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# JANUARY 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](mailto:edinburgnews2023@gmail.com)

- Wed 1 New Year's Day**
- Tues 14 6:00 pm Edinburg School BOT Meeting
- Thurs 16 4:00 pm Edinburg Town Board Meeting
- Mon 20 Inauguration Day**
- Mon 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Tues 21 7:00 pm Edinburg Historical Society Meeting



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## EDINBURG TOWN REPORT

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Robert D. Anderson,  
Supervisor

### Happy New Year!!!

#### 2025 Budget

The 2025 Budget has been completed and has been sent off to Saratoga County. We have stayed under the 2% tax cap.

#### New Telephone System

We are looking into a new telephone system for the Town Hall

#### Computers

Four new computers and one laptop computer have been purchased for use and upgrading has been done at the Town Hall. Two have been put into the Assessor and Assessor's Clerks offices, one has been installed in the Town Clerk's office and one in the Supervisor's office. The laptop will be used in the Highway Department.

#### Adirondack Chairs

A special thank you goes out to The Dock Shop; they will be donating two Adirondack Chairs for use at the Town Hall.

#### 2024 Economic Development Grant, Saratoga County

The Economic Development Grant funds were received from Saratoga County, a check has been turned over to the Saratoga Snowmobile Club for trail work.

#### Lights on the Batchellerville Bridge

The lights on the South side of the bridge will be out until Spring of 2025, Saratoga County will be taking care of the repair work then.

#### Attorney Position

The Town Board is looking to hire a new attorney. Attorney MaryBeth Walsh will be leaving us; her Assembly position will be taking up more of her time. We would like to take this time to thank MaryBeth for all of her work and wisdom she has brought to the Town. Best Wishes!

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### Appointment to the Saratoga County Senior and Youth Advisory Board

Ms. Donna Houlihan has been appointed to be the representative to the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Advisory Board for the Town of Edinburg.

### Saratoga County Department of Public Works Offers Tips for Winter Driving and Sharing the Road with Snowplows

For more information contact the Saratoga County Department of Public Works at [www.saratogacountyny.gov/DPW](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/DPW).

### Saratoga County Department of Health is to Begin Restaurant Inspections as Part of its Expansion

Beginning January 1, 2025 the Saratoga County Department of Health will begin permit and enforcement operations for restaurants and mobile food service establishments. For further information you can contact the Saratoga County Department of Health at [www.saratogacountyny.gov/DOH](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/DOH).

### Pre-Audit

The Town of Edinburg is now going through a pre-audit with the NYS Comptroller's Office. We are learning a lot from the auditor that is here.

To say the least we have been busy at the Town Hall, Highway Department and the Recycle and Reuse Center. We will continue to strive to do the best for our residents. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Hall at 518 863-2034.

As we shut the door on 2024 we look forward to serving the Town of Edinburg in 2025!

## Friends of the Northville Library

*Jodi Blydenburgh*

Thank You To The Community For Supporting the Northville Library A big thank you is extended to all who bought raffle tickets for the annual holiday basket raffle at the Northville Public Library. The fundraiser — sponsored by the Friends of the Library — brought in more than \$300. This money will go toward programming and other needs of the library.

Year-round, the Friends sell gently-used books in the library. The shelves are located just inside the foyer. There are plenty of books to choose from — including adult and young adult fiction as well as lots of children's books. There are also DVDs, CDs and sometimes magazines, puzzles and other publications. Purchases may be made at the circulation desk.

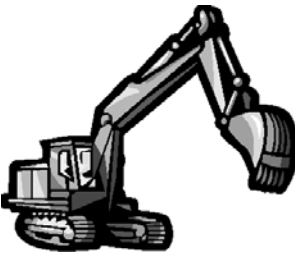
As always, the Friends gladly accepts used books for both the year-round sale as well as for the Mammoth Book Sale in July. Donated books should be in good condition — no moldy or damaged books please. We currently have two board members who are chairing the book sorting endeavors. They go through donated books weekly — categorizing them and assessing the books condition and salability.

The Friends continue to support Toddler Tales — the preschool story hour as well as the newly revamped teen area. Local teens are encouraged to drop by and see the new space, new books and the programming being offered — which includes a book club and a Dungeons and Dragons group.

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As we turn the calendar to 2025, the Friends will be rolling out more fundraisers with the intent of helping to support more library programming. We are grateful for the support of the community and look forward to providing more library services for all.



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## Edinburg Highway Department, where the future meets the road

*Brian DeFeo*

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

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







once added the solution remains effective down to about zero.

With the savings generated from reduced salt costs of fifty to seventy-five percent, and the overall benefit to the environment, the Department went all in. Over a period of just a few years the Department has purchased a brine blender, and six large tanks capable of holding three thousand gallons each. So, much like moonshiners of the past, the Highway Department is making their own brew. There is a large tank and spreading equipment on one of the trucks. And on the most recent snow plow purchase, there is a smaller version already installed. And speaking of plows, even those have changed. The ideal of a static straight steel blade is a thing of the past. They now have "react blades" which are attached to the bottom of the familiar plow blade. Each mini-blade, about twelve inches long, is attached to a spring action. This allows the react blades to travel up and down about three inches or so, contouring the plow blade exactly to that of the pavement. Seelow points out that the effectiveness of this

new technology is another money saver. It does such a good job scrapping the road clean, it lessens the need for repeat passes.

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

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

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Happy New Year 2025 greetings from the members and friends of First UMC! Ecclesiastes 3 tells us “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”. Our seasons of Advent and Christmas have passed and we hope it was an enjoyable time for all. Now we are in a new year waiting for the Magi as we enter the season of Epiphany. Epiphany Sunday is January 5 and we will put the kings and camels in the creche. Epiphany is actually January 6 and is celebrated by other denominations such as Orthodox Catholics as “little Christmas”, the time when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child. The following paragraph was written by this writer for the January 2024 edition of this newsletter; and, these words resonate still today:

“As the new year begins and we put away the Christmas decorations, let us pause for a moment and reflect on the year that has passed. What was good? What was bad? What should we change? What should we keep? What lies heavy upon our hearts? Through all of this contemplation, God is with us. It may not seem like it when things are upsetting, but He is there to help us carry the burden and to help us let go of whatever that burden is that keeps us from feeling real joy in

our lives. A new year is a very good time to embrace the love of God, to let His peace and grace surround us. It’s a good time to commit to church attendance where you will find others just like you..”

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!

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday, a celebration of when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God’s Son is the Light of the whole world.

January 12 – On or about this date, we will be moving into our fellowship hall (dining room) for winter worship, returning to the sanctuary for Easter.

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.

We ask God’s blessing on you and your families as the new year dawns.

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# EDINBURG VOL. FIRE CO.

by Brian DeFeo

From November 12th to December 14th, the Fire Company responded to a total thirteen calls for assistance.

A summary of our run sheets are as follows:

- 11/22 Mutual Aid to Galway
- 11/25 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 11/28 EMS Assist, Briarwood Place
- 11/28 Lines Down, Stone Road
- 11/28 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 11/28 MVA, South Shore Road
- 11/28 Mutual Aid to Providence
- 11/30 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 12/2 Service, Mountain Stream Road
- 12/3 EMS Assist, Pucker Street
- 12/4 Mutual Aid to Northville
- 12/14 Fire Alarm/CO2, North Shore Road
- 12/14 Mutual Aid to Hadley-Luzerne

Each Winter several writers in the Edinburg News review the dangers of thin ice on the lake. Usually writing about the safe thicknesses on the ice, for various activities. And some, the technics you might use to self rescue from the lake. In fact, last year there were three such articles submitted at the same time, including my own. I have to wonder if we are doing any good. This year I am taking a different tact. While it may be morbid to think about, I am going to explain what you are likely going to experience when you fall through

the ice.

The first thing you will experience is that your body will go through an initial “cold shock” if you will. You will immediately have trouble breathing, going into an involuntary gasping for air. You will be involuntarily shaking. This also might be the time when you start inhaling water. Your muscles then start to cool down. To the point that they are no longer functional. At 15 to 30 minutes, if the water is between 32.5 and 40 degrees, the effects of severe hypothermia will start to set in, as your vital organs will begin to shut down. (Less than 15 minutes, if the water is under 32 degrees) I suppose the upsides are; first, you are likely no longer aware of what is really going on, and second, you’re going to look great if you have an open casket funeral. The sad fact is, so many cases of falling through the ice could have been avoided. Be smart, take good care of yourself, your children, your grand children, and have a safe and happy new year.

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**Happy New Year! God's Grace and Peace  
to all from all of us at the Edinburg  
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We would like to thank everyone who came out to our events and supported our missions in 2024. We are looking forward to 2025 being an even better year to reach out to our community and do God's work. Psalm 65:11 tells us "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." God always wants our future to be bright and overflowing with blessings. We have faith in that as we go into the new year.

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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.

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# Flower Talk

Sally Peck, of the Flower Barn

With the mid of winter here and a lot of people feeling down about life, it's good to know that under it all, the flowers are preparing to bloom for Spring- they don't give up hope and neither should we. This Flower Talk article is just that... flower talk from some very unexpected people. As author Shobha Agarwal says, 'Flowers always attract us towards their beauty and nature. They give us happiness and delight even if they are covered with thorns. They soften our hearts when we are sad and fatigued. They purify our surroundings and uplift our life when we are feeling blue.' Enjoy these quotes that I am sharing with you. Hopefully at least one will resonate.

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower, clearly our whole life would change." - Buddha

"Flowers are the music of the ground from earth's lips spoken without sound." - Edwin Curran

"A Flower cannot blossom without sunshine and man cannot live without love" - Max

"If I had a single flower for everytime I think about you, I could walk forever in my garden" - Claudia Adrienne Grandi

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower, clearly our whole life would change." -Buddha

"Minds are like flowers; they open when the time is right" -Stephen Richards

"A rose can never be a sunflower and a sunflower can never be a rose. All flowers are beautiful in their own way, and that's like women too" - Miranda Kerr

"Happiness held is the seed; Happiness shared is the flower" -John Harrigan

"The Earth laughs in flowers" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful." - Jim Carrey

"The flower that follows the sun does so even in cloudy days" - Rober Leighton

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." -Luther Burbank

"I must have flowers, always, and always."  
-Claude Monet

"Butterflies are self propelled flowers." -Robert A Heinlein

"People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us." - Iris Murdoch

"The flowers of all the tomorrows are the seeds of today" - Indian Proverb

"If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are



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here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you." Luke 12:27-28

"Every flower must grow through dirt." -Laurie Jean Sennott

"God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars." Martin Luther

"Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same." -Helen Keller

"If you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for a moment." -Georgia O'Keeffe

"Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love" -Stevie Wonder

"Just living isn't enough," said the butterfly, "one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower."  
-Hans Christian Anderson

This year, make someone happy and let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the gardeners who make our souls blossom. Happy New Year!



## Sufficiency - and Other Ponderings

*Shellie Kovaleski*

When your newsletter becomes an old letter, what becomes of it? As I write, the toes of my wet boots are stuffed with many crumpled pages which do a great job of drawing the moisture out. I change the papers out if they are in really wet boots and I don't know of a faster way to make wet footwear comfortable again. The wet paper balls make their next stop at the compost pile, assuming they are free of colored inks.

Greasy skillet at my house get swiped with a handful of crumpled pages and then cleanup goes quicker. This way, whether you want to save a forest or just save some of the green stuff in your wallet you can cut back on how many paper towels you buy.

In March I wrap strips of newsletter around 3 fingers and dip them in water to get a paper tube. One end then gets crushed down and I've got paper pots. No money gets spent on peat pots here.

And then what happens to the calendars that come around this time of year? Since I don't need all 15 of them I've learned to think of them as a stash of gift wrapping paper. Little food

items, chocolate bars and other small things can be delightfully embellished with a little bird or natural scene wrapped around them.

A calendar with a good binder clip on it is my favorite way to keep track of birthday cards that I'll be sending months from now. All the cards for future dates are stowed inside according to the month they'll be used. During the Covid restrictions I found myself crafting the birthday cards I wanted to send from unused calendar pages. It was fun and starting with a great photo, they can turn out really well. Especially good project for kids! Just fold a suitable picture and add a blank paper inside along with captions.

One more idea to pass along when feet get cold: I've heard Styrofoam food trays found in meat and produce sections of the grocery can make good insoles. If your boots are roomy enough to accommodate the extra thickness just cut them to size. You'll get extra insulation between your feet and the frigid ground. I'm wishing everyone happy toes this winter.

I'm hoping you'll all enjoy a Happy New Year and try something new to while away the long winter.







## Baptist Church of Northville

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*by Barbara Klueg*

### God Isn't Finished With You Yet!

Many of us make New Year's resolutions on January 1st . . . especially the eat right and exercise ones. Here are some suggestions for your 2025 resolutions.

I will: keep trying new things. Be adventurous! Grandma Moses didn't start painting till her late 70's. Colonel Sanders (born in 1890) started Kentucky Fried Chicken during his senior years. He had a very difficult life with many failures and problems. (Look it up on the internet.) In the 1960's he trademarked the phrase, "It's Finger Lickin' Good" after perfecting his chicken recipe. The company rapidly expanded to 600 locations. In 1964 he sold his corporation for \$2 million (\$19 million today). I'm not saying you'll be a millionaire someday, but I am saying, never give up. Keep living your life and reach for new goals. But remember, we need to stay balanced, too. It's OK to take naps too, when needed. We do slow down as we age. It's a fact.

I will: live each day to its fullest. Pray and ask God what He wants you to do each day. It helps if you have a plan each day, but don't stress about interruptions or last-minute changes. If you're in your golden years, like I am . . . don't just sit around waiting to die. Stay active – it will improve your emotional, mental and physical health. Give generously. (You can't take it with you!) When I did real estate, I noticed how many people were trying to get rid of stuff in their later years. They had enjoyed their lake house, but now just wanted to sell the place and their boat, hot tub, jet ski . . . you get the idea. We all need to downsize and purge. Let someone else enjoy your things. It's more blessed to give than to receive.

I will: take spiritual inventory of my life. The Bible states very clearly our need to repent (be sorry for our sins) and to trust in Jesus alone. The Bible says, "Call on the name of the Lord and you will be saved!" (One of my favorite Bible verses.) Then after you've made this commitment,

follow and obey Jesus – sharing this good news with others. Attend a good church to grow in your faith, read your Bible, pray . . . and live your life to please the Lord.

I will: keep a heavenly focus. Take life seriously, not that you can't have fun or be lighthearted, but life is short. Make the most of it and glorify God in everything you do. (I know, this is a very tall order, and we all fail from time to time.) We're not perfect! We are still sinners. Just repent, confess and move on. Keep putting God first and aim high!

I will: serve Jesus. Say to yourself, "What would Jesus do?" As a new believer in Jesus, this will help you so much. Use your spiritual gifts to make a difference in your life and in the lives of others. Volunteer in your church, be generous, get out of your comfort zone and take a mission trip, or simply encourage someone and take them out to lunch. Whatever you do, follow Jesus' example and do it humbly. (John 13:1-5)

I will: love and forgive. Jesus said the two greatest commandments are: Love God and Love Others, like we love ourselves. Tell your loved ones how much you love them and show it. Reach out to others who may be hurting, lonely or just need a smile. Is there someone you have hurt or has hurt you? Of course, there is! This one is a Biggy! Forgiveness is a MUST. It may not repair the relationship when you say, "I'm sorry, please forgive me" but you've done your part to do what God says. The well-known Lord's prayer says, "Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Then it continues to say in Matthew 6:14-15 "For, if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do

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not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Wow! These words are powerful and really punch you in the gut! We must forgive and . . . forget. Thankfully, Jesus does that with our sins.

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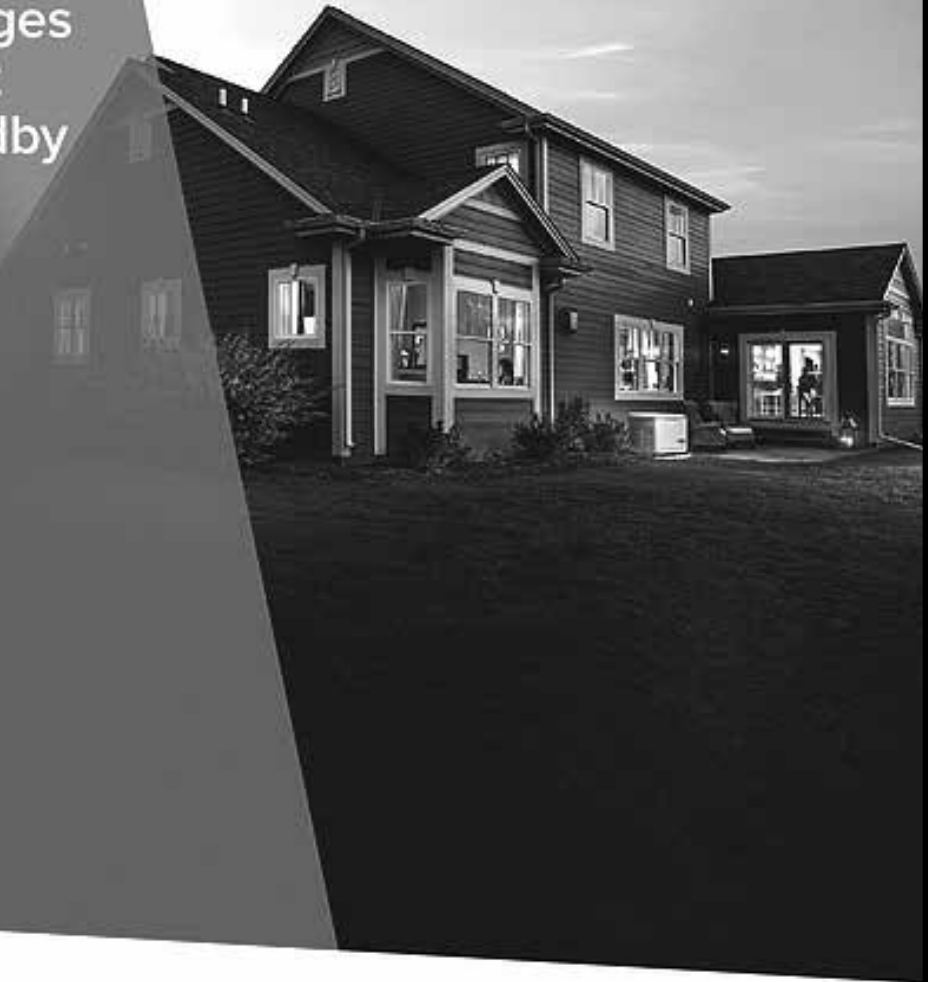
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# FRACTURED FACTS

Brian DeFeo

For the most part, I try to avoid anything that resembles political commentary. Why make enemies if you don't have to. I mean, I made enough during my almost decade-long foray into local politics. Yet, as we collectively approach a new presidency or, better put, Trump 2.0, I find myself thinking about the presidency itself. Specifically, some of the key phrases uttered by the office holders themselves. And how a few brief words have, while not necessarily gone on to define the man, perhaps tempered the public's thinking of him. Here are just a few instances that come to mind, in no particular order.

"... I will not accept the nomination..." This was perhaps the first one I can personally recall, as a very young person. Watching that night, on our black and white TV, Lyndon Johnson just looked beat. Physically, if not emotionally. The Vietnam War had taken another casualty, this time it was the president himself. The other phrase I remember from LBJ, "This doesn't hurt their ears" or something to that effect. When he picked up his beagle by the ears on live TV, oddly enough, igniting a mini fire storm of national criticism and debate. Johnson had been life long lover of dogs, but that carried little weight at that particular moment in time.

"Read my lips." It's only three little words. Yet,

looking back, that might have been the death nelly for George Herbert Walker Bush's chances for a second term. Of course he was talking about his pledge not to raise taxes if elected. And of course, he reneged on his word. Pledges made - pledges broken. History has a tendency of unfortunately repeating itself.

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman . . . ." It is one of my personal favorites. Bill Clinton was quite the wordsmith. He sure knew how to cut a phrase. Clinton was careful to say he didn't have sex with several other women, just not that woman in particular. He went on to have a debate with a Grand Jury, regarding the exact meaning of the word "is". Too bad Bill never fulfilled his potential, as a guest host of Jeopardy.

"The buck stops here" was actually a sign perched on the front of Harry Truman's desk. Truman, never large in stature, might just be one of the most underrated individuals to have obtained this high office. He inherited it under extremely trying circumstances, and had to make some monumental decisions. Yet, even if he hadn't, he was following FDR. It is kind of like being the new guy, after Tom Brady left the Patriots.

"I am not a crook." At age eighteen, this was the first person I helped to put into the office of the president. I voted, as my father did. After all, we had a "Silent Majority" decal on the door to our kitchen. What choice did I have. Of course tricky

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"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military - industrial complex." People in 1961 were probably asking themselves: what in the world was Ike talking about. Indeed, an odd topic for your farewell address to the nation. Particularly, from a man who spent almost his entire professional life in the military, and had access to the giants of industry during the boom years of the 1950s. Recalling Eisenhower's words, are we paying that same hidden price today. As the manufacturing industry has morphed into an Internet-related industrial complex. With zeros and ones occurring so fast, we can barely keep track of who's on first. Giving rise once again to the time worn phrase, "Hey buddy, you got two bits?"



# Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

Barbara Spaeth

*"The color of spring is in the flowers; the color of winter is in the imagination." Terri Guillemets*

Winter can be the perfect time of year to use your imagination in whatever art you choose to create or just enjoy. The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network uses the winter to reflect and prepare for the spring reopening of the Arts Center. Events, workshops, and Art Club will continue to flourish throughout the season.

## Art Club

The SVAN Art Club will be active during the winter months. Some of the meetings will be over Zoom while others will be in person at the Northville Public Library. The Zoom meetings will take place at 7PM on Thursdays; February 6, March 6 and April 17. Come and share what you are working on from the comfort of your own home. Anyone interested in joining can request to have their email address added to the invitation list. A Zoom link will be sent out for each meeting prior to the date from [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org).

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The meetings held at the Library will be on Thursdays from 1-3PM; January 16, February 20, March 20 and April 17. (Check the library for snow closings) Contact [vicepresident@svanarts.org](mailto:vicepresident@svanarts.org) to be added to the email list, or for further information.

**Concerts**

The 2025 concert season begins on January 19th with the “Hold on Honeys”. This acapella group will be performing at the Methodist Church at 3:00. Featuring Emily Curro, Raya Malcolm and Shannon Rafferty, this indie folk minimalist vocal group offers tight-knit harmonies to nourish the soul and invigorate the senses. You may have seen Shannon Rafferty at Capital Repertory Theater in the recent production of “Beautiful” where she played the 2nd lead. General admission is \$20. Members discount admission is \$15. Please call or text 518-863-8047 for reservations.



The next concert will feature Garland Nelson on March 2nd.

**Sacandaga Musical Theater**

Sacandaga Musical Theater is planning for its annual “Hot Night” Production at the Sport Island Pub on January 31st and February 1st. Details for this show will be coming out soon. Check Facebook and the SVAN Website for details.

**Workshop**

The first winter workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 1-3PM at

SVAN’s Northville South Main Street Gallery and Gift Shop. The snow date is Sunday. We will be painting with dots on small wooden discs. Details TBD.



**Call for Art**

The call for Art to adorn our Northville Library Gallery will be out soon. Don’t miss this opportunity to share your talents!

SVAN is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you have a special talent and would like to help out, feel free to reach out. There are vacancies on the Board of Directors, a need for someone to direct the Northville Library Gallery, and someone to help with marketing.

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## Northville Rotary Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Northville Rotary received its Charter from District 255 of Rotary International on January 18, 1950. This began 75 years of service to the Northville community that continues today. The Northville Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gloversville at a ceremony held at the Tower Hotel in Northville. The Reverend Pau H. Wilson from Northville said the invocation and Mayor James Carpenter welcomed all those present. The charter was presented by District Governor Thomas F. McDermott from the Nyack club. Floyd Brownell, first President of the Northville, was given the charter (photo below). The Northville Club is very fortunate to have the original charter, the program, and other

documents of their early days. More to follow in the next few months.

The Club is unsure exactly where the Tower Hotel was located in Northville. The predominate belief is that it what is now the parking lot of Tops. If anyone has any information about the location of the hotel, please email Cliff Parker, secretary of the Northville Rotary at [sfcparker@gmail.com](mailto:sfcparker@gmail.com). New members are always welcome!



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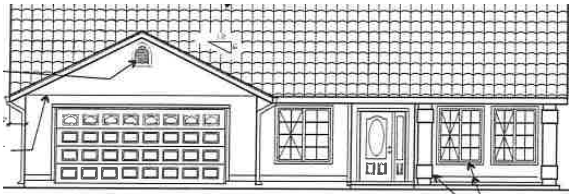
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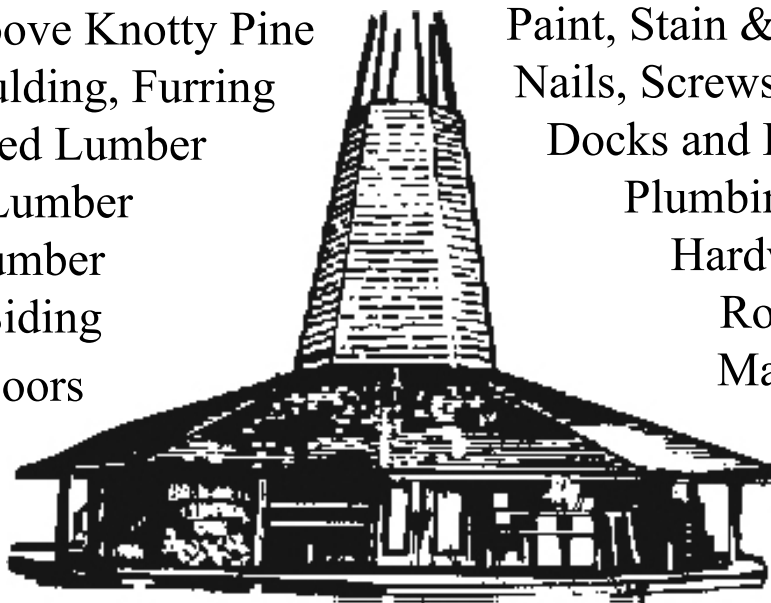
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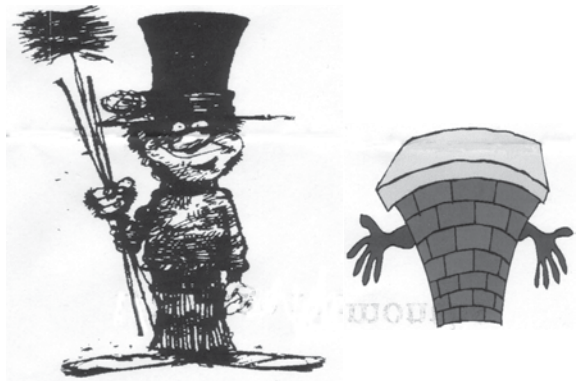
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## On Hope and a Sail

By P.J. Schaefer

Here in Fulton, Hamilton, and Saratoga Counties, many await and then welcome ice and snow to engage in ice skating, ice hockey, snowmobiling, sledding, and skiing, but there is a rarer activity some hope for as well: ice boating (also known as ice sailing, ice yachting, and hard water sailing). Devoting oneself to this sport demands patience and a willingness to wait for very short-lived moments of opportunity to materialize, but aficionados swear the sailing makes the wait worthwhile.

According to Lacey Spear, writer for Lake Home Lifestyles, archeologists speculate that ice boating may have started in 2,000 BCE in Scandinavia, but the only recorded, first proof of ice sailing comes from the Netherlands in the 1600s. Then, the Dutch used ice yachting as a means of transporting merchandise and people over frozen canals, and as Spear notes, the boats “could reach 69 feet in length [. . . and require] seven crew members.” While this size boat did not spark interest in North America, the means of transportation – and eventually, recreation – did.

Writing for Adirondack Almanac in 2011, expert Caperton Tissot stated that the “allure of ice-boating in the Adirondacks dated back to the mid-1800s, though its peak surge of popularity was in the 1940s through the 1970s.” He added

that Lake George, Lake Champlain, and Great Sacandaga Lake became the most frequented because their size enabled long sails, and the winds could provide both speed and the sweeping away of the snow. Saranac Lake, too, saw some ice boating, and the Hudson River, when it froze regularly, also offered enthusiasts some hard water sailing adventures.

As with most sports, organization of the groups of devotees happened quickly. While over fifty percent of these participants also sailed on soft water, no actual sailing experience was required as operating an ice boat utilized fewer moves than traditional sailing. Nonetheless, having a group of like-minded people with varied skill levels fostered the creation of ice sailing clubs as early as the 1800s. According to David Levin of Hudson Valley Magazine, the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club (HRIYC) ranked among the first, partly because the Roosevelt family, including FDR, utilized and championed ice boating on the Hudson. (We can still see their boat, The Hawk on display in the Hyde Park Home museum today.) But other clubs developed -- and remain active today -- all across the Northeast as well as in the Mid-West and Ontario. In this region of New York, two, local clubs, Freedom Boat Club of Lake George and the relatively new Ice Boats of Saratoga Lake New York Region exist, and they sometimes meet with the members of HRIYC as well as the NEIYA (New England Ice Yacht Association). Ice boaters value ice conditions intelligence, and as soon

as a social media post or e-mail blast announces where the ice exists, according to Briain Reid, a member of HRIYC, “They can come together quickly when we discover good ice.” Sometimes, a crowd may even gather to watch.

Such intelligence led several groups to Great Sacandaga Lake in February of 2023, the most recent time one could see sails and boats atop the lake’s ice. Reid notes, “Most winters, the lake is snow bound and not good for sailing,” but on February 11, 2023, sailors enjoyed a single day of flying on ice there, for “Lanzi’s on the Lake served as generous hosts and gave use of their property for launching.” The wind conditions



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feet of sail, and thirty-six pounds to the massive 18 to 30-footers weighing hundreds of pounds and sporting 75+-square feet of sail. By far, one of the most popular among these types is the DN (Detroit News) model, perhaps for its portability and affordability. Some build their own ice boats with one of the kits available for purchase.

Incredibly for a sport entirely dependent on a confluence of very specific weather conditions and offering sometimes very few opportunities to participate, European and North American clubs boast memberships in the thousands. If this area gets lucky again this year, perhaps the Great Sacandaga Lake will once again showcase the sails of these boats as they fly over the ice, the hiss of their blades and the whoosh of their sails

echoing in the air.

See the following for a video of the 2-11-23 sail on Great Sacandaga Lake:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiEshoA71OE>

See this link for some photos of the event:

<https://hudsonrivericeyachting.blogspot.com/2023/02/finally-ice-sacandaga-lake-2-11-23.html>

that day provided long, fast sailing and sparked even a few fun-hearted races. Official racing is indeed part of the sport; serious races and national and international championships envelop high stakes and big prizes, though their locations in North America and Europe always depend on weather conditions and change venue and dates often. As Tissot notes, with the right conditions, these craft “can travel two to four times the velocity of the wind, some reaching speeds of 120 miles per hour or even higher.” For this reason, every boater dons not only warm clothing, boots, and gloves, but also a helmet and goggles. Most also carry with them bear claws (ice pick-like tools used to stab the ice and lift themselves out of the water if the boat falls into it) and something to use as a flotation device if they do not wear body suits. Somewhere on the boat in a dry bag or in their vehicles, a change of clothes lies in wait in case the worst happens.

When sailing is good, the range of ice boats on a lake can include as many as five types and sizes of watercraft, ranging from a mere 12-foot frame, 45-square



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To heighten awareness of the need for warm clothing for children in our community, I am encouraging everyone to give to the program, make a difference and touch the lives of our young people.

Place your gift of mittens, gloves, hats or warm socks in the mitten baskets at any of the Northville churches or local stores before Jan 8th.

Your participation increases an awareness of all needs in the community that go unnoticed.

The donated items will be distributed to the Edinburg and Northville schools for children who need them.

Jane Ferguson



Edinburg Bible Chapel at the four corners invites you to join us as we worship and receive God's blessing, sharing our love with others.

Sunday Worship 10 AM / Wednesday Prayer Meet. 7 PM  
Looking forward to seeing you.



## Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House

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Rev David E Smith, Pastor

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Northampton United Methodist at Fish House invites you to join us as we seek to share God's love as revealed through Jesus Christ. We welcome all to join us for a time of hearing God's word, singing the hymns of faith, and having fellowship with one another. We are a historic congregation located on the shore of Great Sacandaga Lake.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship at 10:00 AM

"Advent Study" - Wednesday and Saturday at 10:00 AM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month – All Welcome

Service of Anointing with Holy Oil for Healing – First Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Covered Dish Supper & Devotion – Third Saturday at 5:00 PM

"Service of Anointing for Healing" – From the early days of the church the elders would pray for those in need of healing with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. At 6:00 PM on the first Tuesday there will be a service of Anointing and Prayer for those in need of God's healing touch for physical and emotional concerns. This is not meant to replace but rather to work with the blessings of modern medicine God has blessed us with. Also as always, we must remember that the ways in which God answers our prayers can take many forms and may be in ways contrary to our expectations.

### UPCOMING - SERVICES

01/05 EPIPHANY SUNDAY- Coming of Wise Men  
"Foreigners"

Isiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12  
01/12 BAPTISM OF JESUS

"Beyond Baptism"

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Acts 8:14-17  
01/19 HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY – Martin

Luther King Holiday, Civil Rights

"Who is My Neighbor"

Amos 5:21-24; Matthew 25:31-46; Galatians 3:23-29

01/26 ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

"Of One Mind"

Genesis 12:1-3; Mark 9:38-41; Acts 15:1-21

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/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

## Clergy Column

### Addition

The beginning of a new year is for many a time for making resolutions designed to improve our life. They often take the form of giving something up. Unfortunately, all too often our resolution doesn't even make to the end of January. Counselors suggest the most effective way to make a lasting change is to replace a bad habit with a good one.

In the case of eliminating candy from your diet, you might consider what healthy snack you could replace your craving for candy with.

It has also been shown that having individuals who will remind you of your resolution and provide encouragement greatly increases the possibility of keeping your resolution.

In addition to family and neighbors, a great support in our effort to keep our resolutions is God. Time spent each day in conversation with God can give the encouragement and strength to do that which we have found impossible to do in years past. Jesus proclaimed that faith, trust in God's love and ability to strengthen and encourage us, even if it is as small as a tiny mustard seed can enable us to move mountains.

For me reflecting on the day by writing in a journal and praying that for God's forgiveness and strength to do better in the coming day I have found to be very effective. I also find reading devotional material, spending time reading Scripture, and listening to Christian music helpful





in connecting me with God.

The leader of your Faith Community can help you develop spiritual practices that will be meaningful for you.

If you don't currently belong to a Faith Community, Northampton at Fish House welcomes you to be part of our community. We gather on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, meet on Saturday and Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM for Bible study. The pastor also offers a Daily Photo Devotion to all who are interested by email, [revdavid76@gmail.com](mailto:revdavid76@gmail.com) or on the pastor's blog at [www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/](http://www.adirondacksights.wordpress.com/blog-posts/).

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## “Nuggets and News” from the Town of Lake Luzerne

*Historian, Pam Morin 518-696-7184*

**“If in Doubt, Don’t Throw it Out. Make a call, they might take it all”**

One hundred and six years ago, on April 11, 1919, New State Governor, Al Smith, signed the “Historians Law,” 57.07. This was the first law of its kind in the United States. It allowed for every village, town, city and county and borough in the state to have an official historian to gather and preserve historical records. [http://www.archives.nysed.gov/records/mr\\_laws\\_acals5707.shtml](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/records/mr_laws_acals5707.shtml)

When I began in 2016 the standing collection consisted of several filing cabinets drawers filled with file folders with individual and diverse town related cut out newspaper articles and obituaries for each given year. I chose to coordinate like categories, cover them with plastic sleeve protectors and place them in what I now call Storybook Albums. At this time, we have assembled 117 albums that now are being read and re-arranged in alpha or chronological order for a better read.

For some time, it has become apparent that there are many different occasions when through sale of property, family or business inheritance of homes, offices, storage units, etc. includes documents, artifacts, pictures, letters and more that items become of no interest to the new owner or family member. In these cases, you have options before you throw them away. Make a few calls to become aware of what the following organizations may be interested in for their varied collections.

“History is no mystery if you know where to look.” . I’ll always say “YES” let me take a look and tell you the choices you have such as items can be borrowed, just photo’d, loaned or gifted to the Town or Organization of your choice. Here are some resources that may help.

Warren County & Town Historians List  
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/historian/historians>

Warren County Historical Associations List:  
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/historian/research>

Warren, Washington, Saratoga & Hamilton Libraries List: <https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/3sa.htm#113>

Also, keep in mind. Depending on the uniqueness of your items, your local school, churches, businesses may have an interest to add to their historical collection.

Hope this helps to assist with a comfortable decision when having to let go. Glad to help anytime. Can’t hurt to make a call.







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# “Stones from the Creek”

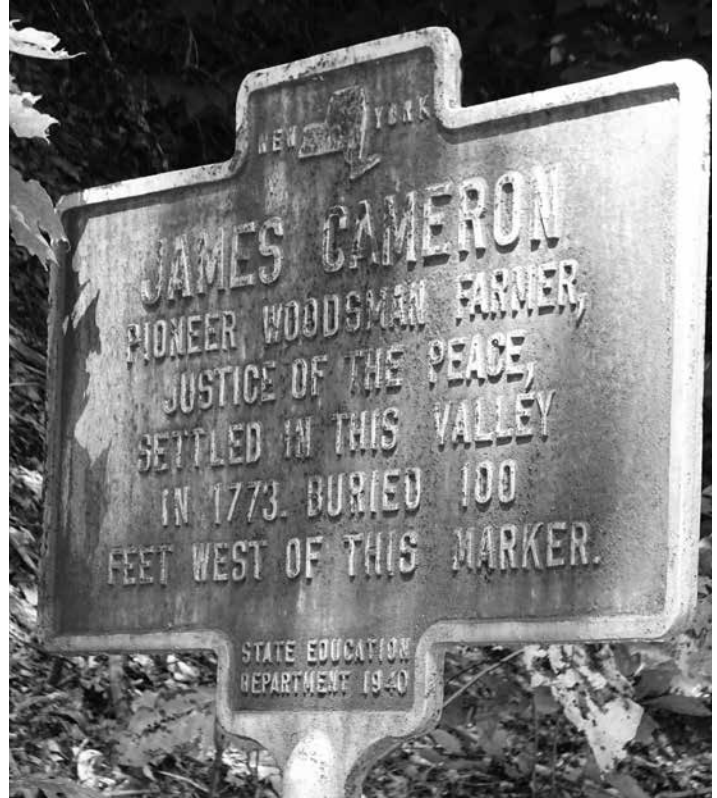
*Stony Creek Town Historian Cindy Cameron*

## Marker Makeover

In 1940, a historical marker was placed by the New York State Education Department to recognize an early settler, James Cameron. This marker is located just over the town line of Stony Creek in the town of Thurman. After 84 years of being in the elements the marker was starting to show it’s age.

In May of this year, Myra Vopleus the Town of Thurman and I started talking about working together to give the marker a much needed makeover. Since our towns had been one at one time we decided it made sense. After a little research into if we could, and if we did, the correct paint etc we started the project in August.

With help from Myra’s husband Don, and his battery operated sander he prepped the sign for us (we held the ladder). We were supervised by Lil Cameron, (her husband Myron was a descendant of James) she did a great job at age 93. We were cheered on by passerby’s and some passerby’s



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made our ladder shake when they drove by, as the marker is quite close to the shoulder of the road.

It was also decided that I would paint the Stony Creek side of the marker and Myra would paint the Thurman side. Painting the blue part was easy, paint over everything, painting the letters, yellow was a little more labor intensive. A little trial and error on brush size, doing each letter separately and not going on the blue part (which we touched up at the end) and they needed two coats. The outside edge was painted yellow and the pole was painted black. Between schedules, painting, and drying times we went to the site 4 separate times. We completed it on November 8th.

James Cameron was born in Scotland in 1736 and died in Thurman township about 1839. James married in Scotland about 1767 Christian Mard, she died in 1841. They had 13 children, many of their descendants still live in Thurman and the surrounding area today. They were buried on their homestead and a marker was erected on the roadside near the farm on County Route 19, three miles north of the Stony Creek Station of the D&H Railroad. The marker states James Cameron, Pioneer, Woodsman, Farmer, Justice of the Peace, Settled in this valley in 1773. Buried 100 feet west of this marker.

Hopefully in another 84 years if the marker needs another makeover, someone will pick their brushes so that the passerby's can see and learn about James Cameron, an early settler.

Till next time, Cindy





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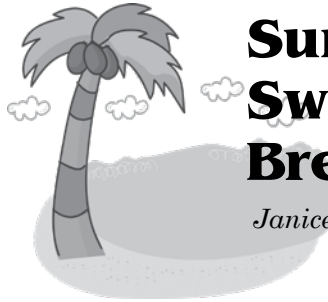
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# Sun, Sand and Swaying in the Breeze!

*Janice Hawk-Baldwin*

Greetings from the Keys ! Have you ever had one of those days where you just want to scream? Today is that day for me. I wrote my monthly article a few days ago and just went back to review it. I had just started to edit it when I hit the wrong key and it disappeared. I tried to retrieve it but for some reason I couldn't. I have had too much experience with those feelings this year. So many things happened that did not go according to plan and it has effected my attitude. I hate it when I start thinking negative thoughts over the smallest things. Truthfully, 2024 was a very busy year with many highs and lows. Sadly, I found myself focusing on the lows. I try so hard all the time to be as positive as I can, but I lost my perspective for a while. Clearly I am very human and still a work in progress.

I have talked with many people who are feeling overwhelmed as the holiday approaches. There is so much to do and time is flying by. We have both inner and outer stresses. We can be our own worst enemy, especially when things do not happen according to our mental plan. We are so frustrated that we do not see the forest for the trees.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the new year when things, hopefully, will calm down. I took on too many things this past year and I am prioritizing for 2025. Life is short. Don't be a Janice and make my mistakes.

Christmas is less than a week away. In two weeks the holiday will be over. Brap, brap, let the snowmobiling season officially begin. Be safe out there ! May 2025 be your best year yet.

On behalf of Bill, Big Hoss and I, we hope that you and your family enjoy every moment of the holiday season.

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Wednesday, May 28th 2025– South side

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October 3, 17, 31

November 14

December 12, 26

January 9, 23 2025

February 6, 20

March 6, 20

April 3, 17

May 1, 15, 29

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September 2nd, 2025

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Happy Holidays to all. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. The snowfall that day certainly made for interesting and hazardous conditions. We traveled from the lake to a niece's house in Altamont for dinner. Luckily, we made it unscathed, but saw numerous cars off the road. The trip was worth it as we had a wonderful time with family, great food and many laughs. Usually, the lake and main roads are well taken care of but not this day, probably due to the holiday. By the time you are reading this Christmas will also have come and gone, we hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and found that Santa brought exactly what was on your list . One thing that is on my list, and Santa can't deliver, is to have more people volunteer to help out lake organizations. Whether it be the SPC, GSLA, your church, library, school, rotary, etc. all organizations are in need of new blood to assist with their mission.

The existing members are getting tired (and older). Everyone enjoys our lake community but only a few work to keep it as vibrant as it is. Volunteering doesn't need to be a full - time job , even an hour per month helps, especially if one has experience or an expertise that is not readily available. Assistance is always needed in administrative duties, fund-raising , marketing, etc. My Mom had a saying "many hands make light work". How true that is. So, think about making a New Year's resolution, one that will stick, to volunteer for an organization around the lake.

Don't rely on someone else to always do the work because someday that person won't be there and then what happens if no one else knows what is going on.

To learn more about the SPC and how we protect your lake access and the way of life in our lake communities or to donate to support our mission, please visit our website [www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com](http://www.sacandagaprotectioncommittee.com). You may also contact us at [SPCGSL@gmail.com](mailto:SPCGSL@gmail.com). Or visit us on Facebook at Sacandaga Protection Committee.

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We would also like to thank everyone who purchased Christmas Cash Raffle tickets and bakers who took the time to bake cookies and treats. A big thank you to the Edinburg Newsletter for supporting the Edinburg Emergency Squad.

**Christmas Cash raffle winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Keith Valentine, 2nd prize - Kelly Keyrouse, 3rd prize - George LaQue





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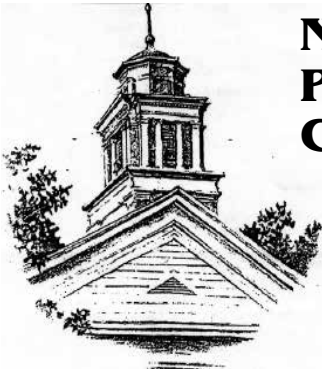


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## Northville United Presbyterian Church News

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Greetings from Northville United Presbyterian Church! I am the new pastor here, and I am just getting settled into my new role. As I've been getting to know the community, I look forward to meeting more of you as the weeks and months go by. Of course I am here for my congregation, but I'd also like to become better acquainted with other members of the community and perhaps find new ways to partner with folks in tending to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of all our neighbors. I am in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and invite you to email me at [revlucywow@gmail.com](mailto:revlucywow@gmail.com) if you'd like to set up a time to meet.

As I sit down to write this, everywhere people are preparing to celebrate Christmas. But you won't see these thoughts of mine until we have embarked on a New Year. As 2024 comes to a close, we say goodbye to the pleasures and sorrows of the old year, and prepare ourselves for what comes next. Some may look ahead with excitement

and anticipation; some may look ahead with fear and apprehension. But I suspect most of us have a mixture of both kinds of feelings.

I believe that many of us are growing increasingly weary of the divisive and downright depressing drumbeat of the world's narrative – the narrative that seeks to sow mistrust, fear, and grasping at power or privilege. We have weathered a particularly divisive election year, and we can realistically look for those who hold power, whether politically or financially, to be more concerned about themselves than about those of us who are just trying to get by day by day.

It is my prayer that ordinary folks, like the ones in our congregations, benevolent associations, school boards and town boards, and in our community at large will resolve in 2025 to seek peace and reconciliation where there has been disagreement or conflict; to reach out to those on the margins with acts of love and neighborly compassion; to stand and speak up for justice for those who are oppressed by poverty or racism; to lend an ear and a word of hope to a struggling neighbor or coworker.

Whatever your faith, or spiritual practice, or even if you have none at all, each one of us can be those who believe in, and work for, a more just and loving world. I would bet that none of us is going to change the whole world, but we can certainly change our little corner of it, by striving always to be more loving, kind, gracious, and merciful to ALL our neighbors.

As the Christmas lights fade away, and we pack up the decorations again until next year, let's make a New Year's resolution to do all that we can to keep the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christmas season alive throughout the coming year – simply by being kind to our neighbors in any way that we can.

Our congregation gathers at 10 am on Sundays for worship and Sunday school. If you are looking for a community where you can grow spiritually, serve neighbors in need, enjoy fellowship, and be encouraged weekly in the quest to work towards a better

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world, please join us on Sundays. We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Children are dismissed to Sunday school during worship, after the children's sermon.

We will also be holding a special Service of Installation, during which I will be officially installed as the Pastor here, on the afternoon of Sunday, January 19th, at 2 pm, followed by a reception in our fellowship hall. The whole community is invited to attend, and I hope you will come join us in this celebration, and get to know us better.

May you be blessed in the New Year, and may you be a blessing to others day by day!

Rev. Lucy Harris



**Northville Meal Site Menus and STFSL's Program Calendar for January, 2025**

Lunches and programs are held Thurs 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.

January 2 OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, and a Cookie. No program this week. There will be a birthday cake provided by Marylyn Corey.

January 9, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, and Pudding. STFSL Program at 12:30  
This week the group will talk about how each of them ended up in the Sacandaga area, whether you and your family are newly arrived, or have been here for generations.

January 16, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Cheesy Ham and Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Cauliflower, and Frosted Birthday Cake. No program this week.

January 23, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Chicken Stir Fry, Fluffy White Rice, Japanese Blend Vegetables, and Yogurt Whip  
STFSL Program at 12:30, We will play several games of bingo, where people can earn picture frames, decorative signs, pot holders, artificial flowers, an American flag, etc. There will be a blood pressure clinic this day.

January 30, OFA Congregate Meal 11:30-12:30  
Beef Stew with Vegetables Biscuit Pudding.  
STFSL Program at 12:30, No program this week

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. Add'l 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.

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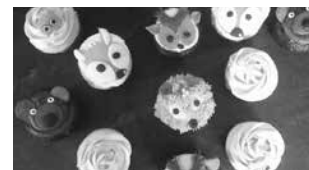
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## Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club

GALWAY, N.Y. (Nov. 29, 2024) -- The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club joined forces with students of the Broadalbin-Perth High School Key Club, Varsity Club, and National Honor Society, Boy Scout Troop 5051B, and National Honor Society students from Mayfield High School in a day-long Christmas tree wrapping and fund raising project at Bob's Trees. The Lions and their young community partners staffed several locations around the sprawling tree farm and provided tree wrapping and tie down services to customers at the popular location. Students' time spent assisting the B-P Lions was credited to their community service graduation requirement and Scout merit badges.



*Broadalbin-Perth Lions ready a freshly cut tree to be loaded onto a customer's vehicle during their annual Christmas tree wrapping fund raiser at Bob's Trees. Volunteers from Broadalbin-Perth High School, Mayfield High School, and Boy Scout Troop 5051B earned community service credit for assisting the B-P Lions on this project. (Photo courtesy B-P Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).*

*Student volunteers assist Broadalbin-Perth Lions in their annual Christmas tree wrapping fund raiser at Bob's Trees. Under Lion supervision, the young volunteers were shown how to safely wrap and prepare trees for transport, earning community service credit for their efforts. (Photo courtesy B-P Lions/Lion Ed Balaban).*





# Northville News

Wendy Reu, Village Clerk

It has been a busy year in the Village and it's hard to believe the time has come to usher in a new one! Wishing you all a Happy New Year full of good health, happiness, and prosperity!

Highway Superintendent Reidell reports that the crew will begin installing the skating rink in the Waterfront Park. Now, all we need is Mother Nature's cooperation and some cold temperatures and the rink will be open to the public. Please be respectful when using the rink.

Village residents are reminded that owners or occupants of land fronting on a sidewalk in the Village are responsible for keeping sidewalks adjoining their respective lots clear of snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions. Snow shall be removed from any sidewalk or footway within 48 hours from the time of an accumulation of two or more inches. After snow is removed or in the case of an ice storm, a sidewalk or footway may be made safe by covering ice with sand or other suitable substances within a 48-hour period. In all cases, the sidewalk or footway shall be kept free of snow for a width of at least 24 inches. This affects all properties in the Village that have a sidewalk that abuts their property. Please contact DPW Superintendent Dan Reidell at 518-321-6352 with any questions.

Police Chief Richardson reports that the total calls handled by the Village Police Department for November 2024 was 51 (this does not include complaints handled by FCSO and NYSP when NPD Officers were not on duty). Chief Richardson has been working with the DPW regarding vehicles parking on the streets during the prohibited overnight hours. Residents are reminded that from November 1st through April 1st, parking on village streets is not allowed between midnight and 6 a.m.


Chief Richardson also reported that the body cameras purchased with funds donated from the Ring

of Fire 5K and the Northville Rotary, have arrived and he expects they will be operational in mid January.

At their December meeting, the Village Board conducted a Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2024 – to Amend the Village Code in regard to Speed Limits. The Board unanimously approved reducing the speed limit in the Village limits to 25 mph. This change will take effect in mid January, once the law is filed with the Department of State. New signage will be posted in the Village. The school zone will still be 15 mph when school is in session. Highway Superintendent Reidell reports that the school zone traffic signal on the bridge street approach is experiencing some software issues and not always functioning properly. He reported a new one has been ordered and will be installed in early January. Please use caution when driving through the school zone.

The kayak launch site on the Little Lake has been completed but will be roped off for the winter. Residents and visitors are cautioned that there may be areas of open water and/or very thin ice around the kayak launch area.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



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## Turning the Historical into the Recreational – Part 2

By P.J. Schaefer

The Hadley Run tour, weather permitting, opens in May and remains available through the first weekend in November. Notable for its mostly flat journey, the crossing of a 500-foot long, 90-foot high bridge, and inspiring views of the Hudson and Sacandaga Rivers, this 7-mile journey takes approximately two hours and suits best those unafraid of heights. That timing includes one break in the middle, as railbikes get turned around to make the return trip. This tour runs rain or shine, and staff supplies umbrellas. Even at a cost of \$90 - \$160, depending upon the size of railbike, people need to reserve a tour early as the tour slots fill quickly.

The Rails to Sails tour pairs Revolution Rail Company with the Lake George Steamboat Company to offer a combination rail-biking trip with a steamboat cruise. This tour exists only during the mid-week and only on select dates in the fall. It covers 7 miles of rail-biking, from 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM, followed by a quick, 20-minute drive to the dock, and a 2-hour steamboat trip on Lake George that begins at 1:00 PM. This tour aims to dazzle its participants with peak foliage views all along the voyage and costs between \$120 and \$220, depending on the number of people and type of railbike.

Participants on both of these tours will travel these miles on a 2-person or a 4-person railbike. According to Nastassia Putz of Trains Magazine Online, truly, the concept of such bikes existed as far back as the 1850's, when railway maintenance workers used handcars and rail bikes to ferry items and maintain the tracks. Today's railbikes can come with electric assists, and with or without such technology, in all of them, "in essence, you become the train." Forbes Magazine claims that in 1908, people could even purchase a railbike from a Sears catalogue. Michael Harmon of the New York Times reminds us that today's railbikes weigh about 570 pounds, and all come with a brake and seatbelts. Youngsters who cannot reach the pedals are belted in as passengers only in one of the two or four seats. As Revolution Rail notes, every trip comes with a guide who ensures safety as well as education and entertainment. And many participants have thoroughly enjoyed biking

between the lowered Railroad Crossing gates as the bells clang, traffic stops, and the guide flags railbikes forward.

As we contemplate the winter ahead, we may not be thinking about rail-biking or any kind of biking at all, but perhaps on a few of those snowbound days, we might just like to imagine ourselves powering a railbike through pristine forest and over rushing waterways on a 7-mile journey we will never forget.



### TOWN OF DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Day Town Board hereby gives notice that there will be no parking of vehicles on Town Roads or placing of objects on Town Right-of-Ways, beginning October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, due to the problems created for snow removal. Warnings will not be given, vehicles will be towed at owners expense immediately.

Leonard Allen  
Highway Superintendent





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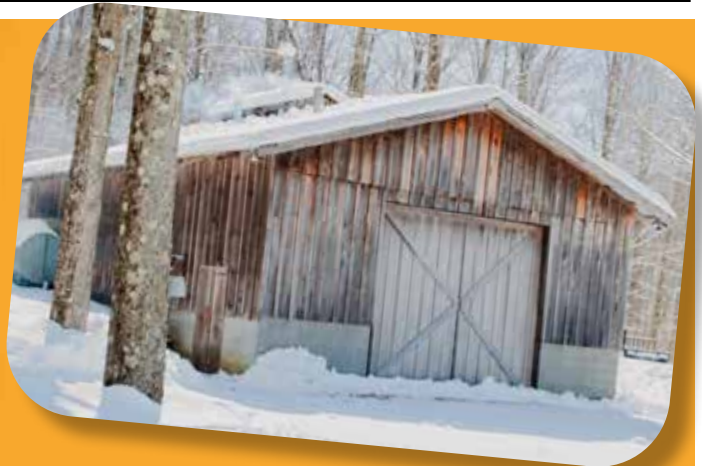
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# Edinburg School Happenings

*Michelle Ellis, Superintendent*

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, the Edinburg Common School students, teachers, and staff participated in the annual holiday concert. Led by Ms. Pat Zullo, students sang traditional and new age holiday music. We are so proud of our students and the musical talents they have. A special thank you to Ms. Zullo for her hard work and dedication to the ECS music program. We would also like to thank our teachers and staff for their help in making this holiday concert such a success!

A BIG ECS thank you to the PBIS Committee for some holiday fun and games on Wednesday, December 18, 2024! Our students, teachers and staff had to report to the gym to finish the morning news because the ECS elves had taken the teachers' computers. We found them in the gym and that's where we found out that our PBIS Committee was taking over the day! We can't thank you enough for all the wonderful things you do for us and everyone had a blast!







Students in grades PK through 6th grade are honored monthly for their PBIS character traits.

For the month of December, the PBIS committee chose “collaboration” 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 for December 2024! We are so proud of you!

- PK Arlo
- K Ivan
- 1 Zayleigh and Easton
- 2 Carter
- 3-6 DJ and Matthew
- Teacher/Staff Mr. Moore

We also celebrated our Honor/High Honor Roll students for the Eagle Morning Program. We would like to congratulate:

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**Dates to Remember:**

- December 23rd - January 1st Holiday Recess
- Friday, January 10th - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM
- Tuesday, January 14th - ECS Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- Friday, January 17th - Half Professional Development Day Dismissal at 11:45 am/11:50 am
- Monday, January 20th - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Friday, January 24th - Discovery Kids 1:45 PM
- Wednesday, January 29th - No School - Lunar New Year

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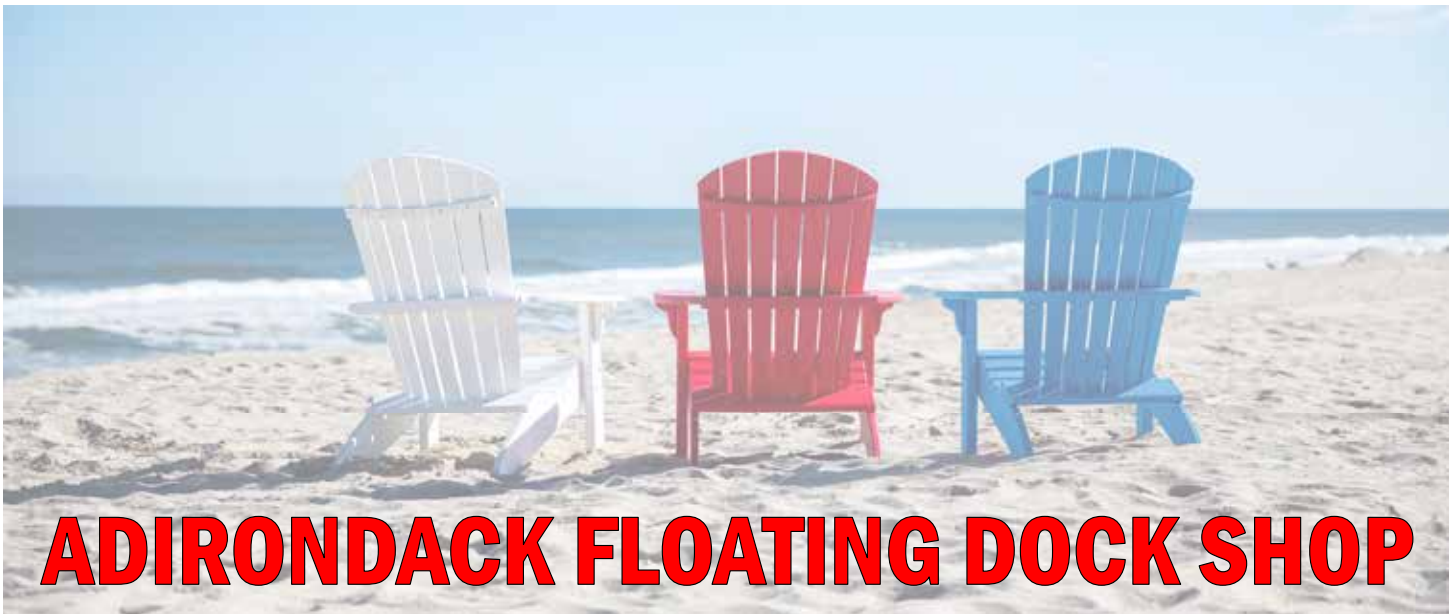
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Today was a big day; we finally paid off Janice and Bill for the purchase of the company. We are meeting them in Vegas next week for the annual National Groundwater Association meeting and bringing them a final check. Jeremy and I are the owners (and have been since the transition), but we didn't actually own the property. That was a struggle when it came to getting a loan for machinery. Now that finally won't be an issue.

Interestingly, this comes with hardships. Not that we would have asked J&B to fix anything here, but it seems that the property might not be happy with the transition because everything is rebelling. The septic backed up a little and we had to have a company come out to inspect. I am not sure that they have ever been pumped out. We knew there were 2 septic systems, but I had no idea where the tanks were or where the leach fields went. A lot of the area is paved, so that was a worry. Thankfully, both were found and neither seem to go under the pavement. They are now pumped out and "passed". Worse, the brick façade of the main building is falling off – literally. It has gotten so bad, that it cracked the window. This is going to be a big purchase in the Spring. I don't think we will put brick back up. Also, yes, also,

the roofs of 2 of the buildings are leaking. Sooooo, lots to fix this year. We have been joking that Year 1 was to pay off debts, Year 2 was building up stock, Year 3 was to improve the fleet, Year 4 was to increase staffing and advertising, and apparently Year 5 will be to fix the facilities.

I'm sure this must be a relief for J&B. The agreement was if we faltered on payments, the company would go back to them (which they don't want). It is officially "our problem" now. I know they will support us whenever we need though. As an example, Jeremy and I are celebrating our 20th anniversary this July and we decided to book a 2 week long Greek/Italy/Turkey cruise. They are coming up to watch our kids and hold down the fort. Also, Bill came up this past March to help on a big geothermal project. And we really appreciate when they come up in the Summer. Bill gets up early (for them) every morning, puts on a Hawk uniform, and asks what he can do. Sometimes it's nothing, sometimes it's the drill rig needs work, other times we have him go out on service work. I wonder if the people he goes to service recognize that they have drilling royalty in their house?

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