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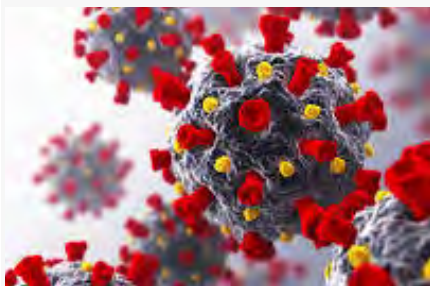
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Dec 12, 2020:



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	71,211,461	1,587,630
US	15,581,735	259,539
NYS	753,837	35,357
Warren County	710	30
Essex County	348	14

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

JEFFERSON PROJECT STUDIES LAKE'S FIRST ALGAL BLOOM

As we reported in the November issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, Lake George had its first Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) in Harris Bay on Saturday, November 7, 2020. It dissipated that same day. Additional blooms appeared on Monday, November 9th, in Harris Bay, Sandy Bay, Warner Bay, and in the waters off Lake George Village, all of which dissipated within 24 hours.

The Jefferson Project immediately deployed its resources around the lake. More than 20 researchers collected water samples from all over the lake for sophisticated chemical, biological, and computer modeling analyses. They deployed advanced sensors around the lake. In addition, IBM and Rensselaer supercomputers and researchers began computationally modeling recent

weather and water circulation at all levels of the lake. All of this effort was aimed at answering three critical questions.

The first question is: Was this a natural event or is this an early warning sign of human activities impacting the lake, due to factors like increasing nutrients or global climate change?

The initial results from Jefferson Project work confirms the widespread existence of *Dolichospermum fuscum* — a cyanobacteria commonly found in Lake George and other lakes in abundance below the lake's surface in autumn — in high concentrations in the recent surface blooms. The algae are known to have little pouches — called air vacuoles — that make it possible for them to float in the deep waters of the open lake, but their buoyancy is so weak that it can only rise to the surface under extremely calm conditions.

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FINAL 2020 HAGUE ELECTION RESULTS

These are the final results from the Warren County Board of Elections:

PRESIDENT:	Biden	241	50.74%
	Trump	225	47.37%
U.S. HOUSE:	Cobb	227	48.09%
	Stefanik	245	51.91%
NY SENATE:	Davis	189	40.82%
	Stec	274	59.18%
NY ASSEMBLY:	Braymer	200	43.76%
	Simpson	255	55.80%
COUNTY JUDGE:	Moreschi	208	46.74%
	Smith	237	53.26%

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

The Hague community celebrated Gladys Graser as she turned 90 years young on December 1, 2020.

Gladys was surprised when we shared our love for her with a drive-by parade. In addition, her mailbox was flooded with birthday cards and she received many phone calls. Thanks to everyone who helped make her day special.



She came to live in Hague 40 years ago and has been active in the community ever since.

She had a business in Hague called the Lolli Pop Shop. She was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Home Bureau. She worked for the Post Office, delivering mail to many of you.

You may remember her smiling face from her years working in many positions at Silver Bay. She was also a member of *The Hague Chronicle* mailing team.

She has been active with the Senior Club for many years and has served as our treasurer for the past 17 years. She will be retiring as treasurer at the end of this year, but will still remain on the Parade Committee and an active member of the club.

Gladys, we love you and appreciate all you've done for our community. God Bless you, our friend. We look forward to seeing you when we can all get together in 2021!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year.

Stay safe. ❑



SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLY

There will be an early dismissal for Ticonderoga Central School District and St. Mary's students on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Dismissal times will be as follows:



- ELEMENTARY – 1:20 pm (parent pick-up 12:50 pm)
- ST. MARY'S – 1:30 pm
- JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH – 1:40 pm

FRIENDS POINT ROADS WILL BE CLOSED

The Friends Point Roads will be closed for the 24-hour period of 12:01 am Friday, January 1, 2021 to 12:01 am Saturday, January 2, 2021.

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HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of November, we had 16 fire calls and drills, and five EMS calls using 154 volunteer hours. We also participated in the parade of lights in Ticonderoga — a beautiful event!



