



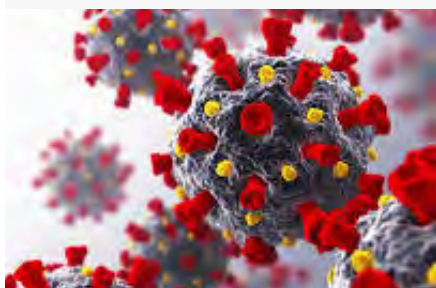
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of July 14, 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	187,901,277	4,050,893
US	39,916,892	607,786
NYS	2,121,761	53,743
Warren County	3,691	58
Essex County	1,599	26

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

THE GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLARS ARE FINALLY GONE

The infestation of gypsy moth caterpillars that plagued our town and the areas around us in May and June is finally over and they now have taken to the air as small white moths. Unfortunately, the eggs have been laid and the cycle will continue.

The good news is that the trees, primarily oaks, that were completely defoliated have miraculously begun to refoliate. For more information from the US Forest Service on this invasive species, click [HERE](#).



LAKESHORE SEPTIC REPLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Warren County has been identified by New York State (NYS) as being in a priority geographic area where there is a critical need to reduce the impact of sewage effluent from cesspools and septic systems on groundwater and surface water.

Properties located in the priority funding area may be eligible to receive septic system repair or replacement funding. The designation is based on the location's vulnerability to contamination, known water quality problems, and other criteria set by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). All septic system replacements and/or upgrades must be approved by the Warren County Planning Department, be designed by a licensed engineer, and receive all required local permits.

The program can provide up to 50% of the approved costs of eligible septic system projects, with a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per project. The maximum of \$10,000 will not be secured without a legitimate itemized estimate. This estimate should list the cost of engineering/design services, time, and material costs. To apply for a grant, complete the grant application [HERE](#) and submit it to the county. Read the application carefully and be sure to provide all the requested information. Failing to do so could result in a delay or denial of funding from this program.

It may be to your benefit to hire a licensed engineer or design professional prior to submitting your application. Design costs are eligible for reimbursement at 50% (or a \$3,000 maximum of the total project reimbursement maximum of \$10,000).

Applications will be evaluated in the order that they are received. The application period began on July 6th and will remain open until all funds have been allocated. Costs incurred before April 2, 2021 aren't eligible for reimbursement.

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SEPTIC GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINUED

If your project is selected for a grant, the county will notify you of your award and how much you can expect to be reimbursed. The county will also notify you if your project does not qualify for a grant. If you receive an award letter, you must sign and return the letter to the county. This is a unique opportunity for cooperation between the state, local government, and property owners to address a pressing environmental and public health issue in our community. Click [HERE](#) to see this map noting priority properties that are eligible through this round of program funding.

Click [HERE](#) to see additional program guidance. Click [HERE](#) for information on low/no interest loans to upgrade septic systems on Lake George.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the USDA Rural Development program website for information about their grant and loan program for repairing single family homes, including septic systems. ▣

RELATED ARTICLES: See article on page 7 about a seminar on septic systems at Silver Bay YMCA and Water Quality Matters on page 8.

HAGUE VETERANS' BANNERS ARE UP

The Town of Hague is proud of its veterans and is honoring them with banners placed around town.

If you, a member of your family, or a friend would like to be honored on a Veteran's Banner in the Town of Hague, please contact Michele Gautreau at 518-585-9859 or shegaut@hotmail.com.



You will be asked to provide the following:

- A completed application form
- Proof of Honorable Discharge (DD214)
- Proof of Residency (If the veteran is not a current resident, he/she must have been a Hague resident upon entry into the service)
- A photograph, preferably in uniform ▣

RETURNABLES BENEFIT THE HAGUE FOOD PANTRY

If you're looking for a place to get rid of your returnable bottles and cans without spending time feeding them into the machines at Walmart for chump change, consider putting them in the wooden container outside the Hague Community Center. It is at the right end of the building when facing it. All proceeds go to the Hague Food Pantry. ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of June, we had 17 fire calls and drills and eight EMS calls using 157.5 volunteer hours.



We had a very successful car wash and are planning another one in the future. Watch for the date!



