



SIXTOWN SNAPSHOTS

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THE PARADE MUST GO ON!

BY KATHY TABER-MONTGOMERY

ADAMS - Held with safe social distancing in mind, the annual Christmas parade took place down Church Street, December 20.

Members of the Adams, Adams Center, Lorraine, Mannsville, Rodman, and Smithville Fire Departments participated; along with Adams Village Police, New York State Police, South Jefferson Rescue Squad, South Jefferson Physical Therapy, Thomas Excavating, and more!

Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, candy could not be tossed to children, and the crowd needed to stay distanced.

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RESCUED TREASURES

BY DEBBIE SINGLETON

South Jefferson Rescue Squad, Inc. opened a thrift store in June of this year at the old Knapp Hardware (13263 US Route 11 in Adams Center).

"Rescued Treasures" is a not-for-profit Thrift Store to serve southern Jefferson County. The income from the Thrift Store is utilized to help cover the ever-increasing costs associated with emergency medical services. "We are providing a much-needed service to the community that we so proudly serve" states Debbie Singleton, Executive Director. Mrs. Singleton states "the outpouring of support from the community with donations has been tremendous".

We are able to offer a wide range of general household, decorations and clothing. All items are 100% inspected and no clothing that is torn, stained or damaged is sold.

Our current hours are Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Donations of clothing, linen, small kitchen appliances, small furniture and general household goods that are in working condition are needed. The store cannot accept the following donations: CRT or tube televisions, large fitness equipment, large appliances, mattresses, cribs and car seats (due to government regulations). We do ask that donations not be broken or incomplete (i.e. toys, games).

All donations are tax deductible and they would be happy to provide you documentation for tax purposes. Donations are by appointment only. Please call 315-232-2624 to schedule an appointment.

My Story: Shause Gregoire

It all started when my mom didn't want me to play football, but the coach wanted me to play because all my friends told him I was really fast and they were short on players. I begged her to let me play, and she gave in. I started to play; it was really fun to me, but, for a while, I had to get used to it, because I never played before. We did not win a lot of games at first, but sports are not all about winning. It's about brotherhood to me... and fun. Then, one day, when I was at practice, I felt like I was getting really tired fast and felt a bump in my chest. I showed my mom and she was kind of worried, so we went to my doctor (the one close by) and she ran some tests and CT scans and such. Then the results came back but my doctor called my mom only into the next room. I was kind of worried at that point. Then my mom came back in with the doctor, crying. She told me that my cancer was back and I started to cry as well. We went home and had to tell my grandma and sisters. They all were so sad, mostly my grandma, because of what I had been through the first time. So... I had to go to Syracuse to get treatment to take away the bump that was on my chest. They did everything they could to try to help me. At that time, my basketball season was about to start and I had to have a pic line put in my arm to get fluids and medication in because I did not have the port that I had gotten when I first got leukemia in my chest anymore. I still tried out for the basketball team, though, and I made it! I had to wear an arm sleeve to protect my arm from getting hit, which would have pulled out the pic line in my arm. Everyone on my team was so supportive, even everyone in school. They were so kind and loving! They came to all the games. I didn't play a lot that season, but once I stepped on the court, everyone screamed loud. It made me so emotional. I had to wear a hat in school because my hair started to fall out, but no one was rude about it. It was the middle of my 8th grade year when my Syracuse doctor said that the only way to make sure that the cancer would not come back was to get a transplant. She was talking about it with my mom, who agreed, so we started looking for good transplant centers. We found and got in contact with Memorial Sloan Kettering. It was located in NYC, so we would have to leave to go and get more treatment down there. The day before we were going to leave is when all my hair fell out and I had to say goodbye to all my friends and to the basketball team for a while. They hugged me, I took a few shots at the basket and they said to stay strong. We got to NYC and we had to stay at a place called "The Ronald McDonald Home", which is where all the sick kids that had different cancers stayed. The next day is when we went to the hospital to see the doctor who would be taking care of me. His name was Dr. Curren. He was really nice. I had to get admitted into the hospital to start treatment as well as getting surgery to put a new pic line in my chest to get meds and start the transplant process. They also had to lower my immunity to zero before the transplant. I ended up having to spend my 14th and 15th birthdays down in NYC, with no visits home...

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SIXTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HIGHLIGHTS: HUTTON'S BARBER SHOP

A very Happy New Year 2021 to all from the Board members of the Six Town Chamber of Commerce.

As we head into 2021 we reflect on what was a very challenging year. Our community responded quickly and responsibly to the challenges of Covid-19. Our citizens and businesses put forth efforts to ensure we were all safe and following the Covid-19 guidelines. We commend and thank everyone for your efforts and your continued vigilance as we wait to receive the life saving vaccines.

During this difficult time our businesses preserved and our community gave them their unyielding support. Some of our small businesses made it through with the help of their valued and loyal customers. One such business was Hutton's Barber Shop. Lisa Hutton purchased the property at 67 North Main Street in 2016 and converted into a barber shop. Lisa offers great haircuts to her customers including clipper cuts, regular haircuts and fades. Her small shop is inviting and offers a safe, welcoming, and secure environment for her customers.

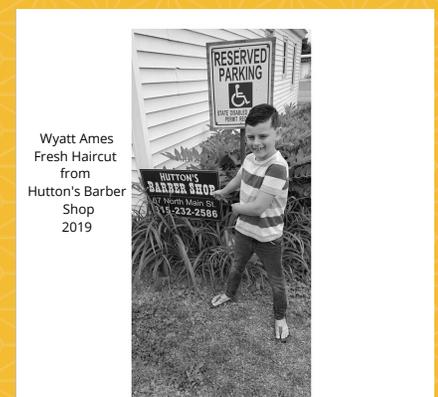
One of her customers is the Ames family. Young Wyatt Ames loves to get his hair cut by Lisa. Wyatt is shown in the picture in front of Hutton's with a fresh cool haircut. His mother, Megan, says that a visit to Hutton's is always a positive experience. Megan says that Lisa is friendly, engaging and eager to please everyone who comes in for a haircut. She says that Wyatt is never disappointed with his haircuts.

Lisa has been a member of our Chamber since she opened up for business in 2016. Lisa enjoys the social events that the Chamber holds and hopes we will continue on in 2021. We are going to give it our best Lisa. We hope our members, citizens and visitors will support Lisa and the other great businesses that are located throughout the Six Town community.

By Marlene Norfolk



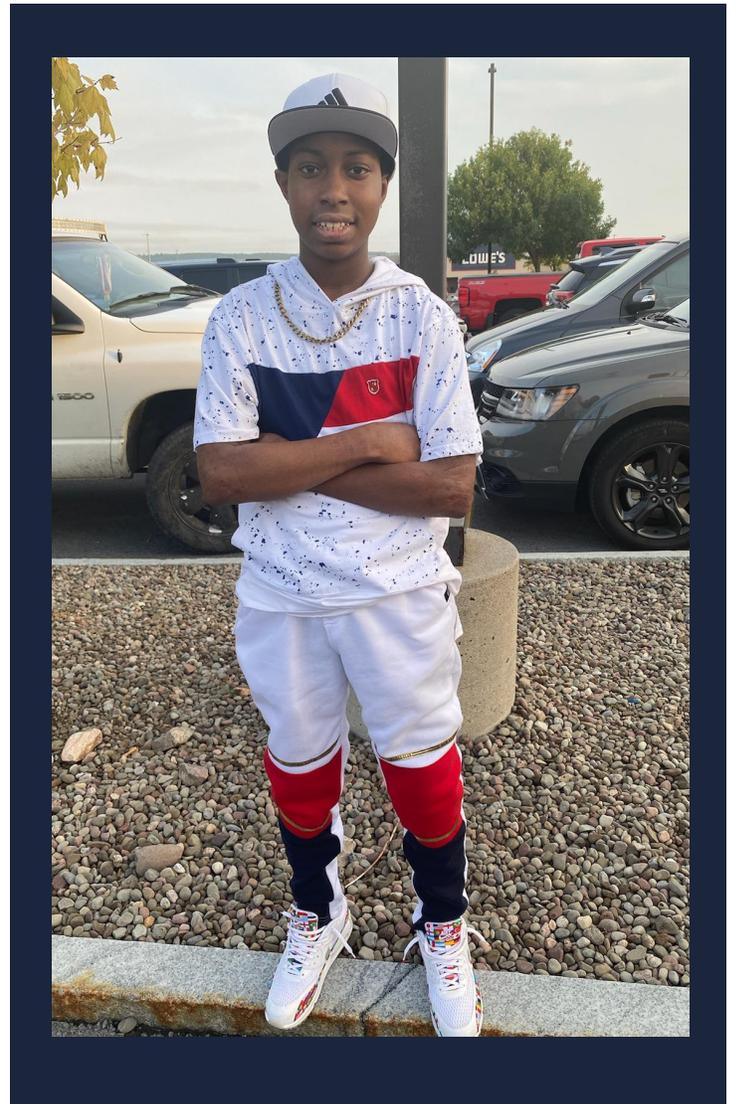
www.sixtownchamber.org



Shauses' continued...

I got my transplant February 8. They said it would be like my "new" birthday because I got the blood cords from two different babies. They could not tell me their names, though. I was kind of scared at first but my mom was right there with me and the doctors and nurses were too. Everything was going really well at first. There were times I had to stay mostly in my room because I could not be around anyone else because I was "immune compromised". They made our stay very nice, though. I had my video game from home with me so that was cool. I was bored half the time, though. Sometimes the kid specialist would come in and see if I wanted any games, arts and crafts, or movies. I always said "no" because I was not in the mood for anything except for, sometimes, when a lady named Terres would come in the room and would ask me if I liked to bake. I said I don't know how, but she showed me and we had lots of fun. We did that a couple of times a week when she was not off. At that time, I was having some complications in the transplant. I had diabetes, so I was not allowed to have a lot of sweets. I had to drink about 10 or 12 bottles of water a day to keep my sugar down and just watch what I ate, so I would just give what we made to the nurses who were on that shift. As time went on, there were lots of complications to deal with. I had lymphedema in my legs that would burst open and I would bleed "tons" of blood. They tried to give me blood, but it didn't make sense. I also got kidney disease, which I still have. GVHD (graft vs host disease) was in my stomach, which was like an infection. It made me not want to eat anything and I lost a lot of weight, so had to get a tube in my nose that went down into my gut to feed me. One more thing... I also got pseudomonas, an infection which meant I was coughing up blood clots. By then, everything was super hard for me.

My legs were so swollen they had some wraps they put on to keep the swelling down, but I never wanted to give up because I knew God would be with me. Whenever the doctor I had at that time came in, he was kind of negative. He would go out of the room with my mom just to tell her what was happening. He was saying that I was not going to make it. That had really hurt, but I was strong. I got out of bed to try to walk more instead of just staying in bed all the time. When the physical therapist came in, I would push myself. A couple of times, my sisters came to visit, which made me really happy. My friends would call and check in and they would ask when I could come back and I could not give them a date...that was hard. I had one of the best nurses, though! Her name was Rae Ann and we got along so well. My mom liked her too. There were times when I was not in the hospital and I could go back to the Ronald McDonald and stay, but it was an in and out situation as far as the hospital went. I would keep asking my new doctor (because we did not like the first on who was so negative): "When can I go home?" almost every single appointment. I would ask that and she would say: "When things with you get better". I kept praying and praying to God that I could just come home. My doctor had let me visit home once or twice in the summer after my 15th birthday for a "test run" to see how I would do. As in getting sick, I didn't. We waited another couple of months and I'd ask again. She said that everything was getting much better and that we could try to go home. My mom and I just cried in each other's arms. I was so happy I said "Thank You, Jesus! Blessed be Your Name!" I did not tell any of my friends or sisters I was coming home so I could keep it as a surprise. And it certainly was a surprise for them! That's really the end of my story. No matter how bad things get in life, remember the "Man up above" and keep fighting until it gets better. I still have kidney disease, but I go to Syracuse every other Wednesday to get the medication for that and I need to drink up to 30 liters a day. It's what I have to deal with, but I am home and I remember that GOD IS GREAT!!!!





Adams Parade - December 20

Christmas 2020 Around the Sixtown Community



Mannsville Parade - December 13
Photos from Janet Baker



Adams Parade -
December 20



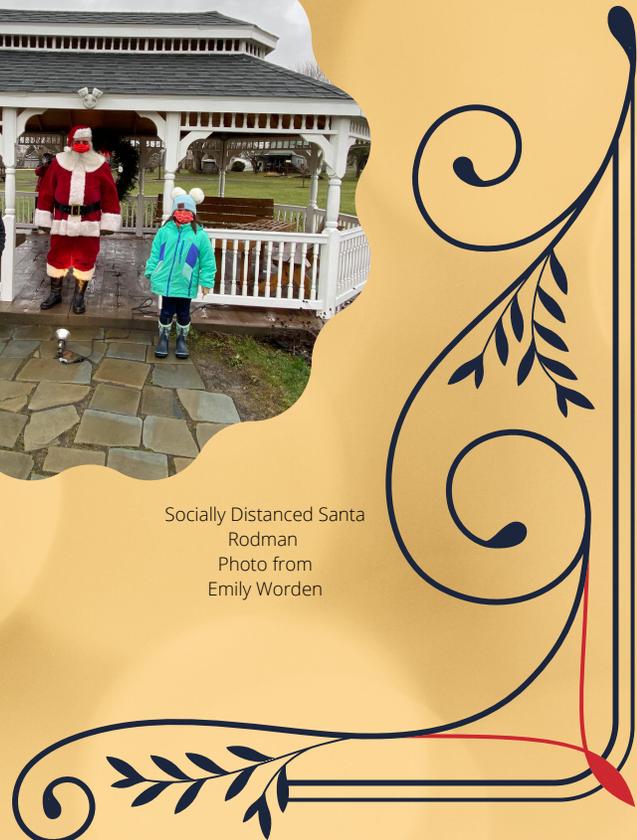
Pictured, from left, are Chief Kevin Baker, Santa - Harold Lehman, Mrs. Claus - Charrie Lehman, in the truck is Norman Jones III, Asst. Chief Jeffrey Stowell, Ethan Parker, and Jordan Hollenbeck.



Rodman Lights



Socially Distanced Santa
Rodman
Photo from
Emily Worden



A Man and His Banks

By Connie Elliott



A lot of years, and a lot of banks!
I spoke with Clarence Sheley (Adams) about the banks he has made over the years. He has really no idea how many banks he made for the children of the Adams Village Baptist Church, but knows the number is quite significant.

Clarence said he started making them to give away but the church powers that be sold them for \$10 as a fund raiser, sounds like a lot in that day and time. He noted that Molly Bangs bought a couple.

He is still making them at 103. I picked up 2 for my grands who went to Sunday School here, and my daughter Amy remembers having one. I assume over the years most have been lost.

The bank pictured (top, left) was given to me by a lifelong friend, Charles Clark, when he went into Samaritan Keep. He seemed to think Clarence made it. Charles has been gone five years, and almost every day I have a question to ask him. He knew everything, about Adams and the Sixtown area, as Clarence does.

So to the kids, and grand kids: spend time with this man and take a pad with you! If you have questions ask, he is a wealth of information... Thank you, Clarence Sheley!



Local Library Contact Information

Adams Free Library - (315) 232-2265
Adams Center Library - (315) 583-5501
Henderson - (315) 938-7169
Mannsville - (315) 465-4049
Rodman - (315) 232-4167



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CREDIT UNION

Many Americans can expect an additional stimulus check as a result of the recent relief bill passed by the government. If you haven't received your payment yet, check out our tips to ensure the IRS has the information it needs to get your payment to you as quickly as possible.

Ensure you're eligible

Eligibility guidelines to receive a stimulus payment include U.S. citizenship or legal resident status, a valid Social Security Number (SSN), and household income reported on 2018 taxes or 2019 taxes if already filed. Checks will average \$600 for each adult earning up to \$75K a year and married couples filing jointly earning up to \$150K a year. Each household will receive an additional \$600 check for every child under the age of 17 who lives at home.

Filers: update your information

If you filed taxes in 2018 or 2019 but need to update your bank account information or address, use the "Get Economic Impact My Payment" feature at www.irs.gov on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Non-filers: provide your information

If you did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019 because your income was under \$12,200, you can provide your information to the IRS at www.irs.gov. If you didn't file taxes but received Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), survivor benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Affairs benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits, the IRS already has the information it needs to ensure you receive your stimulus check.

Curious if your stimulus check has been deposited?

In most cases, your stimulus check will appear as pending in your account several days before you receive the deposit. The funds will automatically deposit into your account when the federal government releases them. For the most up-to-date information about your stimulus money, check Mobile or Online Banking, which updates deposit information automatically.

Want to find out when you'll receive a stimulus check?

The IRS controls the order in which citizens receive payments. To check on the status of your stimulus check and to find out when to expect your payment, use the "Get Economic Impact My Payment" feature at www.irs.gov.

Have you recently received a stimulus check in the mail?

If you receive your stimulus check by mail, deposit and have access to your funds within one business day by using Mobile Deposit. Watch out for these scams. Unfortunately, fraudsters continue to take advantage of the promise of stimulus checks through different scams. Remember our top tips to protect yourself against these scams:

- Don't accept a stimulus check unless it comes from the US Treasury.
- Don't respond to phone calls, social media messages or emails asking for personal or account information. If you filed taxes, the US Treasury Department already knows this and will either make a direct deposit to your account or mail a check to the address you provided on your tax return.
- Be cautious of checks for odd dollar amounts. Stimulus checks should be even dollar amounts capped at \$600 per person. Each household will receive an additional \$600 for each child under 17 who lives at home.
- Don't give your online or mobile banking username and password to anyone. Scammers often promise to use your account information to deposit a check for you, but instead deposit fraudulent checks and take your money.
- Don't pay a processing fee to anyone. Some scammers advertise that paying a processing fee will make your stimulus check arrive sooner. This is not real.

If you have any financial questions, please call or text Northern Credit Union at 315.782.0155, chat with us on our website or connect with us via Video Banking.

You can also make an appointment to see us at our Adams Relationship Center at 2 Elmwood Avenue.

We wish our members and our community continued health and safety in the New Year!



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Thank you to all who submitted name ideas for the newsletter!

There were a lot of amazing entries, and the newsletter committee had a tough decision to make.

Congratulations to Mary Beth Denny for

Sixtown Snapshots!

The committee hopes that we highlight the people and moments that make South Jefferson such a wonderful community!

Adams Village Baptist Church
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
adamsvillagebaptistchurch.com
24 East Church Street
Adams, NY 13605

Adams United Methodist Church
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
adamsumc.com
36 East Church Street
Adams, NY 13605

PLACES OF WORSHIP

On November 22nd we celebrated an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Cecilia's Church with Pastor Gary George, Pastor Nancy Russell and myself. The faithful were few in number but, it was an opportunity to give God honor and glory for his many blessings to us.

Pastor Nancy Russell delivered the message "He Noticed" which was a Thanksgiving reflection. I was reminded of the words of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst."

On November 29th we began a new liturgical year, "The Year of Grace 2021." With a New Year, we begin a new liturgical season, the season of Advent. We are given four short weeks to consider the coming of the Lord into our minds and hearts as we prepare for Christmas. We also ponder the Lord Jesus as he returns in his glory and majesty at the end of time.

During Advent we hear the words of one of our religious heroes. In the *Old Testament* we listen to the prophecies of Isaiah. During Advent his words are full of hope and expectation. An example of this hope is: *A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom.* In the fullness of time Jesus will fulfill these words of the prophet.

Some of the Saints of Advent and Christmas are very well known to us like St. John the Baptist who heralds the beginning of the messianic era. John heralds the coming of the savior with his words "Prepare the Way of the Lord." Another saint of the seasons is Mary, the mother of Jesus. She receives the invitation of the Archangel Gabriel to be the mother of Jesus. Her response is, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you say. In Spanish we read "Soy la esclava del Señor. I am the Slave of the Lord."

Of course, we can't forget Joseph who becomes the "foster Father" of Jesus. He and Mary, his wife, will become the caregivers of Jesus in his early life in their home in Nazareth.

Jesus will begin his public ministry at the age of thirty. We call his time in Nazareth "the school of Nazareth." He will learn his faith from the parents and grandparents. He will learn the trade of carpentry from his father, Joseph.

We certainly wish to extend to everyone in these extraordinary times a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Some people feel we have been abandoned by God but the contrary is true. A message of Christmas is "Emmanuel" God is with us. And Jesus said before his ascension into heaven. I will be with you until the end of time.

Jesus always keeps his promises.

God's blessings to you and your families in the holy season,
Father Robert L. Decker, Pastor of St. Cecilia's & Queen of Heaven Catholic Churches

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