Elections were held on December 6, 2020 and members were elected as follows: President - Linda Mury, Vice President - Maureen Cherubini, Secretary - Mara Haskell, and Treasurer - Katy Wells. Also, Fire Chief - James Belden, 1st Assistant - Bill Wells, 2nd Assistant - Jon Hanna, Captain - Nate Swinton, and Lieutenant - Wally Peterson. In addition, Ambulance Captain - Meg Haskell, Assistant Captain - Mara Haskell, Lieutenant - Terrie Davis. Congratulations to all!

With the increase in COVID-19 cases please wear your mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands!

We wish everyone Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year! ❑

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact his office at 518-543-6161 to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

SENIOR CITIZENS' EXEMPTION: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions:

County	\$32,399 (includes sliding scale)
Town	\$23,700 (includes sliding scale)
School	\$30,399 (includes sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms will be sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$90,550. This exemption renews automatically each year for those already enrolled in the Income Verification Program. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online at www.tax.ny.gov/star or by calling 518-457-2036.

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION: Primary residence homeowners with annual income below \$500,000. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online at www.tax.ny.gov/star or by calling 518-457-2036.

VETERANS' EXEMPTION: Primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications for exemptions are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm at the community center. The filing deadline is March 1, 2021.

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HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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JEFFERSON PROJECT STUDIES ALGAL BLOOM

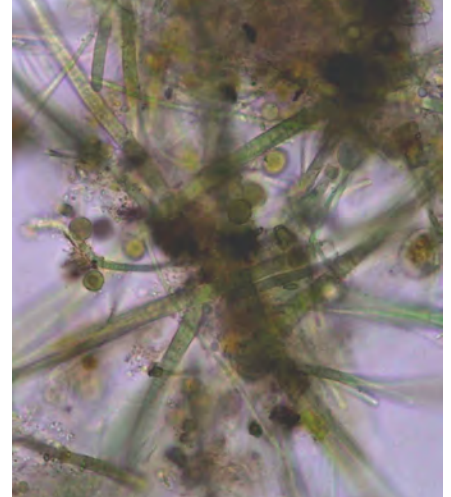
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“Since *Dolichospermum* requires at least two days to reproduce, the high density of cyanobacteria observed in Lake George indicates that the algae were likely growing for many days or weeks in the cool water before surfacing. This surfacing during the HAB was likely enabled by calm water conditions and then driven into these bays and nearshore waters off of Lake George Village by wind or water currents according to preliminary computer models” said Dr. Harry Kolar, Jefferson Project associate

director and IBM fellow. “Further work continues on the sources of the algae and nutrients required to trigger and sustain the bloom, including the lakebed and watershed runoff.”

The second important question is: Was this a toxic bloom? Analysis by the Jefferson Project water sample has confirmed the initial results of NY DEC – toxins were **NOT** detected.

The third critical question then remains: Could toxic blooms occur in the future on Lake George? Jefferson Project research is now fully investigating and delving deeply into this question. ❑



Cyanobacteria. photo courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency

THE LGA AND THE FUND FOR LG RESPOND TO THE ALGAL BLOOM

The recent discovery of the first confirmed Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) on our lake demands increased coordination, closer collaboration, and a science-based investigation to determine the cause, as well as to prioritize planned projects and to identify preventive actions.

President Peter Menzies and Executive Director Walt Lender of the Lake George Association (LGA) and Chairman Jeff Killeen and Executive Director Eric Siy of The FUND for Lake George announced that they are combining their respective expertise and resources in a collaborative effort of discovery, investigation, science, and solutions that will jointly strengthen their protective work on behalf of our lake.

Their efforts will take their lead from the science and investigatory work of The Jefferson Project, formed by IBM, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and The FUND, which has been using its in-lake research, Smart Sensor Network, and extensive computer modeling capabilities to identify the origins of the bloom since shortly after its discovery.

The HAB was identified by Kristen Wilde, the LGA's Director of Education

and a citizen scientist trained by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Because of her knowledge and expertise, Kristen confirmed the HAB in Harris Bay and collected and shared photos and water samples with the DEC, which agreed with her identification.

