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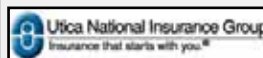
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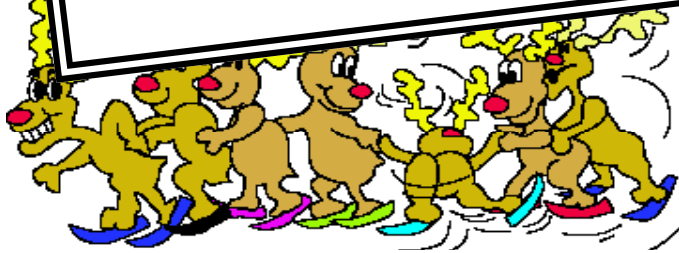


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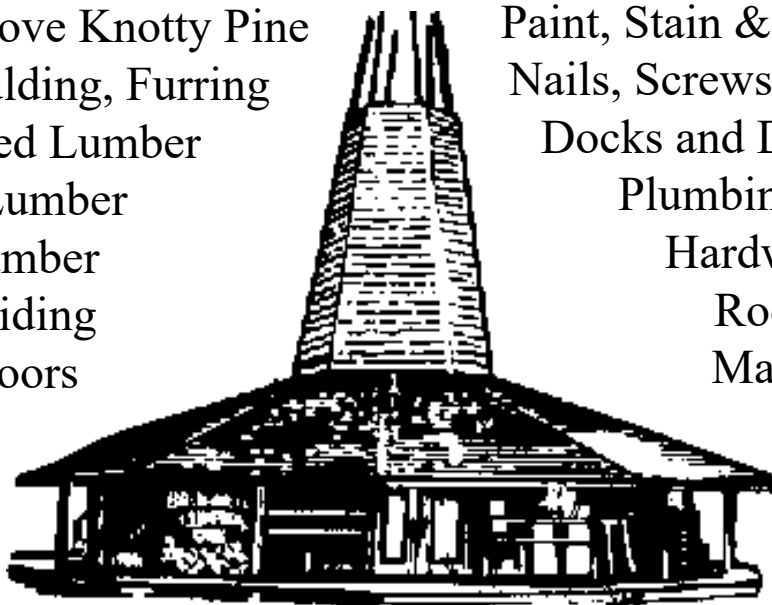
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THANKS GO OUT AGAIN to our community for supporting our Salads & Bake Sale in September and a Bake Sale in October. The bake sale proceeds and donations help maintain the Copeland Covered Bridge, Latcher Machine/ Carriage Shop, Rural and Nellie Tyrrell Museums and the Sand Hill One-Room Schoolhouse during this Covid pandemic year when EHS's two festivals had to be cancelled.

A share certificate in the Copeland Site is a wonderful lasting gift for special events like birthdays, anniversaries, and other happy events. We also have shares in memory of a beloved one. Share certificates are \$25 which help maintain the Copeland Site. Names of the recipients are listed at the Bridge. You can request a share certificate by sending your information and check to the above address or by using EHS's website. Two shares have been purchased by Barbara Palmer in honor of Merry Lee Kraft and in memory of Liz Weslowski.

The Edinburg Historical Society preserves our past. The Copeland Covered Bridge is the only queenspost truss bridge in New York State. It is the only covered bridge in Saratoga County. The queenspost truss is the horizontal extension at the center which relies on beam action to provide mechanical stability. This truss style is only suitable for relatively short spans and was used

by Arad and Anna Copeland to get their cows to pasture.

Items from the Rural Gift Shop may be purchased online plus a \$5 shipping fee. A Taste of Edinburg cookbook, \$20; DVD Saving the Dream featuring John Bennis photos document Edinburg's history \$15; and DVD Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga made by the Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council with the help of the HR/BR Regulating District, public and county historians and people in the community \$20.




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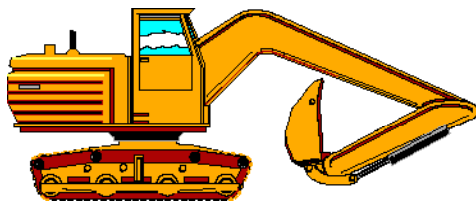
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# EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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by Jean Raymond



## MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

### 2021 Town Budget

The town budget for 2021 has been adopted. The tax rate will increase between .04 and .05 cents per thousand. The county tax rate will decrease .03 cents per thousand. The budget

is under the 2% tax cap and maintains existing programs.

**THE TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILL WILL BE SENT OUT AT THE END OF DECEMBER. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TAX BILL CANNOT BE PAID IN PERSON. THEY MUST BE MAILED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR. THERE IS ALSO A LOCKED DROP BOX AT THE RIGHT SIDE DOOR OF THE TOWN HALL.**

### Saratoga County Trail Grant Awarded to Edinburg

Saratoga County has awarded the town a grant for next year to continue improvements on the nature trail. An additional 3000 feet of trail is being constructed by the Highway Department to the right of the Recycling Center and will be connected to the existing trail. It will include several picnic areas.

### Cell Tower Update

The Verizon towers in both Edinburg and Day have been activated. Over the next several months Verizon will be working to maximize both sites. There is no guarantee that all areas will be covered 100%. An AT & T phone is not compatible with Verizon.

### Eagle Scout Projects

We have 2 Eagle Scout candidates that will be doing projects here at the town site next year. TJ Payne will be constructing a Horse Shoe Pit by the picnic pavilion and Ethan Moore will be constructing picnic tables for the picnic area the Highway Department is creating on the new trail being built beyond the Recycling Center that will connect with the current trail.

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### Drug Disposal Kits

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### Winter Refuse and Recycling Collection

In the event of bad weather and road conditions there may be a change in the roadside collection schedule by





# NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



*Michael Burnett*  
Director 863-6922

The library continues its annual holiday tradition, marking the month of December as a fine free month! During this period, no fines will be charged. This is a GREAT opportunity for patrons with outstanding fines and long overdue materials to come in and clear their records with NO PENALTY!!!!

The Sacandaga Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 10 am in the library's program room. Patricia Nugent will lead a discussion of "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult. Luke Warren has spent his life researching wolves. He has written about them, studied their habits intensively, and even lived with them for extended periods of time. In many ways, Luke understands wolf dynamics better than those of his own family. His wife, Georgie, has left him, finally giving up on their lonely marriage. His son, Edward, twenty-four, fled six years ago, leaving behind a shattered relationship with his father. Edward understands

that some things cannot be fixed, though memories of his domineering father still inflict pain. Then comes a frantic phone call: Luke has been gravely injured in a car accident with Edward's younger sister, Cara. Suddenly everything changes: Edward must return home to face the father he walked out on at age eighteen. He and Cara have to decide their father's fate together. Though there's no easy answer, questions abound.