We are also planning to have a barbecue rib dinner in August on a date to be determined!



We continue to have drills every Tuesday, so if you see our trucks or our rescue boat out, know that our volunteers are training to keep up their skills! ▣

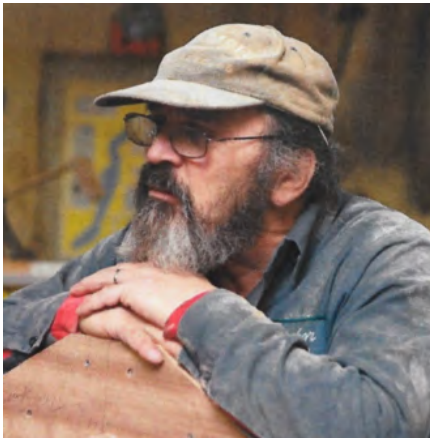
NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR SEWER PLANT

There's a new phone number to call if your sewer alarm sounds. Please stop by the Hague Community Center to pick up a new sticker to put on your box so that you always have the number handy. The community center is open 8 am – 4 pm weekdays. ▣



GAUTREAU SPEAKS AT HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Guests at the Hague Historical Society's annual meeting on June 22, 2021 were treated to a fascinating talk by Tim Gautreau, who recalled his nearly 40-year career building Hacker boats.



After a brief overview of boats as a means of transportation throughout history, Tim related how he came to Hague from Maine, met his wife, Shelly (Denno) Gautreau, and started working at Hacker. His reminiscences were not just about his work, but also about his meetings with celebrity customers such as Donald Sutherland, John Walsh, and Bon Jovi.

Click [HERE](#) to hear the two-part podcast of this excellent presentation.



HAGUE STUDENTS ON 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

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

Grade 3 - Honors: Markenna Winter

Grade 4 - Honors: Rayleigh Nail
Grade 5 - High Honors: Wyatt Barnes

Grade 5 - Honors: Blake May

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

Congratulations to each of you!

LAKE GEORGE SWIMS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21ST

The 2021 Lake George Swims will take place in Hague on Saturday, August 21st and will consist of distances of 2.5k, 5k, and 10k. Over 250 swimmers are expected from all around the country.

The organizers are seeking kayakers, lifeguards, and motorboat captains to provide water support that day. If you are available or know anyone who is, please complete the form at <http://www.lakegeorgeswim.com/volunteer/> or email Chris Bowcutt at cbow142@yahoo.com.

If you can bring your own kayak or SUP, that would be great. They will have around ten extra kayaks available. Volunteers should arrive at 7 am for the safety briefing. The event itself will run from 7:45 am - 11:45 am.

There will be shirts and refreshments for all volunteers and each water safety volunteer who is on the water for 3+ hours will receive \$50. ▣



MADISON FISH WINS SCHOLARSHIP

by Gabrielle Keller

Madison Fish has won *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for 2021. She is the daughter of Todd and Bobbie-Jean Fish.

During her time at Ticonderoga High School, Madison's favorite academic subject was history; she even worked at Fort Ticonderoga for a while! Her favorite extracurricular activity was band. She also participated in chorus, jazz band, quiz bowl, and drama club. One of Madison's favorite hobbies both inside and outside of school is listening to and making music.

Madison is proud that she attended every area all-state music event throughout her four years of high school. Recently, Madison was awarded the John Philip Sousa Award for her excellence in instrumental music. Her favorite teacher was her band instructor, Michael Iturrino and he is the reason she is following a career path in music education. She says Mr. Iturrino always made his classes a safe environment for everyone.

For her senior project, Madison made a mini album of songs that helped her prevail during her high school career. She submitted the album, on which she sang and played percussion, as her college audition.

Madison says what she will miss about high school is her routine and teachers such as Mr. Iturrino.

She will be attending the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, where she will major in music education in the vocal track. She excited to be exposed to a larger and more diverse world than she is accustomed to in her small town. She cannot wait to expand her world view and meet new people.

We at *The Hague Chronicle* are proud of her and wish her continued success!