The LGA and The FUND are committed to sharing their respective knowledge with each other and The Jefferson Project and to developing Lake George-focused actions based on The Jefferson Project's findings. They will keep our community informed as discoveries are made and specific remedies are determined.

They jointly thank those community members who have reached out with information, photos, and questions which furthered the investigation.

Together, they will continue to watch over the lake, monitor water quality, and follow the science, with a goal of doing everything they can to prevent another HAB from occurring. ❑



*TOP: Photo from the Lake George Association, distributed after their discovery on Monday, November 9th
BOTTOM: The cyanobacteria Dolichospermums, pictured, came from the water samples taken by the LGA in Harris Bay on Monday. The photo was taken on an LGA office microscope.*

PLANNING BOARD - 12/03/2020

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

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 nearby staircase and will be within 100 feet of the mean high-water mark, requiring a Site Plan review for development. A PB site visit has been scheduled and the application has been referred to the ZBA.

AIKEN (60.5-1-11) TR-1 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. A site visit has been scheduled. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 12/8/2020

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

Thomas Jarrett of Jarrett Engineers was present for the continuation of the public hearing from the November town board meeting on the waste water treatment BOSSE replacement system. Cedarwood Engineering

provided recommendations to the town. Mr. Jarrett and his clients were in agreement with Cedarwood's recommendations and the board approved the variance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed, at length, whether it would contribute funds to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to keep the Rogers Rock, Mossy Point, and Million Dollar Beach boat launches open for longer seasons.

The board continued the discussion regarding the process for permitting raffles in the town of Hague. It has been determined that the town must pursue a local law to permit raffles and it will have to be voted on in a town-wide election. If the town decides to pursue this, it will probably wait until the next general election in November, rather than to hold a special election. In the meantime, it will look further into what steps need to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed permits for short-term house rentals. They reviewed what the town of Warrensburg is doing. It was decided that the planning board should look into this issue and report its recommendations to the town board.

This is a brief summary of the meeting by Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor. The full minutes of the meeting by Town Clerk Melissa Patchett are posted each month at <https://townofhague.org/boards/town-board/town-minutes> ❑



Rock Pond in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness. Courtesy of Sandy Powell.

SOUNDINGS

DIED: John (Jack) E. Barth, 96, of Hague and Middlebury, VT on November 26, 2020.



Jack was born in Stillwater, OK. After attending high school at the NY Military Academy in Cornwall, NY, he entered the US Military Academy at West Point and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1946. While stationed at Fort Benning, GA, Jack fell in love with and married Betty Jean Newsome. Jack remained in the army for twenty years, during which time he served in Germany, did two tours in South Korea, and taught ROTC at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Rutgers State University. Following his retirement from the military in 1963, he worked as a munitions engineer for the federal government in NJ and South Korea.

Jack and Betty spent their summers in Hague at the family cottage and were life-long members of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. Jack was an avid bridge player and instructor, competitive tennis player, remarkable dancer, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Jack was predeceased by his wife of 61 years. He is survived by five children: Dr. George Barth (Suzanne) of New Milford, CT, Bettina Barth-King (Dan) of Hague, Suzanne Barth of Chestertown, Sandra Powell (Bob) of Hague, and John Barth (Tracey) of Williston, VT; and twelve grandchildren, Rachel (Stuart), Gregory, Maggie, Shane, Corey, Alec, Iain, Ellie, Bill, Lauren, Brad (Anyia), and Erika.

Donations in memory of Jack may be made to the Lake George Land Conservancy, Lake George Association,

the Northern Lake George Yacht Club Junior Sailing Endowment Trust, or to a charity of your choice.

DIED: Linda A. Case, 73, on November 28, 2020, in Glens Falls. Her parents, E. Leslie and Laura Goff Archibald, were once residents of Hague.

Linda attended Hague Central School for several years before moving to NJ. She and her husband purchased a cabin in the Adirondacks in the early 1990s. Following her husband's retirement in NJ, they moved to Brant Lake in 2003 and to Bolton in 2014.

