



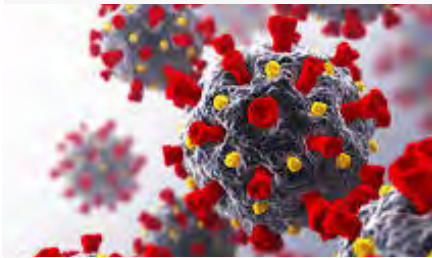
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Feb 11, 2022:



Governor Hochul has announced the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement has been lifted and is optional for businesses, local governments, and counties to enforce.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	405,531,210	5,787,804
US	77,426,682	915,248
NYS	4,873,548	66,276
Warren County	12,886	117
Essex County	5,241	53

Sources:

— <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/26/covid-19-tracker>

— Additional source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline –
1-888-364-3065

LAKE GEORGE FREEZES IN 2022

According to Walt Lender, senior vice-president of the Lake George Association, “Ice-in” was called for Lake George on January 27, 2022.

Officially, that is the date on which a person could walk from Lake George Village to Ticonderoga on the ice.

Let the Hague winter games begin! ❏



Photo courtesy of Sandy Powell, taken February 5, 2022

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND TO BE HELD

The Annual Town of Hague Winter Weekend and Polar Bear Plunge, also known as “Freezin’ for a Reason,” will be held Saturday, February 19th and Sunday, February 20th, 2022, with a number of events taking place throughout the community.

Saturday, February 19th:

- 8 – 11 am: Breakfast at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Masks will be required while getting food and until seated.
- 12 – 4 pm: Winter Games and Activities at the Hague Fish & Game Club – Women’s and men’s axe throwing, pan toss, chainsaw cutting competition, and more. Food and refreshments will also be available for purchase.
- 5 – 7 pm: Grab-and Go Spaghetti Dinner at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department to benefit the Big Change Round Up/Vermont Children’s Hospital. \$10 per dinner.
- 7 – 9 pm: Bonfire, Music, and Fireworks at the Hague Fish & Game Club.



Katy Laundree Wells and other attendees at a past Hague Polar Bear Plunge

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We plan to have our regular meeting on February 22, 2022 at the Hague Fire Department at 12 noon. We'll be doing Baked Potato Day, so bring your favorite topping and let's catch up with each other.

March 3rd will be Game Night at Maureen's house or at my house.

March 17th is our St. Patty's Day Party at 4:30 pm at the Hague Fire Department. Join us for this annual club favorite. The club will supply corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Please bring something else to share like butter, drinks, salad, soda, bread, or mustard.

All of our plans are pending COVID-19 protocol. The Senior Facebook page isn't working right now, so call any officer or me at 518-543-6502 for updated information. ▣



ALTERNATES AND A VACANCY ON HAGUE BOARDS

There are alternates on the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and on the Planning Board (PB).

Cathy Clark is the alternate for the ZBA. Her term expires on 12/31/2022.

The PB alternate is Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. His term expired 12/31/2021 and he has been re-appointed to serve until 12/31/2026.

There is a vacancy on the PB to fill the unexpired term of Dan Belden, whose term was due to end 12/31/2023. ▣



HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the very cold month of January, we had 15 fire calls and drills, using 152 volunteer hours and eight EMS calls using 67 volunteer hours.

We are having our annual Winter Weekend breakfast on February 19, 2022 from 8 – 11 am and our Grab-and-Go Spaghetti Dinner that night from 4:30 – 7 pm. Come and get some great food!!

The Polar Plunge in memory of Katy Wells will take place on February 20th at 2 pm on the dock at the Trout House Village Resort.

We continue to have weekly drills on Tuesday nights and we are always looking for new volunteers. We need supportive and active members, so if you think you might like to become a member, stop and pick up an application! ▣



HAGUE ANNUAL WINTER FISHING TOURNAMENT COMING UP

The Annual Hague Fish & Game Club Winter Fishing Tournament will be held on February 26th and 27th in coordination with the Town of Hague. The event will take place whether there is ice or not.

Participants can fish on Lake George, Lake Champlain, Schroon Lake, Brant Lake, Eagle Lake, or Paradox Lake.

Categories will include lake trout, perch, salmon and pike.

The Saturday, February 26th weigh-stations will be open from 8 am to 3 pm and will be located at the Hague Fish & Game Club at 488 West Hague Road in Hague, Crossroads Country Store in Chestertown, and Norm's Bait & Tackle in Crown Point. The only Sunday, February 27th weigh station will be at the Hague Fish & Game Club from 8 am to 3 pm. Prizes will be awarded at 4 pm following the closing of the weigh-station.

There is a \$40 entry fee for participants 16 years of age and older

for both days. Participants under 16 are free.

A 75% payout will take place for adult registrations.

Junior/youth prizes will be given, which are being donated by local merchants.

Participants can pre-register at the following bait shops:

Silver Bay General Store in Silver Bay, Norm's Bait & Tackle in Crown Point, FMB Bait Shop in Port Henry, Fish 30-7 in Lake George, Beach Road Bait & Tackle in Lake George, and Crossroads Country Store in Chestertown.

"We are excited to be able to host this annual tournament event even during a global pandemic. Please remember to follow all guidelines for the tournament as well as all COVID-19 regulations. Together we will ensure this event and future events are successful. I would like to thank the Town of Hague, our sponsors, local bait and tackle shops and the



Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce for their support in making this tournament possible." shared Bobbie-Jean Fish, Hague Events Committee Member.

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. The event will be following CDC guidelines for private clubs.

Contact the Hague Fish & Game Club for more information. Stay up to date on news, event information, and more by liking and following the Hague Fish & Game Club on Facebook. For more information, you can also visit www.townofhague.com or www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Programs that are currently available and FREE to the community are:

- Fitness Center – Open Thursday through Saturday 9 am – 12 pm
- Disc Golf and the Hiking Trails
- Snowshoe Rental at the front desk
- Library
- Labyrinth

Silver Bay is currently looking for energetic individuals to grow their full-time team in the following positions:

- Front Desk Supervisor
- Groundskeeper
- Hospitality Route Supervisor
- Housekeeper
- Electrician/Carpenter
- Night Watchman
- Sous-Chef
- Teen Center Attendant

Resumés and cover letters should be sent to the Director of Human Resources, Kelsey Nobis, at Knobis@silverbay.org. 📧



2021 HAGUE MEMORY TREE

Hague's Memory Tree was launched in 1988 in memory of Dale W. Frasier, who passed away on Fathers' Day 1987. The goals of the Memory Tree were to keep Dale's spirit alive and to support the Hague Ambulance Squad.

In the past 33 years, the event has raised thousands of dollars through one-dollar (or higher) donations that people have made. Diane Trudeau presented the \$341 that was raised this year to the Hague Ambulance Squad at the Fire Department's monthly meeting on Monday evening, February 8, 2022. Here are the names of the people remembered this year:

Alkema, Peggy	Cronan, Cory	Frasier Family, Lee & Alice	McCoy, Beatrice Denno	Scott, Sara
Balcom, James A.	Cunningham, Catherine (baby)	Frasier, Harold "Hoppy"	Megow, Linda Fish	Shattuck, Virginia
Balcom, Olive P.	Darrin, Margaret (Peggy)	Fricke, Laura Robbins	Middleton, Leonard	Skahan, Donald R.
Balcom, Ralph	Davis, Kathy	Gautreau, Theresa M.	Middleton, Linda	Skahan, Elizabeth C.
Balcom, Cassie	DeCarlo, Phyllis & Tony	Gautreau, Erene T.	Middleton, Aaron	Smith, Uncle Jim
Balcom, Harvey T.	Decker, Betty & Clifford	Gautreau, Evelyn M.	Middleton, Alvin	Smith, Tom
Barnaby, Andrew N. Jr. & Marge	Denno, Bernard "Buck" & Anna Robbins	Girard, James	Middleton, Emma	Sorcinelli, Rose
Barnaby Family, Andrew N. Sr.	Denno, Joseph J.	Gladu, Dick	Middleton, Scott	Spath, Korinna Rockwell
Barnes, Don	Denno, Robert A.	Graser, Ron	Middleton, Beatrice "Midge" Denno	Stormer, Carol
Barnes, Francis W.R.	Denno, Mabel Rock	Henry, Dottie & Jack	Middleton, Julia	Stormer, Michael
Barnett, Spike & Ruth	Denno, Ralph H.	Herrick, Archie	Middleton, Walter (Shorty)	Stormer, Richard Sr.
Beadnell, Mary	Denno, James R.	Herrick, Gert	Moore, Gerald	Stormer, Richard Jr.
Beaty, Jim	Denno, Nicholas (baby)	Herrick, Jim	Moran, Gene	Stratton, Leona Robbins
Bennett, Della Robbins	Densmore, Floyd & Betty	Hill, Pauline Robbins	Morin, Mary Hoffay	Strum, Norman
Bernard, Alfreda Gautreau	Denton, George P & Martha J.	Hilliker, Don	Mosca, Nicholas A. (baby)	Swinyer, Clarence & Dolly
Bevins, Dorothy A. & Stephen J.	Dickson, Ryan	Hirakawa, George & Dorothy	Moses, Grandma	Tilton, Edna Robbins
Bevins, Stephen J.	Dunsmore, Jack	Hoffay, Janet	Nestor, Juanita Robbins	Trudeau Family, Clifford
Bevins, Ernest C. & Elizabeth	Dunsmore, Sue	Hudler, George & Marion	Nielson, Margaret & Fred	Trudeau, Sandra
Bevins, Maude	Elethorpe, Nathan	Hudler, Ron	Ormsby, Elizabeth Elethorpe	Tucker, Mary Elethorpe
Bevins, Morris	Elethorpe, Anna	Hutchinson, Wilford	Ostrander, Irene	Tyler, Barbara Denno
Bevins, Frank	Elethorpe, Earl	James, Tom	Patchett, Lynn & Bob	Van Kleeck, Bud & June
Bevins, Thor E. & Doris	Elethorpe, Gladys	Johnson, Louise & Bessie	Pendarvis, Makeisha Hoffay	Van Kleeck, William & Anna
Bolton, Doris	Elethorpe, Asel	Jordon, "Mam" & "Pap"	Perkins, Jackie	Van Kleeck, Marion
Bolton, Dick & Penny	Elethorpe, Myra	King, Dan	Pomponio, Camille Santaniello	Van Kleeck, Hatch
Bonestell, Sara & Sherm	Elethorpe, Cecil	Kennedy, Dolly	Robbins, Bertha Spaulding	Van Kleeck, Ray & Edna
Braisted, John & Betty	Elethorpe, Elwin	Krueger, Alberta & Richard H.	Robbins, Paul	Van Kleeck, Dr. William J.
Brink Family	Elethorpe, Norman	Kuebler, Richard	Robbins, Benajah M.	Vickerson, Henry & Lucille
Broderick, Jim & Margaret	Engler, Ken	Kuenzel, Andreas	Robbins, Ernest	Vickerson, John & Julie
Broderick, Father Rich	Engler, Jane	LaVallee, Clara & Victor, Sr.	Rypkema, Judy Hoffay	Viscardi, Dominick & Rose Marie
Bryant, Bob & Shirley	Fitzgerald, Jane	Lindsay, Jean	Santaniello, Sal	Warren, Marc
Butler, Irene Arsenault	Foot, Charlie	Lindquist, Evert & Georgina	Santaniello, Ted & Lucy	Watson, Ray "Skip"
Caldera, Bob	Foot, Mary (Maggie)	MacGregor, Bernice	Santaniello, Sierra Rose	WAZ
Cassidy, Edward F.	Frasier, Clifford & Mary	Maki, Gerry	Santaniello, Silvio	Wells, Katy
Costello, John "Bgood"	Frasier, Chet & Mimi	Manning, Deb (Fritz) & Mike	Santaniello, Jasper	Whitaker, Jim
Costello, John B.	Frasier, Mitchel & Imogene	Marapoti, Barbara	Santaniello, Ally	Whitaker, Ed & Eva
Costello, Lucille	Frasier, Dale	Marcy, Don (Duck)	Schoolcraft, Phillip T.	Woody, Jack & Ruth Hudler 📧
Costello, John M.	Frasier, Christopher Lee	Mathews, Bill "Daddy"	Scott, Leroy	
	Frasier, Beatrice Robbins	Mathews, Betty "Mammaw"		

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/2022

The meeting that was scheduled for January 27, 2022 was canceled. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 2/3/2022

The meeting that was scheduled for February 3, 2022 was postponed until February 17, 2022 and will be reported in the March issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 2/8/2022

Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, Maureen Cherubini, Jack Bast, and Josh Patchett were all present. There were other people in attendance in the community center and a few more were on Zoom. This report is the best we can do by attending via Zoom.

A Moment of Silence was held for Mary May Sherman, Marie Denno, Richard Stout, Helen Belden, Douglas Zeyak, and Walter Hartl.

A public hearing was held on variances for Scully at 19 Bass Bay Road. The board approved the variances for a replacement wastewater system.

Only a few reports were given by the board committees.

Tom Fiallo of the Hague Highway Department gave a quick update on work the department had been doing. The board thanked him and the other highway members.

Councilman Bast reported that the clerk for the ZEO has resigned to take a different job. He also reported that several problems with the sewer district had been taken care of successfully.

There was a discussion with a representative for the Brown property on Abenakis Drive (formerly "Peter Haven"). He explained that the plan is to tear down two buildings on the property and replace them with new construction. In order to do that, first the sewer connection needs to be relocated, which requires approval. The board set a public hearing for next month.

The board discussed the request for buoys in Sunset Bay in front of the Hulett's Bay Public Beach. While Councilman Patchett expressed several concerns, Councilman Ramant said it was a safety issue. A public hearing was set for next month.

The board approved use of the Hague Visitors' Center by the Hague Senior Club for April 4 – May 31 and June 5 – 14, 2022.

The board approved resolutions to authorize soil testing services on Yaw Road. They also authorized the supervisor to sign the 2022 Cedarwood Engineering Services agreement.

Councilman Patchett reported on research he has done on short term rentals. He mentioned that the board would be setting up a committee including himself, the town supervisor, and additional members to discuss it further. ▣

GYPSY MOTH MANAGEMENT

Gypsy moths are an invasive species that have been present in the United States since the late 1800s. In their caterpillar stage, this destructive critter feeds on the leaves of over 300 different plant species. Gypsy moth caterpillars especially enjoy eating oak leaves, but if there is a large enough infestation the caterpillars will eat just about any tree species that grows in our forests.

During the summer of 2021, a high infestation of gypsy moth caterpillars caused visible leaf loss at all corners of the lake. Leaf damage was especially noticeable in the northern basin of the lake, here in Hague, in Ticonderoga and in Putnam. The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has heard from many landowners who want to

protect the trees on their own properties from this destructive forest pest. Thankfully, action can be taken to protect the various tree species on your property.

Last summer, the LGLC teamed with Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) to produce educational videos aimed to help landowners protect their trees from gypsy moth caterpillars.

Late fall to early spring is an opportune time to get ahead of next season's population of gypsy moth caterpillars. The moths from the summer of 2021 have already laid the eggs that will hatch this coming spring, as the trees begin to leaf out.

Gypsy moths lay between 600 and 1,000 eggs in a bundle of eggs and silk, known as an "egg mass." The egg masses are light brown, about the size of a quarter, and can be found in a variety of places, including on tree



bark, stones, lawn furniture, and on the siding of a house.