The Board of Directors of The Hague Chronicle established the scholarship in 2007 in honor of Dorothy Henry ("Dottie"), whose long-time volunteer commitment made the continuation of the publication possible. The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School who is a resident of Hague. ▣



PLANNING BOARD - 6/16/2021

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

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25%. A site visit was held. The board made a unanimous negative referral to the ZBA due to the project size and the proximity of the house to the lake and a brook.

BROWN (43.13-1-4 23-29) Abenakis Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace two existing legal, non-conforming residential structures with a proposed two-story residence and a patio within the 50-foot shoreline setback. A site visit was held. The board made a unanimous positive referral to the ZBA, with the condition that storm water plans be submitted to the LGPC to obtain a permit.

GLADING-DILORENZO (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing to renovate an existing summer camp. Improvements include renovation of the first floor and construction of a second story to increase living space and to move one bedroom of the existing three bedrooms to the second level. A site visit was held. The board made a unanimous positive referral to the ZBA with the conditions that the septic tank size be increased to 1,500 gallons, the septic system grinder be replaced, and storm water plans be submitted to the ZEO to obtain a permit. ☑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/24/2021

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

BOSI (93.12-1-4) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

At the September 24, 2020 ZBA meeting, the board unanimously approved the applicant's variance to construct a retaining wall along their lakefront ten feet back from the mean high water mark (MHW). See *The Hague Chronicle* (October 2020) for details. This is an "after the fact" variance for construction of a retaining wall and stairs to the waterfront parcel. This application was previously approved by the ZBA, but reversed by the Adirondack Park Agency. A public hearing was held. The applicant indicated that the retaining wall would result in a significant reduction in storm water runoff. No others spoke for or against. Specific project details were reviewed. The board unanimously approved the application, which will next go to the APA for review.

BROWN (43.13-1-4) 23-29 Abenakis Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace two existing legal, non-conforming residential structures with a proposed two-story residence and a patio within the 50-foot shoreline

setback. The two existing structures are within eight feet and 30 feet of the shoreline. The shoreline setback for the proposed new structure would be 25 feet. A public hearing was held. The applicant's architect reviewed modifications to the plans to move the driveway as far west as is reasonably feasible, which would allow for a vehicle to make the turn into the proposed two-car garage, which will include bedrooms and a bathroom on the second floor. The existing carport would be removed. No one spoke for or against. At their June 16, 2021 meeting, the Planning Board voted to make a positive referral to the ZBA, with the condition that storm water plans must be submitted to the Lake George Park Commission to obtain a permit. The application was approved, with conditions that a storm water plan must be approved by the APA and the Hague ZEO prior to being granted a variance.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25% (increase of 46%). The project includes an upgraded waste water system and the demolition and reconstruction of an accessory structure with plumbing. The project is subject to Site Plan Review due to its proximity to the MHW of Lake George. The town board has approved the waste water system for five bedrooms with conditions. A public hearing was held. The applicant's design group indicated that the new residential structure would largely stay within the existing footprint and the proposed setback from the MHW and the road would increase slightly. The bedrooms would be increased from four to five. The one-and-a-half car garage with additional storage in the back would be replaced with a new garage, which would be rotated to eliminate cars going in and out right onto Silver Bay Road. No one spoke for or against. At their June 16, 2021 meeting, the Planning Board voted to make a negative referral to the ZBA, due to the project size and the proximity of the house to the lake and a brook. The board clarified that the first floor of the garage would have a laundry setup and the new second floor would have a half-bath and yoga room that would be for private use, not for commercial use. They also clarified that the plans showed five full baths, two half-baths and the added bedroom showed multiple bunkbeds capable of sleeping at least six people. Additionally, there would be two laundries, one in each structure. Plans include green roofs and improved storm water runoff. The board expressed concerns about putting so much into such a small space and requested that the applicant consider making modifications to the plans. Any further actions were tabled until the next meeting.

