



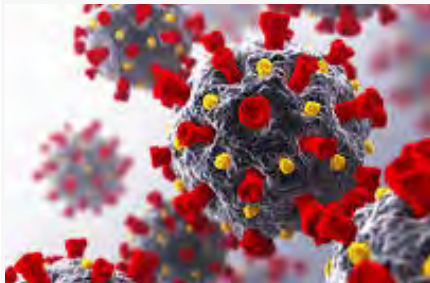
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of February 11, 2021:



All NY residents need to wear a mask or face covering when in situations where they are unable to socially distance.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	107,462,135	2,357,643
US	27,291,313	471,821
NYS	1,504,059	45,312
Warren County	2,620	53
Essex County	1,189	24

### 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

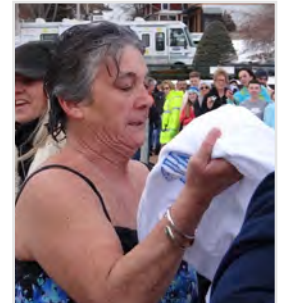
**State COVID-19 Hotline** –  
1-888-364-3065

## HAGUE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE WILL BE HELD

The Annual Town of Hague Polar Bear Plunge, also known as “Freezin’ for a Reason,” will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 2 pm at the Trout House Village Resort.

The Hague Polar Bear Plunge was created when Meg and Tom Haskell of Hague partnered with WOKO to support the Vermont Children’s Hospital. The committee has raised thousands of dollars.

The 2021 event will be in honor of Katy Laundree Wells, who unexpectedly passed away recently. 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. All money raised will benefit the Vermont Children’s Hospital.



Katy Wells at the the 2018 Hague Polar Bear Plunge

“As 2020 has ended and we start 2021, we looked back 15 years ago at the polar plunge. We see who was standing at the dock of the Trout House. Katy Laundree Wells was standing there for sure, and so many more. Over the years the Hague Winter Weekend has changed as we actually used to jump into Lake George just for fun.

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## LAKE COMPLETELY FROZEN ON FEBRUARY 12TH

by Anthony DeFranco

“Is it FROZEN up there?” It’s the most persistent question that residents of Hague receive this time of year. Most people at the south end are always amazed at how much longer it takes the north end to freeze up. This year, lake residents who are isolating from the pandemic are getting to experience the “full” effect.



It is quite a show to watch the constant battle of the sheets of ice creeping out further into the lake, almost appearing like the lake and Mother Nature will be in unison, only to see the wind pick up during the day and have the waves crush and batter the thin sheet of ice on the surface. This battle goes on for days and even

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## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We are hoping to be able to hold our meeting on February 23, 2021 at 1:30 pm, when we will install our officers for the new year and have a little fun playing Bingo. Please bring a small gift to share.

Under COVID-19 rules, the AARP tax preparers will have to use the big room at the community center until taxes are done, so we'll be meeting at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

We'll be following guidelines for COVID-19, so please wear your mask even if you have gotten the vaccine.

Please check the Hague Senior Club Facebook page for updates. Looking forward to seeing you all! ▣



## POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

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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. This year's polar plunge will be in honor of our friend Katy. She will be greatly missed in her larger-than-life white fluffy robe she sported at the event. Katy met her goal last year. In five short years, she personally raised \$10,000. We hope you will join us in working towards a similar goal to support the Vermont Children's hospital and honor the good work of Katy. Join us to carry on her dedication and commitment to Hague, our youth, and our surrounding communities," said Bobbie Jean Fish, Hague Events Committee Member.

In addition, a Grab 'n Go Spaghetti Dinner (take-out only) will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 5 – 6:30 pm at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. There is a \$10 suggested donation in loving memory of Katy. All proceeds benefit the Hague Polar Bear Plunge and the Vermont Children's Hospital.

"Freezin' for a Reason" donation forms are available at the Town of Hague Community Center, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, and from event volunteers. Forms are also available online at [www.townofhague.org](http://www.townofhague.org) and in the event listing on [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com).

COVID-19 guidelines must be followed including masks, social distancing, or gathering in large groups.

For more information visit [www.townofhague.org](http://www.townofhague.org) or [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com). ▣

## HAGUE ANNUAL WINTER FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Annual Hague Fish & Game Club Winter Fishing Tournament will be held on February 27 and 28, 2021 in coordination with the Town of Hague. The event will take place whether or not there is ice.

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 weigh station will be located at the Hague Fish & Game Club at 488 West Hague Road in Hague. Weigh-in will take place Saturday, February 27th from 8 am to 8 pm and Sunday, February 28th from 8 am to 3 pm. Awards will be handed out at 4 pm.

There is a \$40 entry fee for participants 16 years of age and up for both days. Participants under 16 are free. A 75% payout will take place for adult registrations. Junior/Youth prizes, donated by local merchants, will be

given. Participants can pre-register at the following bait shops: Sentinel Outdoor Sports (Ticonderoga), Silver Bay General Store, Norm's Bait & Tackle (Crown Point), FMB Bait Shop (Port Henry), Fish 307 (Lake George), Beach Road Bait & Tackle (Lake George), and Crossroads Country Store (Chestertown).

Note all COVID-19 guidelines must, and will, be followed including: masks, social distancing, and no gathering together in large groups. Tracing logs will be required. The

award ceremony will max out at 50 people. Outdoor seating with heaters will be available.

