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## Hudson Falls builder; Lake George pastor

**By Meg Hagerty**  
Special to The Chronicle

After 45 years running Hudson Falls's Hilltop Construction Company, Tom Albrecht, 66, retired and swapped his title of CEO/President for Pastor of 147-year-old First United Methodist Church on Montcalm Street in Lake George.

Mr. Albrecht says he's answering a call "placed on his heart by God."

Hilltop, now led by his son, daughter and son-in-law, is known for building Stewart's Shops, stores, offices, warehouses, restaurants and homes.

Mr. Albrecht said the business set the stage for his becoming a pastor. "I looked at Hilltop as

**Tom Albrecht, post Hilltop redirects his mission**

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## JG3 talks biz, ball & camp

**By Zander Frost**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Joe Girard III, who led Glens Falls High School to state championships in basketball and football, is entering his senior year as Syracuse University's point guard.

He's been able to cash in on

the NCAA's new rules allowing athletes to profit from NIL (name, image, likeness).

"I don't know how many [deals] I have specifically," JG3 told *The Chronicle* via Zoom from a "team apartment," in Syracuse where he's training this summer.

He estimates his earnings in the "five digit range... maybe around \$30-, \$40- [thousand]."

"And that was before taxes. So you obviously get taxed too... That's a whole new world as well. Like I went from not even knowing what a tax was to having to pay them," he said.

**Joseph Girard III: Senior year at Syracuse; has earned \$30,000 plus from new 'NIL' rules; Aug. 20 camp, GF High**



Photo/Aileen Girard

When the NIL policy went into effect on July 1, 2021, "I started getting deals right then and there. There's been apparel deals, Cameo appearances, all that kind of stuff," he said.

One such perk? He can host camps. The next is the **JG3 Shooting Stars basketball clinic**, Saturday, August 20 at Glens Falls High School.

Cameo is a platform that allows celebrities to record personalized videos for fans, for a price. JG3 is available.

What's the strangest request he's gotten? "To say sorry to somebody's wife. I don't know what it was for. He just said

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## Calls GF mural plan 'embarrassing' & counter to intent

To the Editor:

The article featured in last week's edition regarding the murals that have been commissioned through the Down-

town Revitalization initiative was disheartening and embarrassing.

The goal of the project had been touted as a chance to highlight the area's history, as well as the local wealth of artistry as realized through the Arts District. The criteria for submissions included that the

piece must a) represent the city and surrounding area, b) not be political, and c) come from an artist who could submit proof of their credentials.

The first two parts make sense, but the third — well, I couldn't think of a better way of alienating deterring those

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## While boating on Lake George

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

You never know who you might meet boating on Lake George.

Our family of four — me, my wife Sandy and our two sons Zander and Max (who was up for the weekend from

New York City) — pulled up to a state picnic dock to grill dinner.

The people on the boat at the other side of the dock weren't communicative. That's fine. Sometimes people want to engage. Sometimes they want to be left to themselves.

They hung out on their boat. We hung out on ours. I rejoined my family after lighting the charcoal in the grill on the hill.

Sandy first noticed snippets of language she surmised was

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