

NNHS NEWS LETTER

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OUR CHIMNEY SWIFT'S

As most of us know, the chimney swift's have made their way to Northville every year on May 6th to make their summer home in the old Hubbell Chimney. Walker LaRowe was one of the first ones to discover them in the mid 1940's. A community celebration began in the early 1960's to welcome them back. Walker LaRowe would provide soda to the band members. The NCS band would always play a few numbers, grade school art class drew pictures of their rendition of the return of the birds, the boy scouts sold fried dough, the civic association sold popcorn and there was always someone that would tell the story of the birds, and brochures with the history of the Swift's were passed out to the folks who came to celebrate. People came from near and far every year. Local folks walked or rode bikes, some brought their dogs on leashes and many brought chairs to sit and wait. As the time drew near for the birds to arrive, the excitement grew. "There's one, there's another one", and soon thousands of them would arrive and circle the chimney. They would circle clock wise and then they would all turn and circle counter-clock wise. They would change directions several times until dusk when first a few would fly/drop into the chimney until it looked like a funnel of dark birds pouring into the chimney. In a matter of a few minutes they would all be out of sight. Folks would all clap, some stayed and chatted for awhile and all would look forward to their return the next year.

Sadly, the chimney has been demolished because it had become unsafe and there was fear that someone might get hurt by falling bricks. What will happen when they return this May? A committee of local folks are studying what might be done to provide a new home for the birds.



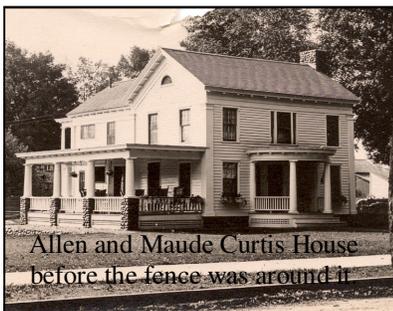
The Chimney Swifts of Northville

*"A bird who is never at rest
except when he is at home."*

The 2013 NNHS Officer's were elected as follows at the Christmas Party in December.

President: Gail Cramer
Vice President: Gloria Fulmer
Secretary: Loretta Darling
Treasurer: Charles Downing

Thanks for sending me your great newsletters, which I have enjoyed all year. My favorite teacher was Pearl Marsland, and remember playing softball with Miss Williams pitching for recess. I recall my mother playing in a donkey basketball game in the gym, and my sister, Jane, getting her tongue stuck on a pole in the skating rink. Thanks for the great newsletter, Bill Zullo

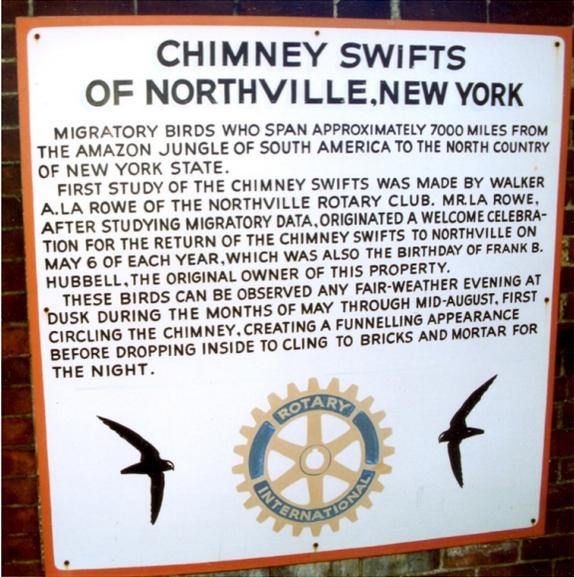
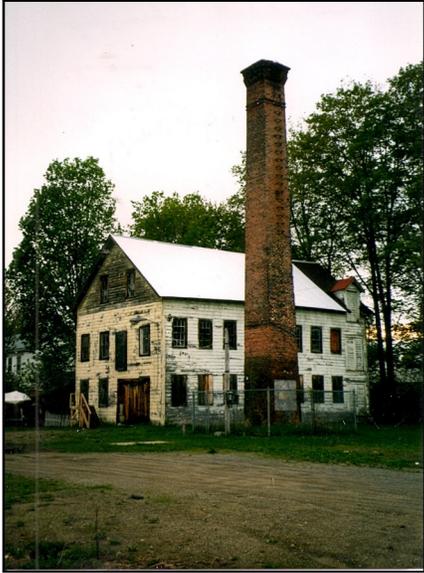


Allen and Maude Curtis House
before the fence was around it

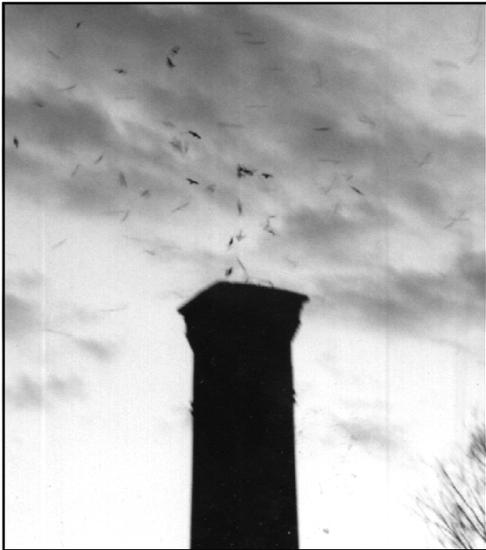
Corner of Bridge and Second St

The Allen and Maude Bacon Curtis house was lost by a fire a few years ago. Allen's father was Warren Curtis, who was the founder of the Hudson River Pulp and Paper Co. and one of the men who was the founder of International Paper Company. There are no known decendants of this family due to the fact that Allen and Maude's only child died at a very young age. There was an estate sale when the house was sold. It is possible that one or two estate furniture pieces will be available to purchase (again). If you are interested call 518 793 7874 or email fitzgfny@verizon.net

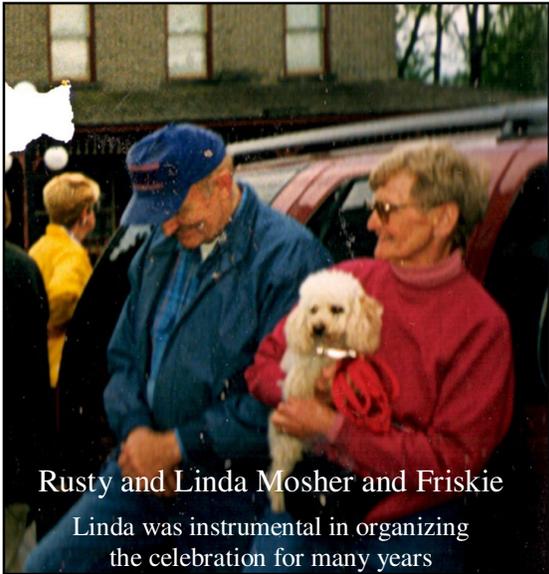
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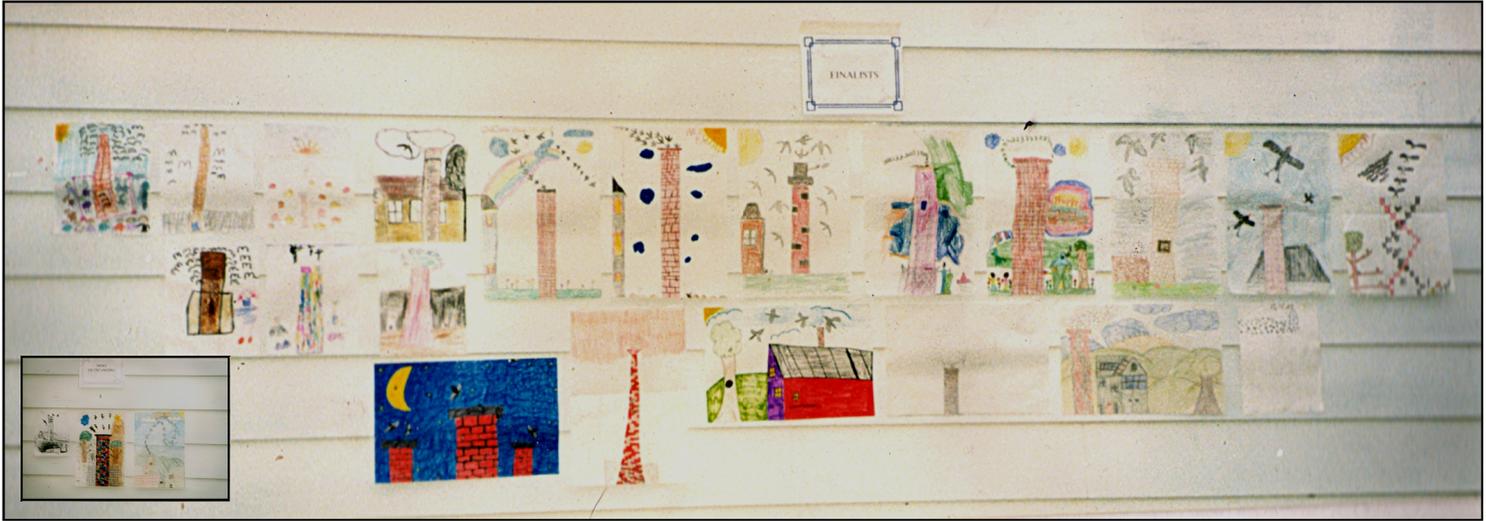
Uncle Josh often told stories at the celebrations



Return of the
Swift's
Celebration
1998
Photos by
Martin
Greene



Rusty and Linda Mosher and Friskie
Linda was instrumental in organizing the celebration for many years



NCS Student's interpretation of the Return of the Swifts posted on the side of Klippels Café

ANOTHER HISTORICAL BUILDING

A couple months ago I wrote about the history of an historical building on Main Street. Apparently it sparked an interest in the history of other old buildings in our town/village because I got a request from a reader to write about the history of the current Klippel's building at 221 Bridge Street.

Looking on the 1905 map of the village of Northville there isn't a building on the property at (221 Bridge Street). The owner of the lot is J.A. Willard a successful lumberman in the area. The first recorded occupants (that I can find) of this building is John Malloy's Dry Goods Store. Note the picture of the front of the store which says, John Malloy Bargain Store. On each side of this sign there are signs "Dry Goods" on the left and "Clothing" on the right side.



Mr. John Malloy was born in Syria (Arab Republic), about 1873 according to the 1920 Federal Census. He immigrated to this country in 1894 at age 21. He was married to Anastasia and had an adopted son, Joseph.

He opened this store in 1917. According to "Northampton Times Past, Times Present" he built and operated the store. Prior to that he operated a dry goods store which later was the old Pine Lodge. His obituary states that he lived in Northville for 17 years. He died in 1934 at age 60.



John Malloy

The Last Round-up!
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
 Only a few days more and we close our doors. Many good bargains still to be had!
AUCTION SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS
BUY AT YOUR OWN PRICE!

6 only Men's SUITS \$2.00	1 Rack Women's and Children's COATS and 50c Dresses \$1.00	Boy's Suits, Coats, Jackets \$3.00
1 Lot of OVERSHOES For Men, Women & Children \$50.00	Ladies' Wash DRESSES 50c	Men's LEATHER AND Sheepskin Coats HALF PRICE
1 Lot SHOES \$1.00	1 Lot WOMEN'S FLANNING GOWNS 50c	Men's LEATHER and SHEEPskin HATS 1.00
Any Men's Hat in Stock \$1.00	Children's Dresses \$1.00	1 Table Full with new Merchandise formerly sold for 10c. NOW 5c. 10c.
1 Lot Ladies' Flannel \$1.00	25c Christmas 120c	Men's Cotton SOX 7c
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RUMMAGE TABLE 10c
 (All of our items are 10c. PLEASE BRING WITH YOU and 10c. Your Choice)

JOHN MALLOY,
 Bridge Street NORTHVILLE, N.Y.

SPECIALS

One lot Ladies Skirts, former price \$4.00 special \$2.98
 One lot Ladies Skirts, former price \$3.98, special for \$1.98.
 Ladies' Coats, former price \$20, special for \$10..

John Malloy
 NORTHVILLE.

John Malloy

Has opened his store in Bridge Street, Northville with A full line of Dry Goods, Notion, Clothing, Ladies' and Gents' Shoes. The public is cordially invited.

LADIES NEW SPRING COATS,
From \$12 up
GENT'S SPRING TOP Coats \$12
LADIES Dresses
Everfast gingham suiting and voile
40 cents per yard. Rayon Silk, all colors
98c per yd.
JOHN MALLOY
Bridge St. .Northville, N. Y.

(221 Bridge Street continued)

Walker La Rowe (Northville Glove Co.) bought the building, soon after Mr. Malloy died. Mr LaRowe sold it to Robert Lyke. Robert and his father William "Bill" Lyke ran an apparel and shoe store there. At one time a Mrs. Hancock ran a women's dress shop in half of the store. Later, Lyke's used the entire store. Robert continued running the business after his father died in 1965 at age 84.

(Mr. William Lyke had previously been manager of Cohan's Dry Good Store on Main St, which burned.)

Robert Lyke sold the building to Jay Treat in the late 1970's. Mr. Treat was a guidance counselor in the Northville High School. He sold sportswear, sporting equipment and electronics and became associated with RADIO SHACK.

1987 Larry Mihalik and a Mr. Woodruff bought the building from Jay Treat and conducted their business as a Sportsman Shop not associated with Radio Shack. They sold electronics, sport supplies, Woolrich clothing, fishing and camping needs, as well as selling Subs and Pizza.

Advertisement from NCS 1988 year book

<p>ADIRONDACK SPORTSMAN FISHING & CAMPING NEEDS LIVE BAIT (WORMS) TEE SHIRTS TV & PHONE HOOKUPS</p>	<p>SUB SPORTSMAN PACK A PICNIC WITH OUR FAMOUS SUBS! EAT IN OR TAKE OUT PIZZA</p> <p>221 BRIDGE ST. 863-4525</p>
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1993 Doug and Laurel Steiner bought the building from Mihalik. One Half of the store sold Sports memorabilia and baseball cards, and the other half was a deli and sub shop.

Russell and Lynda Klippel bought it in 1995 and named it Klippel's Kozy Korner. It has become a nice low key café/restaurant and take out, serving a large menu of which you'll find pizza, subs, and entrée's, salads, pastries, soda, coffee etc. The high school crowd enjoys the atmosphere and food there at lunch time and after school. Russell and Lynda retired from the Café in 2011. Their son, James and their daughter Heather now operate the Deli and Café.



1966

Merry Christmas

Greeting and well wishes
For a holiday season
holiday full of the warmth of an
Old fashion Christmas.

LYKE'S APPAREL SHOP
(CLOTHING and FOOTWEAR)
WA 5-5725 Northville, N.Y.

THE ADIRONDACK SPORTSMAN

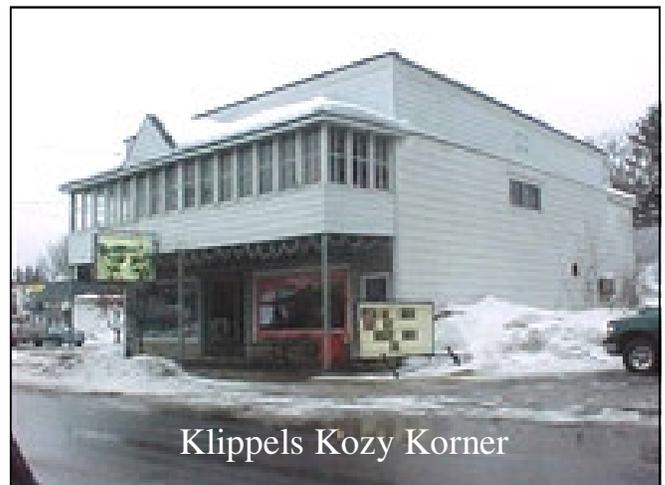
Live Bait, Tackle, Guns Ammo
Sporting Goods, Footwear, Sportswear

Radio Shack

(518) 863-4525

Mary & Jay Treat

Ad from the 1980 NCS Year book



Klippel's Kozy Korner