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.org](http://www.townofhague.org) or [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com). ▣



## MEMORIAL DAY ALTERNATIVE TO THE HAGUE PARADE

The Hague Memorial Day Parade Committee hopes that everyone is coping with COVID-19 and staying well and safe.

There will be no Hague Memorial Day Parade this year, but hopefully by next year, we'll all be back on track.

The members of the parade committee plan to have a "White Elephant" and some vendors in the park for Memorial Day this year to get people out and about. For COVID-19 safety, they will limit the number of vendors.

Anyone interested in being a vendor should call Maureen Cherubini at 518-543-6463. ▣

## THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague had no power.  
Perhaps that's what made him so dour.  
Whatever he tried,  
It usually died;  
That certainly made him more sour.*



## LAKE FROZEN FEBRUARY 12

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weeks. At times, it seems the happiest group to see the ice break up are all the ducks that start to congregate in the smaller open bodies of water. Ultimately many of the hooded mergansers and mallard ducks take up residence along the open spots around the shores of Hague, particularly favoring the large open area between the Trout House Village and the Dockside Landing docks.

This “freezing” process was in full swing between January 20th - 23rd, with temperatures in the teens during the day and below zero at night. The ice made progress over the weekend of January 23rd - 24th. The ice stretched from Sabbath Day Point through Silver Bay and into Hague Bay, to about Jenkins Point. A section of ice was locked into the Waltonian Islands and was working hard toward the south. It would be broken up numerous times during this stretch. All the while, a sheet of ice started to wrap around the shoreline in Hague and Gull Bay.

The ice slowly marched down the lake from Ticonderoga toward the north side of Friends

Point/Forest Bay. Slack’s Bay froze over and then was broken back up on Friday, January 29th. Most of the ice eaters were on by this point. The ice had stretched overnight on Saturday to encase the west side of Forest Bay and Friends Point, with an open section along the east side of the lake along the Glenburnie and Gull Bay side. Hague Bay remained open. Lots of feathery snow was falling on the ice and even up on the hills. A seasoned ice expert could tell from the flurry of snowflakes floating in the sunrise sky on Sunday morning that the lake was still trying to freeze over and that there was still an open section in Hague.



The battle of icing-over continued for the next couple of weeks. Another frigid cold stretch brought the temperatures down to the single digits at night and in the 20's during the day during the week of February 6th - February 12th. The large open section between Dome Island and Northwest Bay froze over around February 8th and 9th. The ice closed in on Hague Bay around February 9th and 10th, with one section open in front of Cape Cod Village and Jenkins Point. The ice really started to close in and lock up between Glenburnie and Anthony's Nose on February 9th as well. There were just three small ponds out there that needed to freeze to complete the process. On February 10th, it looked as if it might happen, but there was a breeze out there. Choppy water never freezes. It was really cold in Hague on



February 10th, single digits overnight, four degrees in the early morning and a high of 24 degrees. It was even colder for many of our southern neighbors; Austin, Texas was at 18 degrees!

In the early morning sun of February 11th, it looked like it had happened. The glare made it hard to tell if there were any open spots. By midday, a dark blue section could be seen off the Rogers Rock Campground. The night of February 11th, temperature dropped to zero. It was -1 degree in the morning

and for the record, Lake George “completely” froze over on Friday, February 12th.

The “Queen” did not freeze over completely in the winter of 2020. The last complete freeze occurred in 2019 on January 22nd. As we remember back to our earth science studies, the sun continues to get higher on the horizon and the days get longer as winter approaches spring, making it that much harder each day for the lake to freeze and these long cold spells really help. Locals and seasonal residents certainly have witnessed Mother Nature’s successful battle to ice over our beautiful “Queen” once again this winter. ▣

*Photos courtesy of Anthony DeFranco*

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/28/2021

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Maureen Cherubini, Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, and Ray Snyder were present.

### **RYPKEMA (43.5-2-14) 9848 Graphite Mountain Road**

The applicant is proposing the conversion of an existing commercial space into two additional apartments within their multiple-family dwelling located on a parcel of 0.38 acres. This proposal would bring the total number of units to seven. The minimum lot area per dwelling unit would not be met, therefore requiring ZBA approval. The application was deemed complete and a site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 25th. ■

the site plan to include vegetative borders and storm water run-off controls addressing the board's concerns. The board unanimously approved the site plan review.

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## PLANNING BOARD - 2/4/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Dan Belden, and Pam Peterson were present. Meg Haskell and Judy Gourley were absent.

### **GOETSCH (42.16-1-32) 34 Shattuck-Robbins Road (TR1-R)**

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 9.98-acre parcel into four separate lots. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next planning board meeting on March 4th.

### **BRENNAN (60.5-1-1) 15 Sentinel Pines (TR1)**

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 4.8-acre lakefront parcel into two lots. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next planning board meeting on March 4th.

### **ENGLER (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lake Shore Drive (HP)**

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing legal non-conforming commercial structure (currently occupied by Made in Hague) with a two-story mixed-use commercial/residential structure. A variance is requested for relief from setback restraints and allowable lot coverage. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next planning board meeting on March 4th.