<b>Hours:</b>	
<b>September - March</b>	
Monday	9am - Noon
Tuesday	9am - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - Noon
Saturday	9am - Noon

On Thursday, Dec 10, the Friends of the Library will hold the drawing for their Annual Holiday Raffle. Three baskets will be awarded: "Holiday Celebration"- wine, glasses, runner, snacks, candle; "Kid's Fun" – books, snacks, games & crafts; "Italian Delight" – wine, glasses, sauces, spaghetti, bowls, platter. Tickets are available at the library.

The "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" bags are available for borrowing. Each bag contains 10 books that are appropriate for most 3-5 year olds. The Baby Bags contain board books for toddlers. Track what is read by using the app from [<http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/resources>].

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## Mayfield Historical Society Receives Donation for New Roof

The Mayfield Historical Society has received a donation from the Timothy and Tina Delaney Family Foundation for a new roof for the Rice Homestead's main building. Ashley Olson presented the donation on September 29th to Bob Suits, president of the Mayfield Historical Society. The Foundation is a private grant making foundation within the Philanthropy, Volunteer and Grantmaking Category and is a 501(c)3 organization.

The roof on the 1810 Rice Homestead structure was replaced this past fall. The Rice Homestead is located at 328 Riceville Road in Mayfield and is the home of the Mayfield Historical Society. The Society will not be holding its annual Christmas Open House this year due to COVID-19 but will re-open for tours next June.

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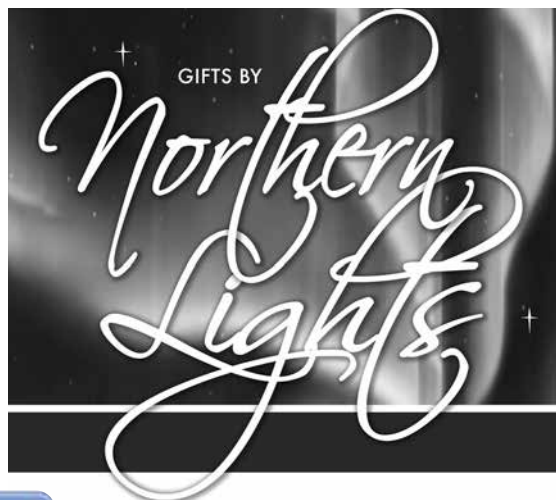
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## Flower Talk

*Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn*

### Hydrangeas

The history of Hydrangeas dates back millions of years! A fossil species called Hydrangea Alaskana was recovered from Jaw Mountain in Alaska, in a section of rock dating back to the Paleogene Period. Fossils have also been discovered more recently in Asia, the continent with which Hydrangeas are more associated and where it is recorded that people first started cultivating the species, thousands of years ago.

The hydrangea that was first cultivated in Japan is often referred to as Ajisai. The flowers bloom during the rainy season (tsuyu) from June to July and turn places like the Meigetsuin Temple into a mystical, fragrant garden. They are often mentioned in Japanese poems composed during 710-794 AD (called the Nara period). According to legend, the emperor gave hydrangeas to the family of a girl he loved to show how much he cared for her. Japanese diplomats also brought them to Hangzhou, China, during China's Tang Dynasty, 618-907 A.D. From there, they were carried throughout continental Asia.

Westerners collided with Japan's hydrangeas through two adventurers from the Dutch East India company. Englebert Kaempfer (1651-1715) and later, Carl Peter Thunberg (1743-1828), two physicians in search of new medicinal

plants. Before their visit to Japan, the west was unaware of these magnificent ornamentals and their role in Japanese life. For centuries, Japan had not been open to foreigners on the island, for cultural and religious reasons. But, Carl Peter Thunberg managed to collect two types of hydrangeas, convincing them they were foraging for fodder (dried vegetation for feed) for his goat. He described them as *Viburnum Macrophyllum* and *Viburnum Serratum*. [*Viburnum* describes a shrub]. Thunberg was later credited to the final names given to these most popular hydrangeas, *Hydrangea macrophylla* (big leaf variety with showy flower heads) and *Hydrangea serrata* (smaller leaves and flowers). He got the word *Hydrangea* from an early 1700's botanist named Grovonijs. In Greek, "hydor" means water and "angos" meaning vessel (barrel/pitcher), hence 'water barrel'. This is because of the cup shaped flowers and the fact that hydrangeas are notorious for needing lots of water.

In 1771 a French botanist, Philibert Commerson referred to the hydrangea as *Hortensia* and people still do to this day. Rumours have said that he named the flower after a woman, which could be his mistress or a well-known female astronomer, whom he was closely acquainted with. Some claim it was Hortense de Nassau, the daughter of the Prince of Nassau. Whether the flower was named after a particular lady or not, others have argued that the name 'hortensia' loosely derives from a translation of Latin for

'from the garden'. The Latin word 'hortus' means 'garden' and Commerson found the hydrangea in the garden of the King of Mauritius along with all sorts of other flowers. However, the truth about the origin of its French name still remains unresolved. It's a mystery that adds to its beauty.

In 1792, George Washington planted a native hydrangea, on the bowling green at Mount Vernon. Nearby, Thomas Jefferson was designing his

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gardens and walkways at Monticello. He also included these new shrubs. Today, heirloom seeds from these plants may be obtained from the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants in Monticello. Both men purchased their seeds and plants from their friend, William Bartram, of Bartram's Nursery in Philadelphia. Who explored the American southeast and unspoiled southern Appalachian Mountains, collecting and identifying indigenous plants. John first came across the smooth hydrangea in the 1730's and the beautiful oakleaf hydrangea native to Georgia. These two varieties of native American hydrangeas formed the groundwork for cultivated hydrangeas, which spread across the states. James Madison's home, Montpelier, also benefited from Bartram's nursery. Creamy white hydrangeas still border Montpelier's garden wall.

Before the Bartrams supported the cultivation of hydrangeas, Native Americans had long been using wild hydrangeas medicinally. From them, the colonists discovered their roots were useful as painkillers, as well as for kidney, bladder and other ailments.

Today, the modern world is infatuated with hydrangeas. We now have more than 75 different

species and over 600 cultivated varieties to choose from. They win global awards and are featured in celebrity weddings. Also called "The Madonna" of flowering shrubs, hydrangeas have a reputation of being "the perfect shrub" — show-stopping blooms, elegant foliage and understated beauty. And with an adjustment to the ph of the soil we can change the color of the white blooms. With acidic soil it turns the flower to blues and purples and an alkaline ph resulting in pinks to reds.

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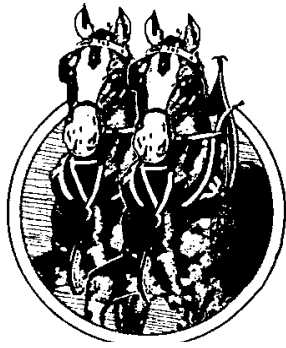
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*Tales of the Sacandaga Valley*

*Many years ago we had a column titled Don Bowman Remembers. It was written by a gentleman who lived in this area for many years, and worked on the dam and bridge. He lived in a bygone era of simpler times and strong resourceful people. We have access to many stories of the time and have decided to start printing them in our publication again.*

*I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.*

### The Law and Constable Dick

Constable Dick was about five eight, had meat on his bones, but not fat. Hair light brown, had laugh wrinkles at corners of his blue eyes that could turn very cold, very fast, like the river. And his smile I never understood how a law officer could have such a great smile. That was Constable Dick. Sometimes he was called the "Turtle Cop" because he was really concerned about fish and wildlife.

