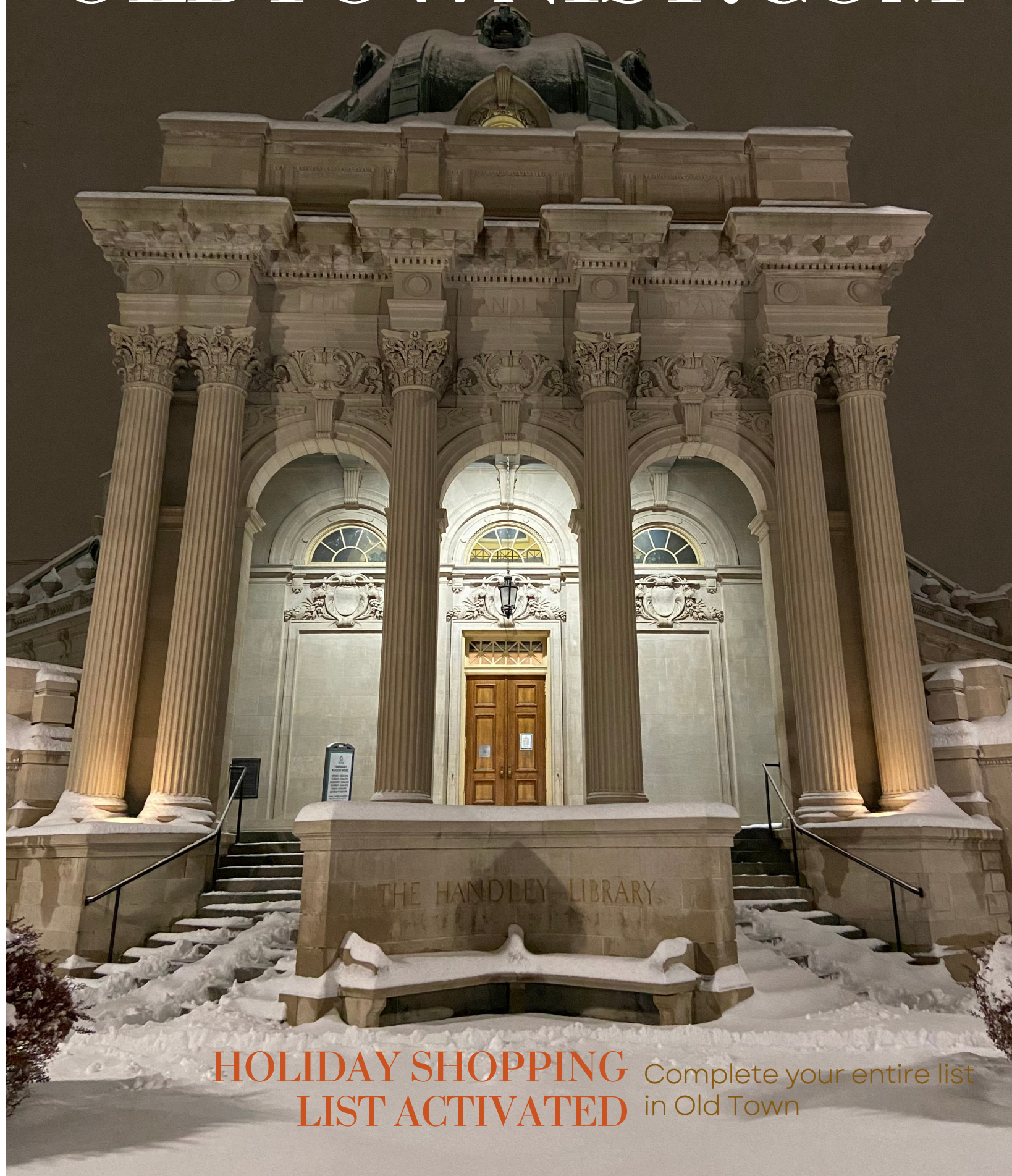


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# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to our inaugural issue of the Old Townist! This idea was born a few years ago when Misty served on the board of the Old Town Winchester Business Association (OTWBA). As owners of businesses in Old Town we were always looking for ways to get the word out about our unique shops, restaurants, events, and services.

As our business has grown and other real estate agents have joined us at the Dream Weaver Team, we again found ourselves discussing the unique Old Town we love and how we could help it grow. So here are our hearts, poured into a monthly magazine. We hope you will share ideas on people and places you want us to cover throughout the year, and we'll see you.....in Old Town.



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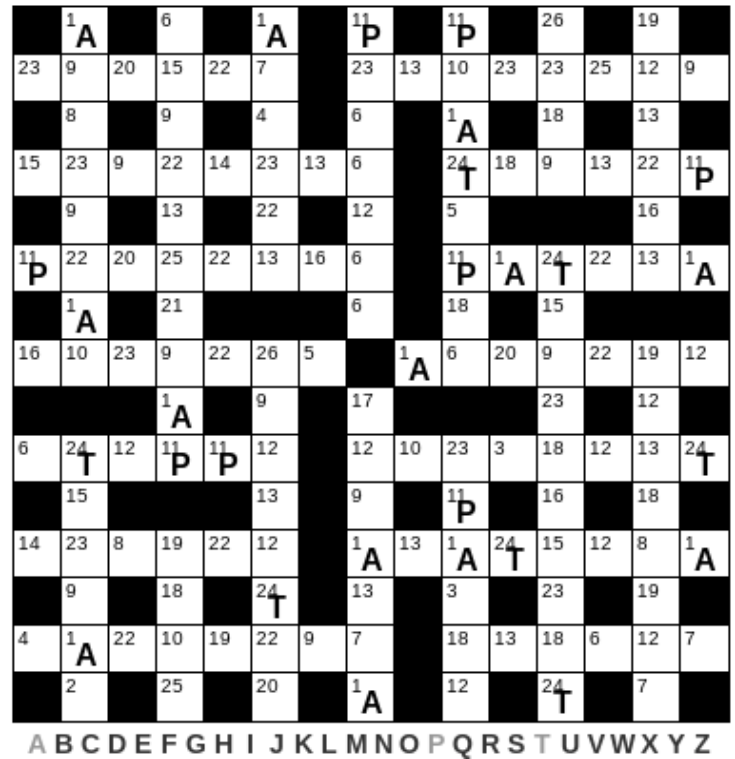
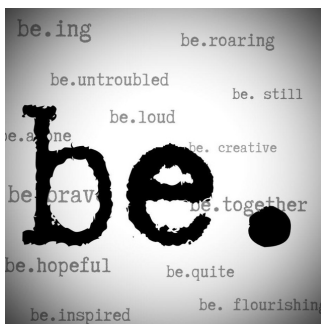
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## Christmas Word Find

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cookie             | Santa Claus     |
| Season's Greetings | Jesus           |
| Snowflake          | Elf             |
| Naughty            | Parade          |
| Love               | Togetherness    |
| Candy Cane         | Occasion        |
| Package            | Christmas Carol |
| Blizzard           | Sleigh          |
| Snowy              | Tinsel          |
| Shopping           | Jack Frost      |
| Xmas               | Eggnog          |
| Gingerbread        | Spirit          |
| Christmas          | Vacation        |
| Father Christmas   | Wise Men        |
| Ice Skates         | Nice            |
| Evergreen          | Presents        |
| Tradition          | Reindeer        |
| Ornaments          | Snowman         |
| December 25        | Angel           |
| Hot Chocolate      |                 |

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# HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Wandering down the Old Town walking mall and the historic district is truly a walk through the entire world. A treasure trove of local and international art and antiques, with gift options ranging from books, jewelry, home furnishings, flowers, vintage vinyl records and video games, to pottery, clothing, toys, camping and sports equipment, culinary treats, pet supplies, flags, and even Celtic treasures.

There truly is something for everyone on your holiday list this year. So we've scoured the shops for the best of the best to include in our gift guide on the next page!

40+

RETAIL SHOPS

35+

RESTAURANTS

15+

ATTRACTIONS

40+

SERVICE BUSINESSES





# OLD TOWN GIFT GUIDE



**Hideaway Cafe** Pure Southern Honey, a 1LB block of honeycomb sure to satisfy every tea lover! \$25.99



**Mountain Trails** These wool socks are perfect stocking stuffers for your favorite hiker! \$22.95



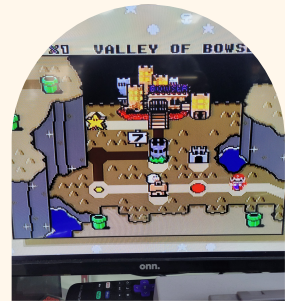
**Exotic Himalayan Handicrafts** Adorable locks made in Nepal with old world style skeleton keys. \$28.99



**Twice Is Nice** Have a snuggler in your life? Fair trade Kantha blankets are the perfect gift. \$30



**Tin Top** Ensure your baby has the best in local artwear with these adorable Boobies onesies! \$24



**Back to the Media** Fond memories reign here with vintage video games and systems, vinyl and more! Price varies



**HandWorks** Show your love of Winchester with unique lamps with maps of Old Town! \$84



**Panhandle Apothecary** Old Town's newest shop features tea, tinctures, lotions, and more like this hemp honey! \$27.99



**Thinker Toys** Magna-Tiles let your little ones explore building with fun colorful magnetic tiles. \$49.99





1) Amber Koehler introduces new employee Dillon 2) Misty Weaver and Katie Jordan at a local wedding 3) Nicole Orndorff, Leanne Massock and Katie Jordan at Kiwanis Bowling Tournament 4) Shawn Simmons halftime speech for the Mustangs at Jim Barnett Park 5) Milissa Marshall of Brag Swag setting up her Apple Blossom original designs 6) Kiwanis Bowling Tournament 7) Apple Blossom theme announcement celebration  
Submit a social photo to [otw@oldtownist.com](mailto:otw@oldtownist.com)



# SEE AND BE SEEN

## December events

# 1-3

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

[WinchesterLittleTheatre.org](http://WinchesterLittleTheatre.org)  
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# 10

### SANTA BAR CRAWL

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### OLD TOWN MARKET

New this year! Santa, the Grinch, drinks, crafts, and more!  
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### WINTER WONDERLAND MARKET

Santa, crafts, face painting, and more! [Jim Barnett Park Ballroom](#)

SEE MORE EVENTS ONLINE....

[Old Town Events](#)  
[Visitor Center Event Listings](#)

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### MIDNIGHT MOUNTAIN MASQUERADE

NYE celebration, live music!  
[TheMonumentVA.com](http://TheMonumentVA.com)

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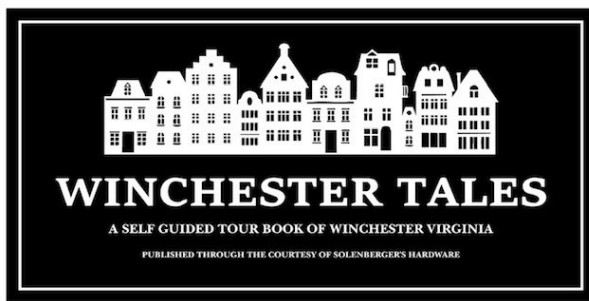
### NEW YEAR'S EVE SNOW BALL AT WBW

Dinner, dancing, midnight toast!  
[WinchesterBrewWorks.com](http://WinchesterBrewWorks.com)

### SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

Email your events to [otw@oldtownist.com](mailto:otw@oldtownist.com) with date, title, URL, and location, to be considered for our event calendar each month!





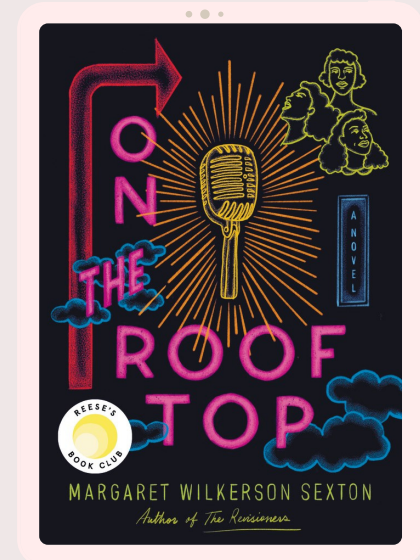
A Facebook page titled Winchester Tales took off in 2020 and now boasts over 13,000 followers. The creator Mike Robinson has found what our community was searching for: a way to connect through the historic stories surrounding Winchester.

A 1988 James Wood graduate who grew up with a mother that loved history and showing her children historic places, Mike has written seven short story books focusing on the stories of the ordinary citizens of Winchester who went on to do extraordinary things. Much like Mike himself, who left Winchester in 1992 for Los Angeles to work as the Production Coordinator for Dora the Explorer at Nickelodeon. When he moved back in 2004 to attend school at Shepherd University he dove into every book written about Winchester and realized how many stories were unknown by residents.

Everyday citizens come alive in Mike's retelling, from such well known prior residents such as George Washington, to Lucy Diggs Slowe the first black woman to serve as Dean of Women at Howard University and the first to win a major sports title, which she accomplished in tennis. When he's not writing books or sharing tidbits on the Facebook page, Mike is out exploring locations with his metal detector where he has discovered dozens of Colonial coins, artifacts from the old Weaver's Tavern, evidence of forgotten buildings, and more secretive locations.

25 The final edition of Winchester Tales will be for sale at Solenbergers Hardware Nov 25th.

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# WE LOVE.....



## APPLE BLOSSOM THEME ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Live.Love.Bloom.**

After 20 years in Winchester, despite being good friends with Erik Zimmerman the Apple Blossom graphic designer, I finally made it to the dinner announcing the new design for 2023. Listening to Sharen Gromling detail her 40 years of volunteering and moving up the ladder to finally capture the presidency, and see her inspiration come to life was thrilling. We look forward to seeing the details play out in 2023!

## ROCK THE KASBAH

**Kasbah, 158 N Loudoun St, 540-529-2039**

My third visit to Kasbah, Winchester's newest restaurant on the walking mall that serves tapas with a Mediterranean flair, happened to be for a dear friend's birthday celebration. The food as usual did not disappoint, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and our waiter was somehow convinced to serenade us with an operatic version of Happy Birthday. Epic.



# NON-PROFITS WE ADORE



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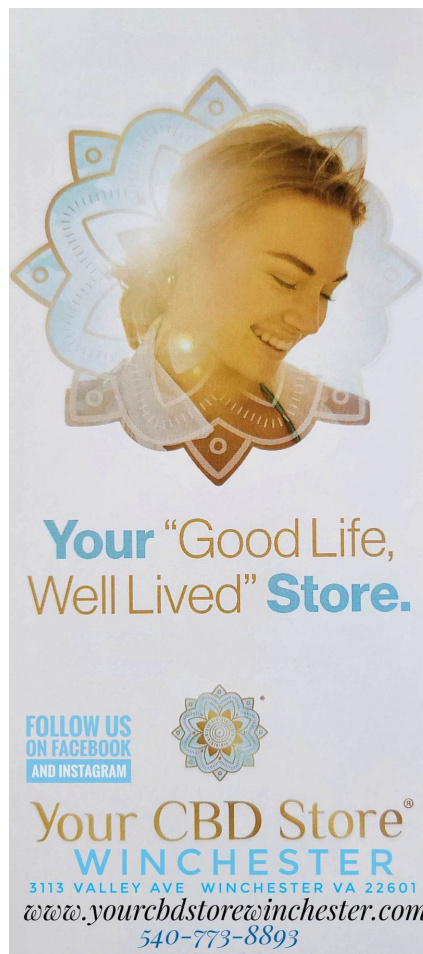


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After 18 years as the Chef at Village Square, Dan Kalber, and the general manager Dy Sourisak, now co-own the restaurant. We sat down with Dan to learn more about our beloved Chef.

## CHEF DAN TAKES OVER



### **What inspired you to become a chef?**

Two things actually: The first was watching PBS growing up with chefs like Julia Child and Jacques Pepin. The second was that my older sister, Jessica, used to watch me when school was out and she was scared to cook. I would cook for us, taking inspiration from what I'd watched on TV, but I'd always get in trouble because I never did the dishes.

### **Name the three kitchen tools you can't do without?**

My Robot Coupe, Vitamix Blender, and my staff. My staff are the heart of it all. Many of them have been here with us for years. You have to find an ability to connect with your staff and take care of them.

--Luke (Dan's WHO for Dan's Seafood) was in the restaurant at the time of the interview and added: Work for Dan and he makes you feel good. That's why we stay.

### **What has changed in the restaurant business due to social media over the years?**

People have stopped communicating with the restaurant. If they have a bad experience, they don't tell us. They hop on social media and post about it. I wish more people would give restaurants a chance to take care of a mistake; because they will.

### **Is there anything you've been dying to tell someone but no one has ever asked?**

My favorite type of wine - it's champagne... because it goes so well with potato chips! Do yourself a favor. Get the Route 11 regular potato chips and a bottle of Pol Roger champagne. It's a sexy champagne with tiny little bubbles. If I had to pick my last meal, I would just want the largest bottle of champagne and nothing else.

Read more, including Dan's secret talent at: [DreamWeaverTeam.com/chefdan](http://DreamWeaverTeam.com/chefdan)

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