GLADING-DILORENZO (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing to renovate an existing summer camp. Improvements include renovation of the first floor, construction of a second story to increase living space, and to move one bedroom of the existing three bedrooms to the second level. A public hearing was held. A family

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ZONING BOARD, CONTINUED

member of the applicant indicated that there would be no changes in the setbacks and the shared septic system would be certified. No one spoke for or against. Two houses share one septic system. The Planning Board made a positive referral to the ZBA, with the conditions related to the septic tank and storm water runoff. The board unanimously approved, with the conditions that the septic tank be increased from 1,000 gallons to 1,500 gallons and that a storm water plan be submitted to the ZEO prior to granting a permit.

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

At the February 25, 2021 ZBA meeting, the board unanimously approved, with conditions, the site plan review for the installation of a hillside trolley to provide handicap access to the applicant's lakefront property. The trolley is to run alongside an existing staircase and will be within 100 feet of the MHWM, requiring an area variance for a trolley and site plan review. See *The Hague Chronicle* (March 2021) for details. The APA reversed the previously-granted variance due to insufficient information provided to them by the town, requiring a resubmission. The board unanimously approved adding this resubmittal to the July agenda. The applicant is quite eager for the trolley to be installed and provided the board with information about his health condition, along with documents concerning the Fair Housing Act, which he feels should apply to this project. The board agreed to present this information to the town attorney. The contractor prepared packets for the board to present to the APA, which he feels will help provide the needed details for the approval process. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 7/1/2021

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

LEUDEKE (10-1-25.1) 164 New Hague Road OCII

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 60.98-acre parcel into two lots of 52.98 acres and eight acres. A public hearing has been scheduled for the August 5th Planning Board Meeting.

DROPPO (26.18-1-9) 9221 Lakeshore Drive (formerly Ruah)

The applicant is seeking to build a one-car garage with an office and a half-bath on the second floor, adding 600 sq. ft of impervious surface. A public hearing was held. Project representatives reviewed details on storm water management plans and blasting mitigation (such as by using expanding grout instead of explosives). Neighbors expressed concerns about storm water runoff and blasting. The application was unanimously approved with the conditions that storm water runoff be monitored, blasting, if necessary, will occur between September and May, affected neighbors will be notified, and the town can inspect the accessory structure during the two-year permit process with a 48-hour notice.

BROWN (43.13-1-4 23-29) Abenakis Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to remove two existing legal non-conforming primary structures within 50 feet of the MHWM and build one primary structure along with constructing a two-story garage with full bath and sleeping quarters on the second story. An existing carport would be removed. See Zoning Board of Appeals (6-24-21) on page 4 for details. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The board noted that the lot is large enough to have four structures. The application was unanimously approved, with the condition that the town can inspect the accessory structure during the two-year permit process, with a 48-hour notice. ■

TOWN BOARD - 7/13/2021

by Judy Stock

Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, and Councilman Jack Bast were present in the room, while Councilman Josh Patchett joined in via Zoom. Councilman Martin Fitzgerald was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Bernard Clifton, Jr., Kenneth Engler, and Eleanor Butler Crossman.

During privilege of the floor, Pam Peterson asked about campsites that are on private properties. Frasier noted that the ZEO Michael Auerbach will look into it.

Peter Maltese mentioned that parking spaces at the beach designated for residents are sometimes not available because they are taken by visitors. Ramant said he would address the issue with the launch attendants.

Pat Hintze commented on the parking at the beach and on recycling and staffing at the Hague Transfer Station. Ramant revealed there will be a change of protocol at the transfer station. There will be a public meeting in August to discuss the changes. He and the supervisor noted that if the plan doesn't work, the town might shut down the transfer station.

Tim Fiallo gave the highway report and noted that there are some roads that have been damaged by weather and will need repair. Residents who will be affected by the repairs will be notified.

Ramant reported that the fireworks had to be canceled twice and will now be held on August 14, 2021. He also gave an update on the Knotweed Project.

Bast said that additional training will be given to the new ZEO and thanked Cathy Clark for her help in supporting the office.

The board passed the following resolutions to:

- revise the sewer warrant
- approve the EDU appeals form
- appoint Tim Fiallo as the Chief Audio-Visual Technician, including as ZOOM coordinator
- accept Janet Hanna's resignation as deputy town clerk
- appoint Megan Elizabeth Clonan as town clerk until the end of the year. She will work one day a week before joining full-time in September.