I sometimes was assigned to work for him. I drove the horse and wagon that has a sign on it that read "Patrol". We watched for theft on the job, patrolled the valley. Put squatters out of houses, carted them to above the survey lines. Somehow the squatters moved into empty houses with the mistaken idea that they could collect money for the property. That was wrong because all deeds were listed in the books in the offices of both the county seats in which the valley covered.

Dick sometimes wore his holstered side arm, which some folks called a "hawg leg." We also had a shotgun under the wagon seat.

Sometimes there was trouble. Not just with squatters, but with actual property owners that did not want to leave the family farm that had been owned for maybe a hundred years or so, even though the land for the project had been properly taken over by the law of eminent domain, the rights of the many, of course checks for payment of the land were offered, but still some folks would not accept. Sometimes Deputy Sheriffs had to be called to a dispute, even State Police. But many folks were pleased to sell and move for the best trees had been lumbered off the mountains there was no work in the valley.

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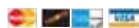
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### Sounds!

I am fortunate enough to live at the top of a hill and because of that I get the chance to hear all kinds of sounds that others may not experience. There are so many sounds in Edinburg that many may just ignore. Many sounds can be heard in the night or very early morning before daylight.

I'm a very early riser having breakfast at 5am after which I sit at the kitchen table with my coffee and reading materials. As long as the furnace or refrigerator aren't running many outside sounds can be heard. One recent morning a barred owl which was either on the clothes pole or in the crabapple tree gave out one of its gurgle/gargling sounds and its mate in the edge of the sugarbush answered. Sometimes they call from the locust tree. I often hear them in the middle of the night. I like to hear them. I've heard a meadow mouse scooting up the back stairs looking for sunflower seeds. Sometimes the sound of a mousetrap in the cellar tells me there is one less mouse to be a nuisance.

Early mornings before daylight when I take my old dog outside I might hear coyotes howling down in the bush or over back behind my neighbors-eerie! In late summer the young coyotes were learning to hunt on their own—totally different sound but still eerie. We never had coyotes in town until the mid- 1970's.

There's an old saying that New York City never sleeps—due to work schedules-I don't think Edinburg does either.

Outside before daylight I can hear Edinburg folks leaving for work, coming home from work or heading for the diner for a cup of coffee. One can hear the "jake" brakes on trucks loaded with pulpwood or logs going down through the Valley

headed for the pulp mills or saw mills as well as trucks and tractor trailers on Rt. 30 starting their day.

Some mornings as day is breaking the air has a hollow quality and many sounds can be heard. Especially in the spring of the year tom turkeys can be heard. Years ago we had a black, fluffy cat named "Slufoot", usually called "Slu". As I stood at the back door calling the cat in for his breakfast a tom turkey would answer me. During spring turkey hunting season I would often hear gunshots at the break of day-not so much anymore.

Early mornings I could hear various neighbors roosters crowing. Often a cow is mooing at my in-laws farm. I really enjoy hearing the farm beagle "Cocoa" sitting in their front yard "yodeling" as a beagle is prone to do. If the wind is from the north or northeast I can hear beagles running at the Edinburg Hare club.

Over the years on my morning walks I would hear partridges "drumming"-until the area became overgrown and they moved elsewhere. In late summer the squirrels can be heard in the tops of the pine trees snipping off the cones. Once on the ground the squirrels harvest the seeds from the cones. One spring day I heard geese overhead. Looking up I saw a large flock of snow geese. The sun shining fully on them was like watching a pool of liquid silver cross the sky. Have you ever startled a deer at the edge of the woods and heard it snort?

So much can be heard on early morning walks. When Brownell Lumber Company's sawmill was still in operation-one could hear the mill running. When our current Batchellerville Bridge was being built the "pounders" could be heard driving the bridge pilings. One can still hear the stone crusher above Northville operating.

There have been the sounds of chain saws cutting firewood at various homes; my neighbors splitting firewood with the wood splitter in preparation for winter. Saws and skidders at different logging jobs with tractor- trailer loads of pulp or logs traveling down Maple Grove, Military and Tennantville roads.

From my front porch I hear fire sirens in the towns of Hope, Northampton and Edinburg. I also hear guys and gals sighting in their guns for hunting season. I've also heard the sounds of nature such as peepers, frogs, bullfrogs and tree toads.

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From spring to fall my nephew's horses are here in the pasture. Once in a great while they feel frisky and start running from one end of the pasture to the other and sometimes back again sounding like thunder as the ground vibrates. I can even hear it in the house. It's fun to know they're feeling so "peppy".

Early on a summer morning about 7 it's fun to stand on my deck listening to the birds waking and looking for their breakfast. Over the years I've learned the voices of many birds. If the birds suddenly become very quiet and the blue jays or crows start a ruckus it's a pretty good sign there's a hawk nearby looking for a meal! Have you ever heard a blue jay pecking the paint on an outside window sill or heard one trying to open a sunflower seed by hitting his bill on the deck or porch railing?

Do you know the sound of the call of a pileated woodpecker? We call it the sound of a jungle bird. These woodpeckers once lived in seclusion—back in the woods. I was well into my 30's before I ever saw one. Now they're in our backyards! My daughter and son-in-law have them even coming to their feeders. I have a Pileated running competition with Buddy's crew—gradually taking down the old maple in my front yard.

The grass in the pasture grows tall in the summer and although I can't see them mama turkeys talk to their young as they pick for bugs.

When I was a kid our neighbor a quarter mile over the road had either a Dodge or Plymouth car. When he started his car—it was never gently—he would start it and immediately push the gas pedal straight to the floor board! Winter or summer it never mattered. We kids were sure that one day we'd hear the car flying over the airport headed for the lake! Interestingly enough he wasn't a fast driver but sure made that car roar in his driveway.

Part 2/Conclusion next month



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## Nigra Arts Center Unveils 2020 Fall/Winter Art Show

**Show on display November 12,  
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Gloversville, NY – The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts has unveiled its annual Fall/Winter Art Show, featuring works in a variety of media by artists from across New York State. The show will be on display until January 22, 2021, with a public opening reception on November 19.

The show includes a special collection of work from featured artist Linda Finch, a Northville artist whose folk art-inspired paintings depict the Sacandaga area in historic context. The body of work she is displaying represents actual scenes from the region, with details extensively researched for historical accuracy. The 13 paintings pay homage both to everyday scenes and to the historic process of clearing the Sacandaga Valley of seven villages to make way for damming the area to create the Great Sacandaga reservoir. Finch's exhibition was made possible by Saratoga Arts, with an Individual Artist Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

In addition to works by the featured artist, the show will display 91 pieces by 31 artists. Artists displaying work include Jeffrey John Ardizzone, Tiina Bockrath, Tyrel Buchanan, Ruth Crotty, Stacey DeLaney, Marilyn Fairman, Ben Fliederbaum, Katey Germain, Deborah Handy, Carol M. Hesselink, Michele Johnsen, Nancie Johnson, Marion Kratky, Gary Larsen, John Morrette, Lynda Naske, Sandra Peters, Paul Petrie Jr., Elizabeth Phillips, Timothy Prendergast, Regina Quinn, Laila Raslan, Amy Silberkleit, Anna M. Socha, Patsy Suydam, Maddie Swart, Darlene Van Sickle, Karlene VanDeusen, Sean Walmsley, Gerald Wein and Janet Marie Yeates.

Through the generous donations of supporters, the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is able to offer awards and prizes to outstanding

submissions. All winners will also receive a membership to the arts center, which grants them access to special events and discounts on classes, workshops and future gallery submissions. Award winners will be announced on the Nigra Arts Center Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PaulNigraCenter](http://www.facebook.com/PaulNigraCenter). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, awards are not able to be presented publically.

The public is also welcome to view the show at any time during its run. The Nigra Arts Center is located at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville, and its hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Gallery admission is a suggested \$5 donation. Members of the Nigra Arts Center, children under the age of 18 and participating artists are admitted for free. The show will also be available to view virtually on the Nigra Arts Center Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PaulNigraCenter](http://www.facebook.com/PaulNigraCenter), and website, [www.pncreativeartscenter.org](http://www.pncreativeartscenter.org), after the November 19 Opening Reception.

The Nigra Arts Center offers annual memberships to anyone who seeks to support the arts and community events at the Center. Membership levels start at just \$25 per year and carry benefits such as discounted admission to classes and art exhibitions, mailing list access, invitations to special events, charitable tax deductions and more. For additional information about memberships and to sign up for one, please visit [www.pncreativeartscenter.org/membership](http://www.pncreativeartscenter.org/membership) or call (518) 661-9932.

For more information about this exhibition or the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, call (518) 661-9932 or visit [www.pncreativeartscenter.org](http://www.pncreativeartscenter.org).

About the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts:

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**Lake Safety: Winter Switchover!**

It is mid-November as I prepare our report for December! We have enjoyed exceptionally warm weather in the first two weeks of November but the temperature is starting to creep into the 30's and below. Boaters have left the water and one concern is that anyone who ventures on the water in smaller craft in the cold weather is aware of the proper safety measures.


**Implementation of Annual Cold Water Life Jacket Regulation:** Boaters are required by law to wear a life jacket from **Nov. 1 to May 1** on all boats less than 21 feet when underway. The regulation was developed to protect boaters when the water becomes colder. Wearing life jackets is the law for smaller boats during the November to May period. Also, don't be a stranger to the other requirements in effect for all boaters in regard to life jackets. Take a look at <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/boating/PFDLawsofNewYork.pdf> **BE SAFE!**

**SNOWMOBILE TIME!** The warm weather is over so let's set our sights on the winter season! There are two main sources for information which we consult on the regulatory front. The **first** is NYS Parks and Recreation because they operate a comprehensive website with regulations and safety tips. Their access point is: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/>

**JUST BRIEFLY:** "Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety

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A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate.”

**SNOWMOBILER’S GUIDE:** NYS

Parks and Recreation provides a document which collects a treasure trove of information for anyone who either is beginning the snowmobile adventure or who wants to update on safe practices

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and equipment maintenance. The access point is: <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/snowmobiles/SnowmobilersGuide.pdf> This is the type of document which you should immediately download and share with your friends and family, if you have not already done so!

The document includes legal requirements for snowmobile operation, trail maps and weather forecasts but also rider preparation, trail etiquette, apparel and post-season storage among

other topics including use of alcohol and drugs. Bookmark the document and take a look!  
**NEW YORK STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION:** I mentioned two sources of information for the winter season. The **second** is the New York State Snowmobile Association website which can be found at: <https://www.nysnowmobiler.com/> How about a source for snowmobile rentals, an interactive trail map, guidelines for responsible snowmobiling as well as the **NEW YORK SNOWMOBILER ONLINE!** Keep up-to-date on all of the issues and action including the local businesses serving the snowmobile

community. (May have a slow upload but worth it!)

**LAST TOPIC:** I included information last month on a scholarship opportunity. Because the college students are coming home and 'probably' would want an opportunity to compete, I have copied last month's information. The BIG news is that the deadline for an application is December 31, 2020! Share the info and GOOD LUCK!

**BREAKING NEWS - Scholarship Opportunity (Application Deadline: Dec. 31, 2020; Award Date: January, 2021):** NYS Parks and Recreation have announced a **NASBLA's Northern States Caucus \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for full-time university students attending a two or four-year Northern States college or university.** "The member states of the Northern Caucus include: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin." with at least at 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The student's degree emphasis should be in a "recreational boating safety related field (e.g. law enforcement or criminal justice, natural resources/ environmental science, education,

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Baskets to receive the donated items are placed at the various locations in Northville. Participating stores will have a silver mitten in their windows.

The Northville Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, or Holiness Mission churches have baskets also.

Baskets will be collected by Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, and the items will be distributed to Northville and Edinburg schools.

The Many Mittens program encourages everyone to participate in this initiative; a simple opportunity to touch area children's lives and show that we care.

**Help us increase awareness of ALL needs that go unnoticed**

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public relations/marketing or journalism).”

More information and application instructions can be found on NASBLA’s website at <https://www.nasbla.org/nasblamain/about-nasbla/bla-organizations/northern> as well as on: <https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBLA/76594a34-f3a1-4916-95ac-1e9c872170cc/UploadedImages/about/BLA-Organizations/Northern States Caucus Scholarship 2021.pdf>

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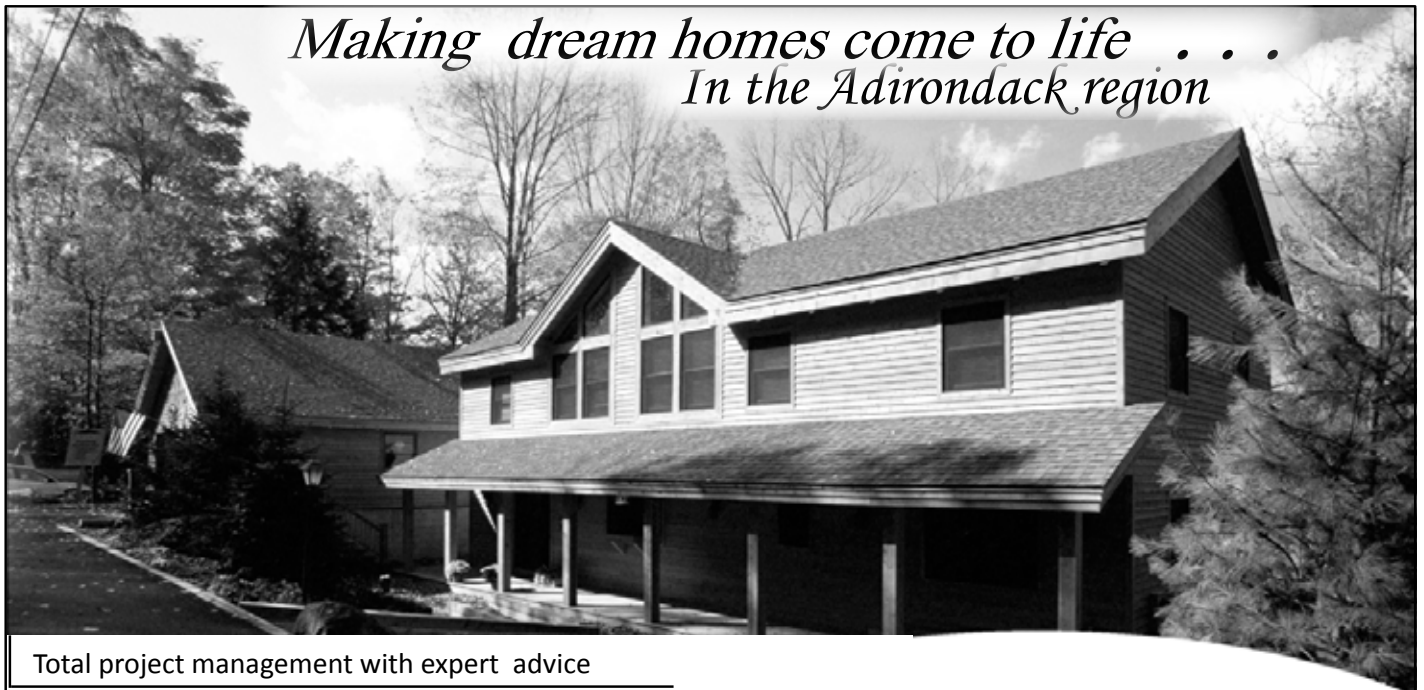
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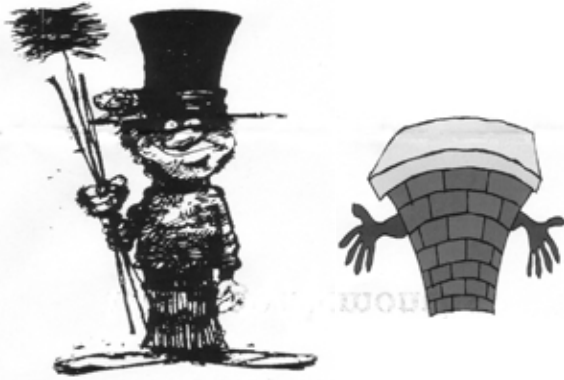
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## Local Resident Aims to Help Community Heal Amid Global Pandemic

MAYFIELD, NEW YORK—Upstate New York is nearly 7,000 miles from Japan, but one local resident hopes to bridge that distance by bringing a prominent Japanese alternative medicine to help her community cope with some of the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Amid the recent increases in fear, anxiety and isolation brought on by the pandemic, Mayfield resident April Hannah opened Hannah's Healing, a health and wellness studio dedicated to the practice of reiki, a form of therapy commonly referred to as energy healing.

"Reiki is based on the idea that an unseen 'life force energy' flows through all of us and enables us to be alive," Hannah explains. "If one's life force energy is low, then we're more likely to get sick or feel stress, and if it's high, then we're more capable of being happy and healthy."

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“Reiki heals by flowing through the affected parts of the energy field and charging them with positive energy,” Hannah adds. “It raises the vibratory level of the energy field in and around the physical body, where negative thoughts and feelings are attached. This causes the negative energy to break apart and fall away.”

Hannah, a Reiki Master Teacher of the Usui System, began her reiki training in 2008 and has since delivered more than 10,000 reiki and energy healing sessions to people of all ages and from all walks of life. Along with her extensive reiki experience, Hannah has more than two decades of clinical mental health counseling practice.

Hannah’s Healing, which opened in October, is located at 2474 State Highway 30 in Mayfield. In addition to reiki therapy, Hannah offers a variety of other energy healing services at the studio, including esoteric healing, chakra clearing, private meditation consultation and sessions, intuitive card readings, and essential oil consultations and wellness scans. The studio also serves as a retail space for local artwork and jewelry, essential oils, CBD products and much more.

“Given the incredible impact of this global pandemic, I feel like our world needs healing now more than ever, and what better place to start than in our local community,” Hannah says. “I feel blessed and grateful for the opportunity to be part of the healing process.”

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by Brian DeFeo

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I was struggling as to what safety topic to write about this month, until I burned my hand on the heating element in my oven. What better topic therefore, than burn first - aid. Hopefully, I won't be my own inspiration next month.

Superficial or minor burns; often show redness similar to a bad sun burn, there may be some blistering and associated pain. They are less than three inches in diameter.

Treatment consists of putting the effected area under cool (not cold) running water and applying a cool compress to lessen the discomfort. Remove any restrictions from the area such as rings, in anticipation of swelling. Do not break blisters as they serve to reduce contamination and potential infection. Apply an anti-biotic ointment or an aloe vera based moisturizer. If you are fortunate like me you will have the plant itself on hand. Apply a loose sterile gauze dressing. Take over night pain relievers as needed.

Major burns; are those greater than three inches in diameter, deep, dry, leathery, with patches of white, brown, or black charred tissue. Large enough to cover hands, feet, face, groin, or major joints. This type of injury requires immediate medical response.

In terms of treatment, first make sure the victim is safe from further exposure to the heat source. Check to see if they are breathing and prepare to perform rescue breathing should they not be. Remove restrictions from the affected area, such as jewelry, belts, shoes, before swelling takes place. Cover the wound lightly with a cool moist bandage, or clean clothe. Do not immerse the burn in cold water as this could result in severe heat loss. Elevate the burn above the heart if possible. Watch for signs of shock such as; fainting, pale complexion, particularly shallow breathing.

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Greetings and Merry Christmas from the members and friends of First UMC. Following is a message from Pastor Ron: "I hope that everyone who is reading this is in good health. This has been a trying year. COVID has changed all our lives and I pray that everyone gets through these troubling times. This has been a year that we were told to stay indoors, to wear a face masks, stay 6 feet apart from everybody and, the hardest thing of all, to stay away from people that we love. Though many things have changed, the most important things are still the same. These things are God's love and his compassion. As Thanksgiving and Christmas get closer let us be humbly thankful for all the blessings that God has bestowed on us. We need to thank God for his great love and care, for his sacrifices so that we may have freedom and life. Let us pray for forgiveness when we don't thank him for all the things he does for us. Psalm

9:1 says, "I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." I don't know what will happen in the upcoming months, but I do know this: we need to keep putting our trust and faith in God. He has gotten us this far and he will see us through to the end. Amen."

The season of Advent ... a time of waiting ... begins on November 29. Most churches and many individuals have Advent wreaths to use for congregational or individual worship. The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.

Just as a reminder, in-building worship services have returned with some restrictions. We are meeting in our sanctuary using social distance guidelines. Some of these guidelines include no hugging, no hymnals or pew Bibles, no bulletins and masks must be worn at all times. Side and back doors will be locked and entry will be through the front door only. When you enter the building for worship, you will be asked to "sign in" so you can be contacted in case someone present had been exposed to or contracts the virus; this is called "tracing". We also have hand sanitizer and a small supply of masks in case you forget yours! At this



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time, we do not have definitive plans for Christmas Eve service. Please check our Facebook page for updated information.

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We continue to recognize that this pandemic has created difficulty for many people, especially those who have lost their employment because of businesses closing. These are stressful times so do what you can to help by donating to food pantries, etc.. If possible, support the businesses that remain open, especially the small businesses in your neighborhood. Give an extra tip when you pick up your take-out order. Take care of each other by reaching out while still remaining socially distant for their protection and yours; treat each other with love and respect; help others calm their fears; be thoughtful; be in prayer. Be kind, always.



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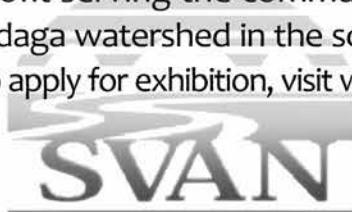
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## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

### December Musings

Shams-ud-din Muhammad Hafiz was a fourteenth century Persian poet renown for his beautiful, inspirational verses. Here is a favorite poem by Hafiz:

#### “A Hole in a Flute”

I am a hole in a flute  
that the Christ's breath moves through.  
Listen to this music.

I am the concert from the mouth of every creature  
singing with the myriad chorus.

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I read this poem quite often. I believe that I, and everyone, must try to be a sacred portion of Christ's flute, sending out kindness, love and compassion with every breath we are given during this lifetime. All of our words, whether shouted, whispered, texted, posted, or otherwise expressed, or even thought, should reflect the spirit of our God. In sharing this, I hope God's music and this message resonates with you all, as it has with me. We are one people, all sisters and brothers in God, with chances every day to spread the music of God's word that comes through us.

#### Advent

December includes the wonderful period of Advent... a period of anticipation, of patient waiting, of hopeful expectation, and of joyful celebration. For special Advent prayers and other resources to help celebrate this special season, the Presbyterian Church USA website is a great source. Visit them at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). and for updated information on our services and events here in Northville, visit either our webpage at <https://northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch.wordpress.com>. Or our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch>

#### Continued Service Notes

Just one more reminder that our Church is open for in-person worship on a limited basis for Sunday worship only, at our Reed Street Chapel. But currently, no Sunday school or Nursery will be held at this time. We will be holding these

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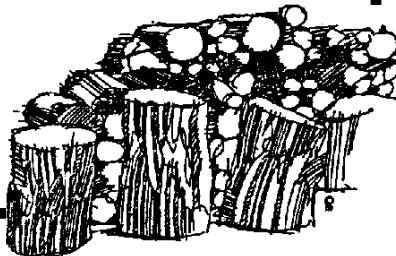
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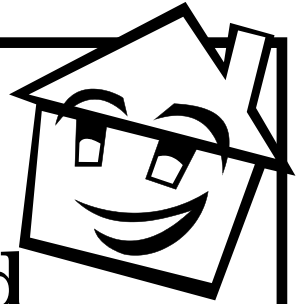


services in accordance with the NYS requirements for church services during this pandemic crisis. To comply with State requirements and due to limited space, attendance will REQUIRE reservations, please call the church before 10am on Thursday to reserve seats. Phone: (518)863-9151, or Email: northvillepres@hotmail.com.

And once again, for those uncomfortable with attending in person just yet, we will continue our live streaming of Sunday services at the usual 10am time. The streaming service will be accessible via our facebook page, at: ( <https://www.facebook.com/northvilleunitedpresbyterianchurch>) Until next month, remember again that God created humankind in God's own image... all of us ! So I just wish you all WELLNESS, PEACE, LOVE, BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD, AND GOD's BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS !

(Please note that these are the thoughts of Frank Ralbovsky, Congregant and Elder of the Northville United Presbyterian Church)

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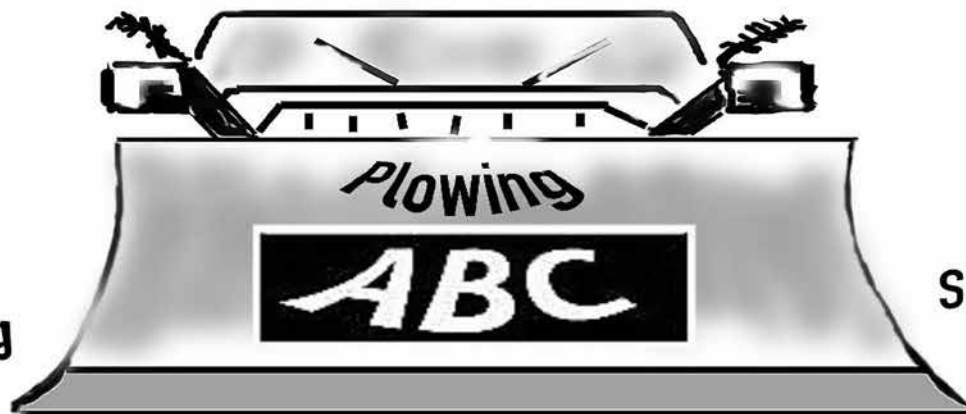
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# Northville Baptist Church

*by Barbara Klueg*

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## Christmas Joy!

Christmas is around the corner. 2020 has been an interesting and trying year, but now it's time to trade in our fears for Christmas Joy! God is on the throne and still in control. Don't fear but remember what God said . . . "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46) A daily devotional I read on Facebook recently stated, "It's now time to fast, pray, and believe that the God we serve is the God who sees all. He hears our prayers. His grace

pursues you. And, when you look ahead, Jesus is there!" We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, that babe in the manger, our Savior and friend . . . the author and finisher of our faith.

What's on your Christmas list this year? Mine is Christmas Joy! While recently watching another Hallmark Christmas movie . . . with a tissue in hand, I was reminded how Hallmark movies always have happy endings (which I love). Those who trust in Jesus will also have a HAPPY ENDING. Ephesians 2 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith . . . it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Our days here on earth are just a blink of an eye compared to eternity! With all that's happening in the world right now . . . this promise of eternal life to believers is looking better and better all the time!

December is a month filled with Christmas cookies, decorating, sending warm greetings, wrapping gifts, (and in my case, also overloading on Hallmark Christmas movies) . . . BUT - Our favorite part of Christmas should be celebrating God's gift to us . . . the birth of His only son, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Jesus is the Reason for the Season. He came down from Heaven with a purpose and to accomplish a goal. "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Jesus lived a perfect life (because He is God). He healed the sick, did miracles,




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preached to the masses and overthrew tables when people made a mockery of His house. He loved the unlovely, rebuked the unbelieving religious leaders, and sought out sinners. He is called the Lamb of God because He gave His life for his sheep. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11) Let's celebrate – this BEST GIFT ever . . . JESUS who came as a baby to be the Lamb of God, the greatest sacrifice. He died on a wooden cross, and rose again – to take away our sins, replacing our fear of death for the JOY of salvation. What a Savior!

We as Americans have the Freedom of Worship . . . so let's worship our Lord and Savior and get in the Christmas spirit! Come, join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Rejoice with Christmas JOY and thank God for the promise of a Happy Ending! We will be featuring instrumentalists, vocalists, a Christmas sing-along, and the Christmas Story. Enjoy and embrace Christmas this year like never before . . . and help spread some Christmas Joy!

Our church's weekly schedule is: Sundays: Sunday School (8:45 a.m.) Worship Service (10 a.m.) Evening Service (6 p.m.) Jr. High (6 p.m. at Kluegs, 449 Seven Hills Rd. Northville) Mondays: Women's Bible Study at church (10:30 & 6:30 p.m.) Youth Ministries: Bible Club (2:45-4:00 p.m. for K-5th at church) Man Up Bible Study (7:00 at BCON Corner) Girls Bible Study (8 p.m. at church) Wednesdays: N'ville Food Pantry (BCON Corner 10 a.m.) Sr. High (6 p.m. BCON Corner) Thursdays: Prayer Meeting (6 a.m. & 7 p.m. at church) Saturdays: Men's Doctrinal Study (6 -7:30 a.m. at BCON Corner)

If you do not feel comfortable or are unable to attend a Sunday morning church service due to health concerns you may watch our live-feed on Facebook or on our newly-revamped church website (bconny.org). We presently have no nursery provided during our services. Check our website or Facebook page (Northville Baptist Church, Northville NY) for updates. Feel free to call Pastor Larson at 518.863.8001 if you need prayer or spiritual counsel, or have questions regarding any of our church ministries.




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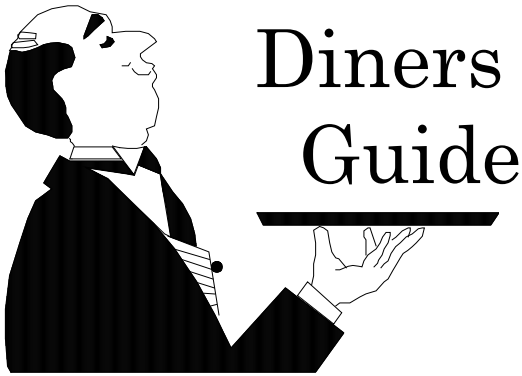
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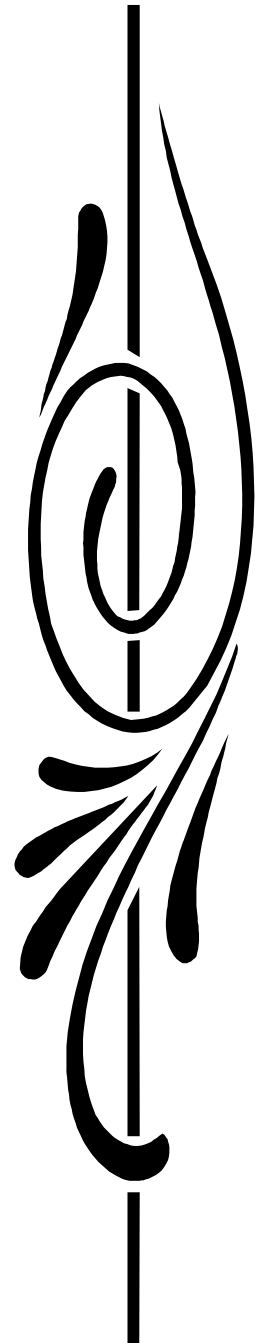
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Friday December 4

Introduction to Pyrography with Bret Collier.  
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Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$30.

Saturday December 5

Introduction to Beading with Susan Arehart.  
#1608-1205. 1/2 day. 9am-12pm. Tuition \$55.  
Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$10.  
NOTE: Students may bring any drilled stones or charms they wish to incorporate into their creations.

Saturday December 5

Earring Design and Construction with Susan Arehart. #1609-1205. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$20.  
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Beginning Bluegrass Banjo with Mac Petrequin.  
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Saturday & Sunday, December 5-6

Create Your Own Hardwood Cutting Board with Frank Lagace. #1562-1205. 2 half days. 9am-1pm. Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$50.

Sunday December 6

Chip Carved Ornaments with Dennis Wilson.  
#1624-1206. 1 day. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$105.  
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Thursday December 10

AFS Sewing Circle with Various Instructors.  
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Saturday December 12

Herbal Electuaries and Truffles with Margo Mullein. #1593-1212. 1/2 day. 9am-12:30pm.  
Tuition \$55. Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$35.

NOTE: We will be using nut products during this course. Bring your own apron.

Saturday & Sunday, December 12-13

Wooden Cross-Country Skis with Jim Schreiner. #1541-1212. 2 days. 9am-4pm. Tuition \$210.  
Member Tuition \$170. Materials fee \$75.

Sunday December 13

Pine Wreath & Arrangement with Roberta Games. #1685-1213. 1/2 day. 1pm-4pm. Tuition \$55.  
Member Tuition \$45. Materials fee \$20.

Sunday December 19

Seasonal Attunement - An Herbal Primer with Margo Mullein. #1597-1219. 1 day. 10am-4:30pm.  
Tuition \$105. Member Tuition \$85. Materials fee \$45.

NOTE: Dress for the outdoors, as we will be spending time with nature. What we make during the first class will be woven into the herbal preparations for additional offerings. A seasonally inspired lunch will be prepared for you, so please let us know of any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

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# Edinburg School News



## Edinburg School Happenings

by *Michelle Ellis*  
*Superintendent*



On Wednesday, November 11th, the Edinburg Common School District honored our local Veterans by creating a

virtual video as a thank you for all their years of service. Students, teachers, and staff sang a song, drew pictures, and made posters that were then compiled into the video of pictures. In the past, our local Veterans have always been invited into the school, but just as everything else, things look differently this year. We absolutely knew we could still honor our Veterans even if it was done virtually. We are thankful for their services and the sacrifices they have made to protect our country. Edinburg Common School would like to also thank Mrs. Wendy Ferguson, classroom teachers, staff and students for their hard work and dedication.

On Thursday, November 19th, Edinburg Common School District participated in a school-wide Practice Distance Learning Day. Students, teachers, and staff mirrored their classroom schedule for the entire day. The students enjoyed participating from home and did an amazing job. We want to thank our families for participating in the practice day and want you to know how

important your feedback was from the day. Should we ever have to transition into distance learning for a short/long term time frame, our district would be better prepared for the transition because of this day. Families, students, teachers and staff also followed up the practice day with surveys to provide feedback necessary on areas of improvement to work.

On Saturday, November 6th, the Edinburg PTO Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle annual event took place. Although the dinner was take-out only, it went over extremely well and they sold 269 dinners. We would like to thank our community for still making the Roast Beef Dinner part of their annual tradition! Your generosity and commitment not only to the Edinburg Common School District, but the Edinburg PTO is extremely appreciated by all. Funds from events like these help to provide our students with fun activities and experiences outside of the classroom. The Edinburg Common School District would like to thank the Edinburg PTO for all their hard work for their continued efforts to offer our students experiences.

The PBIS committee has opened the school store for the 2020-2021 school year! Everyone at the Edinburg Common School District has been looking for students that are doing the right thing, being a good friend, and/or just all around being amazing students. When students are noticed, which we see everyday, they earn tickets that they can spend at the school store. Keep up the great work everyone!

For more information please go to our school website at [www.edinburgcs.org](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and/or like our school Facebook page.

### Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, December 8th - ECS Board Meeting  
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## FRACTURED FACTS

*by Brian DeFeo*

This column in general lacks; purpose, clarity, and commitment. Therefore the Publisher takes no responsibility for its content. However, in this issue we do wish to offer something positive and tangible, in these extremely trying times. We wish to offer hope. Here is a brief glance into the lives three individuals, who despite their own struggles went on to remarkable success.

Born in Springfield, Mass. in 1904 he attended Dartmouth College. He was editor of the College's Humor magazine until being dismissed, having hosted an on campus drinking party during Prohibition. Banned from writing he continued to submit content by using his middle name from his mother side of the family (Seuss). Sometime later he adopted the self appointed titled of Doctor. Seuss graduated from Dartmouth and among other enterprises became very successful as an advertising illustrator for several national accounts.

What Seuss did not have success with however was trying to break into the world children's books. His own account varies over the years, however he was rejected at least upwards of twenty seven times by numerous publishing houses. Completely dejected he had made up his mind to destroy his first effort, when while walking on the sidewalk he ran into an old college friend who that very day had just been hired by the Children's Section of Vanguard Press. This quickly led to the publishing of Dr. Seuss first book for children. "And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street" Years later he would have his own license plate titled "GRINCH". Seuss is credited with having invented the word "Nerd". Although its now familiar meaning may have only caught up to the word years later.

This individual born in 1890, also had a fake title. He lied about his age to get into the Army serving only four months as a mule handler in Cuba. The next twenty plus years of his life were completely unremarkable in terms of achievement. His Wife and Children left him. At last at age forty there were some signs of hope in that he had opened a service station in Corbin, Kentucky. He began cooking southern dishes that were so well received he opened a 142 seat restaurant. This did very well until the new interstate was built eliminating the customer base. His business went bankrupt. From what I gather Harlan continued to struggle. At one point living out of his car for two years. He peddled his specially spiced chicken receipt at reportedly over a thousand restaurants across the

Country. Finally in 1955 at the age of sixty-five Col. Harlan Sanders started to find success, at a nickel a chicken. By 1964 there were over six hundred KFC's, which he sold the rights to for a reported spicy two million dollars.

He was born in 1822 on the Island of Nantucket to Quaker parents. As a young man he worked on a whaling ship. Roland Hussein got a red star tattoo as a sailor that would someday be the trademark symbol of his success. However that was not to come very easily. R.H. And his brother travelled out to California with the gold rush of 1850 and opened their first store. It failed. Back East R.H. Opened four more stores at different locations, all of which failed. It was not until 1858 when he opened a department store in NYC that R.H. Macy had his first success. The Flagship store went on to become the largest department store in the World. Macy initiated or developed several retail trends and gave new products to consumers. Some of his contributions included: discounts for cash only purchasing, mail ordering, money back guarantees, the first store Santa Claus. And most importantly Macy recognized the importance of women in management and worked to promote female executives. At its peak the R.H. Macy & Company stores exceeded eight hundred.



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## Large Turkey-Small Gathering: What to Do With Leftover Turkey

*by Diane Whitten, MS, Nutrition  
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Traditionally, Thanksgiving turkey dinner is served to a large crowd, but in the age of Covid 19 our gatherings are likely to be smaller. If you're still getting that big turkey to cook your annual Thanksgiving feast, here are some ideas of what to do with your leftover turkey.

First and foremost, consider food safety. Perishable food should not be left at room temperature for longer than 2 hours. As a general rule, use leftovers within 3 to 4 days for food safety and best quality. Freeze for longer storage.

Cut all the turkey off the bone, even if you're not going to eat it all at once. Slice the breast so you can use it for sandwiches. The meat that can't be sliced for sandwiches can be diced for use in soups, stews and casseroles. Refrigerate what you won't be serving before you sit down for dinner, so it won't be at room temperature for too long. After dinner or the next day freeze what you won't use within 3-4 days.

To prevent freezer burn, put leftover turkey in a vapor-moisture resistant packaging, such as freezer quality plastic bags, or wrap in freezer foil or paper, or place in an appropriate size rigid

freezer container made of plastic or metal. Glass or ceramic containers can be used, if labeled safe for freezer use. Package it in serving sizes, so you don't have to thaw too much at once.

The University of Illinois Extension has an excellent website, Turkey for the Holidays, that's full of tips for purchasing, thawing, cooking, carving, side dishes, food safety and recipes for leftovers. You can start at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/>, or skip to the recipes below.

**Homemade Turkey Bone Broth** Don't waste the turkey carcass, simply boil it with aromatic vegetables and herbs. This recipe from the University of Illinois Extension is easy and basic. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/bonebroth.cfm>

**Shredded Turkey Stew** You can use your homemade turkey broth in this recipe. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/posole.cfm>

**Turkey Mushroom Pot Pie** Your leftover vegetables can be added to this recipe. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/potpie.cfm>

**Turkey Black Bean Wraps** Try this recipe for a nice southwest flavor. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/wraps.cfm>

For leftover mashed potatoes consider making **Mashed Potato Herb Soup**. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/turkey/soups.cfm>

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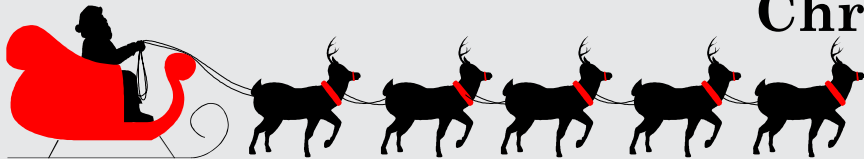
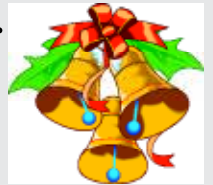
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