### **LAZARUS (93.19-1-16) 7740 Lake Shore Drive (RC)**

The applicant is proposing the installation of a hillside trolley to provide handicap access to their lakefront property. The trolley is to run alongside an existing staircase and will be within 100 feet of the mean high-water mark, requiring an area variance and site plan review. The DOT requirement that there are no permanent structures in the Route 9N right-of-way has been met. The board-requested conditions for lighting and backup emergency power have been incorporated into the site plan. The board unanimously approved the site plan review with these conditions.

### **AIKEN (60.5-1-11) 19 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)**

The applicant is seeking approval to raze and replace an existing principal building (with a non-conforming use due to lot size) on their lakefront parcel. The applicant has modified

## TOWN BOARD - 2/9/2021

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant. Jack Bast was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Janet Ludlum.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Waste Water Treatment System, Lewke 76.20-1-1-26 TR-1R**

The applicants are seeking four variances for an onsite waste water treatment system. The proposal will upgrade an existing system to accommodate the addition of a second home on their property. The applicant has proposed a design with two septic tanks, one for each home, and a shared absorption field.

Cedarwood Engineering, working for the Town of Hague, requested additional time to complete a full review of the system and provide recommendations. As a result, the public hearing will remain open until the next town board meeting on March 9th.

Multiple neighbors raised concerns about adding a second house to the property. The lot meets the minimum required acreage to add a second residence.

The ZEO will review the application.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald** - ZEO interviews have begun.

**Highway: Ramant/Bast** - Brining is going well. On February 9th, the Fund for Lake George did a recognition for salt reduction around the lake. Representatives from Hague and the Lake George Highway Department visited the Warren County Highway Department to help them set up brining.

**Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett** - A letter presenting a proposal to address environmental concerns with aquatic invasive species, especially

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hydrilla, signed by area town supervisors and three non-profits has been sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

**Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier** - The transfer station compactor function was recently reviewed and it was in good shape. A new power unit should resolve recent issues; quotes for a new one will be requested.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A request from the Senior Citizens to use the Hague Visitors' Center from April 14th to May 31st to store items for the White Elephant Sale taking place Memorial Day weekend was unanimously approved.

2. Hague Town Supervisor Edna Frasier then read the full contents of the Letter of Intent developed by the Warren County Board of Supervisors in response to the violence at the National Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The Letter had been negotiated by County Board Chair Rachel Seeber with the County Board members of all parties. The final version was then agreed upon, read without dissent at the County Board's January 15th meeting, and then publicly disseminated by Chairwoman Seeber on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors.

Within the text of the letter, it is stated that: "The Warren County Board of Supervisors condemns all the violent and destructive acts done...by those who do not seek peaceful protest and those that have contributed to the violence and destruction in 2020 and 2021, including those acts that attacked the Capitol of the United States of America on Wednesday, January 6th, and implores all Judicial and Law Enforcement agencies to administer swift and sure justice upon all who broke the law..."

"The Warren County Board of Supervisors acknowledges that President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris are elected, and acknowledges the 2020 National Presidential election as determined by the United States Electoral College and accepted by the U.S. Congress..."

"We express support and gratitude to the Warren County Board of Elections."

"The Warren County Board of Supervisors firmly desires to see a peaceful transition of power on January 20, 2021."

"The Board asks the Clerk of the Board to send this letter of support to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congresswoman Stefanik, State Senator Stec, State Assemblyman Simpson, and to other persons...including to all elected Supervisors and all elected officials regardless of party affiliation in the County of Warren in an effort to begin 2021 in unity and with justice for all."

To see the entire letter, click **HERE**.

Hague resident Lance Clark stated that he had attended the County Board meeting by Zoom. He came away impressed by the bipartisan nature of this Letter and of the process of developing it. Clark stated, "It was clear that the County Board members felt a common concern to condemn violence and to speak up for American core values of freedom of speech and peaceful demonstration, and to calm the volatility in our country and area in these difficult times."

3. The Census Bureau sent a thank you to all the people in Hague who helped with the census.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were unanimously approved:

- To sign an agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. They represent the town if it has issues in the North Country, the Adirondacks, and in Albany.
- That the Hague Town Board examine the Justice's records and dockets.
- For the supervisor to sign an agreement with the Town of Chester for the use of Chester Animal Shelter.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The question was raised whether there is any thought to bringing the Hague Triathlon back. The board is open to it, although it is not likely to occur in 2021.

*This is a brief summary of the meeting by Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor. The full minutes of the meeting will be posted at <https://townofhague.org/boards/town-board/town-minutes/20/>.*



*Photos courtesy of Seddon Beaty, taken just before the lake officially froze.*



## 2020 HAGUE MEMORY TREE

The Hague Memory Tree began in 1987 when Imogene Frasier approached the Hague Chamber of Commerce to sponsor her in requesting donations for the Hague Ambulance Fund in memory of her son, Dale. She continued the Memory Tree for the next 23 years to help the HVFD purchase equipment for the ambulances. Since Imogene died in 2009, her daughter, Diane Trudeau, and niece, Bertha Dunsmore, have continued the tradition. The names of those for whom donations have been made are put on a "Memory Tree" at the Hague Community Center and are published in *The Hague Chronicle*.

Alkema, Peggy	Cassidy, Edward F.	Fadding, Russ	Hirakawa, George and	Middleton, Aaron
Bach, Joe	Cherubini, Michael F.	Fadding, Bud	Dorothy	Middleton, Alvin
Balcom, James A.	Cherubini, Mario	Fish, Herm	Hoffay, Janet	Middleton, Emma
Balcom, Olive P.	Cherubini, Jack	Fish, Floyd, Sr.	Hoyt, Ada and Bob	Middleton, Scott
Balcom, Ralph	Clark, Bruce	Fish, Floyd and Muriel	Hudler, George and Marion	Middleton, Beatrice "Midge"
Balcom, Cassie	Conlon, Family (Wally, Kate, and Hannah)	Fish, Charlie	Hudler, Ron	Denno
Balcom, Harvey T.	Corscaden, Dr. Jim	Fish, Clifford	James, Tom	Middleton, Julia
Barnaby, Andrew N. Jr and Marge	Costello, John "Bgood"	Fitzgerald, Jean	Johnson, Louis and Bessie	Middleton, Linda
Barnaby Family, Andrew N. Sr.	Costello, John M.	Fitzgerald, Ginny and Eric	Johnson, Mark	Miligan, Bill
Barnes, Francis W.R.	Costello, Lucille	Fitzgerlad, Barb	Jordon, "Mam" and "Pap"	Moran, Gene
Barney, Richard	Costello, Mike	Foote, Charlie	Jordon, Margaret	Morin, Mary Hoffay
Beaty, Janet "Nootsie"	Costello, Bess	Foote, Mary (Maggie)	Jordon, Gramp	Mosca, Nicholas A. (baby)
Beaty, Julia	Craig, Allison	Forgette, Pat	Jordon, Gramp and Inza	Moses, Grand Ma
Belden, Barb and Paul	Craig, Ralph	Fort, Chuck "Chuckles"	Jordon, Cindy	Mury, Ray
Belknap, Herb and Nell	Cronan, Cory	Frasier, Clifford and Mary	Jordon, Bea	Nestor, Juanita Robbins
Bennett, Della Robbins	Cunningham, Catherine (baby)	Frasier, Chet and Mimi	Jordon, Bryan	Nielson, Margaret
Bernard, Alfreda Gautreau	Darrin, Peggy	Frasier, Mitchel and Imogene	Jordon, Chuck	Nutt, Jim
Bevins, Dorothy A.	Davis, Kathy	Frasier, Dale	Jordon, Jay	Ornmsby, Elizabeth
Bevins, Steven A.	Decker, Betty	Frasier, Christopher Lee	Jordon, John	Elethorpe
Bevins, Stephen J.	Decker, Clifford	Frasier, Slip and Gerldine	Jordon, Bruce	Ostrander, Irene
Bevins, Ernest C.	Decker, Emerson	Frasier, Veril and Carl	Jordon, Patty	Pendarvis, Makeisha Hoffay
Bevins, Maud	Decker, Mary (Maggie)	Frasier, Stanley	Jordon, Donald "Traveler"	Perkins, Al
Bevins, Morris	Decker, Wilbert	Frasier, Beatrice Robbins	Jordon, Curt	Perkins, Ann and Al
Bevins, Frank	DeSignore, Marg	Frasier, Lee and Alice Family	Jordon, Dave "Can't say"	Perkins, Jackie
Bevins, Thor E.	Denno, Eugene and Marion	Frasier, Harold "Hoppy"	Knuetter, Patrick	Peters, Duke
Bingham, Tish Henderson	Denno, Bernard "Buck" and Anna Robbins	Frazier, James	Krueger, Alberta	Pinchon, Terry
Blair, Winifred and William	Denno, Joseph J.	Fricke, Laura Robbins	Krueger, Richard H.	Plass, Peter
Bolton, Jack and Doris	Denn, Robert A.	Fuller, Colleen	Kuebler, Richard	Pomponio, Camille
Bolton, Dick and Penny	Denno, Mabel Rock	Fuller, Antonia "Sue"	Kuhl, Jane M.	Santaniello
Bolton, Earl R.	Denno, Ralph H.	Gautreau, Theresa M.	Lamb, Betty	Randall, Bill
Bolton, Betty M.	Denno, James R.	Gautreau, Erene T.	Lambert, Florence "Topsy"	Rawson, Barb
Bonestell, Sara	Denno, Nicholas (baby)	Gautreau, Evelyn M.	LaPointe, Cyrus	Reynolds, Jack
Boyd, Gerry	Densmore, Floyd and Betty	Girard, James	LaVallee, Clara	Reynolds, Kay
Braisted, John and Betty	Denton, George and Martha	Goss, Charlie and Evelyn	LaVallee, Victor, Sr.	Robinson, Sara G.
Braisted, Jody Lambert	Dickson, Ryan	Graser, Ron	Lindsay, Jean	Robbins, Bertha Spaulding
Breitenbach, Debbie	Diskin, Adolph N.	Guerrieri, Patrick	Lindquist, Evert and Georgina	Robbins, Paul
Brink, Family	Dolbeck, Merrill W.	Guerrieri, Robert	Locascio, Jim	Robbins, Benajah M.
Broderick, Jim and Margaret	Doyle, Bert	Guerrieri, Grace	Lund, Cliff	Robbins, Ernest
Broderick, Father Rich	Dunsmore, Jack	Guerrieri, Patsy	Luyster, Dorothy	Rockwell, Vern
Brown, John and Betty	Dunsmore, Sue	Hall, Harold "Beezer"	Luyster, Al	Rockwell, Scott
Brown, Margaret H.	Dykeman, Marie	Hayes, Clifford	Luyster, Wendy	Ross, Clara and Wesley
Burgey, Charley	Earl, Mary	Henderson, Charles	MacGregor, Bernice	Ross, Eunice
Brunsell, Punky	Eddy, Mildred	Henderson, Charles Jr.	Manning, Deb and Mike	Rypkema, Judy Hoffay
Bryant, Bob and Shirley	Elethorpe, Nathan	Henderson, Virginia K.	Marapoti, Barbara	Santaniello, Sal
Burgess, Arlene	Elethorpe, Anna	Henderson, James W.	Marcy, Don (Duck)	Santaniello, Ted and Lucy
Burgess, Lee	Elethorpe, Asel	Henderson, Jim	Matarazzo, Mary	Santaniello, Sierra Rose
Butler, Edna Middleton	Elethorpe, Myra	Henderson, Donald L.	Mathews, Bill	Santaniello, Silvio
Calden, Irene Arsenault	Elethorpe, Cecil	Henderson, Robert M.	Mathews, Betty	Santaniello, Jasper
Caldera, Bob	Elethorpe, Elwin	Henry, Dottie and Jack	Mathews, John	Scarzello, Richard L.
Cameron, Hannah	Elethorpe, Norman	Henry, Leona Shortsleeves	Mathews, Richard	Schoolcraft, Phillip T.
Carney, Frank and Rosemary	Elethorpe, Earl	Henry, William L.	McCanelns, Cindy	Scott, Leroy
Carpenter, Harold	Elethorpe, Gladys	Henry, Charles W.	McCoy, Beatrice Denno	Scott, Sara
Carpenter, Jane	Elliott, Charlotte	Herrick, Gert	McGuire, Betty and Jim	Skahan, Donald R.
Carpenter, John	Engler, Dorothy Coleman	Herrick, Archie	Megow, Norma	Skahan, Elizabeth C.
Carpenter, John, Jr.	Engler, Howard	Herrick, Jim	Megow, Ludolf J.	Smith, Uncle Jim
Carpenter, Richard S.	Ergood, Bruce	Hill, Pauline Robbins	Megow, Irene	Smith, Stan
Carpenter, Zella	Fadding, John	Hintze, Ron	Megow, Helen	Snow, Tink
Case, Linda Archibald			Meola, Rudy	Stanton, Patty and Jack
			Middleton, Leonard	

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## MEMORY TREE *(Continued from p. 6)*

Stormer, Family  
Stratton, Leona Robbins  
Streeter, Joe  
Swinyer, Clarence  
Swinyer, Dolly  
Ticknor, Howard  
Tilton, Edna Robbins

Towndrow, Robert R.  
Trudeau Family, Clifford  
Tucker, Mary Elethorpe  
Tuminsky, Mildred Fish  
Turner, Purvey  
Turner, Joe  
Tyler, Barbara Denno

Ursell, Betty Scott  
Van Kleeck, Bud and June  
Van Kleeck, William and Anna  
Van Kleeck, Marion  
Van Kleeck, Hatch  
Vickerson, Henry and Lucille

Vickerson, John and Julie  
Viscardi, Dominick  
WAZ  
West, Marguerite  
Whitaker, Jim  
Whitaker, Ed

Withrow, Pryce R.  
Woodard, Terry  
Woody, Ruth Hudler  
Wotton, Robert L. and Harriet ▣

## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Catherine “Katy” Laundree Wells, 54, of Hague on January 12, 2021 at the University of Vermont Medical Center, with her loving family by her side.

Born in Ticonderoga, Katy was a graduate of Ticonderoga High School and Adirondack Community College with a degree in Criminal Justice.

She worked many jobs, but her passion was cooking. She ran the Hague Creek Café and was the chef at many area restaurants, most recently at the Hague Firehouse Restaurant. Katy put on many wonderful meals as the main chef for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). She also loved baking delicious cakes, especially all types of cheesecakes.

Katy was a member of the HVFD and served as its treasurer and a member of the board of directors. She was also active with the Emergency Medical Squad (EMS).

She was pre-deceased by: her parents, Raymond and Marjorie Laundree; her sister, Michelle Laundree; her brother, Douglas Laundree; her step-daughter, Crystal Wells; and her nephew, Jason Laundree.

Survivors include: her husband, William G. Wells; her mother-in-law, Anna Mae Wells; her step-daughter, Heather Wells; her sister, Meg Haskell (Thomas); her brother, Mike Laundree; her nephews Thomas Haskell (Katie) and Nathan Laundree (Kayla Bennett); nieces Aren Caza (Brian) and Mara Martin-Serrano (Nicholas); her

great-nephew, Carson Witherell; and great-nieces, Emma Caza, Charleigh Haskell, Genevieve Haskell, and Annalee Haskell. Katy will also be missed by her two best friends, Linda Mury and Bobbie Jean Fish.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Donations in her memory can go to the University of Vermont Children’s Hospital [HERE](#). ▣

*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. Please send to [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org).

## FREE TAX PREPARATION IN HAGUE

AARP Free Tax Preparation Services kicks off its sixteenth year on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, providing free tax services to the communities of Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Port Henry, and surrounding areas. The team of 22 volunteers has completed training, passed testing, is certified by AARP and the IRS for preparing federal and NYS returns for the 2021 tax season, and is ready to provide excellent free tax preparation service to our community.

COVID-19 safety protocols have been developed and approved that will keep taxpayers and volunteers safe during the tax preparation process. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, services will only be provided at the Hague Community Center at 9793 Graphite

Mountain Road (Rt. 8) in Hague.

*These services are by appointment only.* Appointments will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 3 pm from February 16th through April 13th and can be made by calling 518-543-6161. Selected Friday times may be added at a later time.

Taxpayers are required to bring:

- All tax information such as W-2, 1099s, interest and dividend statements, social security cards, and birthdates for all persons on their return
- A check for direct deposit of refund
- A copy of last year’s tax return, even if prepared by some other person or group



- Photo identification such as a valid driver’s license for each taxpayer and the spouse

Taxpayers who have collected unemployment during 2020, are required to bring a 1099G Unemployment Form. This form can be requested from the NY Department of Labor by calling 888-209-8124 or by going to <https://dol.ny.gov/> and searching for 1099G. ▣

## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



In this season of snow and cold, it warms the heart and spirit to plant seeds. In the weeks to come, they will grow into plants that will be ready to transplant outdoors in your spring garden.

Granted, the Adirondacks is known for its cold and long winters and the plants may not feel the rich soil of the outdoors until late April or early May, but who cares? The sun will shine one day and bring its intense warmth and strength to encourage all the plants to grow and prosper.

According to the [Farmer's Almanac](#), broccoli seeds should be started between March 9th and the 24th if you plant by frost dates or between March 13th and the 24th if you plant by moon dates. What is the difference, you ask? Well, planting by the moon is a more traditional technique. Moon gardening, which has been practiced for thousands of years, can be traced back to the ancient people of the Nile and Euphrates River valleys. These moon gardeners believe that plants or seeds that are sown in the few days before a full moon become stronger and more productive. They claim the gravitational force of the full moon

affects the level of groundwater in the soil. The frost dates indicate the best planting dates based on the local average frost dates which are determined by historical weather data. You make the choice of moon or frost!

A Three Sisters Garden sounds like an interesting idea. Native Iroquois grew the three sisters for over three centuries before the European settlers arrived. In the legend, the vegetable trio of corn, beans, and squash were a gift from the gods, always to be grown together, eaten together, and celebrated together.

Each sister contributes something to the planting and together, the sisters provide a balanced diet from a single planting. As the older sister, the corn offers necessary support to the beans. The pole beans, the giving sister, pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of



*Photo courtesy of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture website*

all three. The large leaves of the sprawling squash protect by creating a living mulch that shades the soil, keeping it cool and moist and preventing weeds. Consult the [Farmer's Almanac](#) for information on how to plant a Three Sisters Garden and which seeds are the best to use.

Many gardeners believe that working in their gardens allows them to put their stresses and problems in perspective. A garden, whether vegetable or flower, bursts with promise and expectation. As the daylight hours begin to grow again, may you find joy in your future garden. ▣

## STEVE TAMM RETIRING FROM SILVER BAY

Chief Volunteer Officer and Chair of the Board of Trustees Stephanie Wagoner has announced that Steve Tamm plans to retire from his role as Silver Bay's CEO effective December 31, 2021.

The partnership between the Silver Bay Board of Trustees and Steve has resulted in many accomplishments including the modernization of the campus, the implementation of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility, and the completion of the William Boyd Center. Silver Bay has also furthered its outreach to the community under Steve's direction, including the expansion of the Spiritual Life Respite, Cancer Respite

and Vacations Made Possible Programs, and the relationships he has developed with key organizations in the Lake George watershed.

The Silver Bay Board of Trustees is very grateful for Steve's servant leadership during his tenure, especially during the pandemic, when the staff operated without summer emps.

In the coming months, the Silver Bay Board of Trustees will launch a search for a new CEO with the support of YMCA of the USA professionals. Steve will stay on as CEO to allow for a smooth transition to his successor.



Steve stated, "The relationship between myself and the Board of Trustees is solid ...I have been truly honored to work shoulder-to-shoulder with them these last many years...I too am ever so blessed and proud to have worked with the very dedicated staff at Silver Bay...As often is the case with the major decisions of life, the reasons for my

retirement are multifaceted, and much of it personal, such as being able to spend more time with family enjoying summer in the Adirondacks." ▣



## FARMERS' MARKET 2021 – COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has announced that the 2021 Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market will operate July through September with plans to expand and grow in the future.

A farmers' market gives:

- Farmers and vendors a place to market and sell their goods.
- Consumers access to fresh and local products.
- The community a gathering place and chance to contribute to the local economy.



*Kelly Carey and June Curtis*

Although the Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market has held its own, many markets throughout NY have seen decreases in participation and farmers have suffered falling sales in the last few years.

For this reason, TACC has decided to conduct a survey with the objective of determining the level of community interest. By understanding the needs of the farmers and vendors, what products and services are wanted, and how, when, and where they are best accessed, the organizers can best shape the program for 2021 and beyond.

TACC asks that **consumers** please fill out the survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GT73XYF>

**Farmers and vendors** (past and potential), please fill out the survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GS2HLLK>. Surveys will be available via email at a later time.

The Farmers' Market is now recruiting farmers and vendors. If you produce a quality food product that is locally grown or farm raised, or are a local vendor of products, you may want to participate. There are guidelines, requirements, and an application process. If you are hesitant to commit to the full season, a flexible schedule is available. For further information, please call 518-585-6619 or email [chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com](mailto:chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com). ■

## END OF WINTER CARNIVAL

The Annual Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival and Fireworks (COVID-19 Edition) will take place on Saturday, March 6, 2021. The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is also coordinating a list of business promotions and specials for the weekend of March 5th – 7th, encouraging people to THINK LOCAL and for visitors to come to Ticonderoga for the weekend.

Anyone who has participated in the past will be contacted directly. If you would like to register your business to offer a promotion or special, call 518-585-6619 or email [emullen@ticonderogany.com](mailto:emullen@ticonderogany.com). Printed flyers that show you are participating will be provided as well as copies of the flyer listing the promotions and specials. Customers then show the TACC flyer or mention the End of Winter Carnival. Businesses are encouraged to advertise their promotions and specials via all marketing avenues such as online, social media, print, and at their businesses.

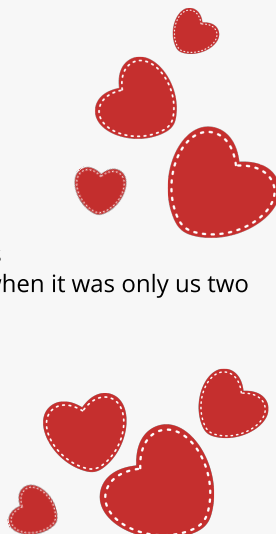
*Sun Community News* will run a full-page ad on Saturday, February 27th. If you would like to place an ad with your End of Winter Carnival Promotions and Specials, email Susan Zacharenko at [ads@suncommunitynews.com](mailto:ads@suncommunitynews.com). ■

## LOVE LETTER TO THE LAKE

*by Gabrielle Keller*

The beginning of Spring; I was saved from reality  
 We met again after months apart  
 Oh, how the light of the moon danced over you  
 Like pearls on the surface of your skin  
 The cool April breeze whistled through the leaves  
 You showed me how small the world could feel when it was only us two

There was nothing like our moments together  
 As the days got warmer  
 I got to know you better  
 Days, weeks, months we shared  
 Moments seemed to last a lifetime  
 You became my home



## HONOR ROLL

These Hague students made the honor roll for the second quarter at Ticonderoga Elementary School:

**Grade 1** - High Honors: Liam Scoville

**Grade 2** - High Honors: Noah Mydlarz, Maddison Smith, and Cerina Swinton

**Grade 3** -Honors: Markenna Winter

**Grade 4** - High Honors: Cohen Winter/Honors: Rayleigh Nail

**Grade 5** - High Honors: Wyatt Barnes

**Grade 6** - High Honors: Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, and Kaiden Smith

## LOOKING BACK

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Remember when...



My friend Sally told me recently that our mutual friend Kathi had dialed her number by mistake earlier that day, and they ended up spending nearly an hour on the phone, catching up. This is what happens in Hague in the winter months, especially when there's a pandemic going on. People don't run into each other, and it sometimes takes a random phone call, a mistake as it were, to get in touch. With the Firehouse and the Hague Market closed in the off-season, the only places where one might run into other townsfolk are at the Post Office or the dump. Someone once said that, during winters in Hague, you can buy a stamp or a house, nothing else.

But back to the phone call. Sally and I reminisced about when we were kids and the phone company charged by the minute for long distance calls. No flat rates back then. To get connected, you had to go through the operator.

"I remember once when my mother was calling my grandmother in New Jersey," Sally told me. "After about 15 or 20 minutes, my father yelled into the kitchen, 'O.K. Nance, time to wrap it up!' He was obviously thinking of the \$\$\$\$. My mother yelled back, 'I haven't spoken with mom yet. I'm still talking to the operator!'"

That brought to mind just how different phone calls were back then. Everyone had a party line, which meant you shared your line with a group of neighbors. When you picked up the phone to place a call, someone from your 'party' might already be using the phone, in which case you heard their conversation. Most people were probably polite enough to just hang up if that happened. As for me, I sometimes eavesdropped. Ah, but those are stories for another day. And if anyone who is reading this thinks I may have some information from those calls that they don't really want to see printed in *The Hague Chronicle*, I'm sure that we can come to some sort of arrangement. Just give me a call.

In addition to party lines, there was also an operator who placed our calls for us. As a child, I somehow knew that the brick building up on Fitzgerald Hill (later named Overbrook when streets suddenly started needing real names) was the New York Telephone Company building. I always pictured an operator sitting in that building 24 x 7, plugging cables in and out of a switchboard. I wasn't really sure how she ever got groceries since she could never leave her post. I thought that maybe Bob and Ada Hoyt, who owned the Hague Supermarket, delivered them to her. Or perhaps Charlie Fitzgerald delivered them from his IGA market, which was on Route 9N just south of today's Trout House Village.

Yes, when it comes to phones and calls, things are certainly different now than when I was a kid. For instance, Hague suddenly got very modern in the late 50s, and we were able to dial our own calls without the help of an operator. Every household had a four-digit number, and that was all we needed when calling within Hague. In fact, lots of Hague residents who still have a landline still have those very same four digits. Later, the phone company assigned every town a three-digit exchange to precede the four digits. Hague's was

Kimball 3, which translated to 543. Ticonderoga's was JUno 5, or 585. We could call numbers in Hague or Ti free of charge, but calls to any other town incurred long-distance charges.

Today, cell phones enable us to call from anywhere – whether out in the boat or at the top of a mountain. We can even take a photo and send it while we're talking. And, thanks to Internet calling and apps, it's all free of charge. So, when visitors complain to me about poor cell

service in Hague, I just smile and remember the good old days – when that poor operator in the brick telephone building up on the hill had to sit in that building all day and night connecting our calls. And when our moms were limited to calling their moms once a week, keeping their conversations brief. After all, they grew up during the Great Depression, and being frugal was a way of life for them. ▣



*The Telephone Building on Fitzgerald Hill.  
Photo courtesy of Mary Behr.*

## FORT TICONDEROGA DIGITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Fort Ticonderoga continues its **Digital Campaign**, a virtual experience featuring interactive programming, a lectures series, and at-home educational activities and resources.

Featured on the Upcoming Digital Campaign Event Calendar:

### **Saturday, February 20 - Fusil Grenadier, Facebook, 1 pm**

What made a grenadier musket and were they just used by grenadiers?

### **Sunday, February 21 - Virtual Author Series: Ghost Fleet Awakened—Lake George's Sunken Bateaux of 1758, ZOOM, 2 pm**

In the book [Ghost Fleet Awakened—Lake George's Sunken Bateaux of 1758](#), author Joseph W. Zarzynski reveals the story of a little-recognized sunken fleet of British warships, bateaux, from the French and Indian War (1755-1763). Zarzynski will discuss his book. This is a paid program and pre-registration is required. Fort Ticonderoga Members receive free admission.

### **Wednesday, February 24 - Virtual Fort Fever Series: Cuba to Champlain: Enslavement and Empire on the Road to Independence, ZOOM, 7 pm**

Fort Ticonderoga Curator, Dr. Matthew Keagle will explore how 18th-century imperial warfare not

only built Ticonderoga but perpetuated and expanded slavery's reach into the continent, from the Seven Years' War to the Eve of the Revolution. This is a paid program and pre-registration is required. Fort Ticonderoga Members receive free admission.

### **Thursday, February 25 - From the Ground Up: Tools, Facebook, 1 pm**

This will explore Fort Ticonderoga's archaeological tool collection.

### **Saturday, February 27 - Virtual Living History Event: Four Divisions Formed at Carillon-1757 French Raid on Fort William Henry**

This series of programs will demonstrate how French Regulars and Canadians assembled at Fort Carillon, preparing to march across frozen Lake George to surprise the British in 1757. All programs will be presented on Fort Ticonderoga's Facebook page at the times listed:

#### **• Winter Moccasins, Facebook, 11 am**

Participants will see the process for recreating simple deerskin shoes and how they can make their own.

#### **• 60 Leagues on Snowshoes, Facebook, 1 pm**

This program will tell how 1,500 soldiers, Canadian Milice, and native warriors marched from Canada to



Fort William Henry in the winter of 1757

#### **• Scaling Ladders, Facebook, 3 pm**

Participants will see how three-piece scaling ladders were built at Carillon. Visit [fortticonderoga.org](http://fortticonderoga.org) and their social media accounts for more exciting live videos, on-site special events, lectures series, and educational at-home activities that bring history to life! ▣

## TI ARTS UPDATE

The Ti Arts Gallery has delayed its "Harvest to Table" show until April 22, 2021 due to the COVID surge. They hope this change will keep people safe, allow more people to attend, and thus raise more money for the food pantry.

The new drop-off dates are April 20th and 21st. ▣

## ONLINE PROGRAM ON HWA

There will be a ZOOM presentation on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 3 – 4:30 pm featuring the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program and expert researchers from the NYS Hemlock Initiative about the invasive insect known as Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). Participants will understand how to identify HWA in the field and gain the skills needed to take action to protect forests.

To participate in this online presentation, click [HERE](#) to register through APIPP. ▣

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## CALENDAR

February 2021

### FEBRUARY

13	5 - 6:30 pm	Grab 'n Go Spaghetti Dinner (take-out) at HVFD
14	2 pm	Valentine's Day Hague Polar Plunge
15		Presidents Day/TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
16	9 am	AARP Tax Preparation begins
20	1 pm	Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Fusil Grenadier</i>
21	2 pm	Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Lake George's Sunken Bateaux of 1758</i>
23	1:30 pm	Seniors Club meeting at HVFD
24	7 pm	Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Cuba to Champlain</i>
25	1 pm 3 - 4:30 pm 7 pm	Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Tools</i> Online program on HWA Zoning Board of Appeals

27	11 am 1 pm	Hague Ice Fishing Tournament Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Winter Moccasins</i> Ft. Ti Digital - <i>60 Leagues on Snowshoes</i>
	3 pm	Ft. Ti Digital - <i>Scaling Ladders</i>
28		Hague Ice Fishing Tournament

### MARCH

4	7 pm 5 - 7 pm	Planning Board Think Local in Ticonderoga
6		Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival and Fireworks
8		Deadline for the March issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
9	6 pm	Town Board
14		Daylight Savings Time begins
17		St. Patrick's Day

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS: September 2 through June 30

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED