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**EDINBURG
TOWN REPORT**
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Robert D. Anderson, Supervisor

Happy Mother’s Day!

May, is a transition month from the winter months to spring and summer for the Town of Edinburg. As you know, our snowbirds will be coming back, hope you all are well and had a great winter. Also, I would like to congratulate all of our college graduates on their graduations. Please be road courteous.

With spring comes the need for people and animals to be out walking, cycling and jogging. Please use care when you see them. Remember the pedestrian has the right of way as do horses. Use common sense and slow down when you see them out on the roadsides.

The Town has been busy with a lot of internal items. We are working on putting together policies and guidelines. The Town Board has many issues they are dealing with at this point in time that has been brought to their attention and if you know government, it does not happen as it would with everyday life issues. There is protocol that has to be followed and sometimes it does not move as fast as we would like it. At the March Town Board meeting the topic of

conversation was use of the Community Center. PLEASE, PLEASE, be patient. There are many things that the Town Board has to deal with concerning reopening the Community Center. We are working on it and hopefully we will be able to accommodate your requests in the future.

You will also see our website (edinburgny.com) is changing and is being updated finally! We have hired a business that does this for a nominal fee. For any organizations if you should have an event coming up, please let us know and we will try to get it up and on the site.

The Town has hired a new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, his name is David Brackett. He will be in the office during regular business hours but, please check to see if he has gone out on an inspection. He will be taking classes throughout the summer and fall you may want to call to see if he is available. Please take the time to welcome Dave!

The Recycle and Reuse Center will be open from 9 am – 3 pm on both Friday and Saturday beginning the first Friday in May. The Resident Permits will be on sale beginning Friday, May 2nd. The cost will be \$20.00 per permit.

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no garbage pick up on that day. The pickup days will be as follows: North Shore – Tuesday, May 27th

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MAY 2025
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Sun	11	Mother’s Day	
Tues	13	6:00 pm	Edinburg School BOT Meeting
Thurs	15	4:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting
Mon	26	Memorial Day	

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and South Shore – Wednesday, May 28th.

REMINDER: As of January 1, 2025 all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft are required to have a boating safety certificate. If you are using a non-motorized boat, canoe or kayak you do not need to have a boating safety certificate. You can take this class on line at <https://www.boatus.org/newyork> this is free and they do provide an online certificate. There are also sources that charge. If you would like more information on them, please feel free to give the Town Hall a call.

The Saratoga County Animal Shelter is again offering free rabies clinics for dogs, cats and ferrets within Saratoga County at their 4 H Training Center located at 556 Middleline Road, Ballston Spa. To get the dates and times they are offering you can go on line to Saratoga County Animal Shelter or you can contact them at 518 885-4113.

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Tim Blydenburgh

The Edinburg Historical Society is primed and ready for another great season of speakers and events celebrating our local and regional past.

Our plan is to have speakers — starting at the membership meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, Sandhill Schoolhouse on 8 Tange Road — tours throughout the year and an important fundraiser, the Spring Fling, on Saturday, May 24.

The Spring Fling is a bake sale and includes a large basket raffle with products you can use to help enjoy the summer. The event is 9 a.m. to noon at the Rural Museum, 11 North Shore Road near the Four Corners.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, we'll welcome Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts, who will discuss the women involved in the Battle of Saratoga campaign and the county's plans commemorating events related to the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

The county historian since 2009, she is a graduate of

Skidmore College with a dual bachelor’s degree in anthropology and American studies and received a master’s degree in public history from the University at Albany.

We’re also tentatively scheduling a program on the happenings with the Hudson River Black River Regulating District this spring.

Among the other events planned are a July 15 tour of the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church, an Aug. 2 summer food sale, an Aug. 19 tour of the Edinburg Rural Museum, a fall festival on Sept. 27 and a holiday bazaar on Nov. 8.

Want to be a part of celebrating the town of Edinburg’s rich history? Volunteer members are always welcome. Also see our website — edinburghhistoricalsociety.org — and Facebook page for updated information and ways to get involved.

For those who would like to assist with the May 24 bake sale at the Rural Museum on North Shore Road, please call Renee Finch at (518) 774-5638 or Andrea Blackwood at (518) 863-6772. Flyers are now appearing for the event at local stores and other venues.


In other news, the historical society has named Tim Blydenburgh, a full-time resident of the town since 2018, as curator. In this volunteer position he will catalog and manage collections at the society’s museums. He has also joined the society board as a trustee.

Edinburg Historical Society

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by Brian DeFeo

For the period covering March 12th through April 12th, the Fire Company responded to a total of thirteen calls for assistance. They are logged as follows:

- 3/18 Mutual Aid, Hadley
- 3/18 Mutual Aid, Providence
- 3/19 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/19 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/19 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 3/19 Service Call, White Birch Rd.
- 3/19 Service Call, North Shore Rd.
- 3/20 Lines Down, North Shore Rd.
- 4/2 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 4/2 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 4/4 Mutual Aid, Northville
- 4/9 EMS Assistance, Lakeside Ave.
- 4/9 Mutual Aid, Northville

The highlight of every fire company is the receiving of a new apparatus. Firefighters take great pride in their trucks, Edinburg is no exception. Below you will see pictures of our newest addition. It has been a long time in coming.

In fact, it has been over twelve years since we replaced a pumper or tanker. We introduce you to below; the Fout’s Brothers (Georgia) FB-94 basic rescue pumper, built on a Spartan chassis.

This is a pre-made unit that was available from the retailer Bulldog Fire Apparatus, right here in Albany. By not opting for a custom ordered unit, we saved something in the neighborhood of \$300,000, not to mention the delay of up to two+ years in obtaining delivery. We also saved additional monies by purchasing a unit made in 2024. The FB-94 comes with a thousand gallon water tank, a 1,500 gallon per minute Hale pump, with a hose bed that can hold well over a thousand feet of hose. New to the Company, is a five person crew cab, and a remotely operated deck gun for high volume water applications.

A lot of thought went into the purchase of this apparatus, starting decades ago under the financial leadership of John English our long time (now retired) Treasurer of the Fire Company. For a small rural company, we were able to make an initial payment of \$400,000 towards the actual cost of approximately \$733,000. If you are thinking that’s a lot of chicken and rib diners, you aren’t kidding. We also want to recognize current Treasurer Michele Seelow, and the support shown over at the NBT Bank. To soften the financial blow a bite, the Fire Company plans on selling off two of our older



apparatus, both past their thirty year mark.

Lastly, we want to recognize you the public, whom we proudly serve. We feel your support and greatly appreciate it. While our small community is always in constant change, we hope the Fire Company will be here for a very long time to come.



DID YOU KNOW THAT---

By Town of Edinburg Historian
Priscilla L. Edwards

Cattle Rustlers and Chicken Thieves

There was a time when chicken thieves and rustlers often roamed the hills and barnyards of Edinburg.

On the morning of March 6, 1911 the step-son of C.S. Johnson of Batchellerville came running into the house announcing that the family’s big Plymouth Rock rooster was missing from the hen house. Young Kenneth Edwards had gone to the barn to do his morning chores of feeding the chickens to discover the outside door of the barn was open. The chickens shared the underground stable portion of the barn with the sheep with a door between the two sections. This door was also open allowing the sheep and chickens to mix together.

Upon closer examination Johnson and Kenny discovered there were 8 hens as well as the rooster missing. These were estimated to be worth \$1.00 apiece. They also found that the straw under the roost was saturated with blood and a trail of blood and feathers led to the door. The remaining hens were very nervous! Johnson went to get his friend and neighbor, Haven Noyes to help.

There was a soft crust underneath the inch of fresh snow that had fallen overnight. The two men followed the trail of blood plus the footprints of two men across the flats that led toward the western edge of the village and the river. The tracks led along a brook for some distance; crossed the brook; then up a hill to a barn on a farm occupied by “Caleb Jones” (the name is changed to protect any family members that might still be living in the area.)

Jones was 21 years of age, married and the father of a baby son. He had been in trouble at various times in the past: even spending 7-8 months at a Rochester reform school for stealing a gold watch.

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The tracks led from the barn, past the house to the street. Johnson phoned S.C. Partridge, Justice of the Peace, asking to have Jones arrested. Officer Partridge took Jones into custody at Brown’s Drugstore in Northville. Johnson and Noyes then went to the Cook & Miller Butcher Shop in Northville searching for the missing chickens. Cook had purchased 10 chickens earlier in the day from two men. Five chickens were dressed and five were alive. One of the dressed chickens was larger and appeared to be a rooster. (Did you ever wonder what that whole oven-roaster looked like before you picked it from the meat case at the local supermarket?)

Caleb’s father paid his \$50. bail. The case came up for trial before a jury of Edinburg residents. After hearing from several witnesses the jury could not reach a verdict.

Neither Johnson nor his step-son could definitely identify any of the 10 chickens-dead or alive- as their own so Caleb Jones went free.

Imagine what those hens would be worth today with the price of eggs being what they are?

Charlie Hayden of Osborn Bridge had 7 head of cattle pastured on Isaac Brownell’s farm on the present Sinclair Road. Hayden, on a routine check of his livestock discovered one critter missing along with two of Brownell’s. Sometime later Hayden pastured a yoke of oxen with the young cattle. Some boys looking for butternuts found an ox head in the bushes. The boys reported their “find” and searchers also found the still-warm body of the ox nearby. The carcass was dressed out and the meat was saved.

Lewis Frasier’s large farm on Sinclair Road also ran all the way to the river. Frasier had a large herd of livestock pastured on the river flats and one head a week had disappeared for three weeks in a row. Unable to determine what was happening he contacted the Saratoga County district attorney, who in turn sent County Sheriff O’Brien and Deputy McNeil to investigate.

The officers arrested 3 young men in Batchellerville –one-our “chicken thief” Caleb Jones along with 2 other men from a Batchellerville family. The men were selling the beef as “venison” to local residents and the hides to a Mr. Brown in Northville. The men were taken to the Ballston jail to await trail.

A heart-warming addition to my “Underwater Communities” articles—

A few weeks ago I received a very nice letter from the Rev. David Newkirk of Gloversville. Rev. Newkirk was the minister of the Mayfield United Methodist Church for 23 years. During that time Rev. Newkirk grew to know Harry Kenyon, a former resident of Osborn Bridge. Being forced to leave Osborn Bridge in the late 1920’s Harry bought a small farm on Dennie Rd. in Mayfield. He brought with him a pew from the Osborn Bridge Episcopal Church where he had been a sexton of that church. This pew remained

on the front porch of Harry’s new residence until the 1990’s when due to infirmities he was forced to move to a friend’s farm taking the pew with him.

Rev. Newkirk visited Harry about a year before he died. Harry offered the pew to the pastor. Knowing the history of the pew Rev. Newkirk donated it to the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House not far from its original home.

I checked with my friend Pat Ferguson, a member of that church and she assured me that the pew is still a part of that beautiful old church.

Thank You Rev. Newkirk for sharing your story!

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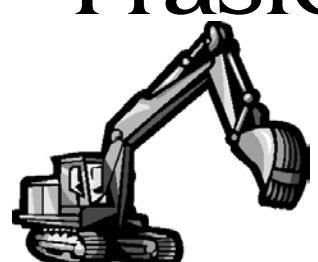


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The Northville Public Library is changing our policy for out of district library users and Edinburg Residents. If you would like to receive a Northville Library card, we ask that you consider donating \$5 towards the cost of the card.

Book Club:

Shirl Doherty will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt on Tuesday, May 13 at 10am. Summary: “After Tova Sullivan’s husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she’s been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn’t dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.”

Programs at the Library:

Teen Programs:

Saturday, May 10th, 24th- Teen DND from 10am to 12am

Saturday, May 3rd & 17th - Teen Writing Club from 10am to 11am

Thursday, May 8th & 22nd - Teen Book Club from 3pm to 4pm

Toddler Tales: Tuesday May 13th and 27th at 10:15am

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

Our Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30pm.

New at the Library

Summer Reading Program will be starting soon! Follow us on all social media to make sure you stay up-to-date on our programs for the summer.

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

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Hours: April - August

Monday	9am - Noon
Tuesday	9am - 6pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - Noon

Friends of the Northville Library

Jodi Blydenburgh

The Friends of the Northville Public Library’s Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 pm in the library’s community room (located on the second floor of the library).

This year’s speaker is Kevin Berner, a bluebird expert from Schoharie County. Kevin was a professor at SUNY Cobleskill and has done extensive research centered on nest box designs that attract bluebirds and repel invasive species. He has served as research chairman for both the North American Bluebird Society and the New York State Bluebird Society.

Schoharie County became the “Bluebird Capital of New York State” due to the restoration of the county’s bluebird production and re-population. Bluebirds are the official bird of New York State.

Friends of the Library members are invited to attend this meeting, as well as members of the public who may be interested in Friends’ membership. Seating is limited to 40 and advance reservations are requested. Call the library at 518.863.6922 to reserve a seat.

In addition to Kevin’s talk on bluebirds, the Friends will present their Annual Report with a brief presentation on fundraisers, library expenditures and 2025 events. Light refreshments will be served.

The Friends continue to accept book, DVD, CD and puzzle donations for the upcoming Mammoth Book Sale which will take place on July 3, 4 and 5 in the library’s parking lot. All items donated should be in good shape – please do not drop off moldy or damaged items. If you are interested in helping out with the sale – either helping to set-up or working on the sale days – please call the library. Any assistance is appreciated.

Members of the Friends are invited to the early-bird first-day opening of the book sale at no charge. Non-members are charged \$3 for early bird admission. Friends’ annual membership is \$10 per individual and \$25 per household. Those interested in membership may visit the library to sign up.

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God’s Grace and Peace to all from all of us at the Edinburg United Methodist Church! Spring has finally arrived and with the beginning of summer we will see the return of activity in our area. When our church bell rings we invite all to come and hear our Pastor deliver messages of God’s love and how Jesus works to continue His work in our lives.

Sunday, May 11th we celebrate Mother’s Day. This is a day to acknowledge the sacrifice and hard work mothers make in raising their children. Mothers are angels sent by God. Proverbs 31:25 tells us “She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the

days to come.” Proverbs 31:31 also tells us to “Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Monday, May 26th is Memorial Day. This is a day to honor those who have given their lives to defend our country.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life food pantry in Northville and personal care products and white t-shirts for the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany.

Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events and missions in the community. We will be having our Salad and Side sale soon please watch our Facebook page for date and times.

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

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by Barbara Klueg

How to Know God’s Plan!

At some point in our lives, we all have questions about life – why am I here? What is God’s plan for me?

If you want to know God’s plan for your life, you must know God . . . personally, as your friend. It’s not just knowing facts about God. We know facts about many people, but that is very different than knowing someone as your FRIEND. James 2:23 says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness—and he was called a friend of God.”

God desires to be your friend. The Bible says, “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (John 3:18) After believing in Jesus, we grow closer to Him by spending time in His Word, praying to Him, and being involved in a good church, using our God-given gifts to serve Him. God promises to help us do this. “He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.” (1st Thessalonians 5:24) He shows us His plans, step by step when we trust in Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct your paths.”

We Praise God for His Blessings. Recently we were blessed to hear the testimony of a new believer and witnessed his baptism by immersion in our morning service. We also welcomed nine new members into our church family. God is Good!

May is a Special Month. Mother’s Day is when we thank our mothers and show them how much we love them. This means more to them than we’ll ever know. We too often take our Moms for granted. You might not have her for as long as you think . . . so chat with her, give her a hug and kiss, and tell her how much you love and appreciate her! Giving her flowers and candy doesn’t hurt either! You can make her day, and you’ll be glad you expressed your love to her, too! Memorial Day is also in May. It is a day of solemn remembrance for those who died in military service. We honor them for giving their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

May is a Month of New Beginnings. College students are graduating and beginning new careers. Some young folks are getting married or moving to new places for work and starting their adult lives. This is the perfect time for them to dedicate their lives to God and keep Him first. It won’t be easy, but it is so worth it. God promises to be with us.

Here are some encouraging Bible verses. “Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:4-5) “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

Come, join us and learn more about God and how to please Him. For spiritual guidance contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Philo at 518.863.8001 If you are housebound, you can watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org

Our Ministries are:

- Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 8:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10 a.m. Kids Choir practice when announced. Youth Group: 7 p.m. (BCON Corner). Family Night: (6 p.m. 1st Sun. of the month) refreshments & 7 p.m. service.
- Monday: Jr. High Girls (after school at church) Man Up: 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: Northville Food Pantry: 10 a.m. BCON Sr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m.
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting: 6 a.m. & 7 p.m. NLH Nursing Home Service: 10:30 a.m. 3rd Thurs. of the month. Adult Choir Practice: 8 p.m.
- Saturday: Men’s Coffee Hour: 6:30 a.m. (BCON Corner)
- Small Groups: Sun. and Wed nights. (Call the church for details)

Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be July 14-18 (evenings) for ages 4 -12th grade.

“May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

1st Thessalonians 5:23-24



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Sufficiency and other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

Do teachers still say to their students ‘April showers bring May flowers,’ or are there more important things to teach now? I guess when I was 8 it helped me remember that April comes before May and gave me a chance to practice my printing on lined paper.

Now, before the trees start unfurling their new wardrobe of green, there’s a short window of opportunity for sunlight to reach the forest floor and give the woodland wild flowers their day in the sun. Sunlight is literally food for plants so, to survive, they race to complete their flowering cycle before the canopy casts too much shade on their little floral communities. If you know where to look, you can find colonized patches of woodland that are ankle-deep in flowers for a beautiful brief week or two. If you don’t know where to look you could find out by spending a day in the woods. The colonies can be really spectacular. I remember a cloud of streamside forget-me-nots as big as a bed.

One of these woodland beauties is called the Dogtooth Violet, also known as Trout Lily for the speckled and mottled leaf patterns. This showy little flower benefits its whole community by being an early riser. Like the waitresses who are up serving 5am coffee and eggs, this plant gets busy while the rest of the forest is still asleep. Its particular talent is absorbing great amounts of phosphorus, a nutrient that all plants need. The Trout Lily then returns to its long dormancy when other vegetation is just emerging. Much more phosphorus would be washed away by the spring rains and snow melt if not for the hungry Trout Lily. In late spring when Trout Lily withers away, it’s decomposing leaves feed the next round of growing plants with a perfectly-timed present of phosphorus. Research in this paragraph comes from ‘Forest and Thicket’ by John Eastman.



When a plant is especially prone to absorbing a certain element it’s known as a bioaccumulator. Bioaccumulators are interesting because they can collect beneficial material or even draw up hazardous material very cost-effectively. A few examples I’m aware of are buckwheat,

comfrey, yarrow and sunflowers. Buckwheat makes phosphorus more available, comfrey a quick grower, draws up such a wealth of potassium and phosphorus that it can be used as a fertilizer for the rest of the garden. But I don’t have the heart to chop it down once it starts blooming. It’s a magnet for bumblebees. These plants with deep-reaching roots mine the depths of soil where the tomatoes don’t go and cucumbers never reach.

Science is beginning to recognize various plants that can assist with the cleanup of toxic heavy metals which they absorb as they grow. Cattails absorb almost anything. A cattail marsh is an outstanding water purifier. Sunflowers? If there’s a trace amount of gold in the soil, they’ll find it.

Like the cameo appearance of the beautiful trout lily, many plants contribute much more than we realize to the working of their communities. This fact makes me think about human communities. A Brazilian woman I hosted once commented on the great differences between North America and South America. South America, she reminded me, was colonized by men seeking wealth. She sees that as an explanation for the exceptional levels of corruption that afflict the nations there. In North America, on the other hand, the US started as an ideal, a quest for spiritual freedom. Ideals are like stars. We may never reach them but we use them to chart our course. And so, for all the contentiousness in our national debates, our conversations still revolve around what is fair and right.

What will it be like if we colonize Mars? Will we be able to plant a colony of humans that has diversity of thoughts, abilities, insights, and maybe even different values but still operate harmoniously? They are learning how to grow food in outer space but still don’t know how much we don’t know about how plants work on earth.

Sometimes scientific minds take things apart to analyze how they work, but I think the most exciting thing is how they work together.



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May the month when Spring weather arrives in the Northeast, heavy coats are no longer needed, the flowers in bloom adding color and lifting our spirits, Summer vacation activities are just around the corner. It is month filled with beauty and opportunities for leisure.

It is also the month for remembering loved ones who no longer walk among us. A time to celebrate who they were and the influence they had on us and others. A time to recommit ourselves to words and actions that continue their legacy. For those whose family influence hasn’t been positive, it can be a time of commitment to beginning a new and positive family legacy.

For each of us it can be a time to commit to being there for those who are searching for connections that are supportive and loving. A time to live out the foundational belief held by the major world religions to love our neighbors, including those forced to flee from their country.

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Janice Hawk-Baldwin

Today I am three weeks post op from my surgery. I have to tell you I feel great. There is definitely more healing to do but the significant changes in my life already, are amazing. After almost six months since this journey began I feel like I got my life back. I can not begin to tell you how thankful and grateful I am.

I am sitting outside watching Big Hoss run around the back yard looking for lizards. The sun is shining brightly and there is a cool breeze blowing through the yard. I close my eyes and inhale and I can feel the oxygen entering into my head. I noticed the difference the morning after surgery. I could not believe it. The doctor told me how I would feel and what to expect from day to day. For the first time in my life a doctor was spot on. Not only can I breathe, I have not had any light headed or dizzy spells. It is a win win all the way

around. It is hard to fathom that it has taken 64 years to get a real diagnosis and feel this good. It is amazing to see how the building blocks were laid over the past several years to provide me with everything that I have needed since this all began. My prognosis is excellent and I should never have to go through the illness again, that started this journey.

I want to give a shout out to all of my friends and family that have “stood by my side” for the past several months. I was overwhelmed by all of the prayers, notes, phone calls, text messages and sweet gifts I received. Most importantly my husband has stood by me and has been a constant support everyday. I am sure he wanted to run away from me at certain times, and honestly, I would not have blamed him. Last but not least Big Hoss, my fur baby, has been glued to my side and has offered hours and hours of love, comfort and support. He is very vigilant in his duties.

This summer we plan to start traveling again and our first stop will be back in New York to spend time with our family and life long friends. We will definitely be up to visit our friends on the lake. Late summer or early fall we will hop in our RV and start traveling west to spend time with friends in Arizona. We have missed out on so much since this all began.

This illness was a wake up call for me and I am blessed that it will end with a positive outcome. Instead of talking the talk, I want to walk the walk and practice what I preach. I need to expand my horizons! I missed Christmas and cherished time with family. Easter is a week away and I am going to miss family time again.

Slowing down has made me realize that I have taken on too many volunteer positions in a number of organizations. I have always been an overachiever but at this point in my life, I know I need to step back. The last several months have shown me (yet again) how precious my health and life is.

I know it snowed again today in New York. The only good thing about snow in April is that it usually disappears quickly. I also know it is hard to see the forest from the trees after the horrible winter that you have had. I know everyone is watching the lake levels and getting out boats, cleaning up campers and focusing on warmer weather and the summer season.

Take the time to do the things that make you happy. Go out for a walk, explore new places and visit with family and friends. Enjoy every possible moment you can in this crazy world but never, ever, forget about yourself. Do what is right for you. Sometimes you need to to review the priorities in your life. Circumstances happen that we can’t control and they can “kick us in the butt”. I heard the message, loud and clear!

Look for signs of spring around you. I have heard that bushes and flowering shrubs are starting to bloom and flowers are popping their heads out of the ground in places. It is a sure sign that warmer weather is on the way.

Live, love, smile and be happy. Enjoy your life to the fullest!

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Small Town Adirondacks Life:

Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions
By P.J. Schaefer

Number 4: Hope, New York

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

A name such as “Hope” certainly carries with it a great many positive expectations. Has such anticipation come from the acquisition of “19,589 acres of land from the Mohawk Turtle clan,” after only “some confrontations and skirmishes,” as noted in the town archives? Or did such a moniker stem from the fact that, as writer Annie Stoltie verified, though at one time Hope held 2 post offices, 9 schools, several boarding houses, and Moan and Grown Acres, it survives even after those numbers have dwindled to single digits or nonexistence? Or, has such a freighted eponym resulted from the area’s once vanishing woodlands regrowing sufficiently to make Hope, as Doug Kerr claims, “one of the most scenic views of the Sacandaga River along Route 30”? Perhaps all of these events or none of them makes the town title appropriate.

Although the U.S Census Bureau tells us that Hope spans just 41.64 square miles, with .93 square miles of that area water, the town nonetheless encompasses several tourist draws: the Sacandaga River, Tenant Creek Falls, Hope Falls (a hamlet and a site of falls), Hope Center Trail, Groff Creek (a tributary and a hiking trail), several small lakes, and several mountains. According to historian Donald Williams, one of Hope’s first and oldest homes, the David Isdell stone house of 1801, also known as the “Old Eglin House,” the site of a youngest daughter’s kidnapping, stood until 1930, when it finally collapsed upon itself, taking with it a monument to the past.

The hopefulness of the past brought settlers to Hope as early as 1790, though it did not become established as the “Town of Hope” until April 15, 1818, according to Donald Williams. Town of Hope archives note that by the 1850s, the town had created an area with “booming agriculture, mining, sawmills, and tanneries” and a peak “population of 1,125” residents engaged in those industries. The archives also demonstrate that as such industries grew and ultimately subsided by the 1860s, the town’s labels and boundaries shifted, separating from the Town of Wells in 1818, ceding from Montgomery County to move to Hamilton County in the 1830s, and losing the area that became the town of Benson in 1860. Hope always maintained sufficient vibrancy to remain a tourist destination complete with lodging, gas stations, and other amenities.

Among those amenities, shared and maintained by the current population the U.S. Census numbers at 413, comprised of 241 families living in 321 housing units, are pristine hiking trails of various lengths and levels of difficulty. Tennant Creek Falls, for example, actually a part of the Hamilton County Waterfall Challenge,

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offers a 4.4-mile trail, which All Trails, Inc. notes provides “a moderately challenging route [that] takes an overage of 1 hour and 47 minutes round-trip to complete.” The trail, open all year long and welcoming to dogs, “is popular for birding, fishing, and hiking” as well as for spaces to “enjoy some solitude” and to pass “a number of swimming holes and three waterfalls: first, second, and third falls.” According to Adirondack.net, these falls constitute just one of the 19 waterfalls in the Hamilton County Water Challenge, and they lie in the 2-point, easy-to-moderate category, with the falls dropping 40 – 50 feet.

Like its Hope sister, Groff Creek Falls makes the list of sites in the Waterfall Challenge, but it fits into the difficult category with 4 points toward earning the Challenge patch. Adirondack.net explains that all three waterfalls along this creek “take some extra effort to see,” though they fall only 30 feet from their origin. This 4.6-mile round-trip at an elevation of 575 feet entices hikers with its history as a logging road to camps long silent and its dense hemlock and red spruce tree population.

Not a part of the Waterfall Challenge, but nonetheless a favorite of local and visiting hikers, Hope Falls trail provides a 3-4-mile trek of mostly level ground that the Visit Sacandaga campaign touts as “a great walk for small children.”

Another trail offering a comfortable jaunt, Hope Center Trail, consists of a 1.5-mile loop that, according to All Trails, Inc., is “great for hiking and snowshoeing,” and offers seclusion as well as a mere 39-minute round-trip easily tackled by the novice and the young.

For those seeking soothing water adventures without the strenuous hiking, Hope encompasses the tiny Bennet Lake, Middle Lake, and Murphy Lake and the vast Sacandaga River, all open to kayaking, canoeing, and fishing, and all still a part of this relatively undeveloped, natural area.

Perhaps Hope’s greatest two challenges to living up to its name arrived in 1881 and 1911, when two stories of tragedy and horror made news not only in the Adirondacks but also across the nation. Even these tales, however, ended with some semblance of hope in their

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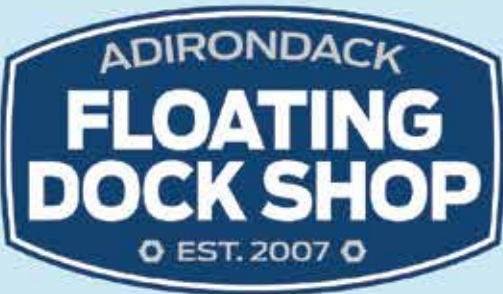
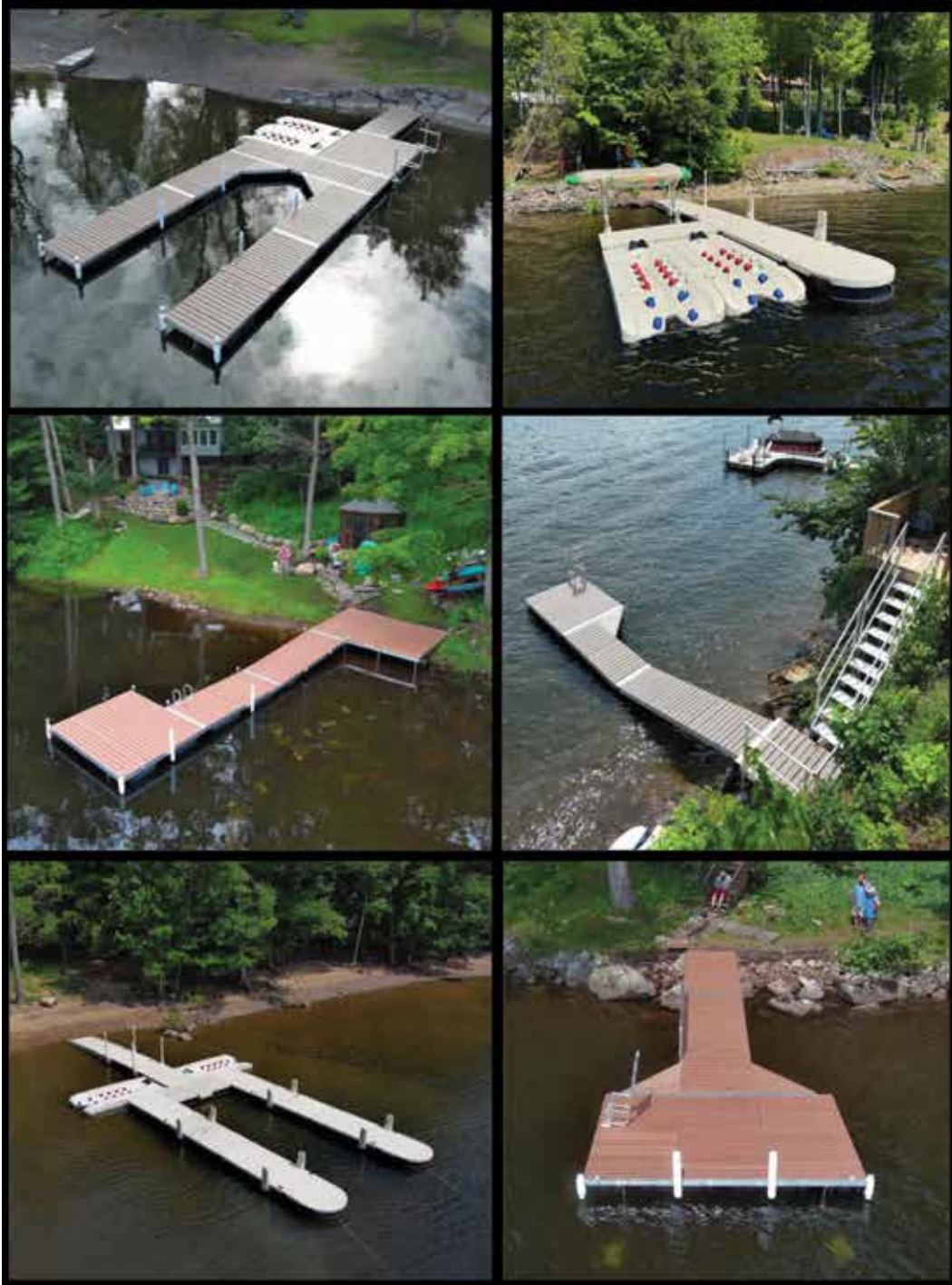


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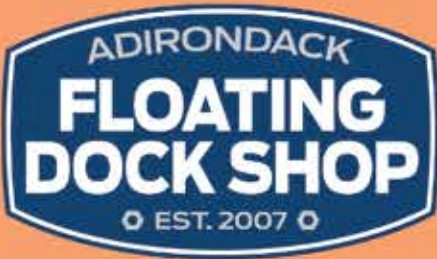
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According to historians Ted Abner and Stella King as cited by Hamilton County Historian Clara Sue King, the first of these atypical episodes began with a hopeful ceremony: Edward Earl’s marriage to Hope resident, Mary Burgess in October of 1868. The couple spent ten years arguing over Edward’s fairly regular drunkenness and Mary’s frequent infidelities. Aber and King note that by 1878, after the loss of two children and the survival of one daughter, the couple’s bickering reached a point at which Mary – perhaps falsely -- accused Edward of violence that sent him away to Dannemore Prison for three-and-a-half years. Angry and bitter, when he attained his freedom in 1881, he sought vengeance and custody of their daughter, June. After discovering Mary living in the house of the offending lover, Mr. George Brown, being denied custody of the daughter he loved, and waiting twice in the barn to come upon the unsuspecting Mary, Edward Earl “proceeded to stab her with a long blade which he drove nearly through the body of Mary Earl, severing the arteries around her heart” (Aber and King). Writer Andrew Taylor tells us that Edward later wrote that when he heard his wife call out for her lover, he “was no longer human; I was a demon, fearing nothing, knowing nothing, incapable of thought or reason – wild.” Though Edward initially fled, he later surrendered to a local authority and that August was hanged at one of the first hangings ever to take place in the county. According to Taylor, though Edward Earl lay buried in the same cemetery but not near his wife, someone may have stolen his body from the grave. That mystery does not stand alone, however; Reporter Andrew Taylor has claimed that Edward Earl may have actually been a Civil War hero, used at least two other pseudonyms, had a nefarious past, and even had an uncle who served in President Franklin Pierce’s cabinet. No one knows for certain, though that Edward Earl returned to confess and accept his punishment and also to make certain his daughter was cared for after his passing offers a subtle hopefulness to an otherwise tragic tale.

The 1911 story of a different kind of tragedy stems from the lives of the Sarah and John Bennet family. According to Adirondack Almanac writer

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Lawrence P. Gooley, headlines shouted such sensational claims as “Three Captives of a Mystic Spell Cast by Adirondack Witch” and “Though in Asylum, She Hypnotizes Her Sons.” As writer Eliza Jane Darling states, this decade-long family drama began because of “the rerouting of the Northville-Wells Highway (today Route 30), through the Bennet property. The once reclusive family suddenly became the subject of investigations into why the previously robust Bennet boys, George, John Ward, and Frank, ages 20 – 30 at the time, had lain so ill, weak, and disabled under their mother’s care – or suspected abuse. Doctor examinations, accusations of poisoning, spells, mesmerism, raving, and witchcraft and newspaper stories, gossip, and the earlier death of a daughter eventually brought two male doctors to examine Sarah Bennett, and they committed her , with her husband’s consent, to the Utica State Hospital, where she died 17 years later, a victim of a common, male-dominated practice of the era. The story resurfaced repeatedly in various chronicles and news story anniversaries, until 1965, when Sarah’s granddaughter revealed the truth: her grandmother had never abused her sons in any way, but after the death of her daughter, she did go into mental decline , though she still maintained the household, her 49-year career as a glove-sewer, and her care of her sons. According to Lawrence P. Gooley, those sons did change. By 1920, George and John Ward had become ambulatory. Eventually, George held a sales job, and John Ward married and even served as a Republican Committeeman. Both men served with honor in World War II. Only Frank remained ill throughout his life. Whether one should view these recoveries as attributable to Sarah’s removal from the home, so a removal of a possible Munchausen-by- proxy practitioner, no one can say with certainty. The astounding success of two of the three sons, however, demonstrates yet again the kind of hopefulness associated with the town’s reflection of its name.

Whether we consider the dogged survival of a town of only 413 people or the restorative waters of the local falls or the life-affirming endings to tragic tales that make up Hope’s history, we can only conclude that the town has always personified its name.

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Lake News

On March 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM the Great Sacandaga Lake Level was at 752.37 NGVD 1925 Feet. which is 2.37 feet above the Target Elevation and is in good shape to store the runoff. The Hudson River Black River Regulating District made the following release.

“Residents along reservoirs under HRBRRD’s jurisdiction will see appreciable rises in water levels as these storage reservoirs function as intended to provide downstream flood protection during the spring runoff season. For instance, in the Hudson River Area, the peak inflow into Great Sacandaga Lake may approach 28000 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the coming days - approximately twice the National Weather Service (NWS) predicted peak flow in the Sacandaga River at Hope - which would otherwise produce significant flooding downstream in Washington County communities like Fort Edward, and significant impacts downstream in Saratoga, Rensselaer, and Albany Counties. By storing almost all of the inflow during that time except for a minimum release of 300 cfs, communities like Fort Edward will be spared much worse inundation.

Fortunately, reservoirs under HRBRRD’s jurisdiction have ample storage and are well poised to provide this flood protection during the 2025 season.

Residents around Great Sacandaga Lake can expect to see an increase in elevation of around 5 feet over the next week.”

If you left your dock or swimming floats on the shore last fall, please ensure they are tied off and will not be damaged when the lake refills during the next several weeks.



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A beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



In upstate New York, spring beekeepers focus on preparing hives for the growing season, and supporting bee colony growth after winter.

My beekeeping mentor Harry Phelps did a wonderful job instructing me on me how to go about inspecting hives for signs of life and food stores last month. We provided supplemental food to the hives where needed, while checking each hive for a Queen. In a honey bee hive, there are three main types of bees: the queen, the workers, and the drones. The queen is the reproductive female, the workers are non-reproductive females that perform most of the hive’s tasks, and the drones are the male bees.

I have quickly come to realize that the relationship between honeybees and mankind can be described as a harmonious coexistence. In essence, the relationship between honeybees and humans is a model of cooperation where both species benefit from each other’s presence and actions. This partnership is crucial for both food security and ecosystem health.

Some fun HoneyBee Facts!

- The honey bee is the only insect that produces food eaten by man.
- A honey bee typically visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip.
- A honey bee would have to fly around 90,000 miles — over three times around the globe — to make one pound of honey. It would take one ounce of honey to fuel her flight around the world.

The average honey bee will actually make only one twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime. Worker honey bees live for about 6-8 weeks in the spring or summer, but up to 6 months during the winter.

Honey bees normally fly at up to 15 miles per hour. The honey bee’s wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz.

Mead, made from honey, is the most ancient fermented beverage. The term “honeymoon” originated with the Norse practice of consuming large quantities of mead during the first month of a marriage.

After a year of preparation and mentoring, I am scheduled to receive my first bees in May. My Langstroth beehive is ready and the spring flowers are here to welcome them. Hopefully it will be a sunshine filled, warm spring for the bees, and for us all.

For you it’s just a spoon of honey, but for them, it’s a lifetime.

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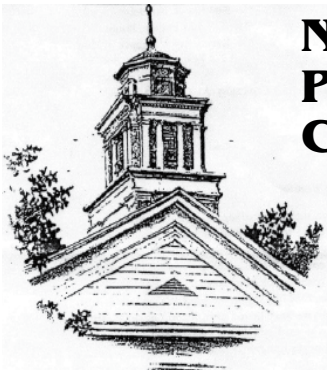
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Grace and peace to you from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

On my way to the office this morning, I remembered an old song (and I mean OLD) by The Byrds. The title of the song was “Turn! Turn! Turn!” and the lyrics were based on the words of the biblical book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3:

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven –

A time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot...
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance...
a time to be silent and a time to speak”

The writer of Ecclesiastes explores the meaning of life and the futility of worldly pursuits, emphasizing that all is like a vapor without God. The author reflects on the fleeting nature of wealth, wisdom, and pleasure. He says that every human endeavor is as nothing without God’s blessing and guidance.

Pondering this, I began to wonder whether we human beings are able to discern the times and meet the challenges of the current times with wisdom. I ask this because, as I look around at the world today, it seems there is much more folly than wisdom. We seem to have lost sight of when it is the right time to plant or uproot, to tear down or to build, to weep or to dance, to be silent or to speak. And just to be clear, I include myself with all the rest of us in struggling to discern the appropriate response to the times in which we live.

With the arrival of the month of May, many of us are preparing gardens for the spring and summer. We know that with regard to nature, this is the right time. Yet, when it comes to our common life as a nation and a people, do we really understand what needs to be planted or uprooted right now? Do we know when it is time to be silent and when it is time to speak? Do we have eyes to see when it is time to mourn or time to dance?

These questions are not easily answered, but the writer of Ecclesiastes is clear that without God, our discernment is cloudy and our wisdom is but folly. If we turn to the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian witness to the good news of Jesus, we will do a much better job of reading the times and responding wisely in faith.

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures it is clear that God calls us to take care of the poor, welcome the stranger, and to execute justice for ALL people; and in the gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest law of all is to love God with our everything and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In light of that guidance, I would say we all need to understand when to be silent so that we can hear the voices of others around us, and we need to know when it is time to speak up on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced.

Perhaps we need a better understanding of what needs to be uprooted – injustice, prejudice, the pursuit of wealth and power before the pursuit of compassion – and what needs to be planted – greater care for those on the margins of society, the hungry, poor and excluded.

And in the Spirit of God, may we not celebrate the downfall of others, but rather mourn the struggles of so many around us; and may we know when is the time to rejoice in the good.

If you are struggling to understand the times in which we live and how to respond, we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 10, when in worship and prayer and sharing, we seek deeper understanding together. We are an inclusive and welcoming faith community, and we invite any and every one to share in the journey of faith and service with us.

May God bless our eyes that we might see more clearly; our

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Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Work Hard at Having Fun at Home Show

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions made their presence felt at this weekend's Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair at the Broadalbin-Perth High School.

As in years past, the B-P Lions operated the primary food concession, offering chili, pizza, hot dogs, candy, fruit/vegetable cups, coffee, and a variety of soft drinks. The weekend's indecisive and windy weather seemed to increase the event's attendance thereby keeping the Lions busy in meeting the crowd's appetite.

B-P High School student volunteers took food orders from vendors and shuttled meals between the concession and exhibits during the course of the event. B-P Lions Club President Bob Townsend said, "we welcome the student involvement because it provides an opportunity for our young people to get involved in community service as well as foster leadership skills".

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



Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions and BPHS students sold and served food during the Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair held at Broadalbin-Perth High School this weekend. Several other Lions participated during the two-day event. (Photo courtesy Broadalbin-Perth Lions).

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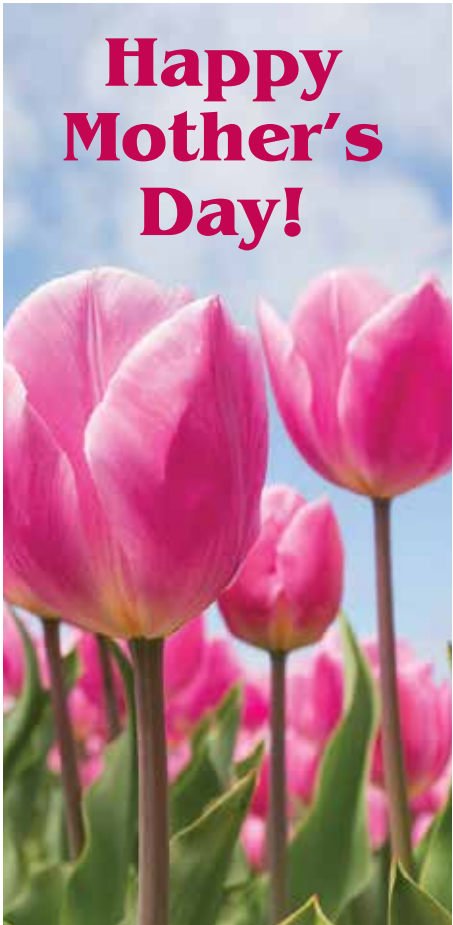
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Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Fred and Linda Brown

Welcome May...we hope! Winter has acted like a frustrated parent, scolding us, loving us and then shouting, “and another thing!” before hugging their naughty children and moving on. The grass is greening, the daffodils sprouting, and hope does spring eternal. Through all this confused season, SVAN has been a constant, providing the Sacandaga Valley with wonderful examples of fine arts, excellent musical offerings, and many opportunities to join with our friends and neighbors to experience the full, rich experience the North Country has to offer.

Musical Offerings

Music warms the soul throughout the year, but especially in the cold, dark of winter. SVAN’s musical offerings included Garland Nelson performing his evolution of the Black Vocal Tradition to a full house in March and “Big Fez and the Surfmatics” heated up the Sport Island Pub in April to a crowd of appreciative “Beach Goers,” complete with palm trees, and pink flamingos!

The dance party was a warm-up to the Summer Concert Series in the Northville Waterfront Park every Saturday evening at 6:00.

Summer Outside Concerts:

July 12th - Johnny and the Triumphs – Classic Rock


July 19th - Sirsy – Pop

July 26th The Insolent Willies -Roots

August 2nd – Annie and the Hedonists – Swing

August 9th – Zorbas Trio – Pop & Classical

August 16th – Fenimore Blues – Blues



August 23rd – Grain Thief – Bluegrass

August 30th – Electric City Horns – Rock

It doesn’t end there. Coming up on April 25th is a day-long workshop for Northville Central School District students and a free evening concert for the community featuring “Fiddling With Traditions.” Gretchen Koehler and Daniel Kelly share “North Country” folk arts and traditions through their music and a multi-media presentation. One observer notes, “Extraordinary! There aren’t words to describe this superb multimedia, many-faceted art experience!”

The program is sponsored by SVAN in partnership with the Northville Education Foundation. If you miss it, you can visit <gretchenkoehlermusic.com> to see this outstanding show of visual and performing arts.

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July 18th – Don Hoffman at the Rotary Woodworking Show



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Fine Arts Offerings

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face and one virtual meeting to
work on their individual projects
while sharing camaraderie and
creativity.

The SVAN Galleries are
open and inviting both local and
visitors to the Sacandaga Valley
to view creative pieces by regional
artists.

Northville Gallery, located
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reopens April 25th for the
upcoming season with new
artwork.

Library Gallery, located in the
Northville Library presents a
new show, “Journeys” by artist/
member Janet Marie Yeates and
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hours. An artist’s reception will
be held May 13th, 5-7 PM. Janet
will share her art at 6:00 with a
“Gallery Walk & Talk.”

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local and regional artist’s work for
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for August 16 & 17, featuring
local artists in their creative
environment. Be sure to check the
SVAN website for a complete list
of participating artists.

Workshop, A workshop
entitled “Acrylic Still Life
Painting” will be conducted by
SVAN President Dianne Knapp
on Saturday, May 17, 1-4 PM.
Beginners are welcome and
materials will be provided. (Still
life is a work of art that depicts
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Membership- As with all volunteer organizations, membership and attendance at events keeps the doors open and artists interested in participating. Please consider joining the many current members as a new or renewing member. Your gift of joining and your volunteering helps to make the program vital and enjoyable to the Sacandaga Valley area. You will receive advance notice of upcoming events and member discounts. Visit SVANARTS.org to renew or join, you will not be disappointed and be supporting this worthwhile and enjoyable community-based organization. Be sure to visit SVANARTS.org to get up-to-date information on all SVAN activities throughout the year

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Hopefully the rains (and snows) of April will bring us an abundance of May flowers. The first signs of forsythia blooming and tulips and daffodils popping through the earth bring joy to many of us. We have celebrated the resurrection of Christ but Easter is not over. In the Methodist tradition, there are seven Sundays of Easter, which includes Easter Sunday and Ascension Sunday ... the day Jesus left the earth and ascended to his Father in heaven. This year, this brings us into June with Pentecost Sunday. More about that next month.

We, along with so many others, will celebrate Mother's Day on May 11. It's a wonderful time to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, daughters and women friends who are still with us and remember those who have gone on to their heavenly rewards. Mother's Day has Methodist roots: Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in

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Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers. At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies; and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”

Memorial Day is celebrated on May 26 this year. The original date is May 30 until a Monday holiday was introduced moving Memorial Day (celebrated) to the last Monday of the month, giving most people a 3-day weekend. It has become the unofficial start of summer, which, of course, doesn’t happen until late June. Nevertheless, the meaning of Memorial Day has not changed: On Memorial Day, we remember people who have perished in war, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect others. May God hasten the day when humans can solve disputes peacefully. We also remember loved ones whose stay on earth is over. A memorial stone at Ohio’s College of Wooster, placed by a class years ago, reads: “United in time / Divided in time / To be reunited / When time shall be no more.” Christians believe that death does not end all. When our earthly life is over, we have the promise of eternal life — and joyful reunions — in heaven.

Our Thrift Store ministry is open and thriving. 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 have added a jewelry room on the second floor across from the church office. It will be open during regular Thrift Shop hours on Fridays only.

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May 1 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Egg Salad Cold Plate, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Coleslaw, and Pudding Cup. No Program this day.
There will be a birthday cake provided by Sue Chiellot

May 8 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Hamburger on a Bun, O'Brien Potatoes, Country Blend Vegetables, and Mandarin Oranges with Vanilla Yogurt
STFSL Program at 12:30: Carla Kolbe, Fulton County Tourism Coordinator, will talk about her work on behalf of Fulton County

May 15 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Tuna Salad Cold Plate, Macaroni Salad, Corn Salad, and Apple Brown Betty. STFSL Program at 12:30: Dr. Sarah Chauncey will speak on the School Budget vote

May 22 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Spanish Rice, Wax Beans, Tossed Salad, Corn Muffin, and Banana Cake. STFSL Program at 12:30: Gary Van Slyke will entertain with Patriotic songs and some local history. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day.

May 29 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Coconut Pineapple Curry on Chicken Breast, Noodles, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, and Berry in the Cloud. STFSL Program at 12:30: Kristy McKnight will bring the Northville School Choir to sing Patriotic Songs. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day
Call Fulton County OFA at 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 752-8737 and leave a message.

UPCOMING TRIPS WITH THE TASK FORCE:

On May 10th we plan to go to the Schine Gallery in Gloversville. This will be our third visit to that little gem in the heart of

Gloversville. Afterwards we will have lunch at Mohawk Harvest.

The Task Force will be traveling to some of the following locations - Mabee Farm, the Albany Institute of History and Art, Schoharie Crossing, Historic Cherry Hill, Tribes Hill Heritage Center, the Townline Museum, and Raquette Lake for a Lunch Cruise.

Also this season we will revisit some of our favorite venues. We'll have Tea at Old Fort Johnson in the summer and drive to the Adirondack Experience in the fall when residents of the Adirondack Park get in for free. Also in the fall we will travel to Proctors in Schenectady for the yearly Youth Orchestra Concert for Seniors. Next will be our Christmas shopping at the Colonie Mall and the Shaker Heritage Society in late November.

We hope you will join us on some of these excursions.



NEWS From the
President of the
Great Sacandaga Lake
Association

Jane Kinney Denning

Mark your calendars!

Come join us on Saturday, June 7th in helping to keep the Great Sacandaga Lake area beautiful. It is a great opportunity to come and meet other members of the community and the board of the GSLA to learn about all the work we do advocating for the Great Sacandaga Lake..

Not to mention that volunteering is a wonderful way to put your talents, interests and passions to good use and, we are always open to new volunteers and board members as we continue to build and strengthen the association for future generations and their work to preserve and protect the GSL.

Hope to see you there!

Edinburg Senior News
Senior Luncheon at the
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12 noon—3 PM

Join friends, neighbors, and special guests for a community building event at Griffis Marina. There will be refreshments, a raffle, and we will celebrate the 2025 recipients of the GSLA Environmental Citizenship Awards.

For more information:

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Sacandaga Protection Committee

Spring where are you ?? Isn't April the time of birds chirping, buds on the trees and flowers poking through the ground ? I guess she didn't get the memo this year. Hopefully by the time you read this the weather will be warm and we will be able to enjoy the lake and not just dream about the good times on it. As you know the SPC is an all-volunteer organization with a main mission of protecting our lake access, by doing so property values are enhanced, people want to live and visit here and business are able to flourish. The SPC has 2 major fundraisers , our Bet on the Lake raffle which will begin in June with a \$10,000 first prize and our annual Golf Outing which will be the Saturday after Memorial Day (May 31,2025) at Hales Mills Country Club in Johnstown. We have over 120 participants this year. If you wish to support the SPC there are numerous opportunities. There are various sponsor levels Presenting \$2,500; Platinum \$1,500; Gold \$1,000; Silver \$750; Bronze \$500; Tee Sign \$100 or donate an item for the silent auction. Any questions or to get more information you may call Bob Jones at 518-257-0282 or email SPCGSL@gmail.com. This is our 5th annual golf outing and each year has been better than the prior one. Thank you to all for your past support and we look forward to your support this year to help keep the Great Sacandaga great.

To learn more visit SacandagaProtectionCommittee.com, or our Facebook page. You can email us at SPCGSL@gmail.com with any questions, to donate, or to volunteer to assist the SPC in our mission.

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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

Spring has sprung in the Village! Garage Sale Weekend, May 3rd and 4th is upon us. We will post a list of sales in and around the community on our FB page and have some paper copies available for distribution by the Northampton Ambulance Squad when they conduct their coin drop on Saturday, May 3rd. I will also have copies available in my office at 412 S. Main Street.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for February was 89 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). He reported that overall, most drivers have slowed down in the Village due to the new 25 mph speed limit.

DPW Superintendent Dan Reidell reports that they will begin picking up yard debris and brush weekly, on Wednesdays, through the end of May. He is preparing a pickup schedule for summer which we will post in future editions and on our FB page.



The May water bills for the Village have been mailed. We are still actively collecting data regarding the lead pipe inventory in the

Village. Several residents have not submitted their surveys from the November billing, and we are asking those residents to respond to the survey sent with their current bill.

The new addition to Main Street, the Great Sacandaga Lake Fire District firehouse, is almost finished and it looks wonderful.

Don't forget the Village of Northville Memorial Day procession/ ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26th at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar and join us for this solemn event.

The Farmer's Market will be held in the Waterfront Park on Saturdays, from June 28th through September 6th from 10-1 p.m. If you would like to be a vendor, contact the Clerk's office.

We are still organizing the DOINS for July 4th and 5th. and taking applications from vendors. Email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to participate. The fireworks this year will be held on Saturday, July 5th at dusk. The Spencer family has graciously agreed to allow their property to be used for the fireworks this year! During the month of May, our office will be reaching out to past parade participants to schedule them for this year's parade. If you want to be part of the fun, email the Clerk's office to be added to the list! The theme of the 2025 DOINS parade is Hometown Pride! We hope

you will engage your creative minds and show us your best version of hometown pride. We have some very special Grand Marshals for the parade as well!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 22nd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We hope this newsletter finds our families and community well! It is hard to believe we are on the home stretch of the 2024-2025 school year! We hope everyone is enjoying the change in weather and the warmer temperatures. Students have been enjoying outside recess and look forward to outside learning opportunities.

On Friday, April 4, 2025 at Eagle Morning Program, we honored students of the month! These students were caught being "supportive" throughout the school and supporting others! Keep up the great work everyone! We are proud of you!

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- 3-6 Cora and Sadie
- Teacher/Staff Mrs. Knapp



The students in grades 2nd - 6th took a field trip to the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts to see their artwork on display at the 2025 Regional Art Show. The center presented its seventh annual Regional Art Show, displaying over 120 works by more than 50 artists. The art show featured a special showcase of art by students from the region.

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From The Four Corners Diner Gang

We are proud to offer the “Summer Fun Enrichment Program” once again this year! The program will be offered to ALL students in grades K- 6th and transportation will be offered to in-District students. The program will start on Monday, July 7, 2025 and end on Thursday, August 7, 2025. Students will attend the program Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The enrichment program will include “field trip Thursday”. If you have any questions regarding the summer enrichment program or would like to sign your child/children up, please call the main office at 518-863-8412 for more details.

Come and join us for “Meet the Candidate Night” on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM!

The Edinburg Common School District will have one open seat on its Board of Trustees. The open seat is for a three year term on the three-member board as Mr. Robert McCloskey’s term is set to expire on June 30, 2025.

Mrs. Deborah Wilson from Edinburg is running against incumbent Board of Trustees member, Mr. Robert McCloskey. Please join us to meet both candidates prior to the upcoming Budget Vote and Annual Election on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

MARK your calendars! It’s that time of year again to get out and support the Edinburg Common School District budget! The district has worked hard on keeping the tax levy increase to 0% during a time when all costs are on the rise. The annual budget vote and board election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 12:00 pm through 8:00 pm. Please join us at our regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 for the annual budget hearing. Should you have any specific budget related questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to the District.



Also on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, bring the whole family to our final Family STEM Night! There will be several stations for your family to explore, build, and create using district provided STEM kits. We will have some surprise giveaways to share as well that evening! You don’t want to miss this! We held two family Monday Math Nights and two family STEM nights this school year with wonderful turnouts. We cannot thank our staff enough for their support of these learning opportunities!

Dates to Remember:

- May 2nd - Eagle Morning 8:00 AM
- May 9th - Mother’s Day Event (Details to follow)
- May 12th - Half Professional Development Day
- May 13th - ECS Board Meeting/ Budget Hearing 5:00 PM
- May 20th - Budget Vote 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- May 20th - STEM Night 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- May 22nd and 23rd - Snow Day “Givebacks” - No School
- May 26th - Observance of Memorial Day - No School



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Sandra Baldwin

Jeremy broke his arm this month – so that happened. It has been frustrating for him to be kept on the sidelines as his arm heals. He fell and landed hard on his chest, with his arm under him. His radius broke in multiple places, just below his elbow. No broken ribs though. This happened on a Saturday and we couldn’t get him in for surgery until the following Wednesday. The surgeon who worked on him was wonderful and so helpful. She slid Jeremy into the schedule last minute, even though she was already booked up; we were very grateful. The most frustrating part of this was the timing - although I suppose there is never a “good” time to break something. We were scheduled to travel up to Saranac to install a geothermal field the next week. Thankfully, and of course, Bill came up to save the day. This past Sunday afternoon, Bill, Jeremy, Keith, and Will caravanned up to Saranac. They are sharing a 2-bedroom Airbnb. Now don’t get me started on how that happened or how frustrating the owner has been (there is no grill and only a small 2 burner electric stove). Apparently, Jeremy and I didn’t read the “fine-print” about amenities that are taken away during the winter – like the grill, nor the fact that “stove” can be a piece of garbage and that is considered okay. Nope, nope, not going to get myself worked up again. I’ll admit that the bedroom issue was a weird whoops. Jeremy was searching for appropriate choices, found one with 3 bedrooms, passed the phone to me and I booked it. I don’t know if he/I accidentally swiped left or something, but we wound up with a 2-bedroom listing from the same owner. We were in the hot tub at the time and I may have had a glass or two of bubbly. Moral of the story – don’t drink and buy (and apparently read the fine print).

Back to Jeremy – he will start physical therapy in a week from now and will hopefully be cleared to drive at that point. He has months though before he is back to normal. That being said, the surgeon told us that he will not have full range of motion back and will likely have to have surgery again in about 15 years. She was able to not have to install a new elbow, but he has a plate and screws? I think that’s what she said. Funny Jeremy tid-bit – he rarely bruises. It has to be something really good that will make him bruise. He had only a small bruise on his wrist from this. I look at something too hard and bruise. He also has arms that go “whoosh” – that is what I used to say when we were dating. His elbows bend back way too far – his left one won’t anymore though...that will likely be a strange feeling.

Changing topics: today is the first day that we have the doors open at the shop. It feels wonderful and I am finally starting to get excited for nice weather. I had the kids pick up all the dog poops from the back yard (we had snow until this past week) and I plan to bring the pressure washer home to power wash the deck and furniture. We decided not to go camping this year, so I intend to spruce up the backyard as much as I can. We had so few weekends free last year

that it just wasn’t worth the cost of the seasonal site. I will miss the Spring session with all the baby wildlife though; I really enjoyed the goslings.

Final note: Spring is the perfect time of year to check for coliform bacteria in your well. If you didn’t do it last year (or can’t even remember the last time it was done), please be sure to grab a sample and bring it to your local lab for testing. If you need assistance, we are here to help.



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