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

Well, it looks like Spring may be on its way. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Hope everyone is in good health and spirits.

Burn Permits

The Town of Edinburg has a townwide burn permit, and we are going to be issuing them at the town hall during regular hours. At the present time the ranger has not brought the paperwork up to us, so please check before you come in to sign up for a permit.

BURN BAN

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a burn ban from March 16th – May 14th. There is to be no burning during this time.

Propane Tanks and Fire Extinguishers

Again, I want to get the information out that the Recycle and Reuse Center will no longer be able to take 100 lb. propane tanks or any fire extinguishers.

E-Waste News

Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead would like the residents of the Town of Edinburg to know the amount of electronic waste that was brought into the” Center” for the 2024 year. It is as follows:

Computers 618 lbs., Computer Peripherals, (CRT) 280 lbs., Computer Peripherals (non-CRT) 885 lbs., Small Electronic Equipment 1983 lbs., Televisions (CRT) 3400 lbs. and Televisions, (non-CRT) 4531 lbs. for a total of 11,697 lbs. of E-Waste.

Resident Permits for the 2025 Year

The Town Board at their February meeting voted to raise the price of the permits for the Recycle and Reuse Center to \$20.00. The Board knows that this will be a shock to some or possibly to many, but this will help to offset the costs that are incurred, examples truck equipment, fuel, propane for heating and overall maintenance. Remember residents do not have to go to the “Center” they can put their garbage and recyclables out at roadside at the designated days of pickup.

Truck Purchase for the Assessor, Code Enforcement and Dog Control

The Board is looking into purchasing a new truck through NYS Contract for the assessor, code enforcement official and dog control. The truck will be partially purchased with funds from the sale of the old Dodge and additional funds.

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APRIL 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

Tues	8	6:00 pm	Edinburg School BOT Meeting
Fri	18	Good Friday	
Sun	20	Easter Sunday	
Thurs	17	4:00 pm	Edinburg Town Board Meeting

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Questions or Concerns

If anyone should have questions or concerns about your Town please contact the Town Hall, we will be happy to help answer them.

Senior Representative

Donna Houlihan will be present at our regular town board meeting held on the third Thursday of the month, it begins at 6:00 pm for the review of bills and the speaking portion starts at 6:30 pm to give an overview of the programs that are out there for seniors. If you have an interest in this please feel free to attend.

EDINBURG



PO Box 801,
Northville, NY 12134
EdinburgHistoricalSociety.org
Tim Blydenburgh

Approaching the new season

Spring has arrived, and with the warmer weather it's time to celebrate with the Edinburg Historical Society.

The society's Spring Fling will take place on May 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Edinburg Rural Museum in the Four Corners area. At the fourth annual event, browse among the baskets of summer goodies to be raffled and the delicious baked goods that will be on sale.

It's just one of the many events the society has on its schedule, as it highlights the many landmarks and historical attributes around this Adirondack town.

We'll have programs beginning in May and through the summer and fall. Our museums will again offer displays on several Saturdays. Read next week's edition for fuller details.

The society's Fall Festival and Bake Sale is Sept. 27 and the Holiday Bazaar will be Nov. 8.

Members and volunteers wanted

The historical society continues to seek new members and is always looking for volunteers to help with various projects. For those who would like to assist with the May 24 bake sale, please call Renee Finch at (518) 774-5638 or Andrea Blackwood at (518) 863-6772.

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**EDINBURG
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by Brian DeFeo

God’s Grace and Peace to all from all of us at the Edinburg United Methodist Church! Spring is just around the corner. April is a time of renewal. Animals come out of hibernation and the flowers and plants spring to life again.

The Lenten and Easter season is also a time of renewal for us. A time to reflect and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. A time for us to grow closer to our Lord and Savior. Isaiah 40:31 tells us “but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Will you find your hope and strength in the Lord?

April 13th is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We are planning to visit Hospice with palm crosses and to try to bring some light to those in need. April 20th we celebrate Easter Sunday. Please feel free to join us!

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.

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

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

-where your support is valued-

For the period of February 12th through March 10th, 2025 EVFC responded to a total of thirteen calls for assistance. They are recorded as follows:

2/13 Good Intent, Tennantville Rd.
2/16 Good Intent, Sinclair Rd.
2/17 Mutual Aid, to Northville
2/17 Lines Down, Johnson Rd.
2/17 Lines Down, North Shore Rd.
2/18 Motor Vehicle Accident, Shield / Military Roads
2/19 Fire Alarm, South Shore Rd.
2/20 Fire Alarm, South Shore Rd.
2/22 Mutual Aid, to Northville
2/25 Mutual Aid, to Northville
2/28 Mutual Aid, to Northville
3/1 Mutual Aid, to Hadley
3/4 Mutual Aid, to Hadley

Each year it is important to recognize the people who have stepped forward to make your community a safer place. And to remember that, more often than not, it is also a family sacrifice that makes this possible. When we get up at three AM to answer a call, it is just as likely the entire family wakes up. We we go out on a call Christmas morning, it is the family that feels the loss , holidays delayed or sometimes reschedule. As it is the family who suffers, if their first responder loved one, is injured, or worse. So we salute those family, as we recognize those members of the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company.

We start off with a rather unique situation. In an age where volunteers are fewer and fewer EVFC has six new members in 2024, to bolster our ranks: Robert Davis, Devin Holmes, Christian Hosler, Debra Jablonski, Kurt Nielsen and Josh Robinson.

They join: David Rockwell, Leland Robinson, John Olmstead, Michele Seelow, Wayne Seelow, Catlin Vandenburg, Alex Rockwell, Courtney Sloan, Brant Robinson, Garret Metzler, Justin Sloan, Kirstie Metzler, Brian DeFeo, Robert Barber, Thomas Murphy, Carl Quaglino, Josh Bedell, Christian Bills, Adam Kedik, and Todd Kedik. We thank all of them, your neighbors, for their dedication to our Community.



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Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for March was 67 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). By now, you have hopefully noticed that the new speed limit signs in the Village have been posted for 25 mph. The Chief reports that drivers are starting to slow down which makes for a safer community overall.

The Winter parking ban in the Village expires on April 1st. With more and more people out walking around our community, now is a good time to remind dog owners that there is a leash law in the Village, and we ask that you pick up after your pets. Please take your bagged pet waste with you to deposit at home or use one of the waste receptacles located around the Village. Please do not leave bagged waste on the ground for others to dispose of.

May is getting closer every day! Have you started digging through your treasures in anticipation of Garage Sale Weekend? This year it will be May 3rd and 4th. If you would like to be added to a listing of sales, email clerk@villageofnorthville.com.

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.

