. Look for ways to bless someone around you! *

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday: It marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of

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Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention.

Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life. Lent is a time to let God do “spring cleaning” within us. It’s our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the “stuff” that hinders us and then freshen up the “new creature” we are meant to be as followers of Christ. *

Feb 22 – First Sunday in Lent: Why should we observe Lent? We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, “Stop and rest awhile.” Lent says, “Stop doing wrong.” We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK: look inward for an honest self-examination; look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love; look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN: listen to the words of Christ; listen to the voice of God; listen to the winds of the Spirit of God. Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent. *

Out of the mouths of children: A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, “What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving-kindness?” A young boy thought for a moment and replied, “Well, if I were hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread with butter on it, that would be kindness; but, if they added a spoonful of jam, that would be loving-kindness.” *

Our Thrift Store ministry is open through the winter ... weather permitting ... and thriving. Our volunteers are wonderful. Would you like to volunteer a few hours a month? Let us know. Hours are: Tuesdays, 2-5 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags. All purchases are by donation. Gently worn, good, clean, used clothing only is accepted and welcomed. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, BEDDING, ETC. We cannot emphasize this enough! We look forward to seeing you!

* Inspirational thoughts from The NEWSLETTER Newsletter, February 2026

Dear Property Owner

David Smail, Co-chair, Property Owners Association of Day

At the January 13, 2026, Hudson River Black River Regulating District’s (HRBRRD) Board of Directors Meeting we heard from the New York State’s Office of General Services (OGS) and the engineering firm (Colliers Engineering Design) about the plans for the rehabilitation of the Conklingville Dam. The OGS plans on submitting a proposed design package to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in February. Once comments are received and incorporated OGS plans sending out the request for quotes to prospective construction firms during the summer of 2026. OGS plans on awarding the construction contract during the fall of 2026.

During the construction, there are no plans to lower the lake level below the normal seasonal water level of the Great Sacandaga Lake. The rehabilitation will include repairing the concrete and stone wall of the spillway and the dam retaining wall. Major work will be done on the dam’s outlet structure, which contains the three eight-foot diameter Dow valves. The Dow valves are nearly 100 years old and will be replaced with modern gate valves. This work will require major modification to the outlet structure building, which may at times limit road traffic across the dam.

The channel downstream of the outlet structure will be refurbished to prevent erosion from discharge. The new valves can be throttled for better control of the releases from the lake.

Five relief wells will be installed in the dam embankment to improve the control of the water pressure inside the dam structure.

The construction phase of the project is expected to last three years.

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A Beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



Here in upstate New York, where winter temperatures frequently drop into the single digits and snow accumulation is heavy, bees employ highly specialized strategies to survive without hibernating.

Unlike other insects that die off or go dormant, honey bee colonies remain active throughout the winter, transforming their hive into a self-regulating thermal chamber.

The Winter Cluster: A Living Furnace

As temperatures in New York drop below 50°F (10°C), honey bees retreat into the hive and form a “winter cluster,” a dense ball of bees that surrounds the queen.

Heat Generation: Bees at the center of the cluster vibrate their flight muscles rapidly—a process similar to shivering—to generate heat. This can maintain a core temperature between



90°F and 95°F even when it is sub-zero outside.

Rotation System: To ensure no individual bee freezes, workers constantly rotate from the cold outer layer (the mantle) to the warm inner core.

Fueling the Heat: This intense physical activity requires massive amounts of energy. A single colony in upstate New York typically needs 60 to 90 pounds of stored honey to survive until spring.

Physiological Adaptations

The bees that survive the New York winter are biologically different from summer bees.

“Winter Bees”: Born in late autumn, these bees have higher fat reserves and a protein called vitellogenin, which allows them to live for 4 to 6 months, compared to the 4 to 6-week lifespan of summer foragers.

Metabolic Control: During extreme cold, bees can enter a state of torpor or semi-hibernation to conserve energy and food.

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Snow and Moisture Management

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Snow as Insulation: Deep snow around a hive can actually help by acting as a natural windbreak and insulator.

The Danger of Condensation: As bees “shiver,” they produce moisture. In an unventilated hive, this rises, condenses on the lid, and drips back down as freezing water, which can kill the cluster instantly. Beekeepers in New York often use quilt boxes filled with wood shavings to absorb this moisture.

Cleansing Flights: On rare sunny days when temperatures exceed 50°F, bees temporarily break the cluster for “cleansing flights” to eliminate waste outside the hive, keeping the interior sanitary.

Strategies of Other New York Bees

Not all bees survive as colonies.

Bumblebees: Only the newly mated queens survive by burrowing deep into the soil or under leaf litter to hibernate.

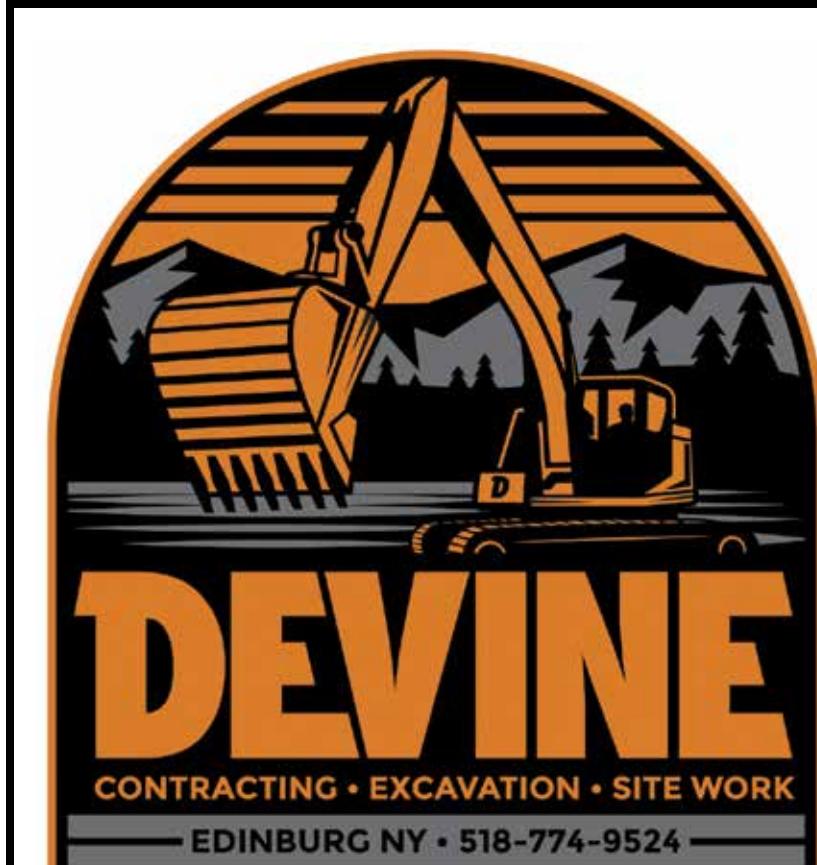
Solitary Bees: Species like mason bees or carpenter bees often overwinter as larvae in protected nests, emerging only when the spring thaw arrives.

Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

In the midst of all the excitement and romance for February 14, very few know of the flower or the saint who started it all: the Violet and the martyred youth, Valentine. St Valentine, persecuted by a Roman emperor, was in prison when he continued his good works by encouraging other believers with messages of friendship and love. According to legend, Valentine crushed the violet flowers growing outside his cell, making an ink to write with and delivered them via dove. It is also said that this priest maintained a friendship with his jailer's blind daughter, who he wrote to daily and cured her of ailment. He was executed on February 14, 269 A.D. This coincided with the pagan festivals of Lupercalia, held in honor of the goddess Juno, who favored women and marriage. Thanks to Valentine, this festival was now associated with romantic love, fertility rites and the coming of spring. Violets, linked to faithfulness or the “I return your love” sentiment, were a symbol as well as a popular offering between lovers. Because of this, violets are the original Valentine Flower.

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Viola plants from the family of Violaceae consist of Violets and Pansies and have been cultivated by the ancient Greeks since 500 BC or earlier. The name 'pansy' is derived from the French word pensee meaning 'thought'; the way the flower bends, it looks like the face of a man in thought. The pansy is a hybrid of three species of wild violets. . There are around 500 types of violets in the world. These, however, do not include the African Violet, which is a different genus altogether. One quirk of some Violets is their elusive scent. This is because of a component of the scent (a ketone) which dulls the sensory receptors in the nose preventing any further scent being detected from the flower until the nerves recover. Yet the Sweet Violet has a distinguishable sweet scent.

Sweet Violets are edible and are used to decorate meals and desserts or flavor desserts with essence of Violet flowers. The young leaves are edible raw or cooked as a somewhat bland leaf vegetable. The entire plant has been said to have medicinal properties and its tea has large amounts of vitamins A & C. Violets contain substances which act like antioxidants and show antimicrobial and antiviral properties. Ancient Greeks, Romans and Chinese medicine use violets for herbal remedies, wine and in cough syrup as a chest congestion relief. The Greeks also used violets in love potions because it



was considered a symbol of fertility and love.

In Central Russia, violets may have helped the hordes of invading Tartars as they moved across the plains. Always on the move, they were often forced to live off the land. An account by the 17th century Russian traveler Gmelin, who was the first to travel as far as Siberia, claims that among tubers in the ground, the Tartars ate the roots of violets which were cooked

down into a pasty soup which aided in keeping them full as they migrated westward. In France, Napoleon Bonaparte declared Violets his signature flower, and used the blooms to cover his wife Josephine's grave when she died in 1814. In fact, he was called Corporal Violet by friends, after promising them he would return from his exile on Elba before violet season.

The first Violet Day was held on July 2, 1915 in Australia. Violets were sent from as far away as Melbourne and the western district of Victoria. Tiny bouquets of violets with purple ribbons printed with the words "In Memory" were sold in the streets of Adelaide.

The US has embraced the Violet, making it the state flower for New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island.

For a nice tribute to the Violet & Valentine's Day, I found it fitting to share this poem:

The story of Saint Valentine Is a legend, it is true.
But legends are delightful and very lovely, too.
The legend says Saint Valentine, imprisoned in a cell,
Was thinking of his little flock he had always loved so well.
He wanted to assure them of his friendship and his love,
So he picked a bunch of violets and sent them by a dove.
And on the violet's velvet leaves he pierced these lines divine...
They simply said "I LOVE YOU and I'm your Valentine."
So through the years that followed from that day unto this,
Folks still send messages of love and seal them with a kiss.
Because a Saint in prison Reached outside his bars one day
And picked a bunch of violets and sent them out to say
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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

The last few days, the sky has been covered with clouds and it has been very windy. The sun finally came out and Big Hoss and I went outside to enjoy the afternoon. As I sit here, I look around and can't believe that January is flying by. Television, radio and print ads have moved on from Christmas to focus on ads for Valentines Day. The media is telling us what we need to buy for the people we love. Jewelry ads, once again, tell us that jewelry is the best gift and diamonds will last forever. The florists that tell us that flowers are a girl's best friend. The candy companies that tell us our sweethearts need luscious chocolate treats.

I remember my first Valentines Day, after Bill and I started dating. I was home from college on winter break. All of my college friends had been talking about what their boyfriends promised them for Valentines Day. I really had no expectation, I was just happy to be home to spend time with

Billy. He surprised me with a dozen red roses. I was absolutely thrilled. I had been given flowers before, from other people, but never a boyfriend. I could not wait to show them to my parents.

The next morning I could not wait to see and smell those beautiful roses again. When I went out to the kitchen I gasped. The roses had died overnight. I knew they were expensive and was afraid to tell Billy they had died. Fortunately he bought them from a great florist, who also happened to be a friend. They replaced the roses immediately. I didn't really need the flowers to know that I was loved. I did however appreciate the thoughtfulness as neither of us had a lot of money. Those beautiful roses died within a week but I knew it was the thought that counted.

That Valentines Day was 51 years ago. I think fondly of that first Valentines day. We did not have a lot of money but we had love. We got married a year and a half later. Over the years, I have learned that being loved is the greatest gift in the world. We did not have money to buy things for each other when we started out. I was going to college and he was working two jobs. We got married, had our children, bought a house . . . well you know how that story goes. Throughout the years we learned we needed to make time for each other and that was not always easy. Time is the best gift you can ever give someone. Quality time with the ones you love, is the best gift you can ever give to them and yourself. That being said it is extremely hard. We all operate in "our own little worlds". Sometimes our orbits are off

and those worlds do not always come together, for many reasons. It happens to everyone. As we grew older, we learned how to prioritize our time. It wasn't easy and we both made sacrifices to each other, our family and friends.

I flew down to Florida one week, every month, for over 12 years to help my dad with my mom, I would spend the day and early evening with my parents. At night I would stay up to catch up on work, making phone calls to customers and catching up on the day to day tasks. It was not easy but it was a priority. It put a lot of pressure on Billy and our family but we figured it out. It was not easy but I am happy, now, that I was able to do that. Both of our parents are gone now but I remember how their faces lit up when we walked in the door.

Giving the gift of yourself is rare in this hustle bustle world. There are so many more distractions these days. Making the time to be together with your significant other and your family means more than roses, chocolates, diamonds or expensive dinners. It is about giving the gift of yourself and sharing quality time with the one(s) you love.

I wish you all a Valentines Day filled with love and laughter!



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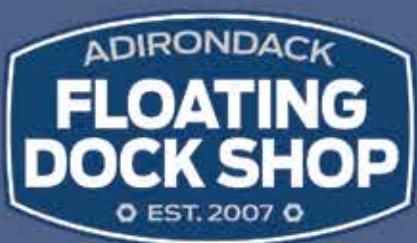
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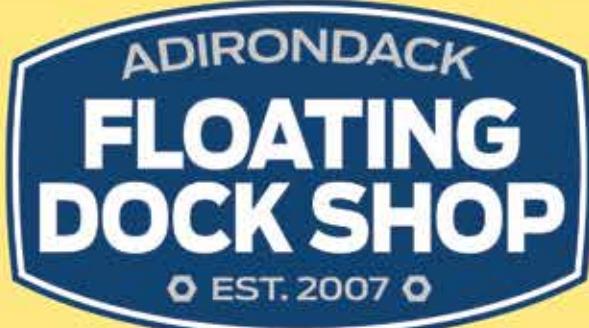
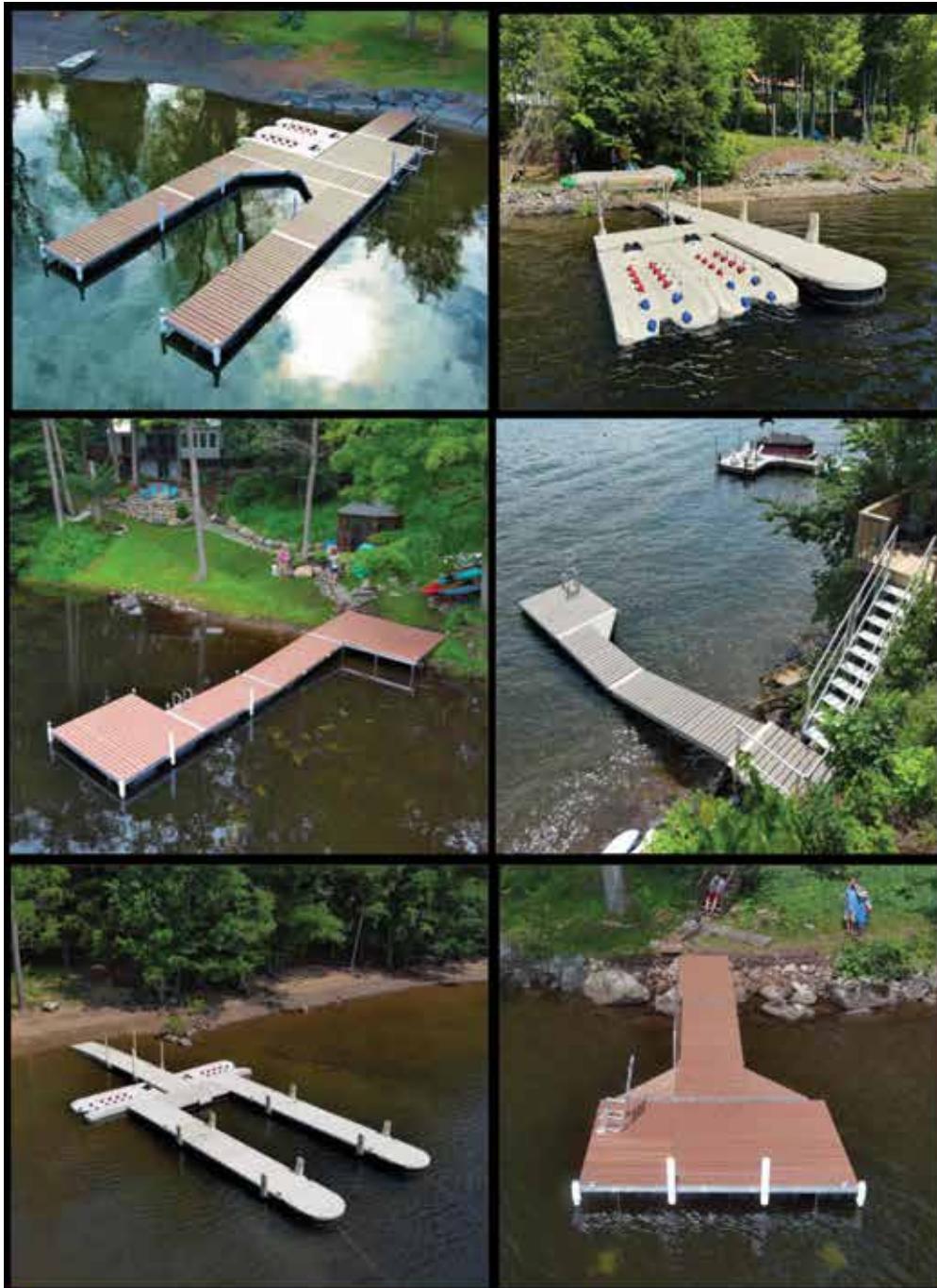
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Sufficiency and Other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

I miss my old tires. I am very happy that I'm not driving on them anymore. But I have other plans for them. I'm contemplating a small, cozy addition on the house. A few years ago someone noticed worn out tires could take a detour from the scrap heap and return to usefulness. They can serve as a containment system for crushed stone, a foundation for buildings.

There are advantages to this system, according to users. Movement of ground water can undermine cement. (So can ground hogs I'm told.) Cement slabs are rigid, thus prone to cracking over time. Tire-and-stone foundations are solid without being rigid. Also it's more accessible for the do-it-yourself builder and more affordable. It's upcycling, direct use of a cast off material. Around 300 million tires a year get replaced per year in the USA. That's abundance.

Once you've rolled the tires into place and finished the foundation, you could celebrate by having a paper drive. Raising the walls can be an upcycling project as well. I'm new to the

papercrete conversation, but if 60# of newspapers along with 30# of sand and cement can be converted into a stack of building blocks, the idea is very appealing. The paper sources can include cereal boxes, cardboard, catalogs, paper egg cartons, etc. Here the primary material is free, unlike 2x4s, plywood, Tyvek, siding, dry wall, spackle, tape and paint.

Does building suddenly sound more affordable?

As with cordwood walls, which look like a face cord of fire wood stacked up and mortared together, the northern builders usually start with a post-and-beam framework. That saves the walls from bearing the weight of an unpredictable snow load. That also helps simplify the approval process with the building inspector.

I imagine, however, that anyone who wants to try a nontraditional building method needs to be ready to lay out a case for it and help the building inspector come up to speed in some cases. Even in Florida for instance, my sister found the building inspector in a remote rural area was not yet familiar with solar projects. She offered source material but he felt that would add 6 months to the project.

But kids love to build. They love to persuade adults. Pioneering local efforts of a new building method could be a very

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All this excitement over bald tires and cereal boxes reminds me of a comedy skit a friend shared with me. The comedian was advertising String For Sale! Little tiny pieces of very short string! Short, yes very short! Not even an inch long! Then what's it good for? he was asked. Well, ah, it's absorbent, yes! Very absorbent!! Seeing potential in what's at hand, thinking outside the box, is such an important part of the entrepreneurial spirit. The comedian got laughs, but students might get employed.



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NEWS From the President of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association

Jane Kinney Denning

"In February, nature reminds us that even in the coldest moments, beauty can still flourish"

Gabriela Aleman

It is the time of year when the beauty of the Great Sacandaga Lake and the surrounding mountains and forests remind us of the power of nature and the restorative power of slowing down and taking it all in: be it from your ice shanty on the lake or from your kitchen window. February is also one of those months that can make you feel hopeful (something we need right now) and the longer days of sunlight bring us a bit closer to the warm summer months.

February is also a great month to get organized and to take care of things you have been putting off or meaning to do. For me, that means getting organized and working with the board of the GSLA to continue our work of Advocating, Educating, Preserving, and Protecting the Great Sacandaga Lake. Apart from the logistics of running the association we are busy planning our upcoming 2nd Annual Clean - Up day event (early June - date TBD). Our goal with this event is to bring together people from all around the lake to join us as environmental stewards in cleaning up our road, beaches and parks. We are just starting to work out the details of the event - using lessons learned from our first event - and it is clearer than ever that we need your support to help us make the day a success.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with us, please email us at GSLA438@gmail.com. This month's meeting is Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 (online) and we love to have members join us - just send us an email and we will send you the link to join us.

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annual member meeting (August) and some new initiatives that I will be sharing with you in future newsletters. One of the things I am most excited about is continuing to build partnerships with all of the great organizations working on lake issues. If you are not familiar with them all you can check out who they are and what they do on the GSLA website under About the GSLA/ Friends of the GSLA. And while you are there, be sure to check out our "ecology blog" as we have a new editor who will be adding information regularly.

So enjoy the month of February and all it has to offer and please do consider becoming a member of the GSLA and don't forget to follow-us on Facebook, we share a lot of information there that you might find interesting and informative. And as always, thank you for your support!

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“Be My Valentine” the phrase we use to express affection to another on Valentine’s Day. Cards in shops often depict images of bears hugging, rabbits smooching and owls snuggling together on a branch. With the exception of our domestic animals most wild animals look alike. It makes me think about us as humans. Could you imagine if we all looked alike, guys and gals.

How would we choose another? How do wild animals choose? That’s a column for another time.

Many years ago we had heard of eagle sightings in our area. “They” told us, “Late afternoon is when they appear flying right about there” fingers pointing skyward. So we waited along with a dozen others their spotting scopes, tripods and telephotos on the ready. I had my

best binoculars. Sure enough the waiting paid off and there they were soaring in broad circles occasionally performing the mating ritual “sky dance” dipping, swirling and somersaulting through the air talons interlocked. (Although eagles can live to 30 years they are not ready for breeding until 4-5 years old.)



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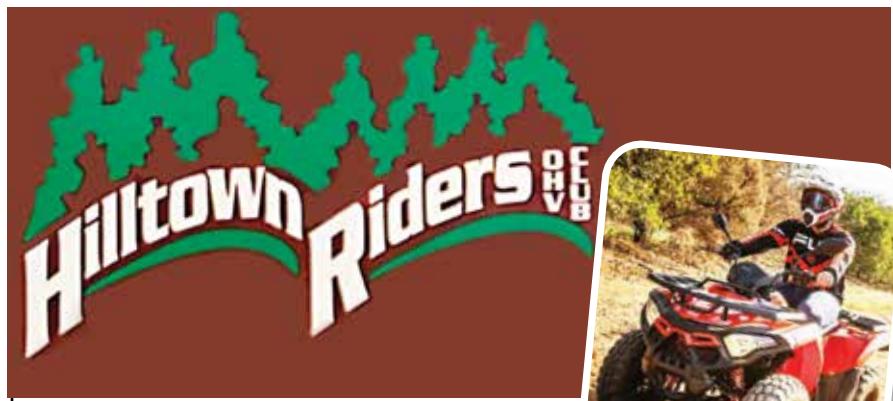
After choosing their mate, they remain monogamous. They nest in a tall tree preferably near open water and reuse that nest renovating as needed every year. The nests are quite huge to support these large birds of prey and their eaglets and over the years eagles have settled here nesting in the Sacandaga region.

Historically Bald Eagles were prolific and common in North America, the only continent they are resident. Because they are birds of prey and will take ducks and small animals as well as their preferred fish, pioneers considered them negatively and overhunting nearly exterminated them. More recently the effects of DDT caused reproductive failure again influencing their numbers. They disappeared in the Adirondacks by the 60's but conservation efforts in the 60's and 70's through transporting and releasing eagles from Alaska into New York has seen a major reestablishment of the Bald Eagle here. They are no longer considered endangered. (Today a concern for them, as well as other raptors and some fish eating ducks, is lead poisoning from ammo and lead sinkers.)

Last winter when the ice finally came on the lake road kill deer carcasses were placed out for wintering eagles. Eagles are considered partial migrants and may stay in their territory near rivers and hydro plants with open water. I counted 11 at one

time both mature and immature dining communally. A few sat in the trees on one side of the lake waiting their turn and a few more on the other side. One would land and "walk" hesitatingly to the carcass. Occasional scuffles would break out and one would do the "Native Dance" wings half open hopping from one foot to the other as if the ice was too cold on his talons. I imagine that long ago indigenous peoples also observed this behavior and mimicked it during their dance rituals.

My favorite sighting happened by chance on a warm winter day. I had been hiking and took a rest in the sun on the shore of the lake. There was an area of open water. Suddenly to my right an adult eagle appeared about 20 feet away soaring over the water head sweeping back and forth in search of a meal. That was when it was pretty rare to see one. I now look forward every year while kayaking locally to visit our resident eagle family watching them on their nest, resting in the trees, and listening to the eaglet's cries echoing over the lake, no longer a rarity but always exciting.



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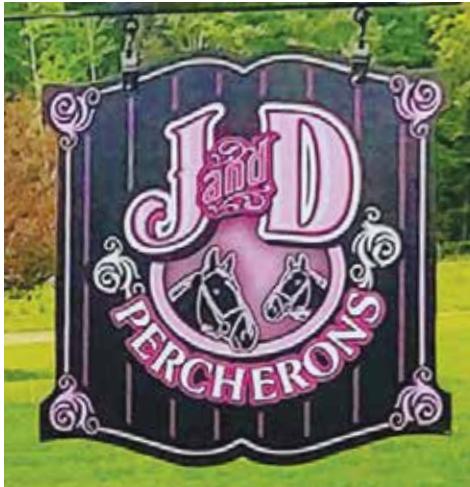
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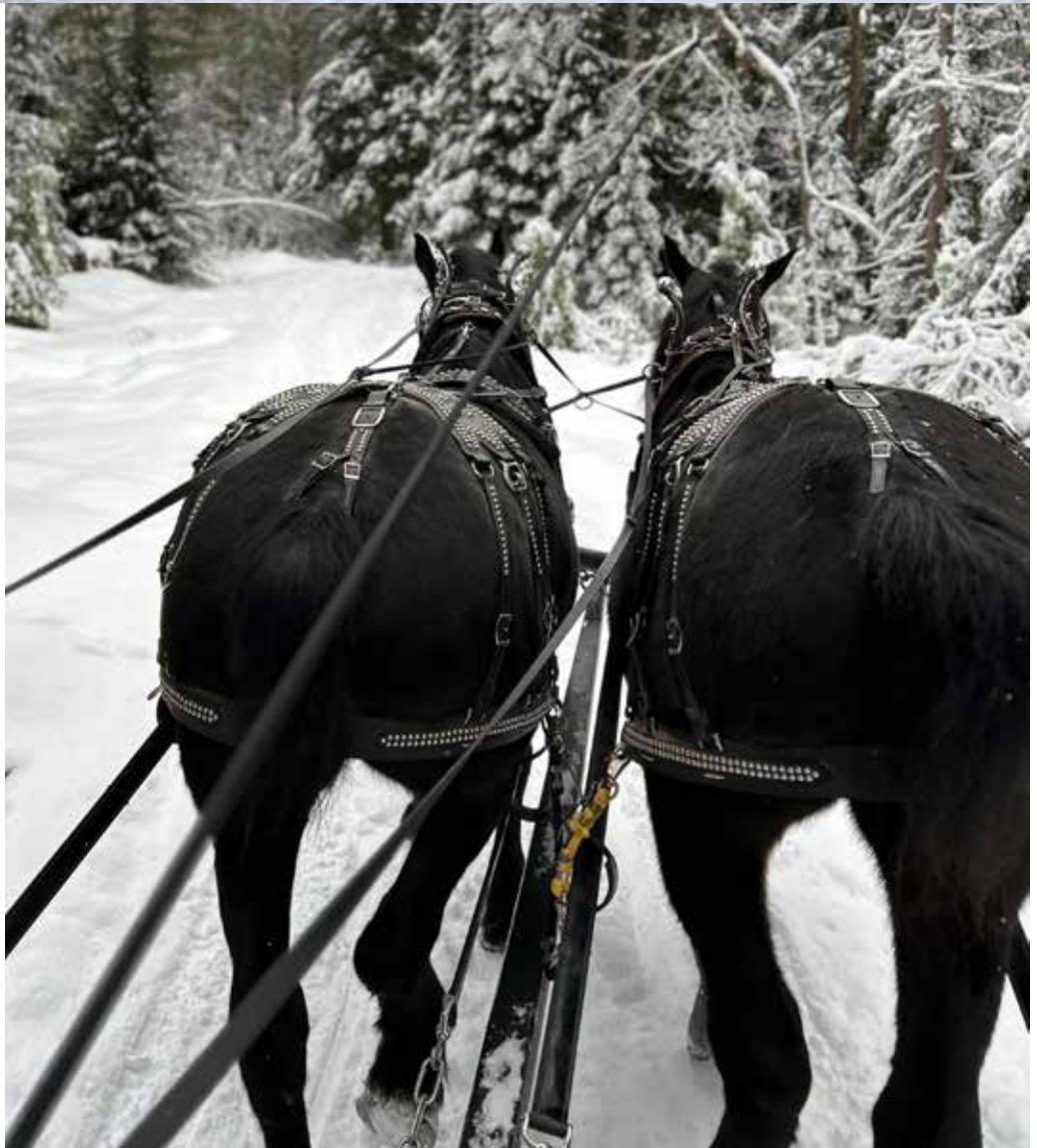


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February 5, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Applesauce. No Program this date. We will celebrate birthdays with a cake provided by Kathi Justino

February 12, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Pizza Burger, O'Brien Potatoes, Corn, Cookie. STFSL Program at 12:30: Meagan De Mento, Program Manager of the Northeastern Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

February 19, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Pot Roast, Boiled Potatoes, Dill Carrots, Pudding Parfait. No Program this date

February 26, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30

Goulash, Wax Beans, Garlic roll, Fresh Fruit. STFSL Program at 12:30: Gary Van Slyke will present a Valentine's Day program. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day.

Call Fulton County OFA at 518-736-5650 to make lunch reservations. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please call OFA by 9 am to cancel your meal! If the OFA meal site is closed, there will be no program that day. For closure information check channels 6, 10 or 13 and WENT 1340 radio. Additional information about STFSL can be found online at STFSL.org.

For information about trips or to request volunteer medical transportation, call STFSL at 518-752-8737 and leave a message.

Upcoming Trip:

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Born on June 9, 1946, in Niskayuna. He was the son of the late Charles and Mary (Zebrowski) Carbone, who lived in Scotia until his family moved to Sacandaga Lake where Rick planted roots and started his own family and business (Rick Carbone Excavating). He dedicated more than 50 years serving thousands of customers around the great Sacandaga Lake region. Work was his true passion and he continued to work up until his final days.

Rick was a well-recognized member of his community always lending a hand to fellow neighbors and served as a past member and past president of the Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club and the constable of the Town of Day. He continued as a current member of the local gun and ATV club. When Rick was not spending time with his family, he was an avid sportsman and enjoyed

something every season had to offer. This included taking full advantage of living on the Sacandaga with boating, water and snow skiing and daily swims. Rick enjoyed any motorized activity and had a pension for speed. Other activities were snowmobiling, enjoying his motorcycle, long ATV rides with his friends and family or just cruising in his corvette. He was an avid reader and enjoyed listening to his daily podcasts.

Rick was predeceased by his parents; a brother Charles Carbone of Scotia; and a brother- in-law Frank Julian of Watervliet.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years Jane Carbone of Day; and his children: Shannon James of Glens Falls, John Carbone of Glens Falls, Heather (Kevin) Hanna of Lake Luzerne; and stepsons Jamie Hayes of Hadley and Donald (Michelle) Hayes of Lake Luzerne. Rick had 9 grandchildren: Ryan Matuszak, Abigail Matuszak, Cameron Hanna, Reagan Hanna, Colby Hanna, Hannah Johnson, Reice Hayes, Connor Hayes, and Ethan Hayes. Great grandchildren include Weston, Cooper, and Kellen; a sister, Lillian Julian of Watervliet; and sister-in-law Terri Flower of Scotia; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends may call Monday January 12, 2026, from 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Brewer Funeral Home Inc, 24 Church St, Lake Luzerne. and/or visit: www.brewermillerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Richard-Carbone

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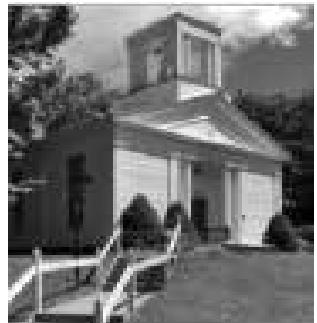
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Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS
Saturday February 7 - 10 AM Church Council
Saturday February 14 - 2 PM Community Covered Dish
Wednesday February 18 - 2 & 6 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Communion – First Sunday of the Month

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Message: Stumbling Blocks
Children's Time: Building Blocks
February 8 – Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
Message: Construction Tools
Children's Time: Glue
February 15 – Transfiguration Sunday
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9
Message: Beyond Human
Children's Time: Foundation
February 18 – Ash Wednesday
Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Message: I Want to Change
Children's Time: Prayer Beads
February 22 – First Sunday of Lent
Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11
Message: GPS and Road Signs
Children's Time: Road Signs

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

Checkup Time

February 18 marks the beginning of a season in the Church year called Lent. While Lent is often characterized as a time of sacrifice, a time to give something up, for me though I think it is more productive to think of it as "Checkup Time". It is a time for us to take a good look at our life, to consider if everything is well with our physical, mental, and spiritual life. I mention looking at all three aspects of our life for each impacts the functioning of the other and our ability to have a positive impact on the world around us.

To accomplish this I would suggest moving from thinking about what you can give up to what changes you can make to improve your physical, emotional, and spiritual health. The season of Lent asks us to start with a rigorous evaluation of our health against accepted standards. For this evaluation to have any impact we need to make a commitment during Lent to engage in actions to address where we fall short.

In the area of our spiritual and emotional well-being, resources to help in this task include a commitment to become more involved in our Faith Community and to spend time each day reading Scripture, prayer and meditation.

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Resources for prayer and meditation can be found by contacting your faith community and searching the web. The United Methodist Church offers resources for your personal devotional life through The Upper Room which you can access at: www.upperroom.org. In addition I offer a Daily Photo Devotion which you can receive via email, just send an email with the subject "Photo Devotion" or through my blog at Blog Posts – Daily Photo Devotions (<https://adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blogposts/>).

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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

In case you haven't heard, Northville Central School has partnered with the Village and agreed to have our ice skating rink set up on their property. The rink is operational and available for public use after school hours – 2:30 p.m., or anytime school is not in session. By NCS agreeing to host the rink at the school, it can be set up earlier in the season; as soon as conditions become acceptable to make ice, which will allow for skating during the winter holiday break in the years to come.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for December 2025 was 43 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). Chief Richardson reported that he and his officers have completed their annual taser recertification. Chief Richardson has been in contact with the Motorola company to discuss grants for village and station cameras as well as electronic door locks for the police station.

We have an update on the bridge replacement/walkway project at the Spillway. At a recent meeting with Town, Village, and State officials, along with the engineers for both projects, it was reported that the bridge replacement project has been delayed and will not start until Spring of 2027 now. That means that we will not be closing South Main Street this summer, nor will we be lowering the Little Lake this summer. As plans advance on these projects, we will keep you posted.

Let's take a look ahead to what the warmer months will bring to the Village!

May will be here before you know it and the fun begins with

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Garage Sale weekend, the first full weekend of May which will be May 2nd and 3rd this year. Also in May, the Village of Northville Memorial Day parade/ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25th at 6 p.m.

The Farmers Market will run on Saturdays, 10-1, beginning June 27th through September 5th.

The DOINS will be July 3rd and 4th this year. The Fireworks will be on Friday, July 3rd at dusk. The parade will be Saturday, July 4th, which is also the 250th Birthday of our great nation! In honor of the United States Semiquincentennial, (America 250th), the theme of the parade this year is Northville Celebrates! We are pleased to announce that the Grand Marshals of the 2026 DOINS are the Klippel Family who are celebrating their 30th year of business, Klippel's Kozy Korner, in the Village. We are hoping to make this the biggest and best parade ever and need your help! Show us how you celebrate...whether it's the milestones in your life or in the development of our country. A lot has happened in 250 years, and it is sure to make for some great float ideas. Now is the time to start planning!

As these spring and summer events get closer, we will have more detailed information available. If you are interested in

participating in any of the Village sponsored events, email clerk@villageofnorthville.com.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



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Edinburg Highway Department, where the future meets the road

Brian DeFeo

reprinted from the original piece of January 2025

Science and technology have come together, of all places, at the Edinburg Town Barn. I recently had an opportunity to meet with Highway Superintendent Wayne Seelow, who took the time to explain to me the latest science behind roadway snow removal. I was very impressed with the advanced technology that is currently being applied in Edinburg. The Department had been researching the application of salt brine to winter roadways for several years. This concept was first developed regionally up in the northern Lake George regions, as a way of lessening the amount of salt which normally runs off into the water shed each Spring. The Adirondack Park Agency has been pushing towns to consider this new technology, as the salt reduction is very



significant. Seelow also had the same concerns for the quality of the Great Sacandaga and private wells close to town roadways. Edinburg was the first Department locally to fully adapt a salt brine application. The staff participate in annual training to be certified to use this new technology.

Salt brine is a mixture of 23% salt, water, and occasionally other elements, such as beet juice, cheese whey products, or molasses. The application of salt brine is ideally done twenty-four hours before an actual snow storm. If you are driving on a road where it has been applied, you will note nine dark streaks running parallel, on the each side of the roadway. The idea being, that the salt brine will keep snow from sticking to the roadway. Salt brine does have its limitations, as does just applying straight salt, because it losses its effectiveness at approximately

fifteen degrees. This is where the molasses comes in, as once added the solution remains effective down to about zero.

With the savings generated from reduced salt costs of fifty to seventy-five percent, and the overall benefit to the environment, the Department went all in. Over a period of just a few years the



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Department has purchased a brine blender, and six large tanks capable of holding three thousand gallons each. So, much like moonshiners of the past, the Highway Department is making their own brew. There is a large tank and spreading equipment on one of the trucks. And on the most recent snow plow purchase, there is a smaller version already installed. And speaking of plows, even those have changed. The ideal of a static straight steel blade is a thing of the past. They now have "react blades" which are attached to the bottom of the familiar plow blade. Each mini-blade, about twelve inches long, is attached to a spring action. This allows the react blades to travel up and down about three inches or so, contouring the plow blade exactly to that of the pavement. Seelow points out that the effectiveness of this new technology is another money saver. It does such a good job scrapping the road clean, it lessens the need for repeat passes.

With in-house expertise, the Department has even manufactured their own sets of these blades, again at very substantial savings.



Lastly, computerization and instant data analysis of road conditions is now part of the Department's snow removal plan. Snow plows are equipped with real time data that is transmitted back to the Barn. Indicating roadway conditions, what each plow is applying to the road surface, and where, at any given time. The Department also has three remote cameras stationed at different locations to provide a time-lapse video feed, air \ road surface temperatures, and humidity. All key factors in knowing when, and how, to clean the road surface. Superintendent Seelow is perhaps most proud, that all these accomplishments have taken place without any additional increase in tax payer dollars. Through prudent planning, all was done within the confines of the Department's planned budget cycles.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Pick Up for Backpack Program

Amsterdam, N.Y. (Jan. 23, 2026) -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club began their weekend early last Friday morning, January 23, when Lions Bill Suchy and Bob Townsend met the delivery truck from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Amsterdam. Lions gathered food to be delivered to the Backpack Program at Mayfield Central School. The program provides food to those students who are less fortunate.

Club President Townsend said "we welcome the opportunity to provide nutritious food to the younger members of our community and help ensure their academic success. No child will succeed in school on an empty stomach."

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club serves the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community and 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



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Bill Suchy inspects his Club's share of food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

and hearing preservation, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger and food insecurity, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend hoists a case of food delivered from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Bill Suchy, left, and Club President Bob Townsend, right, filled a truck with food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School later that day in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club/Lion Ed Balaban).

"Nuggets and News" from the Town of Lake Luzerne

Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184

"Twin Towns" - Series part 3 of 5

(In celebration of the United States 1775 Commemorative Anniversary of the American Revolution, I have chosen to shine a light on the writings of a HLHS alumni and veteran, Frank Tom Beattie. "The Luzerne and Hadley Story" was written in 1957. It was printed in a small paper booklet and published by airway-photo-lake Luzerne. Frank highlights details that capture the growth of what he calls the "Twin Towns." This includes the evolution and milestones from the mid 1700's and forward)

In the summer of 1936, the Pagenstecher estate deeded this property to the town, and through the efforts of the town officials, a public park was laid out. A band stand was built and several seats were placed under the trees and a rustic bridge was built across the outlet of the lake. The wood pulp grinder still stands in the building and the building is still well preserved. On the outside of the building is a plaque bearing the following inscription. "In this building was installed in 1870, the first wood pulp grinder made in this country. Here for the first time wood pulp was produced and sold in large quantities and the success of the industry was assured."

Early in the middle of the nineteenth century a Tannery was in operation on the outlet of the lake, owned and operated by Raymond Ely. In 1869, Thomas Garnar, uncle of W.T. Garnar, bought this tannery and it became known as the Thomas Garnar and Company Leather Works. The tannery was located on upper Main Street, huge wooden buildings started at the Odd Fellows Hall and the Garnar homestead and extended on both sides of the street to the corner of Mill Street. The building on the east side was destroyed by fire in 1898, and the other building was torn down in 1912.

E.M. Garnar Sr., with an eye to the future, bought the property where the reservoir is today, and in 1893, plans were made for the present water system. The dam was built and the pipes were laid to the town and to-day, thanks to the looking to the future, Luzerne and Hadley enjoy about the best water in the country.

In Hadley, just north of the station in the same building occupied by Pasco, was a novelty works which made pill boxes of various shapes and sizes. Later a match factory was housed

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I the building and later a shirt factory. Hadley has two leading manufacturing plants at present, The Bancroft Co., which makes cement blocks for building purposes for fences. This plan has been in operation since 1910.

Then there is the firm of Rhodes and Johnson, who operate a large sawmill in Hadley, near the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Station. In addition to the sawmill, they also operate a retail store dealing in furnished woodwork of all kinds, doors, windows, shingles, siding, roofing, paints and hardware.

Records of Hadley mention a school as early as 1791, the teacher being a man called Wilson. Later the log school was built near what is now called the Stewart Bridge, and taught by a man by the name of Pitcher.

Luzerne is mentioned as having a school in 1813 with Daniel Gill as the teacher, but two and a half years later, in 1815, seven districts with a pupil enrollment of one hundred, were recorded.

The first village school was a union district of Hadley and Luzerne, but in 1863 dissension arose and the district was divided, with a school in each Town. In 1898, harmony again was restored and the present Union District was formed. Pupils in the grades attended school in a three-room building which stood on the site of the present home of Smith Harp in Hadley. This building burned about thirty-five years ago.

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guests were pleasantly entertained in J H Arehart's hall Friday evening. A venison dinner was served. J H Arehart was married to Bertha and they had 3 children John E, Toppy, and Peg. John E was involved in the Inn for many years as well as establishing the 1000 Acres Ranch Resort in 1942 with his wife Esther.



Henry Beach postcard of the inn 1910

In April of 1972, Art Pratt purchased the Inn from Esther Arehart the widow of John E Arehart. Art was born in 1918 in Fort Yates North Dakota, a son of Indian Sioux Chief Arthur and Marian Pratt. He attended and graduated from Pierre Indian School. His family moved to relatives property on Wolf Pond Road in Stony Creek. Art was well known for his square dance calling, fiddle playing, and race car driving.

Tim Wechgelaer wrote a song about Art in 2022 and is on his album "Long Time Gone" which gives you a perfect picture of Art.

Art Pratt

He was a race car driver
 A worldly survivor
 Took life by the seat of the pants
 He played a tune on the fiddle, his hips gave a wiggle
 He smiled and the people all danced
 His Daddy was an Indian
 A Sioux Nation Chief
 His Ma was a teacher from back east
 They moved 'cross the nation, off the reservation
 To a little town they call Stony Creek
 Well he grew up wild, he grew up free
 His brother, his sisters, the whole family
 He worked at the Dude Ranch
 And played for the Square Dance
 All a part of the town's history
 He was a race car driver

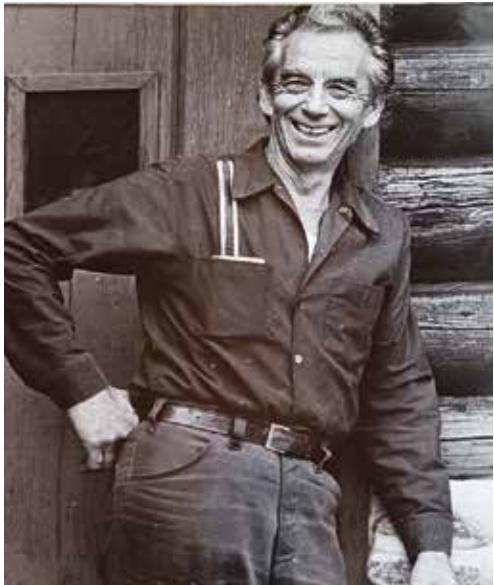
Stones from the Creek

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

On February 28, 1910 John H Arehart bought the Collins House (Stony Creek Inn) from William and Agnes Kelley for 7,150.00. Arehart was born in Carnegie Pennsylvania in 1871. He was a resident of Corinth New York for over 40 years, in 1906 he was the fire chief there, a proprietor of the Union Hotel on the corner of Palmer Avenue and Fourth Street for several years as well as managing the Commissary Restaurant. In Stony Creek he owned the Lake House, help to dismantle the old tannery, and was involved in many business transactions, as another entrepreneur of the same time period in Stony Creek, Earl Woodard. Here are a few mentions of the Inn from 1916 from the Warrensburg News. March 24, 1916: a large number of people from Corinth attended the dance held in J H Arehart's Hall Friday night. May 4, 1916 J H Arehart is having an addition built on the Stony Creek Inn. August 10, 1916: There are several boarders from the city at the Stony Creek Inn. November 23, 1916: The Odd fellows and their wives and several invited



Jack and Esther at the inn



Art Pratt



Art fiddling

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A worldly survivor
Took life by the seat of the pants
He played a tune on the fiddle, his hips gave a wiggle
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After years of rambling he moved back to town
And bought the old Inn on the square
There was music and dance'n
And a little romance'n
And the musicians, all hung out there
I was just a young man, learning the trade
Pick'n and grin'n to the music we made
We played all night long till the dawns early light
And did it all over the following night
He was a race car driver
A worldly survivor
Took life by the seat of the pants
He played a tune on the fiddle, his hips gave a wiggle
He smiled and the people all danced
Sometimes late at night, after a lot of drink'n
And most of the people had gone home
Art would pick up the guitar and play an old song
About a cowboy and the Strawberry Roan
"Oh that Strawberry Roan, Oh that Strawberry Roan
They say he's a cayuse that's never been rode
Any man that would try him would surely be throwed
Oh that Strawberry Roan"

Don't miss next month's conclusion of the Stony Creek Inn series, an interview with current owner Dot Bartell.

Till next time,

Cindy



John H Grant and Toppy behind the inn



Edinburg School Happenings

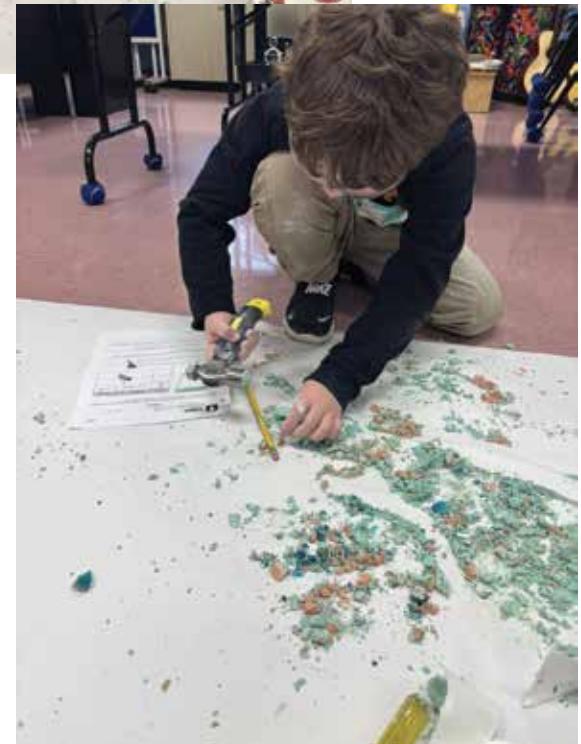
Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We surely hope this newsletter finds our families and community well during these winter months! It has been brutally cold with an abundance of snow for the season. We hope everyone is out enjoying all that our beautiful lake and area has to offer.

On January 7, 2026, students and families joined us for STEM Night! We have two remaining family nights for the 25-26 school year. Keep a lookout for more information on the upcoming Family Game Night and Math Night.



Speaking of STEM, Mr. Moore's 3rd grade students recently analyzed and interpreted data from fossils to better understand what happens to plants and animals when their environment changes over time. They also learned how different fossils were formed and how fossils surface for us to find!



During Eagle Morning Program on Friday, January 9, 2026, we honored Students and a Staff Member of the Month. The PBIS word of the month was "kind"!

We would like to congratulate the following students and staff member for being "kind". Way to go, everyone!

PK - Mason

K - Adalynn

1 - Dalton

2 - Damen and Genevieve

3 - 6th - Addilynn and DJ

Teacher/Staff: Ms. Salvione



Edinburg Common School SNOWSHOEING

ECS is offering a wonderful opportunity for our families to sign out snowshoes over February Break! We love offering this equipment to encourage our students to get outside and enjoy the snow while at home over break.

If you are interested and would like to sign out snowshoes, please contact the main office and we will send home a sign up form. Forms need to be signed and returned by February 11th. Pick up will be arranged for February 12th. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity!



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

Upcoming:

Eagle Morning Friday, February 6th at 8:00 AM

Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30 PM

Discovery Kids on Friday, February 13th at 1:45 PM

February Break Monday, February 16th - Friday, February 20th
Discovery Kids on Friday, February 27th at 1:45 PM



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Hold Vision Screening at Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School

Lions are known throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and prevent avoidable blindness. The Broadalbin-Perth Lions have embraced this global cause and have taken action locally by visiting Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School to provide a day of vision screening for more than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students, coordinating efforts with the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA). This was the club's second eye-screening event in as many months.

Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at NABA, was thrilled at the number of students participating and the continued support of the school and Broadalbin-Perth Lions. "We are so pleased that the school and the Lions are working with us again to ensure that these youngsters have the opportunity to have their vision screened so early in their lives."

NABA's vision-screening program is designed specifically for children ages eighteen months to five years. A specialized camera is used to detect potential vision impairments in the individuals screened. Each year, an average of twelve percent of the children screened for vision impairments are "flagged" as having a potential vision problem.

These children are then referred to a doctor for a follow-up visit and treatment if necessary. NABA collects data on the outcomes of those that were recommended for a follow-up visit. Statistics have indicated that low income families are less likely to follow up and schedule a visit with their doctor. Families also reported that transportation and available time as barriers. NABA works with these families in various ways to ensure that the children are seen by a doctor.

Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School Nurse, Christine Yatzor, also was a member of the screening team. "This is a great opportunity for families to take advantage of early detection and we so much appreciate all that the Lions do for our Broadalbin-Perth community."

Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School Principal Dan Casey warmly welcomed the Lions' and their efforts. "Identifying vision

issues in youngsters, especially in the early grades, and then being able to correct those issues often ensures greater academic success for those students as they progress through school", Casey said.

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend said, "We were able to screen 108 children in about three hours. Most children passed the screening, but a few did not. The results and documentation will be sent home to parents/guardians. Included in the mailing will be our Club's contact information in case they need any kind of assistance."

According to Lions Clubs International, eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to screen young children, primary school students, and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight.



Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA), left, reviews student vision records with Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School Nurse, Christine Yatzor, right, prior to beginning the Lions sponsored vision screening of more than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students. This coordinated effort of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, NABA, and the school aids students in early identification and correction of vision problems that could impact academic achievement. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).



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Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA), right, performs a vision screening on a Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School student, left. More than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students were screened at the school during the event sponsored by the Lions. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions/ Lion Ed Balaban).

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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Linda Brown

Welcome to February! Even though many days continue to be cold and overcast, glimpses of what can be and are to come periodically shine through. Brené Brown, sociologist, tells us that "February is the time to embrace self-reflection and uncover the seeds of personal growth." SVAN is here to help us grow, discover and explore new areas and skills. As novelist and poet Mary Ann Evans, (pen name George Eliot) shares, "It is never too late to be what we might have been."

Gallery News

As SVAN continues to evolve to better meet your needs and to be the voice of the arts in the Sacandaga Valley, the SVAN Gallery and Gift Shop in Northville will officially relaunch the last weekend in April following a winter refresh and re-imagining of the space. The gallery will feature new exhibits, rotating local artists, and special events throughout the year. More details about opening weekend and upcoming programs will be announced soon. All artists and artisans interested in displaying their art or crafts, or giving a workshop or demonstration should contact Carolyn at wilcoxcarolyn@hotmail.com.

With much appreciation and gratitude, we wish to thank the First United Methodist Church of Northville for their gracious gift of hosting SVAN events and the use of the parsonage as our gallery and gift shop.

The Vail Mills Gallery has been refreshed with a "Winter Theme" and is open for your inspection daily, seven days a week, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The gallery is in the Fulton County Visitors Center, 3687 NY30, at the Vail Mills traffic Circle.

Music News

It certainly takes a village when it comes to putting on a summer concert series! The local business support combined with support from the Village of Northville, the Town of Northampton, the State of New York and the "Pass the Guitar" donations at the events pay for the musicians and the advertising. The concert team that provides the sound tech and set up are all volunteers. SVAN welcomes anyone who would like to help.

A big shout out to all local businesses, organizations and individuals that have donated to the 2026 SVAN concerts. These donors choose from 4 levels of support:

- Underwriter at \$1,000
- Music Hero at \$500

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- Sponsor at \$300 and
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Cynthia Gifford of Howard Hannah Real Estate became our first Underwriter. Music Heroes include Park Marine, Northville Rotary, and Gracie Bella's Hope Foundation. The Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Liz Perrins of Howard Hannah Real Estate and Ken Adamczyk teamed up to be Music Heroes for the Alex Torres Concert. The Music Sponsors are the Flower Barn, The Local, and CDL Associates Insurance. This year's Music Supporters include Hoy Insurance, Pluchino's Marina, Just Because Boutique, Smith and Sons Fuel, and the Red Barn.

SVAN is so grateful to them all! Thanks to all these generous community members music will be part of Northville all summer long.

If you would like to help support SVAN's music program, sponsor the series or volunteer, text 518-865-8047 for information.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming concert featuring award-winning musician and entertainer, Dan Berggren, presenting "Songs and Stories from the Mountains." The February 15th concert will be held in the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 303 Main St. at 3:00 P.M. His original music reflects his Adirondack roots in Minerva, New York as well as stories shared by local friends and neighbors. Dan is a teacher, producer and performer locally and across the country. You may find out more about Dan at Dan Berggren on Facebook. Cost is \$20 for SVAN members and \$25 for non-members.

Visual Arts

Stencils, Snowflakes, and Hearts

Workshop and Art Club

Saturday, February 7, 2026

1:00 PM 3:00 PM

Sacandaga Valley Arts Network Gallery and Giftshop
303 South Main Street Northville, NY, 12134

Acrylic paints, stencils and dotting tools, paper, scissors and glue...

Workshop Presentation: The session will start with demonstrations and examples of mixed media and collage art pieces.

Art Club & Studio Time:
Following the presentation participants will have time to work independently to create a collage, or an ornament, or a magnet, a postcard or greeting card... any art or craft using the materials provided, with the option to bring your own materials or project. The presenter will be available for assistance as needed or desired. All skill levels welcome. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Workshop Fee: \$20
(SVAN member discount \$5)

Pre-registration is suggested and appreciated! To Register contact vicepresident@svanarts.org

Deadline: Feb. 2nd

As always, SVAN welcomes your suggestions for activities and programs to enrich the Greater Sacandaga Valley Community. Please contact membership@svanarts.org for membership information and volunteer opportunities.

"Never be limited by other people's imaginations."

*Dr. Mae Jamison,
Astronaut, Doctor, Writer,
Teacher and Artist*



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When: February 14, 2026, 8am-12pm

Rain date February 21, 2026

Ages: up to 16 years old

Cost: \$0.00

Prizes and Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th

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All contestants must register in the parking lot across from the high school to be entered in the contest

Come out for a good time for all



Sacandaga Protection Committee

Keely (Smith) Ferguson

For the past several years, I have noticed some major changes happening on our beloved Great Sacandaga Lake. We have lost some, and also gained some new faces to the area. The lake continues to get busier, with many different types of watercraft. Many of the properties around the lake have become rentals of some sort, which also brings new faces here. I hope that the owners of these properties make it very clear to all renters how the permit system works, and where their designated areas are.

As properties change hands, it is so important to keep everyone around the lake informed about their permit rights. As a permit holder, you have exclusive rights to the use of your permit. There are many people who do not agree with this, and believe that they should be able to go anywhere they want on the beach areas. There are designated public beaches and islands that all are free to use, however the permits are private!

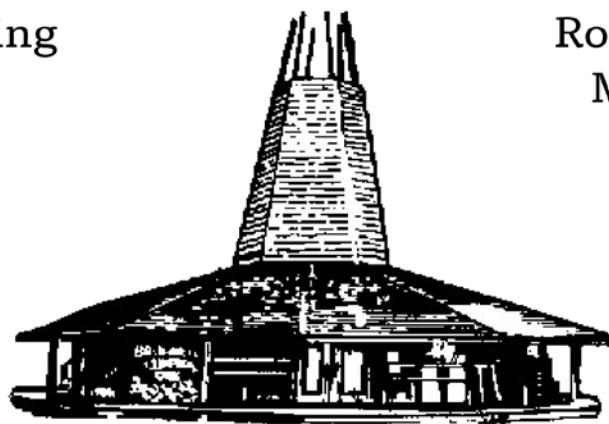
The Sacandaga Protection Committee (SPC) is a non-profit organization, and is formed of all volunteers. We have been working hard to make sure the permits stay private and exclusive. Imagine if you and your family are enjoying a day at the beach on your permit, and a boat full of strangers pull up and decide to hang out on your property. None of us want to see that happen on this lake we all love. We would lose our privacy, as well as our property values. This would decrease the tax base in Fulton & Saratoga counties, which would also have an impact on the residents of both counties.

The SPC is designed to inform all the permit holders

and to protect their rights. We have two major fundraisers each year, and the proceeds all go towards our cause that provides the permittees with excellent legal and lobbyist representation. We have a golf tournament in the early Summer that people can play in, sponsor T-signs, or make donations for the silent auction items. We also have a "Bet on the Lake" raffle, with the drawing at the end of Summer. Donations are much appreciated, and can be made anytime throughout the year. We are always looking for more people to volunteer and contribute to our cause. Please visit our website at sacandagaprotectioncommitte.com for more information, or to make a donation! Any questions or concerns email us at SPCGSL@gmail.com



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trainings were also very good. We have been in this business for a long time and it is rare to hear something new, but we did this time. It was also the first time that I left Lucas and Acadia home on their own during school. We called each morning to remind them to wake, but they only missed their alarms the first morning. The dogs and cats were fed and they actually made dinner together. Just another gut punch that they are getting older.

February is free vendor trip month! We are being brought on a vacation to St. Kitts with Preferred Pump. I am SOOOOOOO ready to go. We won't leave the kids home alone this time though, a family friend has a house sitting business and we called on her. We told her it was really to make sure they don't burn the house down: the kids were offended. Our vendor is even taking us on side trips – snorkeling, a fishing charter, and an ATV adventure – I mean, seriously! Sun, sand and a drink in my hand. Sorry, I won't brag anymore. I remember Janice and Bill going on the vendor trips when Jeremy and I were just dating. Whoa! That brought back a memory. The first time I was going to be staying at their house and meeting Janice and Bill, I beat them from coming home from Jamaica (or it may have been Aruba). Anyway, they got delayed and I was at their house alone waiting for them. I cleaned and discovered country music (I'm from Long Island). Turns out they had a terrifying flight where the plane dropped and all the masks came down, people were screaming and crying. Jeremy has struggled to fly since; he gets weirdly sweaty and has to bring a change of clothes with him. That was the winter of...2000?

Every Winter, we have an office project to keep the guys busy as things tend to slow down. This year, we are turning our stock area in the office into a lounge/training area. The stock is all being relocated (which the guys have not been thrilled with) and we got flooring, a cool table and chairs, a stupid-large TV, and a little bar area. It is really going to pull the office together. When Jeremy and I took over in 2020, we made a back office a kitchenette and staff training area. We only had 7 people then; we don't fit anymore. Now we will have a big U-table that will fit 18. We have been busier than I expected for January, so we have not been able to do much yet, but it is going to be awesome!

So I suppose my last point is that YES, we work all Winter long. If you or someone you know needs well, pump, or water treatment help – please give us a call: 518-885-7952. Lots of love and stay warm, Hawk Drilling Co., Inc.

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Hawk Drilling

Sandra Baldwin

Happy February! The time is really flying by and I am getting more and more sentimental about Lucas and Acadia leaving me for college. We are driving to VA to tour Liberty University this month – both kids are interested. Our favorite artist, Josiah Queen, is performing while we are there and we got tickets (cheap too). We also got tickets for a basketball game – which is huge there. A few friend families are joining us and we are sharing an Airbnb. It's going to be amazing and heartwrenching at the same time. I'm really not ready for the kids to be adults yet. I'm at the point in my life that I am begging for winter to end, but dreading the passing of the months. There are only 18 months before Lucas leaves for college. I just can't.

Every January, the Empire State Water Well Drillers Association (ESWWDA) has their annual meeting at Turning Stone. We had a blast with our guys – I won \$450 on a single hand of 3 card – the most I have ever won. I laughed A LOT and ate more than I should have. It was just right. The



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