Linda worked as an executive secretary/administrative assistant and was an office/billing manager for several medical practices. After returning to the North Country, she enjoyed working as a real estate agent.

Linda felt blessed to be able to enjoy Lake George. She never got enough of the lake, the smell of the mountain air, looking at the stars, or taking in the beauty riding along the familiar roads. Her hobbies included cooking, boating, and shopping.

Her loving husband and best friend, Robert "Bob" Case passed away in May 2019 after a wonderful forty-two years of marriage.

A memorial service will be held in 2021 in the Lake George area.

Memorials may be made SPCA of Upstate NY, 588 Queensbury Avenue, Queensbury, NY 12804. ❏

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.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUTPATIENT CLINICS

The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital recently received \$15,000 to support the purchase of new equipment for its outpatient clinics. A \$12,000 donation from the hospital auxiliary and \$3,000 grant award from the International Paper Foundation will go toward high-definition display monitors for the hospital's endoscopy suites in Elizabethtown and Ticonderoga.



The Ticonderoga campus of Elizabethtown Community Hospital

"We are grateful for the continued support of the hospital auxiliary and International Paper Foundation," said John Remillard, Elizabethtown Community Hospital president. "The auxiliary has a long tradition of raising money to support the purchase of items that improve patient care. We deeply appreciate their commitment to our patients and staff."

In addition to annual equipment purchases, the auxiliary provides \$5,000 in scholarships to the hospital's paramedic education program and support for population health initiatives. Over the past decade, the auxiliary has raised more than \$150,000 for the hospital.

The International Paper Foundation annually provides grants to non-profit organizations to address critical needs in the community. "We are proud to support Elizabethtown Community Hospital and the health and well-being of our communities," said Donna Wadsworth, communications manager at International Paper's Ticonderoga Mill.

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HAGUE STUDENTS ON THE ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

- Grade 1 - High Honors:** Adallina Furboter, Liam Scoville
- Grade 2 - High Honors:** Noah Mydlarz, Maddison Smith, Cerina Swinton
- Grade 3 - Honors:** Markenna Winter
- Grade 4 - High Honors:** Rayleigh Nail
- Grade 4 - Honors:** Cohen Winter
- Grade 5 - High Honors:** Wyatt Barnes
- Grade 6 - High Honors:** Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, Kaiden Smith
- Grade 6 - Honors:** Zebulon Denno

LESSONS FROM SANTA AND ST. NIKOLAUS

By Ginger Kuenzel

Back in the 1980s, when we were living in Munich, our two young sons would start asking around the end of November each year if we were going to celebrate Christmas the American way or German-style that year. With a very American mother (where tradition is concerned) and a German dad, they'd had the opportunity to experience the traditions of both countries.

Most years, we took a vote. I always feared that "German-style" would win since it offers the obvious advantage of allowing them to open all their presents on Christmas Eve rather than having to wait until the next morning. I felt the need each year to hold a lengthy oratory about the excitement of hanging the stockings by the chimney with care, setting out cookies and milk for Santa, listening all night for the prancing and pawing of reindeer hoofs and creeping down the stairs while the house was still dark to get a peek at Santa.

The boys are now grown, and American traditions are rooted in them just as deeply as the German spirit of Christmas is. We've come to appreciate the beauty of both countries' customs.

In the U.S., Christmas is a season to deck the halls and be jolly. There are festive parties, afternoons spent decorating cookies, making and wrapping presents and a general feeling of joy and good will. It means picking out and trimming the tree as a family, usually early in the month.

In Germany, Christmas is somber and serene. The main celebration is late in the day on Christmas Eve. In the afternoon, dad usually puts up and decorates the tree in the living room, with the door tightly shut, while mom entertains the children. When darkness falls, a bell rings, signaling that the children can enter the room. Imagine their surprise and delight in their eyes when they see the tree, lit with candles (yes, real



ones) and presents below—all magically delivered by the Christchild, who had rung that bell before disappearing into thin air.

Although I missed the raucous American celebrations, I also grew to love the German traditions. There is no Santa Claus; but St. Nikolaus comes on December 6. Each year, we would gather with other families to await his arrival as it grew dark. After much suspense (along with plenty of hot spiced wine and punch for the kids), we would hear a rapping at the door and in would come a very impressive Nikolaus. He spoke solemnly with each child, complimenting them on the good things they had done during the year, but also mentioning one thing they could improve upon. The children were dumbstruck by how much he knew about them.

Another wonderful German tradition is gathering for stollen and coffee on December Sunday afternoons to light another candle on the advent wreath. I even grew to appreciate the solemnity of December 24. It was on those Christmas Eves—with stores shuttered, empty streets, families gathered in rooms lit only by the tree's candles and church bells tolling through the crisp night air—that I understood what Franz Gruber must have felt when he penned Silent Night in that church in Austria. The hymn never fails to bring tears to my eyes.

Today, our family combines German traditions with American ones, celebrating the heritage and customs of both cultures. What I learned from my 20 years in Germany is that biculturalism means more than just noticing that people in other cultures do things differently. It means taking the time to understand and appreciate their culture, remaining open to their ideas and traditions—perhaps even adopting some of them. In the end, this realization gave me not only a deeper understanding of the culture of my host country but also of my own. ▣

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CLINICS

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There are over 2,000 visits each year to the hospital's specialty clinics, located in Elizabethtown and Ticonderoga. Elizabethtown Community Hospital's outpatient clinics provide services that would otherwise require patients to travel 50 miles or more. A range of specialty services are available, including gastroenterology, cardiology, orthopedics, and oncology/hematology. ▣

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague was a Quaker,
That's not the same thing as a Shaker,
He never did quake
And he never did shake
He just wanted to be a placater.*

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



*Oh, ho the mistletoe,
Hung where you can see.
Somebody waits for you,
Kiss her once for me.*

Burl Ives singing this song instantly brings the holiday season to mind, but why do we think of Christmas when someone mentions a parasitic poisonous plant? Strange, isn't it?

European mistletoe was known for centuries before the Christian era. It is distributed throughout Eurasia from Great Britain to northern Asia. It forms a drooping yellowish evergreen bush, two to three feet long, on the branch of a host tree. It has thickly-crowded forking branches with leathery leaves about two inches long arranged in pairs. The flowers are yellower than the leaves, appear late in winter, and soon give rise to white berries, which are filled with a sticky transparent pulp when ripe.

These berries contain toxic compounds poisonous to many animals and humans. One source said adults could eat a berry or two but children and pets should be kept away from the berries and leaves. The North American mistletoe variety parasitizes many deciduous trees, but is not found in the Adirondacks.



Ancient Druids would gather mistletoe in midsummer and burn bonfires for sacrificial ceremonies. Mistletoe was once believed to have magic powers as well as medicinal properties. Yes, medicine. Researchers at Johns Hopkins report that mistletoe could help lessen the side effects of traditional cancer chemotherapy, such as nausea, vomiting, and loss of appetite.

Why did we start kissing under the parasite? No one really knows. A Norse

myth has people kissing underneath mistletoe in order to make peace. Other origin stories state that kissing under it is a sign of fertility.

In America in 1820, the author Washington Irving wrote that men gave women as many kisses as berries on the mistletoe hanging above them.

The word mistletoe is derived from an Anglo-Saxon dialect.

Having noticed that mistletoe often sprouts from bird droppings on tree branches, the word for dung, "mistel," and the word for twig, "tan," were joined together and the word "misteltan" evolved over time into "mistletoe."

So, when you and a loved one are kissing under the mistletoe this holiday season, think of the forgotten Anglo-Saxon who named the plant after bird poop on a twig! The kisses will be sweet even if the mistletoe isn't!



INTERNATIONAL PAPER AWARDS GRANT TO "BEINSTRUMENTAL" PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild has been awarded a grant from the International Paper Foundation to support the "Beinstrumental" Program. This program was conceived in 2019 by Evan Mack, professional opera composer and professor at Skidmore College. Evan worked with Mike Iturino, Ticonderoga High School music teacher, to identify the needs in the Ticonderoga schools. The result was a three-tiered program. First, a used instrument drive was conducted; second, instruments were inspected and repaired; and, third, an apprenticeship with a high school senior was conducted at Cole's Woodwind Shop in Saratoga.

The drive resulted in 70 donated instruments with a retail value of \$30,000. Most instruments required

repair, so the Ticonderoga Festival Guild suggested folding the program into their organization and they were able to raise money to help fund the instrument repairs.

Before "Beinstrumental," the instruments available to students in Ticonderoga were often held together by duct tape and barely worked. Now music students have instruments that they can learn on and be proud of.

There are great plans for "Beinstrumental" in the future. The plan is to have a program that will allow more students to participate and to offer those who participate a chance to learn a trade that can become a career.



A combination of in-person training and virtual workshops are planned.

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild and all those involved in "Beinstrumental" are very grateful to the International Paper Foundation for its support of this program. ■

PAUL BELL NAMED TO LGLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Bell of Silver Bay and Pennington, NJ has been named to the Board of Directors of The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC).



Bell is a senior media executive and business strategist with experience in advertising, broadcasting, marketing, and publishing. He has over 30 years of volunteer

service to non-profit organizations, including experience in leadership development, fundraising, and governance. He is currently serving on the boards of the Silver Bay YMCA and Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point.

"I'm delighted to join the Lake George Land Conservancy Board," said Bell. "My wife and I have enjoyed hiking on the lands preserved by the LGLC for many years. It's been especially gratifying to explore the varied terrain, and enjoy the wildlife and gorgeous views of these protected lands."

"I'm humbled to have been selected to join the board of this important land trust," Bell added, "and build upon the work done by previous volunteers, including John Barber and Mark Johnson."

"We are so glad to welcome Paul to the Board," said LGLC Executive Director Jamie Brown. "He brings a vast pool of knowledge and experience, a love of the lake, and his involvement with our friends at Silver Bay offers a great way to create a synergy among the organizations working to make a stronger Lake George community."

Bell earned a B.A. in Political Science and History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a M.A. in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. ❑

DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

by Bob and Jan Whitaker

My Native Air: Charles Evans Hughes and the Adirondacks, a documentary, will be released in a "virtual premier" for download during the period between January 15 and February 15, 2021.

The 43-minute documentary produced by Snarky Aardvark Films and MDT Publishing, tells the story of the life and career of Glens Falls native Charles Evans Hughes, his role in Adirondack forest land conservation and preservation of the springs at Saratoga Springs. It also tells of his connections with the Hyde Collection Art Museum and the Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, Fort Ticonderoga, Silver Bay Association, Lake George, and Lady Tree Lodge at Upper Saranac Lake.

The film includes footage of Lake George taken from the Mohican and of Silver Bay YMCA, where the chapel in memory of his daughter, Helen Hughes, who died of tuberculosis, is located. There is also footage taken at Fort Ticonderoga, where Hughes, then the Governor of New York State, accompanied President William Howard Taft on his visit in 1906.

Tickets for the downloadable premiere are \$15 and are available at woodtheater.org, just in time for the holidays. Proceeds from the film and a CD of the original music will benefit the Charles W. Wood Theater in Glens Falls and Art District of Glens Falls. ❑

COMMUNITY DINNER AT SILVER BAY

A four-course community dinner will be held at Silver Bay on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 5:15 until 7 pm in the William Boyd Center dining room. There will be holiday ambiance with a fire in the fireplace, holiday decor, and music from classical guitarist Bill Zit and violist Patricia McCarty. Click [HERE](#) to make online reservations.



The William Boyd Center has a state-of-the-art HVAC system and is following all NYS guidelines including social distancing and mask-wearing, so it is a safe environment. Guests may dine alone, make it a date night, or enjoy time with a party of up to six people.

The four-course dinner menu is:

Course One (Soup) - French onion soup

Course Two (Salad) - Roasted and marinated beets, goat cheese, and toasted almonds over a bed of spinach and field greens, dressed with a citrus vinaigrette

Course Three (Entree) - Slow braised beef short rib served with rainbow roasted carrots and whipped garlic and herb potatoes

(Vegetarian Option: Portobello mushroom stuffed with spinach, quinoa, bell peppers, onions, and Beyond (meatless) Italian sausage)

Course Four (Dessert) - Assorted Holiday Cookies

Meals will be plated and served to the guests. Beer and wine tickets can be purchased ahead of time to ensure prompt service and to reduce touch points, but there will also be a cash bar for \$5 per beer or glass of wine.

Silver Bay appreciates the community's support! All net proceeds will go toward their community impact programs. ❑

LOOKING BACK

TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE

by Gabrielle Keller



Nestled on the shore of Lake George in the Town of Hague, lie handsome log cabins that families have visited summer after summer. At Trout House Village, guests can enjoy beautiful lakefront activities such as kayaking, sailing, swimming, and so much more. The destination has a rich history that began in the 1860s with the Wheeler family.

In 1863, John Wheeler founded a boarding house he called the "Trout House." Charles Wheeler expanded it in the 1890s into one of Lake George's finest hotels. A steamer would unload hotel guests on the public dock, where they would be picked up by horse and buggy and dropped off at the hotel to enjoy games of croquet and the hotel's famous trout dinners.

The next family to own the Trout House was the Boltons in the early 1900s. Sadly, the hotel caught on fire in 1916. The remains of the old stone wall foundation are still visible today behind Adirondack Cottage. In 1922, R. J. Bolton built the Bolton Lodge for his family using the most expensive materials in order to make a home that would become one of the most notable in town. The Bolton Lodge is now the present-day nine-bedroom country inn on the property.

After the Second World War, cottages grew in popularity among the next generation of lake tourists. In response to this, R. J. built seven small cottages on the Trout House property. This marked the decrease in hotel popularity and an increase in cottage vacationing on Lake George.

In the 1960s, Bob and Lynn Patchett vacationed with their family at their camp on Pine Cove Road in Hague. They envisioned the Trout House property to one day be a beautiful resort, so, in 1971, they purchased Trout House, with a dream of restoring it to its original splendor.

In 1975, they took the hotel down. The terrazzo floor that remains is now the Trout House's basketball court. An

addition was made to the Bolton Lodge, connecting it with the innkeeper's home in 1979; today that addition serves as the office.

Slowly over the next 35 years, the Patchetts built 15 log cabin accommodations, which are ideal for family vacations. The Trout House truly emulates the vision Bob Patchett had for the property way back in 1971.

Bob and Lynn's son, Scott, his wife, Alice, and their family have been the innkeepers since 1986. Scott and Alice raised their four children at the Trout House. Now, it is just the two of them, as well as their two golden retrievers, Ellie and Patch. They are at the Trout House 24/7 all year long and truly think of it as a labor of love.

During the summer months, there are sixteen employees working on the property. During the winter and spring, the number of employees decreases to eight to ten. During the season, Steve Davis helps with the many repairs and each winter one of the cabins is chosen to renovate. Steve, who is a master craftsman, oversees the renovation. Eighty percent of their guests return every year where they enjoy the many activities and beauty the area has to offer.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, no guests came in the spring. As a result, the Patchetts researched the most effective cleaning methods to stop the spread of the virus. Employees worked the new cleaning regimen to make sure the resort was perfect for when people started visiting again in

June. Guests and employees are required to wear masks, wash hands, and practice social distancing while on the property. There have been no issues with COVID-19 between the conscientious efforts of both staff and guests!

Northern Lake George and its Adirondack Mountains are truly heaven on earth. With its rich history and the success Trout House is today, it is no surprise the Patchett family will be celebrating their 50th year of business in 2021! ▣



FORT TICONDEROGA RECEIVES EDUCATION GRANT

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of \$88,227 to Fort Ticonderoga to host a two-week NEH Summer Institute for Teachers in July 2021. The institute is titled "For the Common Defense: Subjects, Citizens, and America's Military Origins, 1609-1815." Fort Ticonderoga was one of only eighteen institutions nationwide to receive this grant funding.

This residential NEH Summer Institute for Teachers will be offered July 11-23, 2021. There is no fee for this program and all participants receive a \$2,200 stipend to help defray expenses. Teachers wishing to earn graduate credits can do so through Castleton University in VT. Visiting scholars include prominent historians in their fields.

The institute is open to all 6th through 12th grade teachers nationwide through a competitive application process. Full-time and part-time classroom teachers and librarians in public, charter, independent, and religiously-affiliated schools are eligible to participate. Other 6th - 12th school personnel, including administrators, substitute teachers, and classroom professionals, are also eligible to participate, subject to available space.

"This prestigious grant allows Fort Ticonderoga an unparalleled opportunity to play a vital part in educating and inspiring America's youth through their teachers' participation in this program," said Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth L Hill. "Fort Ticonderoga is a national leader in teacher education and this program adds to our diverse offerings and increased reach." ❑

SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIATES SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education has officially begun a formal search for a Superintendent of Schools to serve the district beginning July 1, 2021.

The vacancy comes after the retirement of Dr. John C. McDonald in June of 2019 and two years of being served by Interim Superintendents John Donohue and Cynthia Ford-Johnston.

The Ticonderoga Board of Education is seeking an enthusiastic, knowledgeable, educational leader committed to the continued development of excellence in the Ticonderoga Central School District.

Dr. Mark Davey, the District Superintendent of Champlain Valley Educational Services, will assist in the search and screening process. Applications will be accepted through February 12, 2021. ❑

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FORT TICONDEROGA DIGITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Friday, December 18, 2020 - Holiday Drinks & Drama, ZOOM, 7 pm

Participants will hear how the garrisons of Ticonderoga dealt with the harsh winters and get some tips on whipping up some warming tipples from the 18th century. This is a paid program and pre-registration is required. Click [HERE](#) for reservations.



Saturday, December 19th - Tips of the Tailoring Trade: Regimental Coat Capes, Facebook, 1 pm

Fort Ticonderoga Artificer Tailor Gibb Zea will teach how to make the cape, or collar, of a British soldier regimental coat.

Friday, December 25th - From the Ground Up: Salt Glaze Stoneware, Facebook, 1 pm

Examples of salt glaze stoneware archaeologically uncovered at Fort Ticonderoga will be shown in this new episode of the *From the Ground Up* series. ❑



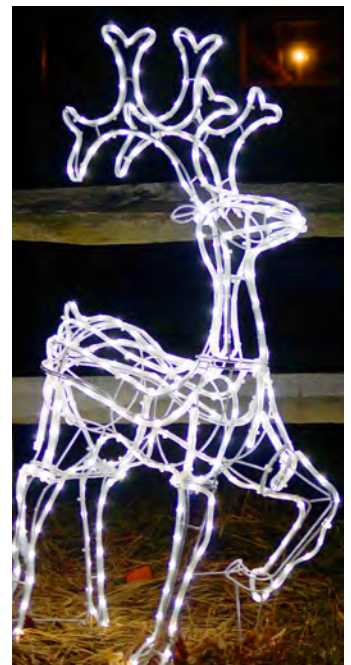
Fort Ticonderoga photo, courtesy of Carl Heilman II.

A NIGHTTIME SEASONAL TOUR OF HAGUE

We did not receive any reports of activities in Hague this holiday season but the following pictures were taken around town on the evening of December 12, 2020. *Photos by Cat and Judy Stock*



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CALENDAR

December 2020

DECEMBER

JANUARY

15	5:15 – 7 pm	Silver Bay Community Dinner	1	12:01 am	Friends Point Roads close
17	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	1		NEW YEAR'S DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
18	7 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign – Holiday Drinks and Drama	7	7 pm	Planning Board
19	1 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign – Tips of the Tailoring Trade	11		Deadline for the January issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
22		Schools Dismiss Early	12	6 pm	Town Board
24		TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	18		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
25		MERRY CHRISTMAS – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	20		Inauguration Day
25	1 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign – Salt Glaze Stoneware			
26		Start of Kwanzaa			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: September 2 through June 30
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED