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## Spencer & Jake ride Bitcoin as it soars

**By Zander Frost**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

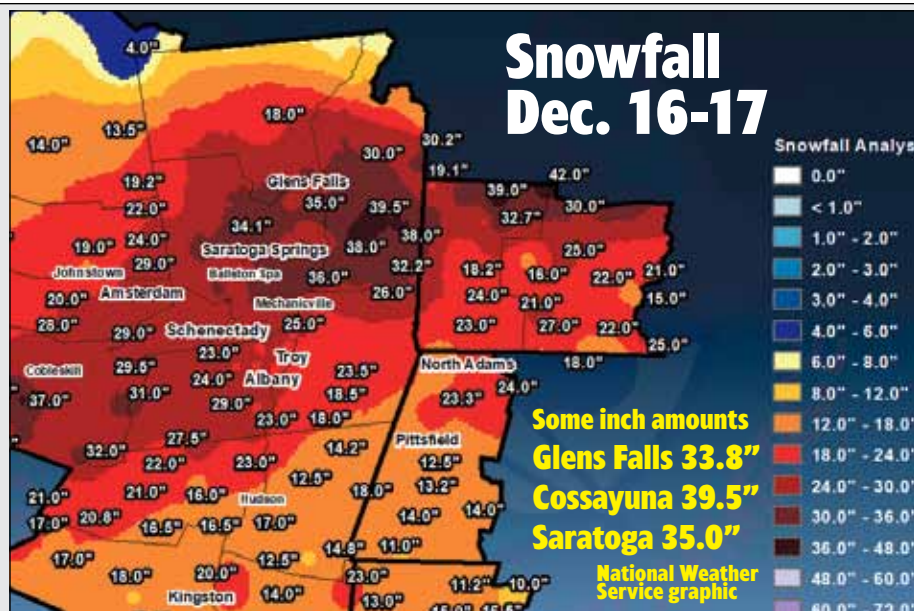
As *Chronicle* readers may recall from previous articles in 2018, Spencer Bray, 25, and Jake Zanoni, 26, are lifelong pals who graduated in Glens Falls High School's Class of 2013.

"We've been involved with cryptocurrency since 2017," Spencer says. "We still love Bitcoin and we still are holding Bitcoin right now."

Jake says, "From an investment standpoint, it's kinda the standard as far as

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**But they like XRP more**



### The Dome collapsed; volunteers rallied

The roof of the Adirondack Sports Complex inflated dome collapsed under the weight of the snow. **'There were about 70 people who came to the Dome today to help us with the snow removal,'** owner **Doug Miller wrote Saturday on Facebook. 'THANK YOU!'** It must be shoveled, not snowblown, for fear further tearing of the fabric.

## The year that was about survival

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

The best we, the lucky ones, can say about the year 2020 is that we survived it (assuming we make it through the final week).

As individuals, as families, as communities, as businesses and organizations, as a state and nation, we're still being tested.

Even now with vaccines becoming available after formulation in record time, optimism that Covid can be conquered is curbed by grim new stats in New York City, California, England (where a new strain of the virus raises alarm), Italy, etc., etc.

Now the onset of winter.

Interminable political strife.

Last week's mighty unexpected three-foot snowfall — of course, why not? 2020, pile it on.

The next three months — or longer — will test us some more.

But the hope is we've endured the worst of it, and know better now how to cope. Keep surviving.

### Reply to 20 Questions: 'Even money Biden will not serve his 4 years'

Hi Mark,  
Thanks for the 20 Questions! Here are my thoughts:

**1. Will you get the Covid vaccine?** Of course; it only makes sense. The only voices "doubting" it were doing so to weaponize Covid against Trump. Now that that has been successful, they will all quiet down.

**2. Will Donald Trump accept Joe Biden's election as**

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### 'Nauseated' by Elise in election lawsuit

To the Editor:  
Rep. Stefanik's explanation for her signing on to the amicus brief was nauseating.

If she had claimed that she thought it was what was best for the Republican Party or for the United States, I would have disagreed, but respected her opinion.

To invoke the Constitution, however, was reprehensible. The President's lawyers, as well as like-minded lawyers, includ-

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### Ed Deso unbowed

Dear sir [responding to letter published in 12/17 edition],

I would have been happy to footnote all of my claims if I had unlimited space in *The Chronicle*. I don't. Anything I said in my letter is easily verifiable for someone willing to look. PDFs of the lawsuits filed and many of the sworn affidavits, etc. are available online.

Please note though, this information (what I like to call the truth) is NOT available on CNN, MSNBC or in the NY

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### Bill Dow weighs in

Dear Ed [Deso]:

You and I have worked together, golf together for many years now. You know that I admire your abilities. But to your recent *Chronicle* article I must respond, namely:

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**Middle row**: **Dr. Sean Kennedy**, Medical Director, Specialty Practices; **Jason Hare**, Director, Patient Services; **Kane Carpentier**, Nurse Manager, Three North, Covid-19 Unit.  
**Bottom row**: **Jim Keeley**, Manager, Respiratory Care Services; **Debra Dudas**, Assistant Nurse Manager, Intensive Care Unit; **Dr. Andre Johnson**, Chairman, Department of Surgery.

## How Glens Falls Hospital rose to the challenge of Covid-19 care

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

I didn't watch the documentary *Behind the Masks* until a few weeks ago, after two people separately sang its praises to me. It's an important piece of work that will move you to tears and make you proud of the people who work at Glens Falls Hospital doing serious, heroic work for patients,

loved ones and this whole community even during the bleak onset of COVID-19.

You can watch the video on YouTube. It's available on the hospital's web site or just search the words "Behind The Masks, Glens Falls Hospital."

The documentary is about a half-hour long. It was prepared by and donated as a gift to the hospital by the

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## No New Year's Plunge in LG; ATVs allowed but no events

By Cathy DeDe  
Chronicle Managing Editor

With February's Lake George Winter Carnival already cancelled, and potential crowds feared too large to handle, the traditional "polar plunge" into Lake George at Shepard Park Beach will not happen this New Year's Day.

Mayor Bob Blais tells *The Chronicle*, "We will have someone there. We will encourage people not to do it. Obviously there will be no safety personnel. We would not want people to just come up and do it. We will do our best to prevent it."

The Polar Plunge is typically organized by Linda Duffy of Duffy's Tavern, as a fund-raiser for the Winter Carnival.

New York State Special Olympics held its annual fund-raising polar plunge in November, with strict protocols in place, and limited numbers of people allowed.

"They didn't have the crowds they've had previously," Mayor Blais said. "Still it went well. It was very well organized. But they usually have about 500 or 600 people," where the Winter Carnival-hosted plunge on New Year's Day draws anywhere from

1,200 to 1,500 people, Mayor Blais said. "We just can't have those crowds safely."

### No Carnival, but riders welcome

Mayor Blais said Mrs. Duffy has approached the Village for approval to still hold a Poker Run in February, for ATVs and snowmobiles, "going tavern to tavern."

"We would work with her to see that this is done safely," Mayor Blais said.

He said the Village intends to open its streets and parks for ATVs and snowmobiles in February, to provide access to restaurants and businesses as it would usually do during the Winter Carnival.

Safe access to the lake, presuming it freezes, will be available for individuals on ATVs and other motorized vehicles, Mayor Blais said, in conjunction with the DEC.

"They will have access to and from the Lake to the Village, to go to all of our open businesses if they wish to do so. We will prepare a map of the routes and give it to

the Chamber to distribute."

Asked if anyone is thinking to hold organized on-ice motorized events, Mayor Blais said no. "We couldn't control the numbers of people. Some people think it's not reasonable that they cancelled the Winter Carnival events. I don't share that opinion."

## Push to offset loss of Winter Carnival gets \$40,000 in bed tax money

**Chronicle Managing Editor Cathy DeDe writes:** The Warren County Occupancy Tax Committee backed providing \$40,000 to help fund a new initiative by business owners to draw tourists to Lake George in February, now that the Winter Carnival

was cancelled due to Covid precautions.

Christian Dutcher, organizer of the Americade motorcycle rally in June, told the committee that visitors will be invited to purchase a guest pass — at a cost of \$10 for the first 500 per weekend, or \$50 otherwise — furnishing discounts at restaurants, attractions and businesses, free horse-drawn carriage rides in the Village, and a free ticket to one activity among skiing, helicopter rides, tubing outings, dog sled rides and more.

Net proceeds from sale of the \$10 and \$50 passes would go back to the county, Mr. Dutcher said.

He said regional hoteliers in the group "kicked in" \$7,000 for the project.

The projected \$47,000 budget includes underwriting the cost of free activities, insurance, promotional costs for Mannix Marketing and Behan Communications, and Mr. Dutcher's fee. The goal is "to re-

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# GF: How can we help eateries as Covid looms?

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

The Glens Falls Common Council is considering ways to help its restaurants as we head more deeply into winter, Covid numbers rise and Governor Cuomo threatens to shut down non-essential businesses or again limit restaurant occupancy locally to less than the current 50 percent level.

Councilmember-at-Large Jane Reid tells *The Chronicle*, "We are working on some things, still just thoughts. The governor's office has offered small business assistance to help with leases. That's nothing to sneeze at, and will undoubtedly help. But our thoughts are a little more hands on."

"What we really need," Ms. Reid says, "is for the restaurants to tell us what would be helpful."

She said they've discussed erecting large party tents with heaters in common areas between restaurants to facilitate outdoor or take-out dining. But if the tents have the walls down to combat the cold, "that's considered a closed space," she said.

"We talked about a lot of things," said Scott Endieveri, who represents Ward Four and co-owns The Bullpen and Talk of the Town restaurants. "One was, if the City could help take on a delivery system for take-outs, but I don't think — I think that's almost impossible."

"We do spend a lot on take-out supplies," Mr. Endieveri said. "If it comes back to all take-out, that could really help us out, if they could help with the cost of that."

Ms. Reid said, "We can certainly designate parking spaces in front of restaurants for pickups and curbside runner, or may designate a common area, maybe in the Elm Street parking lot."

"One thing we can do," she also suggested, "is assisting some places that may

not be as I.T. savvy, to get their menus and ordering up and running online," using a technology-savvy in-house City staffer.

Speaking as a restaurant-owner Mr. Endieveri said, "The way things are going — it's not good. It seems like we are going backward with occupancy rules."

Governor Cuomo's current **mandate for 50 percent occupancy "is great,"** Mr. Endieveri said. "At least with half capacity, we are keeping our head above water."

New York City has again banned all inside dining amid a rise in Covid cases. Mr. Cuomo warned of a cutback here to 25% occupancy if Covid cases keep rising.

Mr. Endieveri said the current **10 p.m. restaurant curfew is a challenge.**

"What's the difference between 10 p.m. and midnight, as long as we are following the rules? Customers can't even stay to watch the whole Monday Night Football."

Mr. Endieveri said, "The important thing is for people to continue to be supportive of small businesses, and to know, if we have to switch to take-out, that it's going to be very safe. That's one thing. People have been very supportive."

## LG push to offset loss of Winter Carnival

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coup impending losses," Mr. Dutcher said, "with a solid program to stimulate putting heads in beds, incentives for tourists to come here from outside the region."

County Administrator Ryan Moore reported that the County's share of Occupancy Tax proceeds for February were about \$65,000 in 2018, and \$95,000 in 2019.

Mr. Dutcher said the planned activities are to be primarily outdoors, family-friendly, non-crowd events geared to individuals or family units, within Covid protocols.

"Of course, we don't know what will happen, but if things are still allowable, these events all adhere to Covid rules and go one step beyond that, being suited to social distancing. It will also bring people not just to Lake George, but to the region."

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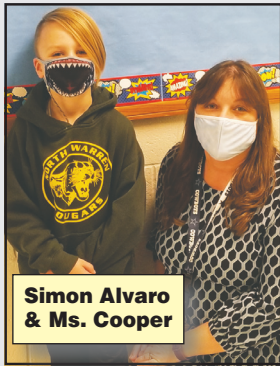
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**Geologist**

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**Tennis, Egypt, pyramids, cats**

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In 20 years I will be a captain of a ship. I will keep my ship from sinking, and everyone will be safe. I will live on my ship and go where it goes.

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# Tough year with great upside

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

**How's this for a birthday gift** for yours truly? My wife and boys surprised me with a video by Brooks Robinson wishing me a happy 70th birthday plus happy 40th anniversary for our newspaper *The Chronicle*!

The Hall of Fame Baltimore Oriole third-baseman, hero of my youth continuing to this day. When you root for somebody famous, you have no idea whether they're a class act or a fraud. I lucked out. I got to know Brooks a little bit when I lived in Baltimore and frequently had press credentials at the Oriole games. What a great, outer-directed person. It's why Baltimore adores him to this day.



That's not to say Brooks knew me from Adam when he recorded the birthday video, but he was engaged and engaging. I have a feeling our son Zander provided all the relevant info. Brooks actually mentioned him by name, told me what a great son I have. (I have two, actually.)

My wife Hutch and the boys also threw me a surprise party via Zoom that encompassed a bunch of significant people from my past and present, including my 95-year-old Aunt Marian, my father's sister in Manhattan who's one of the liveliest people I know. She's totally "with it," but she told us this was her first time doing Zoom. That's a feather in our cap!

**I feel lucky every day.** I know how good I (we) have it, but especially this year. To have health when so many people don't; to have family intact when so many have lost lives and loved ones — to Covid and innumerable other perils; to live in this community, in this country, making a living, having some laughs, hopefully doing some good. Hutch talks about my "Leave It To Beaver" life. Yeah, I know how fortunate I am.

Not to say it's all singing birds and cherry pie (in the immortal words of our freelance writer Larry Halloran). Our business has been through the wringer this year. In March we came close to losing *The Chronicle* altogether. We've gone from 12 full-time staffers to just four, had to cut our delivery crew from 10 people to two.

At first I thought the biggest challenge would be financial, but it's turned out that the harder part is psychic. Is it that way for you, too? This pandemic, this political strife, this long, jagged, open-ended ordeal wears you down. The upside is that just surviving feels a great feat.

There are plusses. We've gotten to spend so much more time with our adult sons Zander and Max, both of whom

are home right now. And we're getting along! Max can do his work anywhere that there's Internet. He's in start-up mode at rocanews.com, the "casual news" website he launched with two friends. He works all the time. I understand exactly. He is me 40 years ago. The hardest part isn't the hours and the grind; it's not knowing if all that effort will eventually pay off. I hope it doesn't take them as long as it took us with *The Chronicle*. Max will be heading back to Washington, and to points south, after the holidays. We love having him here, but we understand he needs to be with his cohort.

Zander is home from L.A., where Covid is raging. We're thrilled to have him out of there. The comedy theater where he performed is shut down as is every other venue. Makes so much more sense to be out here in northern New York than stuck in an apartment near Hollywood.

Like Max, Zander can work by Internet. Via Zoom, he continues to coach improvisational comedy teams, now not just in L.A. but who live elsewhere in the country. We hear him coaching; he's great at it. And doing it from his bedroom beats fighting the L.A. cross-town traffic.

The bonus for me is that Zander delivers *Chronicles* with me every Thursday. Actually he's the one doing most of the stocking of the racks; I drive the car. Our conversations are great. We take deep dives into *Chronicle* strategizing, technique and history. He plays me podcasts, introduces me to new comedy. We introduce each other to music. He loves the paper. He loves the area.

Zander is very sharp, brings so much to the table. We used to use a slogan, "*The Chronicle* is brimming with fresh thinking." Zander embodies it. He's now got *The Chronicle* on Instagram. TikTok can't be far off! He sees possibilities for our 40-year-old business. He's got ideas. The media bug has bitten both our boys.

**People ask me how *The Chronicle* is doing?**

During the depth of the lockdown, I'd usually say, *It's challenging*. Now I say, *We're viable, we're paying the bills*. It's demanding, can be exhausting, and we're vulnerable because we're running so lean staffwise that we don't have back-up people. High-wire act, no net.

But we're bullish long-term. *The Chronicle* has lots more room to run. Now, as always, we're fueled by the grass roots support and enthusiasm of our readers and advertisers. Steadfast and astounding. Thank you yet again. By the way, sign up at glensfallschronicle.com to receive the free digital edition of *The Chronicle*. Really came in handy during last week's three-foot snowstorm.

**This is our final issue of 2020.** We'll take our customary one-week break from publishing. Next *Chronicle* is Jan. 7, 2021. Hoping it's a better, healthier year for all — bringing brightness, healing and headway so elusive in the past year. Take care, take hope. See you next year.

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# Hyde will close Jan. 4 to May 1

By Cathy DeDe  
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Hyde Collection is open on weekends now through Jan. 3, but then it will close to the public for four months, from January 4 through May 1.

"January to April are our slowest months of the year," Hyde CEO Norman Dascher told *The Chronicle*. "Out of concern for our staff, our customers and the public, with this second wave of the pandemic, and anticipating very low attendance during that time, we saw no sense in expending the financial resources for an exhibition, the insurance and other costs."

He said the Hyde has an \$800,000 operating loss this year, on a \$2 million budget. Half the budget is derived from the annual gala and other fund-raising events that were cancelled because of Covid.

"It's tough times, but we are not alone," Mr. Dascher said. "The Smithsonian has done this for all eight of its museums... the National Gallery of Art. It's the same in Europe, museums in Germany. In London, the Tate has dramatically reduced its operations."

He said they expect decreased income from attendance and sponsorships to continue through 2021, amid the pandemic.

"The focus is on reopening fully in 2022, full steam ahead," he said. That's the museum's 60th year, he notes.

The Hyde plans to close again in November and December 2021. "If conditions change, if we can have events and maybe even our gala, the plan will change."

Four staff members, in the education and curatorial departments, were furloughed until May, Mr. Dascher said, but "no positions have been eliminated."

He said the remaining 10 staff members — "including me" — have had their hours further reduced. Those who had been cut by 20 percent now are at half time. Those who'd been at 50 percent are now down to 20 percent of their hours. Mr. Dascher said he's one of the staff now at 20 percent.

"We anticipate bringing everybody back in May," he said.

Before the Hyde Museum shuts down

## Hyde plans outdoor ice sculptures in Feb.

The Hyde Collection plans one high-profile event during its shutdown this winter — an installation of ice sculptures on front lawn for two weeks in mid-February **created by Chuck Jones** known regionally as "The Ice Man."

Hyde CEO Norman Dascher tells *The Chronicle* that The Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce and Warren County Tourism called on area entities to offer alternative activities to draw tourists since the Lake George Winter Carnival is cancelled.

This is the Hyde's contribution, he said. "We hope some people will come."

until May, it will be **open** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, **Dec. 26 & 27** and Saturday and Sunday, **Jan. 2 & 3**.

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# Josie Beckos Wood of Queensbury, 1923-2020

Josie Beckos Wood of Queensbury, New York passed away December 15, 2020.

Born Georgia Pars November 11, 1923, to Jane (Janopaul) Pars and Theodore "Ted" Pars, Greek emigres from Volos and the region of Achaea, Peloponnese, respectively, "Josie" spent her early life in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where summers included visits with family in Ashtabula, Ohio, and many Sundays in Boston attending church liturgies presided over by her great-uncle, Joachim (Alexopoulos), the first ruling Greek Orthodox Bishop of Boston from 1923-1930.

At age 9, Josie and family moved to Albany, New York, where in 1941 she graduated from the Academy of the Holy Names, afterward pursuing further studies at Mildred Elley Business School.

In 1948, Josie married Constantine John "Gus" Beckos and together they settled in Stamford, Connecticut, where Gus was employed by the Chance Vaught Company. When the Company moved operations to Houston, Texas, Josie and Gus decided to remain in the Northeast to start a family and to join Josie's parents in the family business, The Central Delicatessen in Albany.

Summers spent in the Lake George area inspired Josie and Gus, with Jane and Ted Pars, to expand the business in the region by first opening The Montcalm Restaurant on Canada Street, in 1956, later adding two establishments, Montcalm South, in 1971, and Dino's Montcalm, in 1975. Josie and Gus moved from Albany in 1963 to become permanent residents of Glens Falls.

Travel throughout Europe, South America, Asia and Hawaii in winters and the Restaurants' off-season stimulated their curiosity about other cultures and culinary traditions. Many of the trademark specialties on the menu at the Montcalm — well known and well-loved by many regular customers — originated in their overseas excursions.

Josie worked closely with Gus, and eventually son Dean, who joined the business in 1973 to build and develop The Montcalm into the popular destination it became for so many. In February 2007, the New York Restaurant Association honored Josie and Gus with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their 50 years of contribution to the restaurant industry. Josie remained active in The Montcalm until the Restaurant closed in June of 2013.

Josie generously contributed her time to several local non-profit organizations. In 1978, she became a trustee of the newly established Charles R. Wood Foundation. She succeeded Mr. Wood as chair of the Board upon his passing in 2004. She remained chair until November 2013, when the Board voted her the second emeritus chair. Mr. Wood had been the first. Additionally, in the 1980s and 1990s, Josie worked with Mr. Wood at The Great Escape and in the development of The Double H Ranch, which is located in Lake Luzerne, New York, and provides specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families with life-threatening illnesses. Mr. Wood co-founded the Double H in 1991 with Paul Newman.

Josie served on the Double H Ranch board from 1993, the first year the Ranch provided

summer programs, until 2014. In honor of her many years of service, the board in 2014 nominated Josie as emeritus director, the Ranch's highest level of recognition.

Throughout her life, Josie was a voracious reader and an enthusiastic traveller. She never stopped learning and constantly embraced new information. Those who knew Josie cherish a lasting impression of an exceptional individual possessed of a generous spirit, inexhaustible energy, a passion for life, and an abiding loyalty to her family and friends. If she set her mind to something, it would be done, and done with great style.

Josie supported several major non-profit institutions she strongly felt made important contributions to the Glens Falls and the surrounding area; among them The Glens Falls Symphony, The Hyde Collection, and The Double HH Ranch.

Josie was a member of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church in Albany and a longstanding member of the Glens Falls Country Club and The Lake George Club.

Josie was predeceased by her first husband Constantine John "Gus" Beckos in 2007, and her second husband, philanthropist Charles R. Wood in 2004. Josie is survived by two children, Barbara Beckos McDonald (Arthur) of Syracuse, New York, and Dean John Beckos (Debbie) of Queensbury, New York; three grandchildren, John Theodore Beckos (Lauren) of Denver, Colorado, Brooke Ann Beckos, of Albany, New York, and Theodore Beckos McDonald (Claire) of Woodway, Texas; and three great-granddaughters, Elizabeth Evans McDonald, Katherine Burks McDonald and Abigail Josephine Beckos.

Josie is also survived by two stepdaughters, Barbara Wood Wages (Tom) of Amelia Island, Florida, and Charlene Wood of Saratoga; eight step-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren.

The Family is deeply grateful to Dottie for her longtime care and companionship to Josie for 25 years, and to Josie's additional caregivers Kathy, Peggy and Joyce for their companionship and care. The family also wishes to thank Neighbors NY and acknowledge the staff at Ft. Hudson Nursing Center, Ft. Edward, New York for their expert care and compassion during these past several months.

Due to concerns and restrictions during this time of Covid-19, there will be no calling hours. Church services will be for the immediate family only and burial will be private. A celebration of Josie's life will be planned for spring or summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Josie's memory to The Double H Ranch, 97 Hidden Valley Rd., Lake Luzerne, New York 12846 or online at [doublehbranch.org](http://doublehbranch.org); or The Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 2036, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls, New York 12801 or online at [theglensfallssymphony.org](http://theglensfallssymphony.org); or to St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY 12208.

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Cheers to the New Year and new beginnings!

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## Checking in with Spencer & Jake, big into crypto

From front page

'digital gold' goes. It's like the name brand." He says it is more utilized as an investment than pushing to be an everyday tool.

But Spencer and Jake like a smaller crypto even better now. They said they majority of their stakes now lie in "XRP."

"When we made our initial investment, it was about \$.20," said Jake.

XRP is valued at around 60 cents.

Jake says, "It's easier to go from .60 to 1.20 than it is for Bitcoin at \$19,000 to go to \$38,000."

XRP's parent company is Ripple. Ripple's aim for XRP is "real world utility," says Jake, "but it's tip of the iceberg in terms of what they're working on. If they're able to capture a market share of international payments, that's trillions of dollars, or hundreds of billions of dollars."

Jake and Spencer have ridden crypto through both downs and ups.

"At this point," Jake says, "both of us are in position that we could cash out and play with house money...but to date, either of us, no." Spencer continues, "Only because we are still bullish in the long-term on cryptocurrency."

But they're not getting carried away.

"I have not yet quit my day job" said Jake, a quality engineer for Becton Dickinson (BD) in Queensbury.

"I still enjoy going to work everyday.

But, for me, it's a great source of income to continue to invest with....Investing is like a second job. I very much enjoy it, but you can't invest without money to invest."

Spencer said, "I have quit my day job at the airport, not because of cryptocurrency. I worked at the Warren County Airport for six years. [Then] I met Nic Ketter, and we decided to open up a real estate brokerage together. So I'm essentially doing that full time as of now."

Their business is Realize Brokers, a tech-driven real estate firm, situated at the Broad Street Plaza in Glens Falls. In an adjacent storefront, Spencer continues his thriving buying and selling of merchandise on the Internet via Amazon and eBay.

The guys say the public image of cryptocurrency is changing quickly.

"I think you're gonna see a rebrand, because right now cryptocurrency has a mysterious and potentially negative connotation to it," says Jake.

"Cryptocurrency is very unknown, sounds very cryptic — like, what actually is this?" Spencer agrees.

But now financial titans like Fidelity and Mass Mutual are taking an interest.

Jake says, "Already with Fidelity, it's Fidelity Digital Assets. 'Digital Asset,' I think, is gonna become the new buzzword. A rebrand-type thing. That changes what it looks like in the public view."

Spencer said, "We're definitely starting to see more and more adoption, every single day." He said Paypal and Square are opening to it and that Coinbase plans a Visa card that will allow users to spend crypto wherever Visa is accepted.

The Chronicle asked how cryptocurrency would begin to enter everyday life.

"Money transfer is the most obvious one," Jake said. "Being able to have that money instantaneously instead of three to five days is going to be a profound life changer for a lot of people. Or for example, instead of having the government mail out stimulus checks, they could instantly beam the money into your bank account."

Spencer said, "Our economy has started to turn into this gig economy.... With crypto to currency you can take this middleman, which is the bank, out of the picture."

As Bitcoin has risen, Spencer says, "We've noticed there's been some more of our friends and family very recently who have been asking us how to get involved."

"They're starting to want to get involved, very serious about it, probably trying to get a piece of the pie," Spencer laughed.

Jake added, "The funny thing is... a month ago, or a year ago, when it's a fire sale, nobody's interested."

Jake says that if people are thinking of investing in cryptocurrency, "I still think you should be very careful."

"Before you invest any money, learn about it. Buy books, hit up youtube. There's probably 10 million hours of cryptocurrency videos for free on the internet."

Spencer says, "You never want to invest more than you're willing to lose. It's very

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## Ian Mikutel aims to boost Covid vaccine acceptance with wristbands

**Chronicle Staff Writer Zander Frost writes:** Glens Falls High Class of 2006 grad Ian Mikutel, who is a principal product manager for Microsoft in Seattle, has launched a side project, Vacseen, hoping to raise acceptance of the coronavirus vaccine through blue silicone wristbands.

"The biggest issue with the vaccine is that it is invisible. We have to figure out ways to make it visible to gain momentum," Ian said. "It's the difference between the U.S. reaching herd immunity and not."

"Polling says people who are concerned about taking the vaccine, the way that they are more willing to do it is by seeing their personal circles, their families and friends do it."

He said the Centers for Disease Control provides stickers to show you've been vaccinated but "the sticker falls off or goes away when you change your clothes."

"We modeled the business after Nike's Livestrong cancer bands," Ian said. "We chose a wristband of silicon because it's a really scalable thing."

Ian, 32, launched the project with Greg Akselrod, a friend and former co-worker at Microsoft. "I'm always doing side projects and I keep up to date on the tech startup scene," Ian said. "And I do angel investing and I advise companies."

Their Kickstarter campaign started with a \$1,000 goal, but was at \$3,765 with 20 days left in the campaign.

Recognizing some people are wary of the vaccine, Ian says, "Folks are either on the fence in a wait and see mode or nervous. I understand, it's an unprecedented speed of vaccine development, but the data is clear."

He said that if people don't get vaccinated, "we're gonna be protracting this mess for many more months. There's a real human cost to that."

"That's so many months I can't fly back to Glens Falls and see my parents."

Info: VacSeen.org.

## Jake, Spencer, Bitcoin

*From previous page*

volatile, that's par for the course."

He says, "We've almost become numb with the volatility of the market."

Jake says, "You have to know enough about the cycle of it to have the faith that it's going to actually take off again. And maybe be a little bit of a degenerate."

Where will Bitcoin be in a year?

"I don't know!" said Jake. "I would like to know the answer to that."

"So would I!" added Spencer.

"You could be looking at a Bitcoin that has eclipsed its previous all time high," Jake said. "Or it could run out of steam early. People could be a little bit timid about the fact that it's approaching its all time high and could run out of enthusiasm."

"Before we go six months down the road, it depends on where we are one month down the road," he added.

Spencer laughed, adding, "I also do think we're gonna cruise through \$20,000."

Jake says, "I believe it's as good a time now as it was back then [in 2017] to be getting into crypto. I still firmly believe it's early. Even despite the fact that you're looking at almost \$20,000."

Jake also emphasized: "We're not financial advisors."

Subsequent to this interview, the price rose above \$20,000 for a Bitcoin.



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**Reply to 20 Questions: 'Even money Biden will not serve his 4 years'**

*From front page*  
**President** of the United States? Of course. Trump loves America; he will play as hard as he can until it's time to leave, and then he will leave.

**3. Who will win the Jan. 5 U.S. Senate run-offs in Georgia?** Republicans (if it's an honest election, not tainted by crowds of people from California who plan to move to Georgia to vote...)

**Note: Not all replies included; space is tight.**

**4. Will Joe Biden serve his full four-year term?** No. I will give you even money that he will be out in 6 months. His only purpose was to carry the unelectable Harris across the finish line; now the only remaining job is to get him out of the way. This is why the media are suddenly covering the Hunter scandal, which they actively censored prior to the election.

**5. Will Andrew Cuomo win a fourth term as Governor of New York in 2022?** Probably. There are enough fools in NYC to re-elect him. Unless he gets called to be AG or some other Federal role; we can only hope.

**7. Do you eat indoors at restaurants?** Sure, with adequate distancing.

**9. Will The Great Escape be open next summer?** Probably.

**10. Will the Saratoga Performing Arts Center be open next summer?** Probably.

**11. Will fans be able to attend Saratoga Racetrack next summer?** Probably.

**13. Will Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) challenge Chuck Schumer for the Democratic nomination for New York U.S. Senator in 2022?** Probably not. Of course, she's a "high-IQ fool," but I was gratified to see her comments regarding speculation that she might try for Speaker. Her comments were the first mature thing I have heard her say.

**14. Will Donald Trump run for President in 2024?** Don't know. He always surprises with unexpected actions; that has been part of his success. On one hand, he would be a strong candidate; on the other hand, he would be a very effective "king maker." And there are many excellent potential Republican candidates. Trump does owe it to the party to make a decision on this sooner, rather than later; perhaps by the end of 2021.

**15. Who will be the Democratic nominee for President in 2024?** Harris, the incumbent.

**19. What question do you wish I had asked?** "Are we being sold down the river to the CCP?" Answer — it's very possible; time will tell. (CCP is Chinese Communist Party)

**20. Will 2021 be a better year than 2020?** Difficult to say. Covid will be gone by mid-year. But the results of the "Harris-Biden" administration are hard to predict. Judging from the shrieking from Sanders and the rest of the Communists, the "old line" Democrats actually seem

to be holding their own right now. If that continues; and if Biden miraculously stays in office; and if the Republicans hold the Senate, then the next four years will be a rerun of the Carter administration. Basically: Nice guy; completely incompetent; things go generally downhill but no major disasters. On the other hand, if the Communists (Harris, Sanders, AOC, Warnock, Ossoff, Iger) get a grip, then we will be promptly sold down the river to the CCP; better start brushing up on your Mandarin.

Thanks again.  
— Tom DuBois, Keene, NY

**Another reader's view**

Hi Mark,

**3. Who will win the Jan. 5 U.S. Senate run-offs in Georgia?** Split

**4. Will Joe Biden serve his full four-year term?** No - he will either have a serious stroke or die

**5. Will Andrew Cuomo win a 4th term as Governor of New York in 2022?** No

**7. Do you eat indoors at restaurants?** No - I'm 75 with previous health issues.

**14. Will Donald Trump run for President in 2024?** No.

**15. Who will be the Democratic nominee for President in 2024?** A 50 y/o female of color - not Harris.


**16. Will the Buffalo Bills win the next Super Bowl?** A good chance,

**19. What question do you wish I'd asked?** Should Cuomo be held accountable for the nursing home deaths he caused?

**20. Will 2021 be a better year than 2020?** From a health standpoint yes, but politically I'm scared of the changes the Biden administration will make based on just a few of his potential picks for his cabinet.

— Ralph Wilson

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# Max: Credit 'Big Pharma' for the fast Covid vaccine

By Max Frost

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**Editor's note:** Max Frost is the former long-time *Chronicle* travel columnist who is now president and co-owns the recently launched the "Fast, Casual News" website rocanews.com. His parents are *The Chronicle's* Mark Frost and Sandra Hutchinson.

Everyone loves to hate Big Pharma, but the pharmaceutical companies' success in rapidly creating Covid vaccines shows that we should take the bashing with a grain of salt.

When the pandemic started last winter, analysts, writers and politicians seemed to agree on one thing: it would take a vaccine to end the pandemic, and attaining a vaccine was at least 12-18 months out.

Getting one by the end of the year, as President Trump had promised, would take a "miracle," the media often reported.

Now we have two FDA-approved Covid vaccines in the U.S. And it wasn't a miracle that created them.

It was the ingenuity, capital and profit motive of pharma companies, combined with the Trump Administration's Operation Warp Speed.

Creating a successful vaccine wasn't guaranteed, let alone to achieve it so quickly. The country owes a collective thank you to both the Administration and pharma industry for making this happen.

To be sure, there are still good reasons why many people distrust or dislike pharmaceutical companies. Purdue Pharma, for example, made billions aggressively peddling Oxycontin, paying kickbacks, lying about the drugs' potential for abuse. It arguably sparked the whole opiate crisis. With its guilty plea last month, the government is now taking over Purdue and using its revenue to help opioid addicts.

Then there's Martin Shkreli, the Pharma exec who in 2015 purchased an HIV drug and jacked the price up 5000%, from \$13.50 to \$750 a pill. He is now in prison for unrelated white-collar crimes.

Yet these exceptions stand out because

they are just that: exceptions.

In most cases, pharmaceutical companies are not up-charging for drugs because they are "evil," but because like all other companies, they need to make a profit.

Doing so in the pharmaceutical industry is particularly complex because of the nexus of regulations, rebates, insurance companies, patents, generics, price controls — the list goes on. Making a profit as a pharma company may be more complicated than just about any other industry.

Typically, pharmaceutical companies pump millions or billions of dollars into researching new drugs, most of which will never make it to market.

For the ones that do, companies have a limited period of patent protection, where they must make a large enough profit to cover costs of past research, failed drugs, and future investment, with large enough payouts for investors and employees to want to continue.

On top of this, consider that the U.S. subsidizes much of the rest of the world's medicines. We account for 15% of the global economy, but we produce over 42% of new drugs. Many countries import our drugs at cut rates and sell them at prices well-below those in the U.S. It's the companies' profits in the U.S. that make the drugs available.

None of this is to say we should avoid all pharmaceutical price regulations; I'm sure there are some that should exist.

But we should recognize that our pharmaceutical industry is innovative and results from a free-market. Cut-throat competition, scaling up, and aggressive growth have given us a remarkable pharmaceutical infrastructure.

That is why we now have Covid vaccines. It isn't just American companies we should celebrate. Pfizer created its vaccine with technology from BioNTech, an innovative Germany company.

Years of research and funding from the government and non-profits, like the Gates Foundation, helped create the technology companies are now using.

Operation Warp Speed set ambitious goals and spared few resources in achieving them. By guaranteeing purchases of vaccines ahead of approval, it limited pharma companies' risk and incentivized them to plow ahead.

You may be thinking, "These companies should not need a profit incentive to cure diseases, and they should not profit off of medicines." But scientists and business-people, just like all of us, are driven by personal interest.

Consider how hard it is to get people to wear masks and socially distance for the "common good." Would investors ever selflessly give companies billions of dollars to create medicines, most of which will likely never work?

What people and politicians have spent years bashing — the pharmaceutical industry's profit motive — is what is leading us out of the dark tunnel of Covid. Next time we complain about the costs, we should be sure to remember the benefits.

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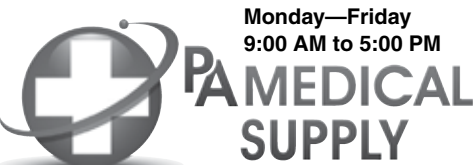
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# Ed Deso: I'm happy to cite sources; media withhold whole truth; Facebook tilted its vote push Democratic

**From front page**  
Times or Washington Post. People who may think they're smart, yet only get their information from these sources, often look silly when trying to talk about the issues.

Here's a small sampling from the Nevada lawsuit:

- 42,284 people voted twice.
- 20,000 voted without a verifiable Nevada mailing address.
- 2,468 voted having already moved to another state.
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yet the judge did not want to hear the case. More than enough illegal votes to swing this state to Trump. Similar, and even more shocking numbers are in play in the other swing states. Pennsylvania being the worst by far. And this is without bringing signature verification, Dominion or SmartMatic into the equation.

Obviously, the courts do not want to get involved in this issue. I can only surmise they don't want to see a repeat of this summer's "peaceful protests" that would result from overturning.

Polls after the election show 14% of Democrats wouldn't have voted for Biden if they knew about his son Hunter's laptop and business dealings. That story was censored by news orgs and social media before the election. If people didn't know about Hunter's laptop, then they certainly haven't heard about Dr. Keith Ablow's laptop. Or of Hunter's business partner, Tony Bobulinski.

Did Democrats know before they voted that there are multiple federal investigations currently ongoing into members of the Biden family? Probably not.

And I was especially surprised to see that someone contacted *The Chronicle* regarding my use of "lying, dog-faced pony soldier." How insulated from reality do you have to be not to have heard Biden say that? And please everyone, watch the video of him. He was not joking with that young woman.

And what about Mark Zuckerberg? He spent at least \$350-million on get-out-the-vote campaigns and his special ballot drop boxes. Did you know that in PA, if you lived in an area that reliably voted for Democrats, boxes were placed one for every 4 square miles? That means within walking distance.

If, however, you lived in an area that

## 'Nauseated' by Stefanik election lawsuit stance

**From front page**  
ing, in this case, the Texas AG, have sought repeatedly to circumvent the Constitution as it did not serve them and their goals in this election.

I do not fault them. They are doing what lawyers do, looking for ways to "bend" the written word. Time and time again, the courts have done their jobs and rejected these attempts.

Representative Stefanik's job, on the other hand, is to uphold the Constitution. She is either being misled or she is misleading her constituents. Neither is a bullet point to be added to her political resume.

— Mark Cusson, Fort Ann

## No Chronicle next week

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reliably voted Republican, there was one dropbox for every 1,100 square miles? A nice weekend drive to drop off your ballot. Equal Protection, anyone? Will he get charged with any election law violations?

Facebook also had a massive get-out-the-vote campaign through their site for democrats, yet if a conservative page went up to try to get-out-the-vote, it would get taken down or throttled. The Russians only dream they could interfere in our elections as much as the billionaire liberals did.

The media seems to believe if they don't report it, it didn't happen. Their bias shows as much in what they don't report as in what they do report. Reporters received Pulitzer Prizes for their articles on Russian collusion with Trump in 2016. Pulitzer Prizes for a fake story! Isn't it telling that these same reporters are ignoring the biggest story in their lifetime?

— Ed Deso, Moreau

## Bill Dow rebuts Deso

**From front page**  
involved. The heart of a man being a term for the righteousness of a mind.

I am, of course, speaking of Trump. His constant talk of Love for America being obviously "lip service." Which finally came to my attention, personally, as below.

Younger, called upon to serve America, I spent 4 years of my life in the Navy, two destroyers, South China Sea, early Vietnam. Trump, when called to serve, paid a doctor to say he had bone spurs on his heel, could not serve. Did not serve

Secondly, both you and I annually pay our Federal Taxes, giving our support to our American government. Trump, a billionaire, hires expensive accountants whose efforts enable him not to support America. You probably got as much in your back pocket as he contributes annually to our governments functioning.

I have come to liken Trump to a black hole in our universe. You do the man's bidding and you are allowed your twinkling orbit. You evoke his displeasure and your ass is fired, you disappear (unless, of course, you then write a book).

With respect to the accusation of voter fraud in the just past election. Some forty Jurists (twice the Supreme Court), all mostly Trump appointees, addressed these accusations and found not a single case of voter fraud.

Thus the only statistic here that counts, is real, is that Trump lost the election by seven (7) million American cast votes. A majority of folks just got fed up with the Trump administration's nonsense.

— William P. Dow, Lake George

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# Cathy creates 'Covid Globe' Awards to fete arts efforts that carry on...

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

In an arts year that could be remembered for near-total breakdown due to Coronavirus shutdowns, this community has offered much to celebrate

There needs to be a Covid equivalent of the Golden Globes to celebrate those who did their best to wrestle success from the jaws of disaster — innovators, pivoters, creative thinkers and community builders.

• **Covid Globe for setting the bar high to Caffe Lena** in Saratoga Springs. It pivoted instantly last March to the "Stay Home Sessions," a full schedule of mostly live streamed concerts of acoustic, traditional, jazz and world music that have drawn literally thousands of listeners and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, one viewer donation at a time. It's split between the performers and the Caffe itself. They've also shared their platform with non-profits and other groups, neighbor helping neighbor. It's gotta be exhausting to sustain, but director Sarah Craig and crew project nothing but enthusiasm.

• **Covid Globe for reassuring presence to Tony DeSare**, the international pianist-crooner from Hudson Falls whose touring schedule was instantly grounded by the pandemic. The next day Tony posted a song on his Facebook and YouTube channel. And the next day, and the next — nearly every day, a new song. Since the early days in March he's upgraded his tech equipment, occasionally hosted a special guest, eventually incorporated some socially distanced in-person concerts. Tony opens each post with a little intro chat, and ends each time with the the same warmly hopeful promise: "See you tomorrow."

• **Covid Globe for spunk to the tiny crew at the Charles Wood Theater.** Emily Murphy, Shelly Fairbanks and Eric Potter have thrown themselves enthusiastically, resourcefully, creatively at one small fund-raising, hope-driven project after another, from their shamelessly goofy submission in the Events to a T Karaoke contest to the "Frozen" themed winter-art kits with live instruction from "Elsa." Special thanks for hosting the *The Chronicle's* re-jiggered online book fair.

• **Covid Globe for dogged one-man showmanship to Chris Ristau.** He gets "Up and Running for the Arts," posting 5-10- even 13-mile runs to raise funds and awareness for the 13 organizations in the Glens Falls Arts District, all struggling with the shutdowns.

• **Covid Globe for ambitious chutzpah to Chad Rabinovitz** of the Adirondack Theatre Festival. He threw all his signature creativity, enthusiasm and slightly crazy showmanship at pandemic programming — literally thinking "outside the box" with a series of live-streaming, audience participation online theatrical events. Each comes with a mailed box of props to enhance the online experience. He reimagined the October Adirondack Film Festival also as an online event, again with a box of

props, but also with high-quality streaming production values and, curated by Jess Levandosky, a roster of truly great movies.

• **Second Covid Globe to Mr. Rabinovitz for neighborliness**, sharing resources — like the streaming platform ATF purchased to run the Film Festival — in support of other organizations' pandemic programming, including the Glens Falls Symphony and the Wood Theater.

• **Covid Globe to The Park Theater** for screen success, a mini season of movie-themed events, online and in person.

• **Covid Globe to the Strand Theatre** in Hudson Falls and to director Jonathan Newell for indomitable spirit. The "little engine that could" continues to put out a constant, compelling and varied schedule of live-streaming concerts — now including some in-person audience as well.

• **Covid Globe to video maven Stephanie Revely** of UpSt8 Music Fan Zone, who makes the Strand's streaming happen.

• **Covid Globe to Alexander Lombard and his Lake George Music Festival.** The most fun I had this year may have been their drive-in classical music weekend. Oh, it was cold, but man, it was real! The image of those musicians on the stage of the Festival Commons in Lake George, fingers freezing while they made music, speaks to the indomitable spirit of musicians everywhere. Mr. Lombard has already promised a full season somehow next summer, to mark the 10th anniversary that should have been celebrated in 2020.

• **Covid Globe for thinking big to Letizia Mastrantoni** of Events to a T for her walk-through **Holiday Festival of Lights** display at the Festival Commons in Lake George. An instant hit, it's likely a new tradition and can only grow.

• **Covid Globe to the Glens Falls Collaborative** for community spirit. The Halloween house tour and current Holiday decorations contest kept the flame alive on community celebrations that might otherwise not have happened.

• **Covid Globe for figuring it out to the Shirt Factory and owner Eric Unkauf** for finding a socially distant way to keep Thursday food truck corrals going.

• **Covid Globe for fresh air excellence to Music From Salem** for its "Garage Lawn Concerts," to **Hubbard Hall** for its outdoor Shakespeare, and to **Home Made Theater** for its several outdoor theatrical productions, each showing that's a challenge, but yes, it can be done.

• **Covid Globe for finally getting there, with flair, to the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra and Adirondack Voices** community chorus. Both crushed it with truly excellent online streaming pre-recorded musical performances offered up just this month.

**Honorable mention to The Glens Falls Community Theater**, which just launched a series of charming holiday season performances by company members this month, via Facebook.

• **Covid Globe for keeping their spirits up to all the bands and gig musicians** who've been robbed by Covid of the opportunity to perform. May they soon be allowed back on stage.

Going to events for a living, I desperately miss the music, the theater, the art exhibits, the dance. More than this, I miss the lobby. I miss seeing everyone in our close-knit community of artists, presenters, art supporters and appreciators. **Covid Globe to us all** for keeping the spirit alive, for wearing our masks and connecting creatively while steering clear — until we can come together once again, in safety.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Supporting piece
  - 5. Barrel and beavertail
  - 10. Devour
  - 15. Stew meat
  - 19. Yamuna river city
  - 20. "Bis" (in music)
  - 21. Stun gun
  - 22. Terra --
  - 23. Conceited fellow
  - 25. Mob rule
  - 27. Tending to stick
  - 28. Sea lion
  - 30. Lesions
  - 31. Precise
  - 32. Full-page illustration
  - 33. Before long
  - 34. Hair dressing
  - 37. Urge gently
  - 38. Leave unnoticed: 2 wds.
  - 42. Humble
  - 43. Glowing at night
  - 46. -- Jima
  - 47. Saucy
  - 48. Department
  - 49. In the company of
  - 50. One of 50: Abbr.
  - 51. Masc. title
  - 52. Searches, as data
  - 53. Plug in a cask
  - 54. Key personnel
  - 55. Retinues anagram
  - 57. Place
  - 58. Tears
  - 59. Greek letters
  - 60. Schoolroom essential
  - 61. Downhill racer
  - 62. Hie
  - 64. Tarries
  - 65. Fuse
  - 68. Golden- -- (retirees)
  - 69. Make an ice sculpture
  - 70. Unlikely tale
  - 71. Man in Valhalla
  - 72. Memory only
  - 73. Carried
  - 74. Got along
  - 75. Shuttlecock
  - 76. Cable channel
  - 77. Bearded vulture
  - 79. Gamut
  - 80. Scene spoilers
  - 82. Sculling items
  - 83. Text entry-point indicator
  - 84. Balls
  - 85. Ward off
  - 87. The high sea
  - 88. Subtlety
  - 91. City on the Rhine
  - 92. Hemp genus
  - 96. Smelling like garlic
  - 98. Blushing
  - 100. Abbr. in grammar
  - 101. Serviceable
  - 102. Cavalry weapon
  - 103. "Arsenic and Old --"
  - 104. OT. name
  - 105. Brilliance
  - 106. Signets
  - 107. Coup d'--
- DOWN**
- 1. -- California
  - 2. Cousin to "zounds!"
  - 3. Chief
  - 4. Post for mooring
  - 5. Vampire tooth
  - 6. Desert plant
  - 7. Promontory
  - 8. Cravat
  - 9. Expose to sunlight
  - 10. Ermine
  - 11. Pearly material
  - 12. Pale
  - 13. Kinsman: Abbr.
  - 14. Showing pique
  - 15. Chief Vedic god
  - 16. Ardor
  - 17. Start of a juvenile rhyme
  - 18. Places
  - 24. Stage whisper
  - 26. Take over
  - 29. Move to a gate
  - 32. Hocus- --
  - 33. Coeur d'--
  - 34. School assignment
  - 35. Too big
  - 36. Sheer fabric
  - 37. Markers in a road
  - 38. Chide
  - 39. Counterclockwise
  - 40. Give
  - 41. Stable gear
  - 43. Hawaiian geese
  - 44. Feature of some garments
  - 45. Inuit boat
  - 48. Giant god
  - 50. Wraparound garment
  - 52. Tiny creatures
  - 53. Condition
  - 54. Where Valparaiso is
  - 56. -- Dame, Indiana
  - 57. Shake
  - 58. Old Scandinavian poet
  - 60. Chili con --
  - 61. Like a judge
  - 62. Writer Bret --
  - 63. Torment
  - 64. Puts on the fire
  - 65. Concerns
  - 66. Items shipped
  - 67. -- statesman
  - 69. Arrives
  - 70. Winged creature
  - 73. Backyard event
  - 74. Stouthearted
  - 75. -- goose
  - 77. Spanish poet
  - 78. Triangular cloth
  - 79. Pompeii attraction
  - 81. Acoustics
  - 83. Weavers
  - 85. Prentiss or Poundstone
  - 86. Plus
  - 87. Mike Motley's wife
  - 88. Specify
  - 89. -- Bator
  - 90. And
  - 91. Recipe direction
  - 92. Actor Gooding Jr.
  - 93. Thrash
  - 94. Quechuan
  - 95. "Let it stand!"
  - 97. Catchall abbr.
  - 99. "Norma --"

# ARTS & EVENTS CALENDAR

By Cathy DeDe • Send your listings to arts@loneoak.com. • 792-1126

**KIDS & FAMILIES**  
 \***DROP-OFF DAY**, World Awareness Children's Museum, Glens Falls (793-2773). In-person kid-friendly themed activities, crafts, games, museum exploration. For ages 3-up. Come for all or part of the day. \$40, \$30 half day, discounts for members. Limited spaces; call to register. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also Dec. 24.

**LIFE STAGES OF A THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE**, National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame, Union St., Saratoga Springs (Via YouTube Channel: 584-0400). Virtual weekly program for ages 8-9. Free. New "stage" debuts today, then available thereafter.

**BENEFITS**  
 \***RESCUE CHRISTMAS! STREAMING SALVATION ARMY**, Salvation Army of Glens Falls (leo.loyd@use.salvationarmy.org). Virtual telethon featuring performances by area singers, dancers, comedians, etc, plus Santa and a special online appearance by Hudson Falls native **Tony DeSare**. Hosted by DJ Mike DuBry and Salvation Army Major Leo Lloyd. There's still time to email videos for the show. Use the address above. 6 p.m.-on.

**HOLIDAY**  
**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany (www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com). Massive drive-through light displays to benefit Police Athletic League. Advance tickets required. Food vendors, letters to Santa drop-off along the route. Purchase six via Website. \$25/car, more for larger vehicles. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Nightly to Jan. 3.

**FOOD**  
**FARMERS' MARKET**, Wilton Mall, Rte. 50, Saratoga Springs (saratogafarmersmarket.org). See Web for vendors, pre-order and social distancing info. Also, League of Women Voters voting info booth. 3-6 p.m.

**THEATER**  
**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake (www.pendragontheatre.org). Lively virtual variety show. \$14 for live stream including live "lobby" experience, or \$20 for on-demand 24-hour link. "Doors" at 6:30, show at 7 p.m. See Dec. 18.

**MUSIC**  
 \***GOLDEN ERA RECORDED MUSIC PROJECT**, By Sally Strasser of The Listening Room, via Zoom (sallystrasser@verizon.net). Live streaming listening party featuring original vinyl LP records, with discussion. Email for the playlist and Zoom link. Free. 7 p.m.

**BLUES NIGHT WITH SARATOGA ACOUSTIC BLUES SOCIETY**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Live streaming group show. Links at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. 7 p.m.

\***LIVE FROM THE STRAND: CAPITAL ZEN**, UpSt8 Music Fan Zone at The Strand Theatre, Hudson Falls (via Facebook Live, YouTube or www.myststrandtheater.org). Virtual concert by regional indie rock jam band. Also, Turntable Java Shop open for livestream viewing and limited onsite seating. Masks required. Donations accepted for artists. 7:30 p.m.

**BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA CHRISTMAS SHOW**, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall (Troy Music hall.org). Live streaming digital event. Purchase in advance for concert link. \$18-\$158, with options for CDs, livestreamed VIP events and other add-ons. 9 p.m.

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**HOLIDAY**  
 \***CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING VIRTUAL ROAD MARCH**, Organized by SFC (Ret.) Arthur Coon (378-9518, or 10 Nathan St., Queensbury N.Y. 12804). March on your own, typically 4-mile trek in Glens Falls or at a location of your choosing, to honor military members who are deployed during the holidays. Drop care package donations for soldiers or send cash donations for postage to the address above. See the Road March Facebook for updates, to register, and to post your Road March pictures. 9 a.m. or at a time of your choosing.

\***LARAC HOLIDAY SHOP HOLIDAY PARTY**, Lapham Gallery, Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, Glens Falls (798-1144 or www.larac.org). Gift items by area artists and artisans. Final day today.

\***CHRISTMAS SANTA PARADE**, West Fort Ann (792-0161). Santa Claus leads annual parade of area fire trucks and emergency vehicles decked in holiday lights. Steps off from West Fort Ann Fire on Joe Green Rd., north on Hadlock Pond Rd. and around the pond, south on Copeland Pond Rd. to Rte. 149, then west to Hadlock Pond Rd. and firehouse. Note: Santa will not be leaving the float to hand out candy canes or take pictures this year (but there will be candy!). See Facebook for updates. 4:30 p.m.

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**Hand & Strader blood drive at Cool**

The 3rd annual blood drive **in memory of Ken Hand and Dave Strader** is set for **Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at the Cool Insuring Arena.

**Stephanie Hand** wrote on Facebook, "I know that this year will look very different for our annual blood drive so it may be difficult for everyone to attend. However, if you do feel comfortable attending to donate blood in their memory, please make an appointment using the following link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive-advanced?zipSpons or=IMOHAND&STRADER=&errorParam=true>. This drive will be by appointment only — so no walk-ins just to keep everyone separated enough in between donation times."

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## More Dec. 24 events

**\*CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**, Harisena Church, Ridge Rd., Queensbury (792-1902 or www.harisena.org). "Join us in bringing Light into a world darkened by this pandemic." Public is invited to the church at any time during Festival hours to receive a luminary kit, assemble and place it on the front lawn. Social distancing enforced; no sustained gathering. Goal is to have 100 luminaries for Christmas day. 5-9 p.m.

**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany (www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com). Advance ticket required; purchase via Website. 6-9 p.m. See Dec. 23.

**MOVIES**  
**THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD**, Indian Lake Theatre (www.indianlaketheater.org or 648-5950). Biopic starring Dev Patel and Tilda Swinton. Rated PG. Limited seating available. Advance purchase suggested. \$7, \$5 child. 2 p.m. To Dec. 27.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**\*COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**, Christ Church United Methodist, Bay & Washington St., Glens Falls (669-3086). Pick-ups only this year. Warm Christmas breakfast. Free. 9-10 a.m.

**\*LAKE GEORGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**, Courtyard Marriott, 365 Canada St., Lake George (668-2613). Caldwell Presbyterian Church's annual traditional dinner is pick-up only. Advance reservations were required by Dec. 22. Food by The Inn at Erlowest. Pickups scheduled, 2-3 p.m.

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**KIDS & FAMILIES**  
**FAMILY HYDE CREATIVE CHALLENGE**, Hyde Collection, Glens Falls (www.HydeCollection.org). New weekly themed holiday activity posted online on Hyde YouTube channel, and available thereafter. Share creations on the Hyde Facebook and Instagram. Art kits available from Hyde (but not required). Free. To Jan. 1.

**HISTORY**  
**VIRTUAL PROGRAM: FROM THE GROUND UP**, Fort Ticonderoga (www.fortticonderoga.org). Brief, virtual talk on salt glaze stoneware, archaeologically uncovered at the Fort, via Facebook Live. See Web for link. Free. 1 p.m.

**\*GLENNS FALLS INDOOR FARMERS MARKET**, Cool Insuring Arena, downtown GF (Details, vendors list on Facebook or www.glensfallsfarmersmarket.com). Winter location. Hours extended: 8:30 a.m.-noon. First half hour is for senior citizens and health-compromised shoppers.

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**, Wilton Mall, Rte. 50, Saratoga Springs (saratogafarmersmarket.org). 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**HYDE COLLECTION**. Last chance visits before it closes on Pause until May 1. www.HydeCollection.org or 792-1761. Register in advance. Pay what you will. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Weekends to Jan. 3.

**WILD LIGHTS**, The Wild Center, Tupper Lake (www.WildCenter.org). Illuminated winter wonderland of lights along the pathways. Reservations required. \$10, \$5 youth. 5-7 p.m. Select dates to March 27.

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(com). Advance ticket required. 6-10 p.m. See Dec. 23.

**MOVIES**  
**THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD**, Indian Lake Theatre, Indian Lake (www.indianlaketheater.org or 648-5950). Dev Patel and Tilda Swinton. Limited seating available. Advance purchase suggested. \$7, \$5 child. 7 p.m. See Dec. 24.

**MUSIC**  
**GET UP JACK**, Parting Glass, Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs (www.viewarts.org). Live music. Reservations suggested. 6-9 p.m.

**\*CHARLIE SMITH BLUES BAND**, Hope for the Holidays Concert Series, Radio station WEQX, High Peaks Event Production and Rock N Roots (via High Peaks Event Production Facebook and YouTube pages). Donations accepted to benefit Save Our States and We Are Brewnited, supporting closed theaters and furloughed waitstaff during Covid. Weekly livestream concert goes live today and remains online through January. 8 p.m.

**BOXING DAY WITH THE RACQUETTE RIVER ROUNDERS**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Annual Boxing Day concert by guitarist Danny Gotham and singer-songwriter John Kribs, this year streaming live. Link at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. 8 p.m.

**ART**  
**HYDE COLLECTION**. Last chance visits. Weekends to Jan. 3. See Dec. 26.

**HOLIDAYS**  
**WILD LIGHTS**, The Wild Center, Tupper Lake (www.WildCenter.org). Illuminated winter wonderland of lights along the pathways. Reservations required. \$10, \$5 youth. 5-7 p.m. See Dec. 26.

**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Albany. See Dec. 23.

**SPORTS**  
**\*UP AND RUNNING FOR THE ARTS** (Facebook or www.upandrunningforthearts.com). Weekly run-it-yourself challenge, to benefit members of GF Arts District. Run any time today or this week.

**MOVIES**  
**THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD**, Indian Lake Theatre. 2 p.m. See Dec. 24.

**THEATER**  
**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake (www.pendragontheatre.org). Lively virtual variety show, by Pendragon adult and child performers. \$14 for live stream including live "lobby" experience, or \$20 for on-demand 24-hour link. Doors at 6:30, show at 7 p.m. To Dec. 31.

**MUSICIANS OF MA'ALWYCK**, First Reformed Church of Schenectady (musiciansofmaalwyck.org). Weekly live streamed chamber concert via YouTube. Programs vary. 3 p.m.

**RADIO PRO MUSICA**, Albany Pro Musica Chorus (albanypromusica.org, WMHT 89.1 FM Radio). Weekly choral music and commentary by artistic director José Daniel Flores-Caraballo and Rex Smith. 5 p.m.

**KIDS & FAMILIES**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE KIT PICK UP DAY**, Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs (584-5540 or www.cmsny.org, or email to education@cmsny.org). Call in advance to sign up for New Year's eve event; today is the day to get your package of materials. Hands-on winter-themed crafts and science activities. \$15. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany (www.albanycapitalholidaylights.

com). Advance tax required; purchase via Website. 6-9 p.m. See Dec. 23.

**THEATER**

**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake. See Dec. 27.

**MUSIC**

**RICK'S PICKS: RANDALL MAUGER & MAURIZIO**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Live streaming showcase features local musicians, with Rick Bolton. Link at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. 7 p.m.

**KIDS & FAMILIES**

**VIRTUAL STORY TIME!**, Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs (www.cmssny.org, email to education@cmssny.org). 10:30 a.m.

**HOLIDAYS**

**WILD LIGHTS**, The Wild Center, Tupper Lake. See Dec. 26.

**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Albany. See Dec. 23.

**BOOKS, TALKS**

**WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS: EMOTIONAL HISTORIANS**, Adirondack Center for Writing, Saranac Lake (bit.ly/acwunmute). "Unmute Yourself" free series. See web address for the Zoom link. Today: "Chasing the Image," with José Olivarez. Free. 7-9 p.m.

**THEATER**

**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake. See Dec. 27.

**KIDS & FAMILIES**

**LOOK ALIKES: LOOK & LEARN FAMILY FRIENDLY ART BREAK**, Albany Institute of History & Art (463-4478 www.albanyinstitute.org). Live streaming virtual program by museum educator on Joan Steiner's "Look Alikes" dioramas, from the popular book series (and on display in person at the museum this season). Advance registration required. Suggested donation: \$10. 1 p.m.

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**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany (www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com). Advance tax required; purchase via Website. 6-9 p.m. See Dec. 23.

**Warren County Real Estate Transactions, Dec. 11-16, 2020**

Seller	Buyer	Amount	Location	Filed
Sherry M. Ackerman-McDermott	Alex & Jennifer Bogda	\$32,900	Thurman, Cameron Road	Dec. 11
Steven & Laurie Smead	Martin Deslauriers	\$435,000	Queensbury, 96 Burnt Hills Dr.	Dec. 11
Anthony W. Besthoff, Jr., & Rebecca N.T. Besthoff	Jessica Curtis Johnson	\$599,000	Horicon, 675 Valentine Rd.	Dec. 11
Kristilyn Breault	Jacqueline Hottte	\$164,600	Queensbury, 21 Queen Ann Ct.	Dec. 14
The Shirley E. Bankert Trust	Taylor Sarsfield	\$159,427	Johnsburg, 218 Park Rd.	Dec. 14
George B. Studnicky IV	Logan A. Hayes, Colt Ovitt, & Douglas H. Morehouse	\$93,000	Johnsburg, 2692 Garnet Lake Rd.	Dec. 14
Ronald S. & Sylwia R. Bauer	Jeffrey R. Hoffer, Jr., & Brittany A. Hoffer	\$259,000	Queensbury, 10 Wintergreen Rd.	Dec. 14
Estate of Annis L. Clute	James A. & Denise M. Bradshaw	\$175,000	Lake Luzerne, 27 Clute Dr.	Dec. 14
Rainer Kopp, Richard P. Strebel, Monica S. LaPorta, & Robert Strebel	John Casabonne	\$13,500	Chester, Byrd Pond Road	Dec. 14
Damian J. Tyler & Shannon J. Tyler (f.k.a. Shannon J. Vaughn)	Paige Eaglestone	\$182,000	Glens Falls, 2 Mauro Ave.	Dec. 14
U.S. Bank NA, trustee	REO Home Services, LLC	\$124,000	Warrensburg, 3885 Main St.	Dec. 14
Diana Lentini Cowles (f/n/a Diana Lentini)	JPGross Properties, LLC	\$325,000	Queensbury, 67 Palmer Ave.	Dec. 14
Clute Enterprises, Inc.	Diane Moore Jones & Robert J. Jones	\$191,900	Glens Falls, Parkview Street	Dec. 14
Ruby Mountain Holdings, LLC	Warren County	\$100	Johnsburg, portion of 647 13th Lake Rd.	Dec. 15
Carl W. & Sandra J. Sgambati	Eutierria LLC	\$115,000	Hague, 981 New Hague Rd.	Dec. 15
Jacqueline V. Avignon & Jennifer V. Sausville	The Philip and Kirsten Beckler Revocable Trust	\$405,000	Chester, 16 Lake View Ln.	Dec. 16
David & Laura Saffer	Eric & Sara M. Pooler	\$64,000	Bolton, 28.72 acres on Wall Street	Dec. 16
Pam Ladd	Austin & Isabella C. Demarsh	\$267,000	Warrensburg, 2148 Harrington Hill Rd.	Dec. 16
Warren County	Joseph P. & Kathleen F. Murphy	\$21,000	Horicon, 4.3 acres on Grassville Road	Dec. 16
Paul A. Karins	Neil & Josephine Brown	\$435,000	Queensbury, 63 Wincoma Dr.	Dec. 16
George E. Green II, & Janie C. Green	Bogdan & Alyson M. Popa	\$275,000	Lake George, 194 Middle Rd.	Dec. 16
George F. Braynack	Mark R. & Maureen E. Watson	\$72,000	Chester, Alder Brook Road	Dec. 16
Philip M. & Stormi LaFlamme	Michael J. & Christine E. Habshi	\$53,000	Queensbury, 385 Big Boom Rd.	Dec. 16
Gipson Vacation Rentals, LLC	Michael & la Denzer	\$464,000	Lake George, 38 Michelli Rd.	Dec. 16
William H. & Regina Shaw	Ron Rawson	\$64,000	Warrensburg, 26 Rays Rd.	Dec. 16
Keith Wilkinson & Donald Butler, DBA Adirondack New Homes	William & Susan Schloss	\$35,000	Chester, 29 Little Pond Rd.	Dec. 16
Go America, LLC	Robert E. Larkin, Jr., & Storme Larkin	\$29,900	Thurman, 772 Zaltz Rd.	Dec. 16
Jeffrey P. & Dale M. Williams	John E. & Pamela Danek	\$230,000	Johnsburg, 132 Crane Mountain Rd.	Dec. 16
John & Elizabeth Van Gelder	Howard J. Carswell & Julia M. Sankey	\$260,000	Lake Luzerne, 377 E. River Dr.	Dec. 16
The Penna Family Irrevocable Trust u/a/d 7/31/2014	Stephen & Ryan Krampert	\$785,000	Bolton, 21 Timlo Loop	Dec. 16

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**Washington County Real Estate Transactions, Dec. 10-18, 2020**

Seller	Buyer	Amount	Location	Filed
Harry Knapp	Justin Kirchberger, Rachel Kirchberger	\$1,500	Fort Edward, 13 West Summit Street	Dec. 10
Diana Tully, Dawn Macdugall, Judy Anderson	Star Emerson	\$127,500	White Creek, 7 Madison Ave.	Dec. 11
Robert Henke, Dina Henke	Michael Reynolds, Jill Reynolds, Trustees of the Blak Lotus Revocable Trust	\$233,000	Argyle, 379 Miller Road	Dec. 11
Lynn Warner	Steven Forbes, Renee Forbes	\$134,000	Granville, 32 Honeysuckle Drive	Dec. 11
George Bouret	Jennifer Hall, Amanda Hall	\$157,940	Hebron, 7676 State Route 22	Dec. 11
Jacqueline Pelky, Melinda Pelky	Daniel Francis	\$129,320	Kingsbury, 16-18 Weston Ave.	Dec. 11
Linda Obrien	Noah Kapper, Edmund Kapper Jr., Kerri Kapper	\$195,000	Easton, 763 Brownell Road	Dec. 11
Dominick Giglio, Maryann Giglio	Christopher Robertson	\$258,000	Cambridge, 386 Center Cambridge Road	Dec. 11
Michael Trackey, Anne Carpenter	Jaime Lee Dickinson, Misty Dickinson	\$125,000	Fort Edward, 53 Seminary Street	Dec. 11
Cooke's Letters LLC, William Cooke	Hilst Dermit Investment Group LLC	\$447,595	Salem, 12 West Broadway	Dec. 11
Vivian Granato	Maude White	\$110,000	White Creek, 16 & 18 North Union Street	Dec. 14
Stephen Butz	Jordan Berger, Kean Mcilvaine	\$328,500	Salem, 182 Eagleville Road	Dec. 14
Dean Polis, Dawne Polis	Jeffrey Carlson, Kathleen Holliday	\$425,000	Salem, 197 Rich Road	Dec. 14
Sarah Jamison, Executrix	Zachary Jennings	\$141,400	Greenwich, 29 Corliss Avenue	Dec. 14
Kyle Eastman	Holly Coster, John Merriam	\$156,000	Salem, 348 Rexleigh Road	Dec. 14
Michael Graham, Donna Graham	Mark Bailey, Karen Bailey	\$282,500	Kingsbury, 32 Pleasantview Drive	Dec. 14
Jon Daniel Karl, Executor	Jones Property Ventures LLC	\$33,900	Easton, 551 County Road 54	Dec. 14
Palmer Victoria Sosa	Joel Aubrey, Holly Aubrey	\$140,000	Granville, 20 Mettowee Street	Dec. 14
Ronald Sokol, Linda Sokol	Kevin Parker, Tammy Parker	\$8,000	Granville, State Route 149	Dec. 15
Brian Castle	Jakob Izo	\$302,500	Easton, 256 County Route 54	Dec. 15
Doran Pratt, Yvonne Pratt	Kayla Smith	\$10,000	Hampton, Hillis Pond Road	Dec. 15
Zeyna Properties LLC	Leaflet Holdings LLC	\$32,000	Kingsbury, 88-90 Main Street	Dec. 15
Brian Leighton Sr., Gail Leighton	Chad Crawford, Michelle Crawford	\$129,000	Dresden, 207 Dresden Hill Road	Dec. 15
Brendan Leavey, Marie Leavey	Evan Vengen, Joseph Vengen	\$324,500	Hebron, 379 Little Burch Hill Road	Dec. 15
Jonathan Ashdown	Laura Rogers, Christopher Rogers	\$146,260	Fort Edward, 189 Blodgett Road	Dec. 16
Wayne Busby, Susan Busby	Richard Milne	\$39,000	Putnam, 42 Fernwood Way	Dec. 16
Michael Murray	Margaret Brownell, Scott Brownell	\$46,000	Cambridge, 00 County Route 59	Dec. 16
JP Gross Properties LLC	Lark Properties LLC	\$200,000	Fort Edward, 22 Sullivan Parkway	Dec. 16
Francis Wade, Margaret Wade	George Pritchard, Kimberly Pritchard	\$45,000	Whitehall, 37 Wade Road	Dec. 18
Donetta Ann Morse, Executrix	Donald Fuller	\$80,000	Granville, 153 Hicks Road	Dec. 18
JP Walter Holdings LLC	Francisco Clavijo, Sandra Clavijo	\$215,000	Putnam, 408 Link Way	Dec. 18
Susan Dalbey	Daniel Lashinsky, Rachel Lashinsky	\$110,000	Kingsbury, 8 Delaware Avenue	Dec. 18
Frank Santaniello	Christine Winglet	\$125,000	White Creek, 1243 County Route 68	Dec. 18

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**SALES & SUCH**  
**CAPITAL TRACTOR YEAR-END AUCTION**, Washington County Fairgrounds, Rte. 29, Greenwich (www.lyonauction.com or 315-633-2944; also see www.WashingtonCountyFair.com). In-person event. Masks required. Late model New Holland, Cat, John Deere, Komatsu construction equipment, trucks, trailers, attachments, support equipment. By Lyon Auction; see Website for details. 9:30 a.m.

**THEATER**  
**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pentragon Theatre, Saranac Lake (www.pentragontheatre.org). Lively, virtual variety show. \$14 for live stream including live "lobby" experience, or \$20 for on-demand 24-hour link. "Doors" at 6:30, show at 7 p.m. See Dec. 27.

**MUSIC**  
**\*GOLDEN ERA RECORDED MUSIC PROJECT**, By Sally Strasser of The Listening Room, via Zoom (salstrasser@verizon.net). Live streaming listening party featuring original vinyl LP records, with discussion. Email for the playlist and Zoom link. Free. 7 p.m.

**AMERICA SINGS: BRANDIE SMITH**, Opera Saratoga at Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Soprano performs with pianist-composer Damien Sneed, both to debut with the opera co. this year. Series showcases artists from racial groups historically underrepresented on the concert stage. Donations benefit the artists and Opera Saratoga. 7 p.m.

**KIDS & FAMILIES**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE AROUND THE WORLD**, World Awareness Children's Museum, Glens Falls (www.793-2773 or online at www.WorldChildrensMuseum.org). In-person activities. Call or visit online to confirm, and for ticket info. 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ACTIVITIES**, by Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs (584-5540 or www.cmssny.org, or email to education@cmssny.org). Register in advance for \$15 package of themed, hands-on winter crafts and science activities to do on your own time. See Dec. 28 for kit pick up day.

**CANCELLED: FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATIONS**, in Saratoga Springs & Saranac Lake. Cancelled for 2021.

**HOLIDAYS**  
**WILD LIGHTS**, Tupper Lake. See Dec. 26.  
**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany. See Dec. 23.

**MOVIES**  
**AMMONITE**, Indian Lake Theater, Indian Lake (www.indianlaketheater.org or 648-5950). Saoirse Ronan and Kate Winslet in the story of an acclaimed paleontologist selling fossils to tourists whose life changes with a new job offer. Limited seating available. Advance purchase suggested. \$7, \$5 child. 2 p.m. To Jan. 3.

**COMEDY**  
**FIRST NIGHT OF FUNNY**, Standup Global, via numerous regional theaters (www.FirstNightOfFunny.com). New Year's Eve stand-up comedy show goes virtual, streaming live from Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on Roku, Amazon FireTV, Apple TV and other platforms. Audience mics are on, also. On stage: Ross Bennett, Steve Caouette, Jaye McBride and Mike Gaffney (many seen in recent years at Wood Theater). Portion of proceeds benefit Proctors, The Egg, Cohoes Music Hall and others. See Web for links, tickets, and benefit venue selections. \$20. 8 p.m.

**THEATER**  
**THE BEST HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL THAT NEVER AIRED**, Pentragon Theatre, Saranac Lake. Final night! See Dec. 27.

**MUSIC**  
**JOHN EISENHART**, Duffy's Tavern, Amherst St., Lake George (see Facebook page). Live music for an early New Year's Eve. 5-9 p.m.

**GET UP JACK**, Parting Glass, Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs (www.viewarts.org). Fun Irish music. Reservations suggested. 6-9 p.m.

**LUCINDA WILLIAMS: IT'S ONLY ROCK AND ROLL**, via The Egg, Albany (www.theegg.org). "Lu's Jukebox" in-studio virtual concert series concludes with a tribute to the Rolling Stones. \$20, \$25 with digital audio download, \$30 with mailed CD or \$40 with mailed vinyl LP. 8 p.m.

**FAMILY HYDE CREATIVE CHALLENGE**, Hyde Collection, Glens Falls (www.HydeCollection.org). New weekly themed holiday activity posted online on Hyde YouTube channel, and available thereafter. Share your creations on Hyde Facebook & Instagram. Art kits available from the museum (but not required). Free. To Jan. 1.

**CANCELLED: BIG A'S 5K**, Glens Falls High School, Quade St. (798-0345). Benefit for Jeff Aurelia Scholarship Fund. CANCELLED FOR 2021.

**CANCELLED: LAKE GEORGE POLAR PLUNGE**, Shepard Park Beach, LG Village (668-5323). CANCELLED FOR 2021.

**FIRST DAY ACTIVITIES**  
**FIRST DAY HIKE**, Prospect Mountain, from Smith St. trailhead, Lake George Village (benjamin.thomas@dec.ny.gov, or call 623-1268). 1.5-mile hike led by NYS DEC. Free. Register for Covid protocols and to be notified in case it is cancelled. Free. 10 a.m.

**FIRST DAY HIKE**, Moreau Lake State Park (793-0511). Easy 2.5 to 3-mile guided hike on the nature trail around Moreau Lake. Social distancing required. \$2, \$1 children and seniors. Call to register, for Covid protocols and in case of cancellation. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. outings.

**FIRST DAY HIKE**, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs (584-2535). Guided moderate hike or snowshoe to view mineral springs and other park features. Some snowshoes available. Free, but call to register, for Social Distancing protocols and cancellation info. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. outings, or hike on your own. To Jan. 3.

**FIRST DAY HIKE**, Adirondack Interpretive Center, Newcomb (582-2000). Call to register, to confirm, and for Covid protocols. 10 a.m.

**RUN INTO 2021 NEW YEARS DAY VIRTUAL 5K**, Saratoga Springs (584-3255 or www.saratoga.org). To benefit Saratoga County Foundation's Save Our Locals efforts and Healthy Saratoga. See website for suggest-

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**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Washington Park, Albany. See Dec. 23.

**MOVIES**  
**AMMONITE**, Indian Lake Theater. See Dec. 31.

**MUSIC**  
**ALBANY SYMPHONY RADIO HOUR**, Albany Symphony Orchestra (on wmnt.org/classical or 89.1FM). Re-broadcast of ASO concerts on WMHT radio. Free. 6 p.m.

**HOLIDAYS**  
**WILD LIGHTS**, The Wild Center, Tupper Lake. See Dec. 26.

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**FIRST DAY HIKE**, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs (584-2535). Free, but call to register, for Social Distancing protocols and cancellation info. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. outings, or hike on your own. See Jan. 1.

**SPORTS**  
**SANTANONI SKI**, Great Camp Santanoni, Newcomb (www.adk.org; email to richsalz10@gmail.com to register). 9.8 miles on rolling woods road to late 19th century Great Camp. Must register. 9 a.m.

**ART**  
**HYDE COLLECTION**. Last chance visits. Weekends to Jan. 3. See Dec. 26.

**FOOD & FESTIVALS**  
**\*GLENNS FALLS INDOOR FARMERS MARKET**, Cool Insuring Arena, GF (Details, vendors list on Facebook or www.glennsfallsfarmersmarket.com). Winter location. Hours extended: 8:30 a.m.-noon. First half hour is for senior citizens and health-compromised shoppers.

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**, Wilton Mall, Rte. 50, Saratoga Springs (saratogafarmersmarket.org). 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**MOVIES**  
**AMMONITE**, Indian Lake Theater. See Dec. 31.

**MUSIC**  
**\*WILD ADRIATIC and LET'S BE LEONARD**, Hope for the Holidays Concert Series, Radio station WEQX, High Peaks Event Production and Rock N Roots (via High Peaks Event Production Facebook and YouTube pages). Donations accepted to benefit Save Our States and We Are Brewnited, supporting closed theaters and furloughed waitstaff during Covid. Weekly livestream concert goes live today and remains online through

January. 8 p.m.  
**STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Live viewing party of pre-recorded concert, with commentary by the artists. Link at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. 8 p.m.

**HOLIDAYS**  
**CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK**, Albany. See Dec. 23.

**FIRST DAY ACTIVITIES**  
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**SPORTS**  
**\*UP AND RUNNING FOR THE ARTS** (Facebook or www.upandrunningforthearts.com). Weekly run-it-yourself challenge, to benefit members of the GF Arts

District. Run any time today or this week.

**MOVIES**  
**AMMONITE**, Indian Lake Theater. See Dec. 31.

**MUSIC**  
**MUSICIANS OF MA'ALWYCK**, First Reformed Church of Schenectady (musiciansofmaalwyck.org). Weekly live streamed chamber concert via YouTube. Programs vary. 3 p.m.

**RADIO PRO MUSICA**, Albany Pro Musica Chorus (albanypromusica.org, WMHT 89.1 FM Radio). Weekly choral music and commentary by artistic director José Daniel Flores-Caraballo and Rex Smith. 5 p.m.

**MUSIC UNDEFEATED: WINTER REUNION**, Berkshire High Peaks Festival, Close Encounters with Music (www.berkshirehighpeaksmusic.org). See Web for full schedule, online by Jan. 1. Free. To Jan. 5.  
**BERNICE & MARIAH LEWIS**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Live streaming concert. Link at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. Check Web to confirm time.  
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**MUSICIANS OF MAALWYCK: BEETHOVEN'S 250TH**, WAMC's The Linda Performing Arts Studio, Albany (www.thelinda.org). "Open for Take-Out" virtual concert series on YouTube. This week acclaimed regional chamber music group performing early flute and violin sonata and 1820s transcription of popular Beethoven works by Anton Diabelli, among others. \$7 advance purchase comes with private link for the concert. 8 p.m.

**mon. jan. 4**

**KIDS & FAMILIES**  
**VIRTUAL STORY TIME!**, Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs (www.cmssny.org, email to education@cmssny.org). Check to confirm. 10:30 a.m.  
**BOOKS**  
**BOOKSELLER OFFICE HOURS**, Northshire Bookstore online (events@northshire.com or www.northshire.com). Live streaming recommendations and book talks by Northshire staff members Free, but register in advance via Website. 4-6 p.m.

**tues. jan. 5**

**MUSIC**  
**MUSIC UNDEFEATED: WINTER REUNION**, Berkshire High Peaks Festival. See Jan. 3.

**BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF KEN HAND & DAVE STRADER**, Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (1-800-RED CROSS or www.RedCrossBlood.org). Honoring local men who passed away from rare Bile Duct Cancer. Advance reservations required, for Covid protocols. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**wed. jan. 6**

**BOOKS & POETRY**  
**JULIA CLAIBORNE JOHNSON: BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME**, Northshire Bookstore online (events@northshire.com or www.northshire.com). Live streaming virtual event with best-selling novelist on her new book, presented by Harper Collins publishing, via Crowdcast. Free with advance book purchase. See Website. 7 p.m.  
**POETRY NIGHT**, Caffe Lena Stay Home Sessions (www.CaffeLena.org via YouTube). Live streaming reading by Judith Prest, Melody Davis and Alan Catlin. Link at Website. Donations benefit artists and Caffe. 7 p.m.

**MUSIC**  
**\*GOLDEN ERA RECORDED MUSIC PROJECT**, By Sally Strasser of The Listening Room, via Zoom (sallystrasser@verizon.net). Live streaming listening party featuring original vinyl LP records, with discussion. Email for the playlist and Zoom link. Free. 7 p.m.

**VIRTUAL SCIENCE EXPLORERS**, Children's Museum at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs (584-5540 or www.cmssny.org). Family fare. Check web to confirm. 10:30 a.m.

**thur. jan. 7**

**HOLIDAY FARE**  
**\*GF COLLABORATIVE HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR**, Glens Falls (www.glensfallscollaborative.com). Tour on our own time nearly 30 Glens Falls City homes & businesses decorated for the holiday. Vote for your favorite, and join the Scavenger Hunt to win prizes for your self. See website for map, scavenger hunt list, and to vote. Voting ends Wed., Dec. 30.  
**\*VIRTUAL STORYTIME WITH SANTA, TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS**, WAIT House of Glens Falls/Shelters of Saratoga (www.sheltersofsaratoga.org). Stories and singalong, online. Free, but donations accepted to benefit the two groups. Available online through Dec. 25.  
**\*COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS: VIRTUAL NATIVITY EXHIBITION**, Parks-Bentley House, 53 Ferry Boulevard, South Glens Falls (www.parksbentleyplace.org). Virtual exhibition of Nativity sets from around the world, online via the Website. Local residents invited to contribute images of their Nativity sets as well; email to parks-bentleyplace@gmail.com.  
**THEATER/MUSIC**  
**\*A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Wood Theater, Glens Falls (www.WoodTheater.org). New adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic, directed by Michael Arden (*Once On This Island* revival) and starring Jefferson

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**\*GLENNS FALLS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, Glens Falls (www.theglensfallssymphony.org/tickets). Newly pivoted 'Music that Heals & Inspires' season debuts. Concertmaster Michael Emery on Beethoven's Spring Sonata; Principal flute Yvonne Hansbrough on Charles-Marie Widor's Suite for flute and piano. Both with Michael Clement on piano. Pre-recorded at The Park Theater. Free! See Web to register & receive link, to Jan. 13.  
**\*GLENNS FALLS COMMUNITY THEATRE**, Glens Falls (via Facebook). See the group's Facebook page for postings of holiday music, skits and more by Community Theatre company members.  
**SARATOGA CHAMBER PLAYERS**, The Strand Theater, Hudson Falls (via Facebook, eventbrite or call 729-6163). Virtual live-recorded concert available on-demand beginning today. Violinist/director Jill Levy and cellist Ashley Bathgate perform Bach's Partita in D minor, Andrew Norman's Sabina, Kaija Saariaho's Aure, Ravel's Sonata for violin and cello. Includes pre-concert artists talk. Pay what you will. Available to Jan. 10.  
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Springs (www.homemadetheater.org). Actors Patrick and Mairin Quinn perform two-person version of the classic Charles Dickens tale, adapted and directed by Home Made Theater's Dianne O'Neill. Available as a virtual pay per view performance on-demand. \$15, purchase via Website. Streaming today through Dec. 31.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Theatre Institute at Sage (theatre.sage.edu). Live streaming version, adapted by Katie Pedro for Zoom performance, now available to stream in recorded form, through Jan. 6.

**Note! A week off**  
 After our annual **one-week hiatus**, we're **back on Thursday, January 7**, ready for 2021. See you next year!

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**ARTS NOTICES**

**Family Creative Challenge**, Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now to January 1, via social media, on Facebook or Instagram. Follow for weekly videos to inspire art-making for all ages, then share the creations with the museum community. Limited art kits available to pick up from the museum (but not required). Details on Social Media or www.HydeCollection.org.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Warren County Board of Supervisors**, committee meetings at Municipal Center, Queensbury, and via Facebook Live. Info: 761-7652 or see www.warrencountyny.gov. Tues., Dec. 19: **Local Development Corporation**, at 10:30 a.m. Mon., Jan. 4: **Cornell Cooperative Extension Organizational meeting**, at 6 p.m.

**SENIORS**

**Telehealth: What is it, and How Can You Make the Most of it?**, Thurs., Jan. 7, 2 p.m. Virtual zoom talk with Katy Cook of Adirondack Health Institute. Free. By The Conkling Center. Register: kharvish@theconklingcenter.org, or 793-1494.

**HEALTH**

**Red Cross Blood Drives**, Call to preregister: 800-RED-CROSS. Tues., Dec. 29: 1-6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Warrensburg. Wed., Dec. 30: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 333 Glen Street, CEO 'Distance Saves Lives' Drive hosted by Hudson River Community Credit Union.

**CITY OF GLENNS FALLS**, at City Hall, 42 Ridge St., unless otherwise noted. Also live streamed for the public on Glens Falls YouTube channel. Info: 761-3800 or www.cityofglensfalls.com. Tues., Jan. 5: **Planning Board** at 4:45 p.m.

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

**Core Strengthening & Cardiovascular Exercise**, Tues., Jan. 5, 2 p.m. Virtual Zoom class by The Conkling Center, with personal trainer Lexi Gordon. Also: **Gentle Yoga For Seniors**, Thurs., Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. Zoom class with Maureen Reilly. Both are free. Register: kharvish@theconklingcenter.org, or 793-1494.

**PARENTS & KIDS**

**Spread the Word, Not the Virus**, student filmmakers Public Service Announcement contest on COVID-19 theme, presented by AdkAction. Winner will receive \$1,000 prize and be showcased on TV at at Beyond the Peaks Student Film Festival in June. Deadline is January 15. Free to register. Info at www.adkaction.org/psa.

**Washington County Board of Supervisors**, committee meetings, Municipal Center in Fort Edward, and on YouTube. Info: www.washingtoncountyny.gov. Mon, Dec. 28: **Personnel** at 10 a.m.

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**Town of Queensbury**, meetings at Town Center, 742 Bay Rd., unless noted. Info: 761-8200. Fri., Jan. 1: **Town Board** at 11 a.m.

**Crandall Public Library**, Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Wed., Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m. Open to the public via live stream. www.crandalllibrary.org or 792-6508.

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In the Matter of the Application of THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY, Petitioner,

For an Order directing distribution of a sum deposited pursuant to § 304 of the Eminent Domain Procedural Law,

-against-

NASSAU HAVEN CO. INC, LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY WATER AUTHORITY OF WESTERN NASSAU COUNTY (a/k/a NASSAU COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY), TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD RECEIVER OF TAXES (a/k/a GARDEN CITY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT/GENERAL RECEIVER OF TAXES), THOMAS P. DINAPOLI, COMPTROLLER, AND LETITIA JAMES, NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL, Respondents.

LET NASSAU HAVEN CO. INC., who have or claim to have, a right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to the appropriated property (known as Section No. 33, Block No. 213, Lot No. 76) or the award therefore, appear before this Court at a term to be held at the Courthouse thereof, located at New York State Court of Claims, State Office Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York 11788 on the 20th day of January 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard on submission of papers, and present their claims or demands on account of such appropriations, and show cause why a final order of distribution should not be made awarding the funds on deposit in Eminent Domain Account W143644, and granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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# Moreau resident faults Todd Kusnierz & town board on Schermerhorn sand plan & 2nd Rec Park

Dear Mark:

Moreau's town government has a proud and deserved history and tradition of being a laughingstock, dating back even to the early 1980s when I covered the town as a local reporter. But the current dictatorial and buffoonish administration of Theodore Kusnierz proves that the laughs have turned into serious, unbridled, overt corruption.

This time, Emperor Kusnierz and his eunuchs posing as town board members have the unmitigated gall to simply ignore local, regional and state laws and regulations to ram through an illegal project to benefit a Republican crony developer.

I am purposely not enrolled in a political party because I take a dim view of "organized" politics and useless "me-only" politicians. I'm more interested in seeking that nearly extinct form of good, representative government.

This issue of Kusnierz' fault began at the Town Board's Nov. 24 meeting when he mentioned that Warren County-based developer and GOP stalwart Richard Schermerhorn wanted to mine and buy 25,000 yards of sand from Betar Recreational Park for his nearby construction project. He'd pay \$50,000 for it. Kusnierz revealed he approached Schermerhorn two years ago offering the sand, but Schermerhorn didn't need it at the time.

The board at its Dec. 7 meeting (ironically, the date of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor) doubled down with Kusnierz summarily proclaiming this would not be

a mining project, and the sale of sand to Schermerhorn and other potential parties means an urgently needed, second so-called "sports bowl" could be installed. The board even authorized the town attorney to draft project-related legal documents, thus triggering taxpayer-borne billable hours.

I urge everyone to listen to the online audio of the board's Nov. 24 and Dec. 7 meetings or read the online posted minutes to learn more.

My career and life experiences, including as a reporter and a state government employee, required me to become familiar with long-established local, regional and state laws and regulations applicable to all levels of government.

The willful or actual ignorance of any elected official on laws governing, in this case, the mining of a natural resource, is further proof how some people are unfit for elected office. No board member even requested legal advice from the town attorney, nor did she offer any.

Consider this: The Mined Reclamation Law defines a mine as "any excavation from which a mineral is to be produced for sale or exchange, or for commercial, industrial or municipal use," and includes roadways and equipment. A state DEC application and permit are required if "more than 1,000 tons or 750 cubic yards" of minerals, including sand, are to be removed.

It took me two minutes to find that rule on the DEC website.

Here are more legal requirements and potential violations if these requirements are not satisfied or addressed.

State Environmental Quality Review Act provisions

State Legislature approval to temporarily "abandon" state-designated park land Commercial use of state-designated, taxpayer-owned and protected park lands Issuance of required Request for Proposals (RFPs) allowing the public opportunities to bid on mining and/or purchasing the sand to achieve maximum revenue for the town

Government entities are banned from awarding one person or company with exclusive, privately negotiated contracts for services exceeding a certain amount of money

Absence of suitable roads that meet state guidelines and can withstand transport of heavily-laden dump trucks. Existing access roads pass through residential neighborhoods and an elementary school, as well as the entire distance through the park

Effect of mining on surface water, groundwater, aquifer, residential wells



Full moon	Last quarter	New moon	First quarter	Full moon
Dec. 29	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 28

Sunrise		Sunset	
Th.....	7:25 AM	.....	4:23 PM
F.....	7:25 AM	.....	4:24 PM
Sa.....	7:25 AM	.....	4:25 PM
Su.....	7:26 AM	.....	4:25 PM
M.....	7:26 AM	.....	4:26 PM
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and wildlife habitat

Air pollution potential from airborne sand, dust, heavy equipment exhaust fumes

Review and approval by town planning and zoning boards (e.g., is mining even allowed in a park and its designated district?)

Potential clear-cutting of trees and removal of natural vegetation and green space to construct a paved roadway that would have to be maintained by the town

Ignoring requirements for public hearings and ignoring public comments

Failure of the developer to provide documented hardship. Schermerhorn has provided no proof he needs the park sand and there are other existing, legal sand mining operations within driving distance. A resulting huge pit left that would endanger public safety. What are mitigation plans for restoring the park's aesthetics and safety?

All of this information and more was provided to the board, town clerk and town attorney before the Dec. 7 meeting. It was ignored and the meeting didn't allow for public comment via telephone, "Zoom"

# Derby Park redo final push: Raise \$400,000

"The old basketball nets have come down at Derby Park [in Hudson Falls] — the first sign of the once immensely popular park's \$1.8 million transformation into a newly revitalized community athletic complex and festival space," said a press release from the Derby Park Revitalization Committee.

"When the next ball swishes through the net, it will be part of the grand opening ceremony for the new Moran Derby Park, renamed in recognition of the \$500,000 donation from longtime local businessmen and philanthropists, brothers Brien and Mike Moran....All that's needed now is to raise the final \$400,000....**Tax-deductible donations of all sizes are welcome**" and can be mailed to Derby Park Fund, Glens Falls National Bank, ATTN: Erin McLaughlin, 3019 State Rt. 4, Hudson Falls, NY 12839.

or any other communication method. It's interesting to note that Schermerhorn was the sole developer who was "grandfathered" in during the town's recently expired one-year moratorium on multiple-family dwelling construction. His ethical conduct and recent court loss as documented in the local newspaper should raise questions about whether he's a legally qualified "responsible" bidder.

I filed a Freedom of Information Law request on Monday, Nov. 30 with the town clerk and supervisor for records detailing the past five years' use of the existing sports bowl by organized groups to determine the necessity of a second sports bowl. By organized, I mean groups that have rented the existing bowl for sports, festivals, cultural events, etc... Be aware the park closes at dusk and the existing bowl has no lights for evening events.

My own observations of the existing sports bowl's limited usage indicates that there is no need for a second sports bowl.

I've forwarded all this information in the form of complaints to pertinent state agencies responsible for regulation and enforcement of applicable statutes.

The points as I've presented have been reviewed informally by an attorney specializing in land use and municipal government law, who agrees with all of them.

If Kusnierz, board members and others proceed any further with this patently illegal scheme and waste of taxpayer resources, I will retain an attorney of my own to pursue the matter in court.

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A glitter with sparkle and colored balls

The star on top that seemed so tall.

The pink umbrella, and the blushing peach,

A brass horn we couldn't reach.

An old Santa light that I think still burns

And the candy canes that made us yearn.

The strings of tiny bells of gold

And delicate birds that we couldn't hold.

Hundreds of lights, green, blue and red

Made shadows on the angels over-head.

All this was reflected in the mirror quite near

The first glimpse was thought to last thru the year.

The gifts below all sorted and neat

Mine to the left, it was such a treat.

And the ones that were wrapped so pretty and gay

Were from friends and aunts who lived far away.

The white marble mantel where our stockings hung

Held gold coins and candles and boxes of fun.

The table that held all the cards in a row

And the desk nearby for the overflow.

Red satin bows on green laurel wreaths

Peeked thru the lace curtained windows so neat.

The mistletoe on the chandelier

And the skating scene that grew each year

For awhile there was a railroad train

That ran around the toys and games.

The red velour draperies were pulled aside

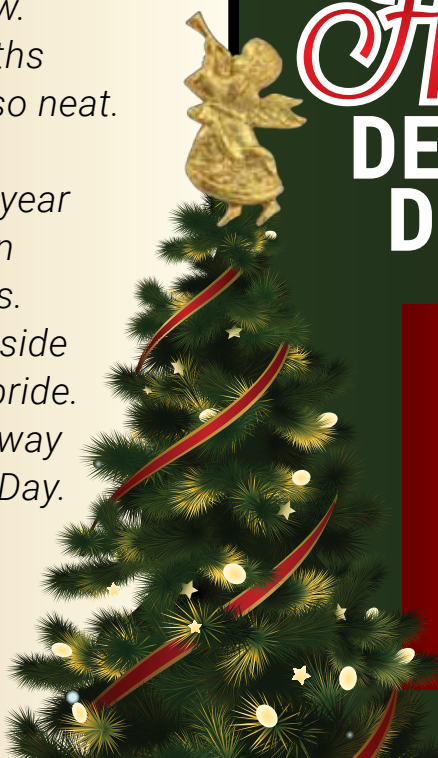
So those coming in could glance with pride.

All this was done while we dreamed away

Awaiting the magic of that Christmas Day.

When we were small.

Do you recall?



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