Starting in late fall, up until the eggs begin to hatch in early spring, these egg masses can be scraped away and left to soak in a bucket of soapy water. Taking this step will help to control the population size of gypsy moth caterpillars, and will protect the tree health on your property. Watch [this short video](#), which details the steps that can be taken to protect your trees. ▣

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND, CONTINUED

Sunday, February 20th:

- 2 pm: The Second Annual Katy Laundree Wells Polar Plunge – “Freezin’ for a Reason.” This event will take place at the Trout House Village Resort. If you do not get pledges, the cost is a \$5 donation per jump. Additional donations will be accepted. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm. All money raised will benefit the Vermont Children’s Hospital.

While the Polar Plunge event is not new to Hague, the name was changed in 2021 to honor Katy Laundree Wells, who unexpectedly passed away. Katy was a long-time community supporter, volunteer, and overall wonderful person who

dedicated much of her life to the betterment of Hague and the area. The Hague Polar Plunge or, “Freezin’ for a Reason,” was created by Meg and Tom Haskell of Hague, who partnered with WOKO to support the Vermont Children’s Hospital. The committee has raised thousands of dollars from the support of “change bandits” (people who raise money for the Children’s Hospital) and from community members who raise funds for this event.

Polar Plunge donation forms are available at the Town of Hague Community Center, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, Silver Bay General Store, and from event volunteers. Forms are also available online at www.townofhague.com and in the event listing on www.ticonderogany.com.

“We are excited to be hosting events in Hague this winter not only for the community and visitors but to continue to honor our friend Katy Laundree Wells. Winter Weekend has changed, as we actually used to jump into Lake George just for fun. As the years passed, we found a mission for the jump and that was area youth in need. Katy shared this passion and as a community, we have and will continue to support children in need. We hope to see you for the Hague Winter Weekend. There will be events and activities for all to enjoy,” shared Bobbie-Jean Fish, Hague Events Committee Member.

NOTE: All COVID-19 guidelines must be followed.

For more information visit www.townofhague.com or www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

ICE FISHING IN HAGUE

by Lara Smith-Ryder

The ice in Hague Bay is now about 12” thick and in Silver Bay, it’s 12-14”. So, those of us who love to go ice fishing have been out trying our luck. Ron and I have gone twice in Silver Bay and twice in Hague so far. My son, Connor Lawrie, and his girlfriend, Lauren Bennett, have also joined us. One challenge has been getting out where we’d like to be because of all the bubblers.



We caught several perch in Silver Bay last week and a few in Hague, but they’ve been very small. I’ve heard that other fishermen and women have

been successful with lake trout out in front of Hague Beach. Since the lake has frozen this year, unlike in so many recent years, we’re looking forward to more great ice fishing days in 2022. ▣



Ron Ryder, Lara Smith-Ryder, Lara’s son, Connor Lawrie, and Lauren Bennett ice fishing on February 5, 2022.

SILVER BAY YMCA WINTER WEEKEND

Silver Bay YMCA Winter Weekend 2022 will be held February 18th – 21st. Here are the planned events:

Friday, February 18th

- SLEDDING UNDER THE STARS from 7 – 8:30 pm at South Field. It includes lighted sledding hill, bonfire, and s’mores. Bring your own sled.

Saturday, February 19th

- BROOM BALL from 10 – 11:30 am at the Employee Recreational Center (ERC) Pond.
- KIDS’ AND ADULTS’ ARTS AND CRAFTS from 10 – 11:30 am at Gullen Lounge. Salt and Watercolor Winter Art.
- MICRO DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT from 1 – 2:30 pm at Collins Equipment Center. Play 18 holes for a chance to win a custom Silver Bay disc.
- SCAVENGER HUNT from 3 – 4 pm. Pick up a packet at the front desk. Complete as much of the scavenger hunt as you can. The team with the highest score will be awarded the prize.

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SOUNDINGS

ADOPTED: Darcy and Stefan Kuenzel (son of Ginger Henry Kuenzel) welcomed Mila to their family on December 22, 2021. Mila is seven-years-old and was previously living in Taiwan. She joins sisters Brie and Lexi and brother Josh.

DIED: Richard Henry Stout, 68, on January 24, 2022, in Granville, NY, after a courageous three-year battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakobs Disease.



He was born in West Long Branch, NJ to Robert Walling Stout and Mildred Esther Stout (née Palmer).

Raised in Fair Haven, NJ, Rich graduated from Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School in 1971. A second-generation artist, Richard earned his BFA from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1976 and his MFA from Montclair State College in 1983.

Rich was an adjunct professor at both Ocean County and Brookdale Community Colleges, where he taught art studio classes and art history.

He also gave art lessons throughout the years and was a substitute teacher in Monmouth County, NJ.

In 2005, he and his partner, Victoria Stewart, relocated to Hague and remodeled his family's summer home on Lake George. Having spent much time throughout his life in the Adirondacks, it was his lifelong dream to finally call the North Country home. Richard loved life in the Adirondacks and was involved in various aspects of art, including lecturing, writing for the *Lake George Mirror*, and helping to establish and run The Gallery at Hague Creek. Along with his many friends, he was involved at Ti Arts in Ticonderoga.

A multidisciplinary artist, he had a prolific output over the years and was once featured in the *NY Times* Sunday Arts and Leisure section. Since 2014, Richard's design has graced the nameplate on the front page of *The Hague Chronicle*.

He was predeceased by his parents and an older sister, Mary Elizabeth.

Surviving are: his partner, Victoria Stewart; two sons, Ian Stout and Rory Stout (fiancé Michelle Bloom); former wife, Deborah Phillips Murphy; and sister Melanie Lanz (Kerwin) and their three children, Wesley, Hillary, and Abbey. Also surviving are his many cousins of the Bell and Foote families.

The family thanks the many angels and saints at High Peaks Hospice and Slate Valley Center who were a part of Richard's journey home.

A memorial is planned for a later date.

DIED: Walter Hartl, 98, of Oswego, IL and Hague, peacefully at home, on January 29, 2022, surrounded by family.



Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he arrived in the U.S. at age seven and spent his youth in the NYC and NJ areas.

In WWII, he served as a radio and teletype operator and took part in the D-Day Invasion. Following VE Day, Walter's unit embarked on a ship to take part in the Pacific Theater when they were recalled to Europe following Japan's surrender.

Walter and Helen married in 1947 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC, which is where they met when Helen was 15 years old.

He graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA in 1949.

He spent most of his working life as an agent for Allstate Insurance, until his retirement at age 67.

He loved the Lake George area; he and Helen honeymooned there in 1947. In 1978, they purchased their summer home in Hague, spending many summers boating, swimming, waterskiing, and taking hikes in the Adirondacks. Walter played in several tennis leagues and skied all over New England, as well as in the West and in Europe.

Walter and Helen were avid travelers, exploring the U.S., the Caribbean, Europe, S. Africa, and Australia.

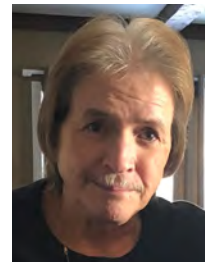
He was active in his church, serving as a deacon and an elder. He was also a founding member of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club.

In 2008, Helen and Walter relocated to the Midwest, settling in IL. They joined bridge clubs wherever they lived and Walter played right up to the end.

Walter is survived by his wife, Helen, of 74 years; his children, Linda, Larry (Ronila), and Lauren; and his grandson, Henry.

Donations in Walter's memory may be made to the Salvation Army **HERE**.

DIED: Douglas G. Zeyak, 65, peacefully, on January 29, 2022 at Glens Falls Hospital.



Born in Beacon, NY, he was the son of George Zeyak, Jr. and the late Normadine Brennan.

Doug was an altar boy at Saint Joachim's Catholic Church and graduated from Beacon High School.

At the age of five, he began taking music lessons and by eight, he was playing guitar at the Holiday Inn Lounge in Fishkill. By 14, he was playing shows at the Golden Nugget Nightclub in Newburgh, and at 17, Doug formed his band, the "Goodtime Drifters." They won second place at the NY State Fair band competition. After gaining popularity, he signed with a booking agency and traveled the Northeast playing country music shows, often opening for major country music stars.

Upon settling down to raise his family, Doug joined IBM in Poughkeepsie as a failure analysis technician in the Quality Control Group where he was for 15 years.

His grandfather owned Zeyak's Food Market in Beacon. Doug decided to follow in his grandfather's footsteps as a storekeeper, so, in 1996, he purchased the Hague Market and moved to Hague.

In Hague, Doug lived his passions: boating, fishing, camping, cooking, and

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SOUNDINGS, CONTINUED

playing country music in the market for his customers.

After successfully operating the market for 16 years, Doug retired to enjoy additional time with his family as a husband, father, and grandfather.

Doug will be remembered for his soft heart, passion for music, and love of life.

He is survived by: his wife, Sharon, of 45 years; his father, George Zeyak, Jr. (stepmother Edna); sons Douglas (Rebecca) and Bradford; grandson, Myles; several cousins; and his faithful Sheltie dogs.

A memorial service will take place this summer. ■

SILVER BAY WINTER WEEKEND, CONTINUED

- THE SONG BEE from 7:30 – 9 pm at Gullen Lounge. This musical game combines trivia, problem-solving skills, memory, and more, in a multi-round interactive game.

Sunday, February 20th

- SUNDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP from 10 – 11 am at the William Boyd Center Conference Room B.
- SNOW SCULPTURE COMPETITION from 1:30 – 3 pm at South Field. Build your best snow creation in teams or individually to win.
- FAMILY BINGO from 7 – 9 pm at Gullen Lounge. Silver Bay's Bingo Game is bigger, better, and you

could win a candy bar of your choice!

ON-YOUR-OWN ACTIVITIES

- ICE SKATING AT THE ERC POND – Bring your own skates
- SLEDDING – Bring your own sled
- FISHER GYM OPEN Saturday and Sunday from 9 am – 5 pm. Basketball, volleyball, and pickleball
Note: The gym is unheated.
- FITNESS CENTER OPEN Saturday and Sunday from 9 – 11 am
- GAMES AND PUZZLES – Pick up at the front desk in the inn or at the Concierge Desk in the William Boyd Center

For more information about Silver Bay YMCA, call 518-543-8833 or go to www.silverbay.org. ■

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries, awards, or deaths. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES REPORT - 2021- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

by the Lake George Park Commission

After eight years and almost a quarter-million (247,812 to be exact) boat inspections, no new aquatic invasive species have been discovered in Lake George.

This is perhaps the most profound statement that can be made regarding this landmark program.

The Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) Mandatory Boat Inspection Program was created in 2014, in response to recent introductions of two new invasive species (*Asian clam* in 2010 and *Spiny waterflea* in 2012).

While this program is operated and administered by the park commission, it exists thanks to an extraordinary alliance between state and local partners who fund 100% of the cost of the program, eliminating any cost to the boaters coming to Lake George.

The 2021 boat inspection season on Lake George began April 15th and operated through December 15th. The season was extended from the usual May 1st to October 31st to provide

added spread prevention protection as well as data collection opportunities.

During 2021, vessel inspection technicians processed 34,953 boaters through the six regional inspection stations. Of that number, 9,988 received full entrance inspections, 13,916 received inspections after exiting Lake George (to ensure that no invasives from Lake George are exported to other waterbodies), and 11,049 boats arrived at the inspection stations with an inspection seal already in place (mostly boats returning to Lake George after getting an exit seal).

In the 2021 season, 113 boats transported visible invasive species to Lake George. Twelve of these 113 boats were found to have two different invasive species on them during inspection. The invasive species found were primarily *Eurasian water milfoil*, *Zebra mussels* and *Water Chestnut*, and those boats were cleaned prior to their launch into the lake.

Other very concerning invasives found during the inspections this year include *Quagga Mussels*, *Brittle Naiad*, and *Hydrilla*, which could massively alter lake's ecology if introduced into the lake and established.

Approximately 10.1 percent of boats receiving an inspection did not meet the "clean, drained, and dry" (CDD) standard of the program and required decontamination prior to launch into Lake George. Vessels not meeting the CDD standard are a risk to the lake, as water in bilges and motors can carry invasive species. We are always striving to educate boaters about the importance of bringing clean vessels to Lake George, and the goal is to reduce the number of decontaminations required by having people take steps on their own to ensure they are clean, drained, dry, and ready to be launched.

We thank our state and local partners who provide the funding for the cost of this program, including the State of New York, the Warren County Board of Supervisors, the Village of Lake George, the Towns of Bolton, Queensbury and Lake George, and the Lake George Association.

For a full overview of the program's creation, planning and logistics, please refer to the Lake George Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan / Environmental Impact Statement on the commission's website at lgpc.ny.gov/lake-george-boat-inspections. ■

HAGUE SNO-GOERS

by Tom Haskell, president Hague Sno-goers, Inc.

This has been a great year for snow in Hague!

The Hague Sno-goers Club has been out grooming and maintaining our trails; we're happy to say that they're in awesome shape!

Please respect the land owners, because without them there would be NO trails!

Our next meeting will be Sunday February 19, 2022 at The Hague Fish & Game Club at 9:30 am.

We're planning a club ride in early March.

The New York State Snowmobiling Association's (NYSSA) Forum is April 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

Please be sure to register and insure your snowmobile.



Attention all x-country skiers and snowshoe folks: The Rogers Rock campsite is currently open with groomed trails. We groom once or twice a week, depending on snow conditions and usage. The North Loop is not open for grooming, but if you ski



the North Loop, please pay attention where the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is working.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our club! ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



Winter can be a brutal time. Some birds fly south to avoid the bitter cold. Some humans do too, but what about the turtles that live in the Adirondacks?

Turtles are Chelonians and Chelonians are reptiles that possess hard or soft shells and are aquatic or semi-aquatic, but more importantly, turtles are cold-blooded.

The most commonly-found turtles in the Adirondack Park are the snapping turtle, the painted turtle, the spotted turtle, and the wood turtle. Being cold-blooded, the body temperature of turtles is dependent on their environment's temperature, so freezing temperatures could mean freezing turtles.

But, fresh water turtles dive down to the muddy bottoms of ponds or lakes where the temperature never gets below one degree Celsius. Nestled in the mud, their metabolism slows down and this allows them to survive for months without food and with very

little oxygen. They don't sleep or hibernate; they remain conscious while their body processes slow down.

Turtles are not in danger of suffocating because they do some respiration (gas exchange, not breathing) near their throat and tail. They can survive in this condition for months. That is a good thing since it is known that Adirondack winters can be very long! When the water temperature rises, the turtle's body temperature and metabolism rise with it. Once they begin moving again, they bask in the sunlight to raise their body temperature even higher.

A problem arises if the ice remains frozen for too long. The turtle can't break the ice to breathe and the oxygen in the water below the ice has been depleted. Fortunately, snapping turtles and painted turtles can shift their metabolism so it does not require oxygen. This process creates acidic toxins in their body, but they can regulate these by dissolving the calcium in their shells like a built-in antacid!

A turtle's shell is actually made of two shells. The upper shell, the carapace, is hard and usually covered in keratin



scutes or plates, which form a symmetrical pattern. The lower shell, the plastron, is the part underneath a turtle and it also has scutes. Typically, the plastron on a male turtle is concave and on a female, it's convex.

These shells are fused to the ribs and backbones of the turtles and the upper and lower shells are connected through bony bridges. Shells are a turtle's greatest defense against predators because keratin is a hard protein.

Just think of the turtles nestled in their muddy homes this winter while you are shoveling the snow, scraping the windshield, or putting on multiple layers to avoid frostbite. Ah, to enjoy a turtle's winter! ▣

BUDDS NOW OPERATING THE SILVER BAY GENERAL STORE

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

"Good afternoon, Silver Bay General Store." That's the warm and pleasant greeting you'll receive from Paul Budd if you call the Silver Bay General Store these days, even during the winter.

On a cold day last week, I met Paul, the new owner of the store, via FaceTime. I was impressed with how friendly, sincere, and excited Paul is to be Hague's newest business owner and full-time resident.

Paul and his wife Joanne have purchased the store from Kathy Santaniello. Paul said, "Some people still refer to this as Sal's place and I wear that with a badge of honor." Paul and Kathy obviously have a close and trusting relationship. She still has a key to the store and drops in from time to time. Paul feels that this relaxed open-door style is the way life should be. He explained, "You should be in a community where you don't feel you have to lock your doors."

The Budds plan to move to Silver Bay full-time when their house in Bloomfield, NJ sells. In the meantime, Paul is here most of the time, living in the upstairs apartment, while Joanne gets the house ready for sale.

Paul is originally from Long Island and his family has come to Silver Bay every summer since he was three. He has early fond recollections of walking up the Silver Bay Road to visit the store. He has a vivid memory of buying Dinty Moore Beef Stew for their first night at the lake every year. "I thought it was a real treat," he remembered.

He also remembered that the store carried a little bit of everything, especially Freihofer breads and cookies. There was a sense of the store being something special because there were regional items you could only get there. He hopes to continue that tradition by connecting and partnering with local vendors and artisans to sell their items such as local vegetables, beef from across the lake, baked goods, and more.

Paul is already carrying coffee from a local ADK coffee roaster and he is happy to say that people are noticing and enjoying it. He commented, "I spend a little more for it, but it's far more delicious, and it's a taste of the area."

Owning a general store is a radical change for Paul as he has worked in advertising for a New York City ad agency. When the store presented itself for sale, Paul and Joanne decided it would be fun to own it.

When I asked him what attracted him to the store, Paul replied, "I absolutely love the area here, my memories of coming into the store, and I thought the store had potential for a way that I could have an ongoing income into my retirement." He called the store a "diamond in the rough."

He says that the store has remained almost unchanged for as long as he can remember. He and his wife are collaborating about what changes to make and the best items to carry.

He expects there will be a big difference in the business between the winter and the summer. Paul and part-time worker Lynda Many Feathers, who has worked there for over ten years, are the only employees this winter. His main business now comes from feeding the locals meals. They have breakfast customers and a large lunch crowd, who come in to buy the hearty lunch specials, sandwiches, snacks, and beer. It was Lynda's brainchild to serve lunch, featuring interesting menus and quality sandwiches. He revealed, "If it weren't for Lynda, I'd probably close for the winter."

Paul plans to hire at least two more employees for the summer, when he expects to serve larger groups of vacationers, as well as locals. He has plans to create some special breakfast and lunch offerings such as a bagel sandwich with Taylor Pork Roll, which he's considering naming "The Silver Bagel."

Paul says that they are hoping to make the Silver Bay General Store a place where folks can get a really great cup of coffee, quality home-cooked food, and excellent service, along with grocery items they discover they need.



When asked what else he wanted our readers to know, he said, "I'd like people to walk away saying, 'That was a really nice store and I really enjoyed that.'"

He continued, "I'm not out to get rich, but I want to live a comfortable and happy life in this beautiful area. I want folks to want to come back to the store. I want to be a friend to the local folks who are here year-round. I want to be part of the local community."

Paul and Joanne feel like they are truly at home here in Hague and plan to stay here for a long time. Let's all welcome them into the community!



LOOKING BACK

Researched by Pat McDonough

The Hague Chronicle began publication in January 1972. As I thought about writing a column for this month, I turned to the archives of *The Hague Chronicle*. After all, 1972 is fifty years ago and certainly worthy of a “look back.”

The March 1972 issue leads with the headline “FIRE DEPARTMENT’S 25th BIRTHDAY.” The article reads: “Prior to 1947, calls for help in case of fire or other emergency would be relayed to the Ticonderoga Fire Department. For each response, a charge of \$50 was made. When word reached Hague that the charge was to be increased to \$100, a number of townspeople met with the town supervisor, the late R.J. Bolton, to consider the formation of a fire department in Hague. This culminated in a meeting in October 1947 at which the Hague Volunteer Fire Department was officially organized. A charter was granted by the (NY) Secretary of State early in 1948.”

The article is continued at length and is worthy of reading if you want to learn more about the department’s history.

Having discovered the 1972 article, my curiosity was piqued and I continued my research in the 1997 archives, looking for “news” of the 50th anniversary. I scanned each monthly page, but came up empty-handed, with the exception of a plea for old fire department pictures.

One discovery I made in the December 1997 issue was an interesting “Case Statement” establishing the need and plans for a new firehouse. It read: “The Hague Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1948 and the old firehouse has served its purpose for 50 years. Today it is woefully inadequate and a liability to the volunteers and the community they serve. Access is difficult for the equipment housed here. There is no adequate parking. Water and septic issues are nearly insurmountable. There is little appropriate space for drills and training. The building must be replaced.”

To that end, in 1996, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department purchased a 1.69-acre property at the intersection of Route 8 and West Hague Road for a new firehouse.



TOP: Bob Hoyt in an early Hague fire truck parked next to Hoyt's Market; BOTTOM: Early building for the Hague Fire Department on Route 8 in Hague, currently the Firehouse Restaurant

Moving on to the 1998 archives, I struck pay-dirt when I learned that they had plans to celebrate in '98, based on the granting of their charter by New York State in 1948!

The January 1998 issue of *The Hague Chronicle* stated: “Looking ahead: 1998 is the 50th anniversary of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. A committee has been formed to prepare activities for the celebration.” The June 1998 headline read: “HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.”

The ensuing article said, “The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating 50 years of service to the Hague community. Come to the Hague Town Park on Saturday, July 11 from 11 am to 4:30 pm with your children, grandchildren, the young at heart of any age, and help them celebrate! There will be games, contests, food, and prizes. One of the contests will be a dunking booth. How about letting us know who you'd like to see in the dunking seat and how much you'd be willing to invest to make that happen - provided the people will cooperate.”

“Come show your support and appreciation for a group of people who are willing to spend hours of their time helping to keep the community safe and the people well. They are the folks who protect your homes from damage by fire and who get you to the hospital when you're ill.”

The celebration was to be continued in August when the fire department volunteers would have their annual steak roast.

Of course, the next big milestone for the Department will be the 75th anniversary. Whether the Hague Volunteer Fire Department opts to mark its 75th birthday in 2022 or 2023 (75 years from that first meeting or 75 years from their charter), its dedicated members continue their longstanding tradition of service to our community.

SIDEBAR: Please note that *The Hague Chronicle* has been serving our community for more than 50 years and its archives are full of interesting history. If you want to do a little “archive diving,” the archives are available online at <http://www.thehaguechronicle.org/archives.html> or in the shiny red binders in the Clifton West Memorial Room at the Hague Historical Society's Museum at the Hague Community Center. Dive in! ▣

TICONDEROGA END OF WINTER CARNIVAL

The Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival will occur Friday, March 4th – Sunday, March 6th, 2022. Stop by the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office on March 3rd from 8 am to 3:30 pm to get your child a FREE goody bag, including carnival snacks, activities, and more.

Friday, March 4th

- Punky Kid's Zoo Day at Punky Noodles from 4 – 7 pm. Participating children will be the zookeepers of their chosen animal. There is a \$5 donation per person.
- Family Movie Night at Best Western Plus Ticonderoga. Doors open at 4:30 pm. There will be refreshments. Pre-registration required. Contact the Best Western Plus. Movie TBA.

Saturday, March 5th

- On Your Own Winter Activities: Sliding in Bicentennial Park, Ice Skating at the Ticonderoga Ice Rink, Snowshoeing/Cross Country Skiing at Ticonderoga Recreational Areas and Rogers Rock Campground, and Snowmobiling in the Ticonderoga Area. Check out winter hiking options via Champlain Area Trails and the Lake George Land Conservancy. Weather permitting. Adult supervision required.
- 10:30 am: Facebook Live Family Fun Performance – Ron, The Rockin' Pirate will entertain



youngsters with songs and stories. Streamed live on the Ticonderoga Festival Guild Facebook page.

- 1 – 3 pm: Winter games, a snow obstacle course, carnival games, sledding, snowmobile rides, music, and more at Bicentennial Park and recreational areas. Popcorn and hot chocolate available. Snowmobile rides at Little League Park.
- 7:30 pm: Campfire and S'mores at the Fishing Pier in Bicentennial Park
- 8 pm: Fireworks Display at Bicentennial Park. No vehicles will be permitted in the park. Park where it is safe and legal to view the show. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga's wintertime Fort Fever Series returns in 2022.

On February 23, 2022 at 7 pm will be "Highlights from the Mars Education Center Archaeological Excavations." Fort Ticonderoga Director of Archaeology Margaret Staudter will explore artifact highlights excavated prior to the building of the Mars Education Center in 2008. The fascinating objects represent the material lives of the French, British, and American individuals who lived at Fort Ticonderoga in the 18th century, as well as the many travelers to the grounds in the following decades.

The Fort Fever Series take place virtually on ZOOM at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at www.fortticonderoga.org. Admission is FREE to Fort Ticonderoga members.

For more information on programs and events at Fort Ticonderoga, call 518-585-2821. ■

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TI ARTS: DOWNTOWN GALLERY "EVERYTHING FLORAL" SHOW

A new show, "Everything Floral," will be at the Ti Arts Downtown Gallery from now through March 5, 2022. The opening reception took place on Friday, February 11th from 5 – 7 pm.

For more information, go to <http://www.ticonderogaarts.org>. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served, ON A TAKE-OUT BASIS ONLY, on Friday, February 25, 2022, starting at 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door. Parking for pick-up will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ■

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CALENDAR

February 2022

FEBRUARY

18 - 21		Silver Bay YMCA Winter Weekend
19	8 am - 9 pm	Hague Winter Weekend
20	2 pm	Polar Plunge
21		PRESIDENTS' DAY
22	12 noon	Seniors Meeting
23	7 pm	Fort Fever Series on ZOOM
24	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
25	4:30 pm	Mason Star turkey breast dinner
26 - 27		Hague Fish & Game Club Fishing Tournament

MARCH

1		First Day of Women's History Month
3	7 pm	Planning Board
		Seniors Game Night
4 - 6		Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival
7		Deadline for the March issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
8	6 pm	Town Board
13		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
17		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	4:30 pm	Seniors St. Patty's Day Party

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm & Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm