



SIXTOWN SNAPSHOTS

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IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

SOUTH JEFFERSON LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONIES WERE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 1. AT THE EVENT, THE 2021 AL OATMAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO JOSHUA MATTESON AND THE 2021 AL OATMAN VOLUNTEER AWARD TO JUSTIN VANCOUGHNETT.

PICTURED HERE, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE JUSTIN VANCOUGHNETT, KYLE CREIGHTON, KRISTIN CREIGHTON, SUSAN CREIGHTON, BARB OATMAN, DEB CLARK, JOSHUA MATTESON.

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SIXTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Adams Car Wash is conveniently located on Rt. 11 in Adams next to Kinney Drugs. Andrew Beckstead is the owner, operator and designer of the site. The car wash opened in April of 2018 and is open 24 hours a day to serve our community. In addition to the car washes there are three vacuum islands and vending machines for those additional *must have* automobile products. You can purchase gift certificates at the site or from Napa or Tug Edge. The gift certificates are a great idea for Father's Day or other occasions. Andrew has been an active Chamber member and has also served on the Adams Revitalization Committee and the Six Town Community Fund. The Adams Car Wash is a superior addition to our Six Town Community.



Joe Hodge is the owner of Tug Edge Outdoors and More. Joe recently moved to his current location (former bowling alley) on Rt 11 in Adams in October of 2019. The transformation of the building is excellent. Tug Edge's highest grossing machines are Ferris. In addition they sell various power equipment and generators. Tug Edge has a knowledgeable staff who offers great service to the products they sell. Stop by and see the fantastic transformation of the building and check out all of their quality products.

If you haven't been to the Adams Center Free Library lately, now is the time. Thanks to a grant from the Six Town Community Fund, a contribution from Watertown Savings Bank (Adams Office), and Budget Blinds, the library has replaced all of its old canned lighting with recessed lighting. They have also installed more track lighting. The new lighting makes it easier for their customers to work in a good environment and enjoy their experience at the library. The library is a focal point for the Adams Center area and offers educational and social environments for the surrounding community.



ADAMS CENTER LIBRARY HONORS TREASURED CHILDREN'S AUTHOR BEVERLY CLEARY (1916-2021)

Beverly Cleary, well-known for beloved children's books such as *Ramona the Pest*, *Beezus and Ramona*, *Ramona the Brave*, *Mouse and the Motorcycle*, and the *Henry Huggins* series, died on March 25th, 2021. She was 104.

Beverly Cleary, born Beverly Bunn, grew up in Portland Oregon, where the idea for the adorable *Ramona* series first began. The *Romana* and *Beezus* series are based on real characters---sisters who lived near her childhood home. She loved to read as a child.

It was during her work as a librarian when Beverly decided to write children's books. She wanted books that kids could relate to, about "real-life" experiences. Her first book, *Henry Huggins*, was published in 1950, and from there she had written more than 40 books and sold 90 million copies. She was also a mother of twins, Malcolm and Marianne, whom she raised with her husband Clarence. He died in 2004. We will miss one of our favorite authors, but her books will continue to lighten our hearts and our children's with her wonderfully entertaining stories.

Highlights in Education

CHARLES H. BOHLEN, JR. TECHNICAL CENTER: STUDENTS OF THE 3RD QUARTER
APRIL 2021

NATHAN LEHMAN -Press Release

During each quarter of the school year, the faculty at the Charles H. Bohlen, Jr. Technical Center recommend a student from their program for the honor of "Student of the Quarter." These nominations are based on one or more of the following criteria: high academic achievement, great effort, great citizenship, vast improvement or positive influence on the class. The members of the Faculty, Administration and Support staff wish to extend our congratulations to the third quarter winners.

3rd Quarter Students

Joshua Biggs

Alexis Belden

Ashton Billman

Thomas Slate

Lacey Ewald

BTC Program & Home School

Architecture, Engineering & 3D Design 2 (Belleville Henderson)

Criminal Justice 2 (South Jefferson)

Electronic & Computer Technology 1 (Belleville Henderson)

Heavy Equipment 2 (South Jefferson)

Nursing Assistant (Belleville Henderson)

South Jefferson Central School District

Elementary Biking Unit



We began this year at Wilson with a unique idea, let's teach all of our Wilson and Mannsville Kindergartners how to ride a bike by the end of the year. The Wilson PTO enthusiastically jumped in and purchased 23 balance bikes, helmets, and pedal conversion kits to bring this idea to life. Our coaches received training and certification and rolled out 8 integrative lessons.

The curriculum begins with the simple goal of teaching a child how to move, balance, and stop while on a two-wheeled balance bike. Midway through the curriculum, the bikes are converted from balance-mode to pedal-mode with the goal of each student pedaling a bike independently. This progressive-based approach aligns with SHAPE America National Physical Education Standards so it can seamlessly be integrated to the educator's year-long physical education programming.

Our PE teachers have had a blast teaching our youngest students the art of riding a bike this year. Our kiddos have developed skill and confidence, advancing from balance bikes to riding, all without training wheels.

Our students also have had opportunities to participate in more advanced skills and challenges and have enjoyed the ramps that Mr. Cronk built for this unit.

Drawing on his years of experience as a NYS Trooper and love for all things biking, our School Resource Officer, Mr. Jeff Stevenson shared some very important information on bike safety with our students at the beginning of this unit. Both he and the students loved the opportunity to share safety tips and get the kids riding in the right direction.

In keeping health and safety a top priority, we are able to offer students this unique opportunity to learn how to ride a bike in the comfort of their own school and under the guidance of their PE teachers all while adhering to health and safety guidelines; including physical distancing, providing students individual bikes and helmets, and disinfecting equipment after each use. As you can tell, we take our fun and our safety pretty seriously here at Wilson. We are so thrilled with the roll out of this unit and can't wait to share this experience with our friends at Mannsville. A huge thank you to our PTO for investing in this initiative.

In Honor of Arbor Day 2021

As far back as I can remember I have been fascinated with plants of all kinds. To this day my house is filled with all sorts of potted plants, trees, and succulents. It is only fitting that my hometown, Adams New York is the "Arbor Day Village." Lets rewind just a few years and revisit 1987. I was only 5-years-old and was attending Kindergarten at South Jefferson Central School at the Wilson building. Spring had sprung and Arbor Day was around the corner. I had learned about Arbor Day as a young child from my grandmother (Sue Herse) as she was a Historian and a History teacher. I can't remember much of the details of the lessons or festivities that I participated in at school for Arbor Day, but I do remember one thing: they handed out baby trees for all of the students to take home and plant. I remember being so excited to take it home to plant and watch it grow. I also remember my grandmother telling me that sometimes when you plant small trees, they don't always live but we would try our best, and that we did. We watered it regularly when there were dry spells, and I checked on it every day. The first big challenge was winter, but it made it through, and once spring came in 1988 it was showing new growth. Over the years it just kept growing and I am so proud of that beautiful tree. Well here we are 34 years later and that little tree that I so carefully brought home on the school bus, is now a magnificent beauty. I get excited every spring to see the new growth at the end of all the branches... and will for years to come.

Nathaniel (Nate) Parish

National Safe Boating Week

MAY 22-28, 2021

- **DROWNING WAS REPORTED AS THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN 79 PERCENT OF ALL BOATING FATALITIES.**
- **APPROXIMATELY 86 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO DROWNED WERE NOT WEARING LIFE JACKETS.**

**HELP SHARE THE MESSAGE:
WEAR IT!**



Henderson Historical

LOG CABIN PROJECT UPDATE:

Thanks to all the amazing donations we received we were able to raise the much-needed funds to make repairs and preserve our 1800's log cabin that sits on the Henderson, NY Historical Society property. The wood has been purchased and will be cut soon. We are hoping to begin the physical work on the cabin around the middle of the summer.



My Life as a Foster Child - Part II

Remembering Charlotte Richmond

...I started kindergarten at Henderson Central and my kindergarten teacher was Jean Hess. She was wonderful. Some of my classmates were Ann Smith, Sylvia Richmond (Spookie), David Kenney, Barbara Jones and others. Think there were eight of us, but just can't remember them all. I remember the day that someone brought a lamb to school and all of us had our pictures taken with that lamb. Somewhere there is a picture of me with that lamb. If I can find it, I will put it with this writing. I know there are yearbooks of these years, but I do not have any. I don't know all my teachers, but did know a Mrs. Bonnet.

I do remember one cafeteria lady because it was my neighbor, Iva Golden. Also remember my Principal because it was one of my classmates' dad, Mr. Jones. (sorry for using the word remember so much, but just don't know any other way of saying it.)

I lived in Henderson until the end of third grade. Pat and I often went with Charlie Briggs (who owned a farm next door) to his second farm outside the village in his old truck and "helped" him feed his calves. I don't know how much help we were, but it was fun and we all enjoyed it. There was a creek on the land behind us owned by him, and he let us go wading and even made us a "treehouse." He did not have any young children, but surely was a "gramp" to us.

We all got chicken pox while living here. I still remember being quarantined in a small dark room down stairs and not being able to see anyone. I had them the worse of all and even had them in the mouth. Still have a scar on one of my front teeth which wasn't deep enough to hold a filling. (Hey, I am lucky that it was a permanent tooth at that time, and that I still have it. Have lost many teeth since then.) I also had measles and mumps, as did the rest. I guess that is nothing new. Every child back then went through the childhood diseases. However, I seemed to be the sick one of the bunch, and picked up everything. You will learn why later.

Pat and I joined Brownies and went to group meetings at Iva and Harry Smith's at Paul's Corners. I think Iva was also a Golden and sister to Dean and Doris, but if not, there was a relationship. She also worked in the Henderson school cafeteria which I mentioned earlier. Don't know how we got to meetings but it was lots of fun.

My brother Charlie had joined us a year previous to that, and he was just learning to walk. Of course, he was not old enough for school, and I can't remember what he actually did but play. Guess that is what is expected of a small child.

At the end of third grade we were told we were going to move to Woodville. Don't know the reason why. Was it because Doris did not have a spouse? It couldn't have been here age, because it was about the same as those in our new family. Was it because there were four boys living on the property? Was it because there was another child on the way, (which we did not know about then) and there wasn't room for all of us? A question that will never be answered, but I know that social services had their own boundaries. Right now I don't care because we were moved into a loving, caring home, and you will find that out as I continue. This is when we finally had someone we could call Gram and Gramp, who were Lillian and Earl Shear. No, not mom and dad, because there was a generation gap there. They had already raised their own three children (Laurna Shear, Richard Shear and Bob Shear) and their grandchildren were all close to our ages. The nearest ones were Joan and Jimmy and Debbie Cobb, living in Ellisburg on the Machold Farm and Joan would later be my maid-of-honor. This move was the best thing that ever happened to us, though I certainly can't say anything bad about my life in Henderson.

Keep tuned for more in the next SIXTOWN SNAPSHOTS.

Places of Worship

Over the last several months, our congregation has been examining and talking about our church values. The leadership guru and church pastor, Craig Groeschell says that great ministries, brands, restaurants and organizations are full of “multiple intangibles created and guarded by the leaders.” What those intangibles are saying is, “This place feels good.” “I love being here.” What they are really saying is, “This place has a great culture.”

The number one force that shapes our culture is our values. Why? Because what we value determines what we do. What we believe determines how we behave. Our values shape our culture. One of our values is SERVICE. It’s a value that we all can appreciate and grow in.

The Bible gives us an account of one of Jesus’ acts of service when He washed His disciples feet in the Gospel of John 13:1-17.

The first thing we see in this passage is “The Reason for the Ritual.” Why is it that the Lord of the universe would take the role of a slave and wash the disciple’s feet? We know that Jesus’ ministry is many times characterized by the notion of servant hood. The Old Testament refers to Jesus as “the servant of the Lord.” Jesus Himself said, “I am among you as one who serves.” And the Apostle Paul speaks of Jesus “who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.”

The beloved disciple, John, tells us that the reason for Jesus’ act of service was His great love. “Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.” Another way to translate this is “Jesus exhibited His love for them to the uttermost, in a remarkable way.”

It’s right that we as a community place a high value on service because our Lord Jesus placed a high value on service. But, the reason Jesus served was because of His great love for people. We need to be sure that our service to our friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers comes from our love for them. We don’t just serve to get people to come to our church — although that would be nice. We don’t serve people to make a great name for ourselves — although that’s a good thing. We serve people because we genuinely love people. Jesus took up a servant’s garment because He loved people. It was genuine, authentic love and it needed to be expressed. Jesus did something with His love.

The apostle John tells us in the next few verses in chapter 13, “The Reason to Remember.” Look at verses 2-5. We have to note here that Jesus was not the innocent victim of a plot, unaware of what was happening around Him. Jesus knew that His time had come, and He knew that God, the Father, had put everything in His hands. Jesus set Himself to this servant’s task that so characterizes His ministry, with a full awareness of the majesty of His own person. He was fully aware of His Authority, His Divine Origin, and His Destiny. All things were under His power! He came from God! And He was returning to God!

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Rummage Sale Notifications

SOUTH JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB ADAMS, NY

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
at the Six Town Meeting Hall
SALE: Thursday, May 20th
Noon-6PM
SALE: Friday, MAY 21st
Noon-5PM
BAG SALE: Saturday, MAY 22nd
9am-Noon

ADAMS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 14 9am-5pm
Saturday, May 15 9am-Noon
Bag Sale - Saturday 11am-Noon

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Worship Continued...

This is what gave Jesus the composure to be a servant even to one that he knew would betray Him. The Scripture doesn't tell us that Jesus skipped over Judas in the foot washing. He washed all of the disciples feet. And this just isn't about the way Jesus served by washing feet. Jesus served by going to the cross to pay the penalty for your sins and my sins. Everything was in His hands. Jesus even had the power to call ten thousand angels to come save Him, but "for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hands of the throne of God." This is what we remember. Jesus, enjoying complete and perfect fellowship with God rose from that table of fellowship, and made Himself nothing. He took off His outer garment. He wrapped a towel around His waist — He wrapped humanity around Himself and took the form of a servant. Then, in complete submission and obedience to God, He did what He came to do — He washed and cared for the filthiest part of us — not just dirty feet, but He washed and cared for the dirtiest and darkest sin of our lives. That's the Reason to Remember.

In verse 6, Jesus prepares to wash Peter's feet, and here we discover "The Reason for Repentance." We can imagine the scene: the disciples are all reclining around the table in the customary fashion of the time period, with their feet stretched out behind them. And Jesus comes ready to wash Peter's feet, and Peter kind of pulls them up underneath him.

That famous commentator, Matthew Henry, puts further voice to Peter's thoughts. He says, "Lord, dost thou wash my feet? What thou, our Lord and Master, whom we know and believe to be the Son of God, do this for me, a worthless worm of the earth, a sinful man, O Lord? Shall those hands wash my feet which with a touch have cleansed lepers, given sight to the blind, and raised the dead?"

I imagine that Peter was ashamed of his thoughtlessness. He might have said, "No, No, Lord. I'll do that for you. I didn't think about it." He would have gladly grabbed the towel and washed Jesus' feet and been proud of the honor. Peter even gets quite insistent, but he is quick to change his mind at the rebuke of the Lord. Look at verses 8-11.

It's not a complete rebirth that we need each time we come to God in prayer for example. If you're a Christian today, know that you were completely washed when you were saved. Jesus Christ is the only way to get your sin-stained heart clean. Jesus cleanses you completely.

No, what we're talking about here is the fact that we're not perfect yet. We're not in heaven yet, with our glorified bodies and perfected spirits. We still have to tromp around in this world. It's actually God's design that we tromp around in the mud of this world, but we don't always stay clean like God intends us to. But we have confidence that when we bring our muddy feet to the Lord, in repentance, He stands ready to clean us up and get us back into service. This is a spiritual washing that we need. For those who know Jesus and for those who don't know Him yet, there's a need for repentance.

Without a doubt, the thrust of this passage is found in this final paragraph. Here, we learn The Reason to Reenact.

In verse 13, Jesus says to His disciples, "Yes, you are right. I AM your Teach and your Lord." Jesus is far above all others. He makes and argument from the greater to the lesser. Look at verse 14. If Jesus, who was perfect and sinless, stooped down to wash the filth between the toes of His disciples, we, His disciples, out of humble gratitude should become servants of those around us: our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, our co-workers, our communities.

Jesus is our Teacher and Lord, and He set an example for us. He calls us to Reenact His Example — to be servants of each other and the world. Let's take up the towel and the basin. If you can think of a way a small group of people could serve the Sixtowns, give me a call!

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AHEAD**

**WE WILL
REPORT THE
STATUS OF THE
VILLAGE
PLAYGROUND
PROJECT IN
JULY!**