We are still organizing the DOINS event for July 4th and 5th.. The theme of the parade this year is Hometown Pride. It is never too early to start planning to be part of the fun. Please email clerk@villageofnorthville.com to participate in the parade or be a vendor during the event.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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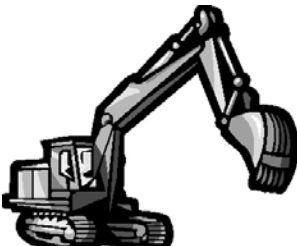
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Dear Edinburg Residents,

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

Book Club:

Amy Jo Stewart will be leading The Sacandaga Book Group in a discussion of the book The Women by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, April 8 at 10am. Summary: “Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.”

Programs at the Library:

Teen Programs:
Saturday, April 12th, 26th, & 29th - Teen DND from 10am to 12am
Saturday, April 5th & 19th - Teen Writing Club from 10am to 11am
Thursday, April 10th & 24th - Teen Book Club from 3pm to 4pm

Toddler Tales: Tuesday April 1st, 15th, and 29th 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, April 15th at 6:30pm.

New at the Library

We have tax forms!

Come over and check out our cozy new Children’s and Middle School sections!!

Libby:

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

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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

Stay connected with the Friends of the Northville Public Library! Stop by the library and provide us with your email address. Going forward, news and information about the Friends – including fundraisers and events – will be communicated by email (and of course, in the Edinburg Newsletter). Sending out mailings is costly and takes away from funds that could be better spent benefitting library programs and sponsorships.

All library patrons are encouraged to join the Friends. This includes our Edinburg patrons. The cost is \$10 for individuals or \$25 for households. Members get free, early-bird access to the July book sale (early admission is for Thursday, July 3) and access to special event programming like our annual meeting. This year’s meeting will feature a speaker from the Adirondack Land Trust (the date will be announced once confirmed).

Volunteers are also needed to help set up for the upcoming book sale. Tent set-up is on Sunday, July 29 and the books will be moved on Tuesday, July 1 beginning at 9 am. If you are interested in helping, please contact the library at (518) 863-6922. There are thousands of books and lots of other items like puzzles, DVDs, CDs and more that will be sold. It’s the Friends biggest fundraiser and this year’s sale will not disappoint!

This year, the Sacandaga Garden Club has offered assistance in planning and maintaining the library’s beautiful gardens. While there is still snow covering the lawns and gardens, volunteers are making plans to make these spaces a peaceful retreat for year-round residents and summer visitors alike.

Finally, scholarship applications for graduating Northville Central School seniors are available at both the school and at the library. The application deadline is May 15. Students continuing their education at either a two or four year college or through a certification program are eligible.

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Easter greetings from the members and friends of First UMC!

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

Ahhhhh ... spring has come to our little patch of God's earth. Soon the forsythia, daffodils, tulips and other spring flowers will be peeking out from their winter slumber and bringing us glorious blooms. We are still in the season of Lent but are moving toward the season of Easter – resurrection and renewal; but, first we must go through Holy Week, starting with the Hosannas of Palm Sunday, the remembrance of the Last Supper on Maundy (Holy) Thursday, betrayal by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane, crucifixion on Good Friday, and the silence of Saturday. What must Mary Magdalene have thought when she came to the tomb on that Sunday? We doubt she expected to find the tomb open and the body of Jesus gone, nor did she expect to find a glowing angel standing before her telling her that Jesus was not there, that he was risen; must have been terrifying. As she leaves in fear, she stumbles upon a gardener, or who she assumes is a gardener. She begs him to tell her if he had moved the body of Jesus and where he put him. Then the gardener speaks, "Mary"; and, she knows immediately that she is in Jesus' presence. "Rabboni" (teacher) she replies and reaches out for him. Jesus admonishes her not to touch him but to run and tell the others. Fear is replaced by joy! It is this same joy that we experience every time we celebrate the Easter resurrection, every time we remember the love that God sent us in his son, Jesus.

April 13 – Passion/Palm Sunday

April 16 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30 pm

April 17 – Maundy (Holy) Thursday service of remembrance and communion, 7 pm

April 18 – Good Friday (no service)

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am, at North Bush UMC for those interested; followed by breakfast

April 20 – Easter Sunday at First UMC; light breakfast at 10 am followed by joyful worship at 11 am

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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Sr. Pastor: Rev. Andrew Larson
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by Barbara Klueg

We are God’s Chicks!

Recently while looking at different Easter candy to purchase, I noticed the large variety of colors and flavors of marshmallow peeps. There is a plethora (I just wanted to use that word sometime.)! And, of course, I was looking at eggs too, deciding if we should color any this year, since the cost has been going up almost every week. Maybe we should purchase a few chickens, a chicken coop and then we’ll have our own eggs to color and eat.

Have you heard of ‘Rent the Chicken’? The chickens are delivered to your home along with the chicken coop, chicken food and other needed supplies. Rent the Chicken Company charges you a monthly fee, and, yes, it is a large amount of money! If our parents were still with us, they would laugh in disbelief about Rent the Chicken. My father-in-law would have said, “Oh, Goodnight!” and my dad (a dairy farmer), “Only in America!” My mother’s chore growing up was to collect eggs from their large hen house and scrub the poop off them. At that time (1934) a dozen eggs cost 15 cents. My mother would have rolled her eyes at today’s egg prices and said, “You’re pulling my leg.”

Watching a mother hen gather her chicks is so endearing, don’t you think? Little chicks run to their mama helpless and afraid. They need her. She quickly spreads her wings over them to protect them. In God’s eyes we are like those little chicks. We must run to our Heavenly Father for protection and guidance throughout our entire lives. Jesus said, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” (Matthew 23:37) Run to Jesus today, like a little chick runs to be under its mother’s wings! Are you willing? Jesus promises to be with you forever if you are.

This month we celebrate what Jesus did for us! He came to earth, died on a cross and rose again to pay for our sins . . . because we can never be good enough or earn forgiveness ourselves. Jesus had to pay the price! We must repent of our sins and believe on Him alone to save us.

The teens at our church have a wonderful opportunity to serve God over Easter Break. Please pray for them as they will be serving in Mexico April 12-19. At this writing, there are 16 students, and 6 adult leaders signed up to go.

Have a wonderful Easter with your loved ones and remember to say a special prayer before your Easter dinner to thank God for the HUGE price He paid for you . . . giving His only son, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah – He arose!

You can contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Philo at 518.863.8001 for spiritual guidance. You can also watch our Sunday services online at bconny.org We hope you can join us for one or ALL these services over the Easter holiday.

April 13th (Palm Sunday 10 a.m.)
April 18th (Good Friday Service 7 p.m.)
April 20th (Easter Service 10 a.m.)

Our Services and 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 & service.
Monday: Bible Club: (K-5th) after school to 4 p.m. (Bible Club Sunday: April 6th) (Last day of BC: April 7th) Man Up: 7 p.m. on Mondays
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. Jr. High Girls Bible Study: 7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice: 8 p.m.
Saturday: Men’s Coffee Hour: 6:30 a.m. (BCON Corner)
Small Groups: Sun. and Wed nights in homes. (Call the church for details)
VBX Dates: July 14-18 evenings for ages 4 -12th grade
“Here I am. I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.” Revelation 3:20

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Sufficiency and other Ponderings

Shellie Kovaleski

I never celebrate Earth Day. Our property must have 1000s of trees already so if I plant a tree, it will be for apples, not to Save the Earth. But Earth Day is on the calendar this month so I'm writing about garbage.

We don't all have a place to plant a tree, but we all can place less trash into the waste stream. But does it matter - why bother? Well, long ago, I read a study on plastics put out by The League of Women Voters. Mankind's most toxic activity, according to their research, is the manufacture of plastics. So that's not a factory I'd like to live downstream from. The second most toxic activity named was the disposal of plastics. When I consider the unnatural stench of burning plastic, that seems plausible. I don't know about your trash, but the incineration plant in Glens Falls receives trash from many surrounding communities.

I read about a woman in NYC once who said she figured out how to shop in bulk and never buy packaged foods. You might be thinking, "Did she give up ice cream?!" I don't know. She probably made her own. If Reduce-Reuse-Recycle were a national sport, she'd be an Olympian. Yes, a gold medalist even. She accumulates less trash in a year than the haul your kids bring home on Halloween. It seems like a noble aspiration, or a scavenger hunt, if not an obsession. We might wonder how many hours she devoted to criss crossing the city with her drawstring bags and refillable bottles. By year's end her one-pint trash container, a glass canning jar, was about full. Of what? The coded, oval stickers that identify fresh fruit made up half of it. Those along with her husband's disposable contact lenses. And by now, she's probably convinced him to get lasik surgery, I'll bet.

I've heard there's a nonprofit called Beyond Plastics. They promote reduction of single-use plastics in the American lifestyle. I'm glad regular people are thinking about this voluntarily; it's a topic too complex for a federal task force. An agency would likely require least \$70 billion to properly study, print findings and train employees to train our civilization on compliance.

My favorite things to reuse lately are the sturdy bags that wood pellets come in. It seems right to give them a second job before they go away. First I turn them inside out. Good for cat litter. Good for household garbage. If I'm sharing or moving compost, good for that. Ditto when I'm dividing perennials or mixing potting soil. Aren't we a funny place? Sometimes we buy things (disposables) just to throw away, at the same time we throw away the useful things we already have.

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04/13 – 10:00 AM – Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
04/17 – 6:00 PM – Maundy Thursday – Communion – Joint Service at Mayfield
04/18 – 6:00 PM – Good Friday Service

UPCOMING - SERVICES

04/06 Fifth Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion
“A New Thing”
Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8
04/13 Palm / Passion Sunday – Distribution of Palms
“Servant King”
Luke 19:28-40; Philippians 2:5-11
04/17 Maudy Thursday – Joint Service at Mayfield - Communion
“Beware of Self”
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13
04/18 Good Friday
“Last Words”
Psalm 22; John 18:17-30, 38
04/20 Easter - Communion
“He’s Alive”
Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
04/27 Second Sunday of Easter
“That You May Believe”
Acts 5:27-82; John 20:19-31

The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, revdavid76@gmail.com or on the pastor’s blog at www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/.

Clergy Column

ALIVE

If I had to characterize this month with one word, it would be alive. Alive as we see trees in bud and flowers blooming. Alive as we celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus and the assurance that not even death can defeat the power of God’s love in Jesus Christ. Alive in the realization in the words of the Easter Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen”: “made like him, like him we rise”. Jesus’ message was that God loves us and promises those who will say yes to God’s offer of love will indeed not just survive but be truly alive to be able to find joy and purpose in life. A life that like Jesus’ doesn’t end at the grave. In Jesus’ words, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places (John 14:1-2).” Jesus would also assure us that God’s presence is not just something reserved for the end of our life on earth but available here and now in the form of the Holy Spirit who is referred to as an Advocate or Comforter. The very presence of God abiding within us providing comfort and guidance, a presence that also equips us to be part of the community of faith that continues Jesus’ ministry of love.

As we move towards the celebration of Easter during this season of Lent, we are encouraged to engage in self-examination not to exact punishment but to prepare ourselves to be able to say an unequable yes to Jesus’ offer of abundant life. To examine actions, habits, or traits that are part of our life which interfere with us being able to fully embrace the abundant life Jesus offers. Jesus proclaims that God can not only forgive but can empower us to embrace a change so radical it is as if we are born again.

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Have you ever read one of those statistics that tells how much of something Americans throw away every year - and you think to your self, I threw two toothbrushes away just this morning. Where do I report that? Mine didn't get counted!

Finally it dawned on me that the amount of toothbrushes thrown out annually would be, for all practical purposes, roughly the same as the amount manufactured. We might keep a couple spares on hand but toothbrush hoarders are not considered statistically significant.

As a youngster we used to drive past an enormous logpile in northern Minnesota that made a lasting impression on me. It was in front of the Diamond Matchstick factory. It seemed to be a block long and as high as a big house. Dozens of cabins could've been built. Instead, logs went in one side of the building and came out on the other side as boxes of matches. Strike anywhere. The Japanese once calculated that a year's worth of their disposable chopsticks contain enough wood to build over 100,000 Japanese homes. This is not a strike against wooden matches, or disposable chopsticks, just a realization of how consumption adds up. If I can use one instead of two, that's what I'll do. We live here. Seems like if earth day isn't every day, it isn't anything at all.

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Spring will be arriving in a few short weeks. Snowmobile season is winding down and I heard recently that you had few days of warmer weather. I always loved this time of year, when you could open the doors and let some fresh air in. The warmer air was a sign of better things to come. Unfortunately, like everything else in life, what we want to happen, does not happen right away. We have to be patient and wait for the things we want in life. There will be weather setbacks along the way but the promise of green grass, leaves budding on the trees and flowers peeking their heads out of the ground is enough to keep us going. At least it was enough for me.

Everything in life has a season and each one is unique and different than the one that came before. I have never felt this more, than in this past year. So many things have changed but not all, in a bad way. Things in life are just different and I have

had to remember to accept and embrace these changes. The last 4 ½ months, however, have not been easy for me. In November I was rushed by ambulance to Miami for an infection in the glands under my jaw and around my face. It was supposedly caused by an infected tooth. When I was released and feeling better the tooth was pulled. Upon further testing the infection was not caused by my tooth. It was found that I have a deviated septum and there is bone blocking my sinuses so they can not drain. The doctors told me I have literally had sinus infections my entire life . Furthermore, I was told that if I did not have the surgery to correct these issues, I could get the infection back again. The bottom line is I could die if I do nothing. Those are words that no one wants to hear. The frustrating part is that everything that is wrong with me, could have and should have been identified and corrected years ago. My entire life, doctors have just treated my symptoms. I was told I have allergies although none were identified with testing over the years. The list of treatments, antibiotics and over the counter cold and allergy medicines I have taken for 63 years is long.

By the time that you read this I will be having relatively simple surgery to address the cause of my illness. I have found a wonderful doctor who told me that after the surgery, the quality of my life would improve immensely. I want my energy back. I want to get together with friends and family again.


I want to do all the things that I used to do!

Things in our lives change as we get older and sometimes the changes are scary. I refuse to give in to it. I know I am no longer young and I may move a little slower. I am , however, going to continue to live my life to the fullest and try to enjoy each day and every new season that comes my way.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. There will always be another season in our lives.






Get out and embrace your life. No one knows what the next season ,in life, will be about. We can't control everything in our lives but we can control how we react to it. I am thinking positive thoughts and working hard to maintain a positive attitude. There are so many people I know or have known who are going through illnesses that are so much worse than what I am going through. Prayers and positive thoughts make a huge difference.

There is something to look forward to in every season. Life on the Great Sacandaga Lake is amazing. Get out there and explore the beauty of it all! Happy spring everyone!



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Northville Rotary Celebrates 75 Years

The year 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of Northville Rotary. They were chartered by Rotary International on January 10th 1950 at the Tower Hotel in Northville. (Anyone have information about the hotel that no longer exists??) In keeping with Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self”, over the 75 years the club has provided many opportunities for serving the Northville/Sacandaga Region. All are too numerous to list, but some of the highlights have been:

- Scholarship Awards to NCS Seniors
- Northville Flower Boxes in conjunction with Bill Coffey
- Northville/Edinburg Little League funds for a dugout and concession stand and team sponsorships
- Electrification of Gazebo in Town Park and Clean Up
- Community Christmas and St. Patrick’s Day Parties, Veterans’ Luncheons
- School and Necessity Closet Supplies to Northville and Edinburg Schools
- Funded Students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, Tech Valley Summit for Girls, Boys State, Rotary Peace Summit
- Hurricane Relief to Puerto Rico and Middleburgh Flood Victims
- Back Pack Program for Families in Need with Children
- Turkeys for Thanksgiving, hams for Easter
- SVAN Sound System
- Four Shelter Boxes for Emergency Shelter around the world
- Rotary Wreath Program providing Christmas Gifts for Children in Need
- Coats and winter clothing for kids
- Boat Construction/Raffle Projects with community members
- 15 Successful Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekends
- Smoke Alarms for residents.
- Donation of a kayak launch to the Village of Northville for the Little Lake.

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In celebration of 75 years of active service to the community, a Northville Rotary 75th Anniversary Gala has been scheduled for Friday, September 26th from 6 to 10pm at Lanzis on the Lake. The Ryan Clark Band will be providing entertainment. Additional details will be announced soon. Hopefully, present, past and future Rotarians can celebrate together along with many Friends of Rotary and community members.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more about Rotary, please attend one of our meetings. Email Cliff Parker at: sfcparker@gmail.com to find out when and where our next meeting will be. All are welcome.

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NEWS From the
President of the
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Jane Kinney Denning

Spring at the Great Sacandaga Lake is a beautiful, albeit muddy thing! As year round residents emerge from the long winter of giving into (and enjoying) it and as seasonal residents and visitors start thinking about the great summer days of boating, swimming and recreating ahead, the lake is awakening too.

Bird chirping weather is in full swing this month and the dawn chorus of the birdsongs at the start of each new day is certainly worth getting up for.

Along the shore of the lake, loons are starting to mate (usually May and early June). Returning to the same waters each year, they build their nests on the shoreline in anticipation of their forthcoming new family members. Painted Turtles (https://www.gsla.org/turtle_crossing) are emerging from hibernation after being dormant during the winter months when they hibernate in the muddy bottom of the lake. The eagles can be seen perched on rocky outcrops near open water fishing and a first sighting of the magnificent great blue heron is eagerly awaited for by many.

With lots of snowmelt the waters are rising quickly on the lake and the thick ice and snow that our GSL fishermen/women and snowmobilers enjoyed this winter have disappeared.

Around the GSL, on our streets, roadsides and beaches the remnants of an overturned garbage can, strong winds and carelessness can be seen in the trash that surfaces with the warm weather and, our help is needed to cleaned it up - for the beauty and splendor of the area and the health and safety of both wildlife and humans.

This year, the GSLA is hoping that, as a community, we can come together to do so.

On Saturday, June 7th, the GSLA is hosting our first (hopefully annual) GSLA Clean-up Day where people/groups/schools will organize clean-ups in the morning and to then join us - from 12-3 at Griffis Road Marina in Mayfield for a community gathering (we will also have a dumpster for the trash from the clean-ups). There we will be awarding the GSLA Citizenship Award (given to 5 high school seniors from each of the towns around the lake), hosting invited guests from organizations whose work also involves the GSL, as well as town supervisors, local historians etc. In addition we will be giving away prizes and there will be donuts!

Please mark your calendars and come join us!

One of our main goals, in addition to doing some spring cleaning around the lake, is to bring people together so that they can learn about the GSLA and others working to protect the GSL and to provide an opportunity to meet your neighbors who love the lake as much as you do.

In addition, the GSLA is actively trying to build our membership to represent the many permit holders, visitors, businesses, marinas and campgrounds around the lake. The GSLA is your association and a place for your voice to be heard and where your participation will make a difference in protecting the lake for generations to come.

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Small Town Adirondacks Life: Epitomizing Some Myths and Illustrating New Distinctions

By P.J. Schaefer

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

3. Hadley

According to *Adirondack Life* writer, Galen Crane, in the late 1890s, Hadley might have lured a person to the town with the promise of gold coming from mere sand – albeit lots of sand and lots of pounding. Such dreams never came to fruition, but Hadley has nonetheless thrived since 1801 (though the first non-Mohawk and non-Oneida settlers came as early as 1788 according to U.S. Census data). That same data shows that Hadley encompasses 41.9 square miles, 39.8 of it land and 1.3 square miles of it water. That water, comprised of the meeting of the Sacandaga River and the Hudson River and a small part of Great Sacandaga Lake, in many ways helps define some of the best known and treasured characteristics of the town. Hadley Mountain plays its part, too.

While those entities have always contributed to the town’s square mileage, according to the Hadley Business Association, at one point, Hadley stood as part of the Towns of Greenfield and Northumberland, and Hadley, too, lost Corinth and Day, as they became their own towns. As has occurred in so much of this area, Hadley began as a good place for hunting and fishing and then farming, so that gradually, hunting lodges and hotels brought tourists, and then logging, a paper mill, a tannery, and a grist mill overtook the places where the Mohawk and Oneida natives once prevailed. While such industry kept a fairly consistent population in Hadley, not often wavering from between about a thousand to about two thousand, according to U.S. Census data, the 1920s

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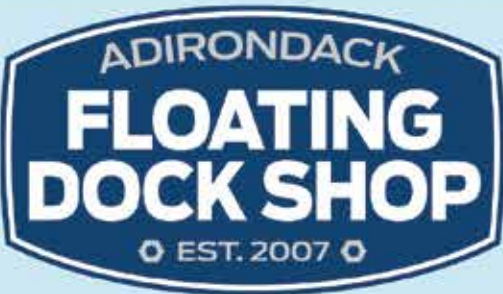
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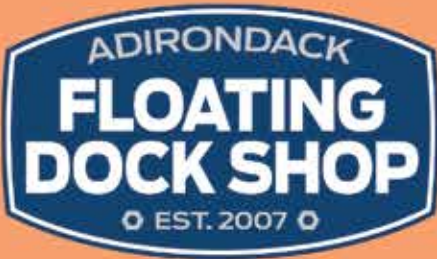
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drove the town to its lowest number of inhabitants ever: 581. Today the Census Bureau reports that the number hovers at 1,971, with a median age of 37, a relatively even ratio of females to males, and roughly 730 households and 538 families living in 930 housing units. According to NYSED (New York State Education Department), of those individuals, 329 attend the Stewart M. Townsend Elementary School, and 290 attend the Hadley-Luzerne Junior-Senior High School. Small businesses still keep the population thriving, with everything from the Rockwell Falls General Store to the Hadley Sport Shop to the Greenfield Press to the Hoffman Stamped Concrete Plant to various landscaping and excavation and electrical contractors making the economy hum. Several restaurants, inns, a marina, and a golf course add to the list.

The Hadley Business Association notes that among the historic families once residing in Hadley, the Myers VanZant Family, related by marriage to Catherine Rockwell, attracts attention partly because of the longevity of their home. Called - in the 1880s, the private home has since metamorphosed into the Upper Hudson Sanitorium, the home of the paper mill superintendent, Rozwell's Funeral Home, a group of apartments, the renovated Highclere Inn and Restaurant, and its present iteration, The Saratoga Rose Bed and Breakfast, a place of "fine design and fine dining" in a romantic, Victorian setting. Hadley has never let go of this stately home, for it carries its history of change and adaptation as a way of honoring its past.

That singular attraction, however, represents just one of the components of Hadley's essence: a reverence for nature, history, and the significance of the combination of the two. Whether one visits the preserved home of Jeremy Rockwell, Arlington Hotel, Hadley Post Office, or Rockwell Falls Fiber Company [formerly the paper mill], or travels the Rail Revolution rail biking trail from Hadley Station [story in December issue], Hadley's devotion to preserving history and not compromising nature stands out.

Perhaps the Hadley Parabolic Bow Bridge lies at the top of that list of stand-outs. Designated

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in 1977 in the National Register of Historic Places in New York, perched above the Sacandaga River, and spanning a deep gorge, according to the National Register, “It is the only surviving iron semi-deck lenticular truss bridge in the state, and the only extant of three known to have been built.” The editorial staff at *Where in the ADK* adds that the bridge’s span “is notable for its small, 3-panel design, which makes it look much more like the original, patented ‘elliptical’ truss from which the lenticular design is derived.” Consisting of two spans, one 45-feet and the other, 136 feet, the bridge’s construction occurred in 1885. According to Ryan Briggs Associates archival records, in 1907, the State took ownership of the bridge when the government created the county highway system. These records show that by 1972, the increased traffic and copious amounts of salt used on the bridge weakened it enough to close it for repairs: added braces, a narrowing, and a reduction of speed limit. By 1983, however, the bridge had deteriorated enough to close it, an edict that bisected the town of Hadley. Archives note that by 2000, because of advocacy by Hadley residents and various historic preservation groups, the county, with assistance from federal and state grants and private donations, restored and reopened the bridge by 2005. As Raymond Smith states, it remains a structure of “iconic status in the community [with] the deep connection felt by those who work and live in the surrounding area.”

Another such significant place, Hadley Mountain and its historic fire tower, provides not just history, but also, as *Pure ADK* comments, a “great panorama” and a variety of terrain including streambeds, exposed rock, and varying degrees of steepness. Marty Podskoch states that the fire tower at the summit has stood for 100 years and “affords a 360-degree view of the Green Mountains in Vermont, the Berkshires in Massachusetts, and the Adirondack High Peaks,” all after a short hike of just 2 miles, a climb that brings one to a 2,675-foot elevation. Though the rampant sparks from locomotives such as those that caused the million-acre blazes of 1903 and 1908 and the need to watch for the starts of such fires from towers have

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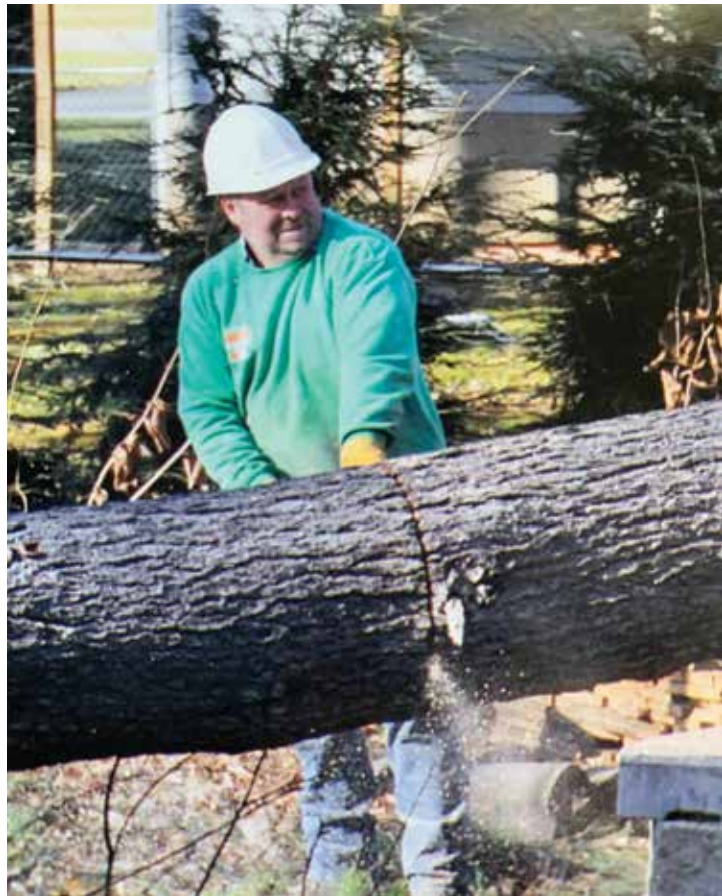
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given way to improved fire prevention and fire watches from airplanes, and though in 1990, the state removed over half of the no-longer-needed fire towers and since that time, many others have deteriorated, the Hadley Mountain Fire Tower remains in place and frequently visited largely through the dedicated efforts of the community’s Hadley Fire Tower Committee to restore it. Charles Vandrei, Jr., a historic preservation officer, states that in addition to the views this 40-foot tower offers, such fire towers are a way to meet the goal of making “Forest Preserves a little friendlier for people who are not big backwoods types.” David Thomas-Train adds that the towers represent “the first stewardship initiative,” so they constitute a huge part of the Forest Preserves’ history and sustainability. Both ideas contribute to the Hadley residents’ drive to maintain the tower.

Likewise, Hadley residents embrace preserving the history inherent in the 20 cemeteries in the town, some with as few as 2 graves in them, and others with as many as 141 graves, all of them dating as far back as 1790. Some record the lives and deaths of original settlers to Hadley, many merely private enclosures once family plots. Today, Hadley residents embrace their maintenance with the approval of \$4,000 in the town budget not just because New York state requires doing so, but also because doing so maintains the story of what Hadley was and is. Several of the cemeteries also attach to the local churches – Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Nondenominational, and Independent – and so represent another characteristic that Hadley keeps intact even today.

Whether Hadley preserves its natural treasures, loans them to such producers as Robert Redford in his 1997 filming of *The Horse Whisperer* on Dean Mountain Road, or invites tourists to savor its mountains, forests, rivers, and lake as much as Hadley residents do, Hadley clearly has found its own kind of gold in the endeavors of its small-town life.



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Sacandaga Protection Committee

Hello Spring !! This winter was a good one for all the outdoor enthusiasts. The lake froze so ice fishing was available and the Walleye Challenge was held again. There was snow for the snowmobilers for the first time in a few years. Now we all await the end of mud season and start of the boating season. Regardless of how or what time of year that we enjoy the lake access to the Lake is necessary and the primary mission of the SPC is to protect our Lake access and the way of life around the lake. To do this the SPC has an all-volunteer staff that hires lawyers and lobbyists to keep us informed and to fight for our lake access rights. To do this requires money. 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. Cost is \$110 per player includes golf, lunch, some drinks and an awards reception afterwards. If you are not a golfer but 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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“Stones from the Creek”

Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron

Are you finally starting to see some bare ground where you live?

If the answer is yes, then how about taking a trip to the Frances J Dean Trails?

The trails are located at 4 Murray Road in Stony Creek, parking is located adjacent to the Dean Homestead, once the home of Frances and Charlotte Dean.

This home was built in 1871 and was mortgaged for \$600.00, it took 12 years to pay off. In 1881 Charlotte began taking in summer boarders, and it was then called Mountain Dell. The Stony Creek Historical Association are now the stewards of this beautiful home and the District #4 Schoolhouse which is located across from them on Lanfear Road.

Dean Farm Heritage Trail(s) consists of 13 trails and 3.6 miles of walking and hiking paths, ranging in ability from easy to challenging. These paths wind through fields, woods, and wetlands. There are a variety of walking paths, crushed-stone or boardwalk, or the more traditional hiking trails.

Dean Farm is home to many species of birds, butterflies, and flowers. Located around the trail system are benches and picnic tables.

Enjoy your meal creek side or while taking in a view of the beautiful landscape.

One of my favorite places to sit overlooks Heron Pond, where you can hear the shrill of the red-wings, or watch the bluebirds swooping in the meadow.

If you enjoy reading, it is also a great place for that. If you forgot your book, no worries, there is a little lending library located at the parking area. This is where you can also find a kiosk with a map of the trail system, with all the details that you need to pick the trail that suits you best.

Throughout the trails you will find colorful and informative signage about the history of the property, plants that grow there, the birds that visit, and so much more.

So, what are you waiting for! Come visit our little “peace” of heaven.

Till next time,

Cindy

From the HRBRRD

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 -

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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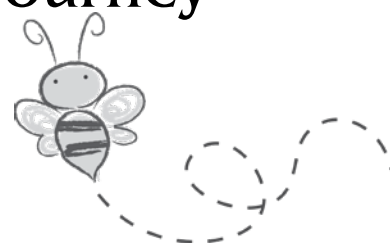


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A beginning Beekeepers Journey

by Susan Armstrong



In 2025, bee populations in the US, including both honeybees and native pollinators, face ongoing challenges, with declines attributed to habitat loss, pesticides, climate change, and diseases, impacting ecosystems and food security. Bees are vital for our food supply, economy, ecosystems and environment, as they pollinate crops, contribute to global food production, and support biodiversity, with an estimated one-third of the world's food supply depending on pollinators like bees.

In the US, honey bees pollinate \$15 billion in agricultural products each year, including more than 130 types of fruit, nuts, and vegetables.



What can we do to help prevent honeybee deaths? We can prioritize a bee-friendly environment by avoiding harmful chemical pesticides. Opt instead for natural garden pesticides, such as Neem Oil. It's also helpful to create habitats with diverse flowering plants, helpful to the Bees. Ensuring access to clean water, such as a birdbaths is another wonderful way to help ensure healthy bee populations. Bird baths make excellent bee drinking stations because of how shallow they are. Bees can usually perch on the edge of the bath to drink. Remember, bees can't swim, so if you want to keep them safe you can add clean pebbles to give them extra places to stand. You can also fill a container with clean gravel or stones they can sit on while they sip, or provide them with pieces of wood floating in the water for them to land on. I live in Northville and have spent the last year studying BeeKeeping. This is an endeavor that cannot be taken lightly. Last summer I was honored to be introduced to experienced Beekeeper Harry Phelps. He generously to my home and checked out my property to make sure it will be a suitable site for the bees. There are important factors to consider such as hive entrance direction. Ideally, the hive entrance should

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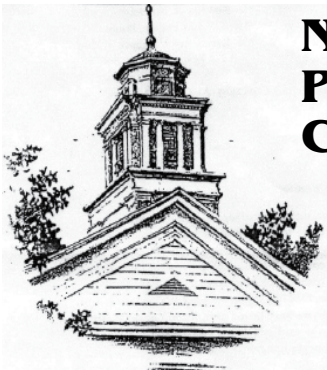


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**Northville United
Presbyterian
Church News**

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Grace and peace to you from Northville United Presbyterian Church!

Springtime is just around the corner, and signs of new life are all around – the birds chirping, the grass and flowers returning, warmer days with much more daylight, the once frozen waters flowing again. Of course, this month also brings with it the celebration of Passover by the Jewish community, and the Christian celebration of Easter. There is much to give thanks and rejoice in!

There are also many challenges and concerns among a lot of folks right now. Our elected leaders at the state and national levels have undertaken various actions which have left many feeling anxious and afraid, and they have continued to broadcast messages that are at times deeply disturbing. We’re seeing working class Americans struggling to keep up with inflation on basic goods; the stock market and the economy in general are losing strength; many of our neighbors are finding themselves targets for exclusion and marginalization; our relationships with international allies are being strained; and we are told on a daily basis, from every corner and both parties, that those who disagree with us on social, political and economic issues are to be derided and are a threat to our existence.

One of the most disturbing statements I have seen lately is one made by billionaire Elon Musk that, “The fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy.” It’s sad to me that a man who has so much, who has had every advantage, and who now holds power in our government despite never having been elected by the people, or even approved in a congressional hearing, could broadcast the idea that empathy is a weakness.

Without empathy, who are we? When we fail to have compassion, we are less than the people God has created and called us to be. One of the fundamental convictions of my Christian faith is that compassion, empathy, acceptance, and mercy are at the heart of Jesus’ message and way of life – the way of life we are called to emulate as we follow Jesus in our daily lives. Without these characteristics, we too easily draw lines of exclusion and inclusion, we lose sight of our duty to care for the least of our brothers and sisters, and we become alienated from, rather than connected to, our neighbors.

Spring cleaning is something that we do around the house, but what if we did a little spring cleaning on our interior lives. Perhaps each of us might take some time this month to reflect on the ways we have been drawn into this world’s narratives of fear, distrust, and indifference to the pain and suffering of others. Then we might pray as the psalmist did, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Ps 51:10) We must find ways to enact empathy and compassion towards others, to respect those with whom we differ, and come together as a people if we are to face into the challenges before us and find common solutions which respect the dignity and humanity of every single person – to love others with the expansive love that God has for every one of his children, and to try to see every person through the eyes of Christ, who loved us so much that he laid down his life for our sakes.

If you are looking for a welcoming church family with whom to grow spiritually, and with whom to serve the needs of this world in love, we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am for worship and fellowship. Additionally, this month we will hold a Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday) dinner and service beginning at 5 pm on Thursday, April 17. There is no cost to attend the dinner.

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Spring in Edinburg: A Season of Beauty – and Black Flies!

As the snow begins to melt and the first signs of spring emerge, there’s something magical about the landscapes surrounding the Great Sacandaga Lake and the charming town of Edinburg, nestled in the Adirondack region of Upstate New York. The gentle rustling of new leaves and the sight of vibrant wildflowers dotting the landscape make it an ideal time to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty.

However, alongside the stunning spring scenery, there’s a seasonal visitor you may not be so eager to greet: black flies. These tiny, buzzing pests have a reputation for making outdoor activities less enjoyable, but understanding them can help you better navigate this brief but intense season.

The Black Fly Lifecycle: From Larvae to Bites

Black flies are part of the Simuliidae family, and they thrive in the clean, flowing waters that surround the Great Sacandaga Lake. These insects spend the majority of their life cycle in water, starting as larvae attached to rocks or plants in rivers, streams, and lakes. Over a few weeks to months, the larvae grow into pupae, eventually emerging as adults.

The adults, particularly the females, are the ones we usually encounter in the spring months. Males, on the other hand, do not bite and are generally less noticeable. Once they reach adulthood, black flies are highly active and, unfortunately, ready to feed.

When Do They Appear and Disappear?

Black flies typically emerge in May in the Edinburg area, as temperatures rise and the spring thaw accelerates their development. Their peak activity often lasts through June, though their presence can extend into early July in some years. They tend to disappear when warmer summer temperatures arrive, signaling the end of their lifecycle for the year.

The Differences Between Male and Female Black Flies

There are noticeable differences between males and females. Males are smaller and typically have feathery antennae, which help them

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

- April 3, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Swedish Meatballs, Rice, Brussels Sprouts, Mandarin Oranges. No program this day. There will be a birthday cake provided by Judy Wilcox
- April 10, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Corn, Lemon Cake.STFSL Program at 12:30: Bonnie Orth, Pastor of the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, will present “Hands Reaching Out to Each Other” a slide show and talk about the mission of a school sponsored in Liberia.
- April 17, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Gelatin. STFSL Program at 12:30: John De Valve will return with his popular presentation on birds in our area.

April 24 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30
Roast Pork, Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Mousse. STFSL Program at 12:30. 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:


This season we will visit 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.

On September 29th we plan to go to Peaceful Valley Maple Farms for a hearty breakfast and a tour of the sap house where we can learn how syrup is made. The Task Force is also planning trips 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 the Raquette Lake Lunch Cruise. We hope you will join us on some of these excursions.


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Dianne Knapp

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. -Howard Thurman

Our Northville Gallery doors at 303 S. Main St. were officially closed for the winter season, but we did open a few times for special occasions and workshops. We're now in the process of spring cleaning in preparation for the fresh new artwork and the opening of the 2025 spring and summer seasons. We're kicking off the season on Saturday, April 5th, when SVAN will host the "Dreaming of Sunshine" Beach Party at the Sport Island Pub. This event will feature the band "Big Fez and the Surfmatics." Big Fez was such a big hit during the Summer Concert Series that we just had to bring them back to Northville for an evening of listening, singing, and dancing. If you come dressed for a beach party, there will be prizes. The party begins at 6:30. Doors will open at 5:45. General admission is \$25. Members' admission is \$20. Admission includes snacks. The Pub menu and a cash bar will also be available. For reservations call Barb at 863-8047.

On Saturday April 12th we will be accepting artwork from SVAN member artists at the Northville Gallery and the Gallery at the Tourist Center. 9:30 am - 1 pm at the Northville Gallery, 10-noon in Vail Mills. The following drop-off will be on June 21st.

Not a member? Contact membershipchair@svanarts.org or visit our website svanarts.org to join online. Our yearly dues are very reasonable and support our mission in the Sacandaga Valley Region.

SVAN is proud to sponsor "Fiddling with Traditions" on April 25th. After a day of workshops with the students at Northville Central School, a free open to the public concert will take place in the auditorium at 6pm. During the show you will hear Gretchen Koehler and Daniel Kelly make their fiddle and piano sound like the clanging of a blacksmith's hammer, the sweet honey of a million bees, and a colorful sunset enjoyed from a wooden rowboat. The duo will play their musical soundscapes in front of a screen with films of spinning wheels, red hot metal under a jewelry maker's torch, and much more.

The Northville Library Gallery Show "Journeys" will present the artwork of SVAN member Janet Yeates. Janet exhibits her oil paintings at galleries and arts centers throughout the region. This show will be open during regular library hours starting May 8th. A reception with refreshments will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 5-7pm with a gallery walk/talk from 6-6:30.

May brings colorful flowers to brighten our days and



beautify our world. Arranged in a vase they are a perfect subject for a painting. Join the "Paint a Still Life" workshop on Saturday, May 17, 1-4pm at the Northville Gallery, 303 S. Main Street. Fee of \$20 includes instructions and materials. (Members get a \$5 discount). For more information or to reserve your seat contact vicepresident@svanarts.org.

Do you enjoy teaching or sharing your talents? We're looking for workshop leaders in any of the arts. Let us know about your passion in fibers, photography, writing, dance ...whatever makes you come alive! We're also looking for volunteers to help with the many things that keep our organization going. From gallery reception to website updates, from dusting and yard work to poster design, we need you!

We are grateful to the First United Methodist Church of Northville for the use for their beautiful building for our gallery, and for our members and volunteers!



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Edinburg School Happenings

Michelle Ellis, Superintendent

We would like to thank the Edinburg PTO (Heather Frasier, Brytney Wagner, and Kelly Keyrouse) for the annual PTO Book Giveaway on Friday, March 7, 2025! Each and every student received a free book of their choice as a way to kick off our reading month in March! Happy reading everyone! Students in grades PK



through 6th grade are honored monthly for their PBIS character traits. For the month of March, the PBIS committee chose “respectful” as the character trait for the month. The Edinburg Common School District would like to congratulate the following students for being Student of the Month! We are so proud of you!

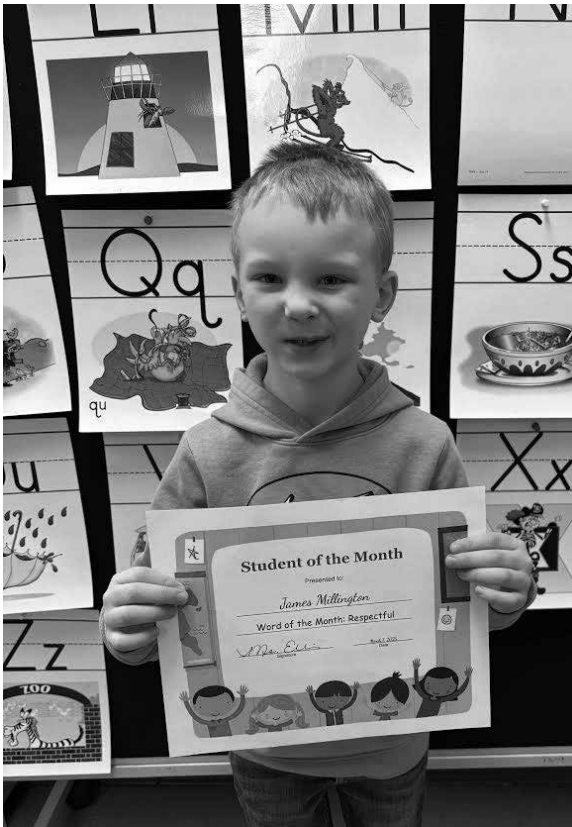
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- 3-6 Kendyl and Joshua
- Teacher/Staff Member Ms. Zullo and Mrs. Lapczenskit

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Budget season is in full swing. The district has worked hard on keeping the tax levy increase to 0% during a time when all costs are on the rise. We encourage our community members and parents to attend upcoming Board meetings and Budget Hearing in order to better understand our budget for the 25-26 school year. We invite your questions, comments and concerns regarding our upcoming budget or any other financial questions you might have. If you are unable to attend a meeting but have questions that you would like addressed, please feel free to call the District office at 518-863-8412 to have those questions answered.

Edinburg Common School District Announces Open Board of Trustees Seat:

The Edinburg Common School District will have one open seat on its Board of Trustees during the upcoming Budget Vote and Annual



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Election on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. 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.

Community members interested in running for the position can pick up a petition packet from the District Clerk, Miss Peceri, in the office during regular business hours. Completed petitions are due by Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

For more information, contact the District Clerk at ecs1@edinburgcs.org.

Discovery Kids and Pre - K
The Edinburg Common School District is also accepting enrollment packets for students in the 3 year old program (Discovery Kids) and the full day Pre-K program (students must be 4 years old by December 1, 2025). If you know of a family or have children that would qualify to enter these programs, please call Miss Peceri in the office at 518-863-8412 to request an enrollment packet. You may also find our enrollment packet and information to the Discovery Kids and Pre-K program at <http://www.edinburgcs.org/enrollment.html>. Please remember the Edinburg Common School District still has an Open Enrollment Policy and accepts students from other school Districts. Please call the main office for any questions you may have.

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

Dates to Remember:
April 2nd - Professional Development Half Day
April 8th - ECS Board Meeting 6:00 PM
April 14th - 21st - Spring Break No School

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Last month I wrote about how the Baldwins were going to Mexico and how excited we were. Unsurprisingly, it was wonderful – it had some ups and downs though. Very cool location – not a sandy/walk into the water kind of beach, but tide pools that during low tide we found conch, urchins, fish, and hermit crabs. You had to walk on a dock to get out further into the water (to enter over the rocks and coral). We were allowed to snorkel there, and it was amazing. We saw a baby sting ray, starfish, huge conch, thousands of fish, and sea urchins that were larger than my fist! The next best part was the wildlife. There were peacocks/peahens, flamingoes, cats, and weird raccoon animals named “Coati” – pronounced Co-ah-tee; they were the highlight. Coati were everywhere and raided the scrap pans from the dining halls (this sounds unsanitary, but it really wasn’t – the staff knew and the trays were in more accessible areas). There were also lizards (big and small) and parrots. The rooms were cozy and clean. And of course – the absolute highlight for me was the Stingray adventure. So much fun, and the weather that day was perfect. On site at the Stingray sanctuary was a Mexican food stand and a woman making the most delicious Mezcal drinks. I could have stayed there all day.

On the down-side – food at the resort was “meh” – Lucas actually got (what we suspect was) food poisoning one night which made us (he and I) miss the big snorkeling trip. He said the chicken tasted off and he was the only one that ate it. We also had to cancel the big fishing trip mid way (no refund) because our nephew got horribly seasick. He was a champ though; didn’t cry or anything, just threw up a lot. Then the flight back out of Cozumel was a nightmare. We all loaded the plane and then realized something was up – we weren’t leaving and the door wasn’t closing. We waited on the tarmac for 3.5 hours wondering whether we were going to be able to leave. Turns out a tire was bad and they had to change the whole mount. The captain was very concerned and updated us all often. We were worried about him timing out (like what happened in Albany recently). Somehow – it worked out, but in the meantime, there was no AC on the flight while we waited and it never actually turned on while we flew AND...there were screaming children (not toddlers, mind you), like 6 year olds. 6 year olds screaming over the seat in front of them (right in front of us) and one behind us that coughed so much we were worried he was choking. My brother, who is a million times more patient than me somehow, was ready to plow people down to get off the flight that night. He said he had swamp butt and trees were growing; it was really that hot on the plane. We pulled into Chicago at midnight and only had 3 hours to sleep before needing to get up to catch the next flight. But we made it and we obviously needed a tire – that is a thing. Thankfully, the final flight home was delightful – cool, quiet, and very empty. Despite some upset, it goes without saying that it was worth it.

We were all happy to be home and in our own beds. Visiting helped me appreciate what we have – at home and in the U.S. Even though the weather was wonderful (and there was no snow), the area was pretty

run down outside of the resort. Dumps, broken-down vehicles, sun-weathered signs and buildings were the norm – everything just looked a bit sad there. We actually passed a truck that had at least 15 men standing squeezed in the truck bed – it would be comical, if it wasn’t depressing. Things may be a little weird right now at home – and I am not a fan of winter, but the standard of living here is far greater. I guess my take-away is that I am proud AND grateful to be an American...and I look forward to visiting other countries.

We at Hawk Drilling, wish everyone a wonderful warm up in April. Thank you for reading.



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