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Kenneth G. Engler, Jr., 82, of Ticonderoga, on June 27, 2021, peacefully surrounded by family.



He was born to Katherine Hammond Engler and Kenneth Engler, Sr. and spent his early years in Short Hills, NJ. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1962. He attended the Navy's Officers Candidate School in Newport, RI and was commissioned as an ensign at the Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, DC. He earned his MBA from Rutgers University after joining his family's map publishing firm, C.S. Hammond and Company.

Ken and Enid Groeneveld were married in September 1967. They spent most of their married life in Summit, NJ. In 1998, they moved to Ticonderoga near the home where Ken and his family had spent summers since 1946.

Ken's greatest joy was spending time with Enid, his children and grandchildren, and visiting his many friends. He enjoyed doing repair and

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Frasier announced that the town will receive over \$68,000 in coronavirus payments over a two-year period. The money can be spent on the wastewater treatment plant.

The family of the late Martin Brown requested, by letter, to be permitted to plant a tree in Hague, possibly in the park, in his memory. Former Councilwoman Ginger Kuenzel reminded the board that they had passed a resolution that planting a tree in the town park is not allowed. The board will look for an alternative site. ■

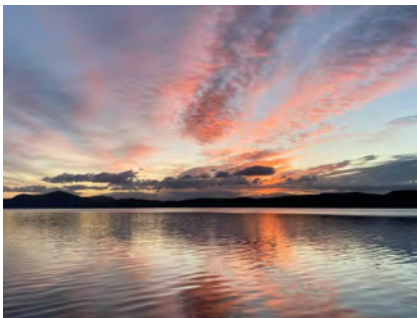
carpentry projects and felt that a day wasn't complete if he hadn't fixed something.

He took pleasure from actively participating - often as treasurer - in many local organizations, including the Lake George Association, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, and the Forest Bay Association.

Ken was predeceased by an infant daughter, Katherine. He is survived by: his wife Enid; his daughter, Karen Bartlett (Judson); his son, Steven (Lisa); and four grandchildren: Julia and Kellan Bartlett and Samuel and Elin Engler.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held in August. Donations in his memory may be made to the Lake George Association [HERE](https://www.lakegeorge.org/) for protection of a place that he loved. ■

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish important happenings in the lives of our readers. Please send announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll publish them as space permits. Thank you.



Top row, left to right: Dawn in Hague, courtesy of Susan Darrin; From Anthony's Nose looking south showing defoliated White Pine trees, courtesy of Sandy Powell; Ticonderoga Golf Club ready for the season, courtesy of Mickey Fitzgerald. Bottom row, left to right: Hike-a-thon view from Cook Mountain, courtesy of Sandy Powell; The King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga, courtesy of Mickey Fitzgerald; New landscaping at the Ticonderoga Golf Course, courtesy of Mickey Fitzgerald

SEPTIC SYSTEM MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The property owners of Silver Bay are sponsoring an educational seminar to present details and data about the ongoing issue of evaluating septic system functioning on Lake George. Topics will cover history, engineering, surveys and previous study results, and the recommendations being considered. This is a full-lake challenge that affects all property owners.

"Waste Not, Want Not," will be held at the Silver Bay Watson Art Center at 4 pm on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. This seminar was postponed from 2020 due to COVID 19.

Chris Navitsky, our LG Waterkeeper, will update the audience on the latest approach to the issue, which is now a basin-wide effort. Every household represented will receive a guidebook prepared on this topic.

All area property owners (Sabbath Day Point, Silver Bay, Arcady, Pine Cove, and more) are encouraged to attend and bring family and friends. Masks and social distancing are suggested for those who have not been fully vaccinated. A 15-20-minute question and answer period will follow the presentation. ■

RELATED ARTICLES: Water Quality Matters on page 8 and Septic System Grants on page 1.

SEEKING SPONSORS FOR AMY'S RACE

Sponsors are being accepted through August 14th for the Lake George Land Conservancy's "Amy's Adventure Race for the Lake," which will be on October 2, 2021.

To sign up to be a sponsor, go [HERE](#). ■



HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS NOW ON ZOOM

The Hague Town Board meetings are now on Zoom, thanks to Ginger Henry Kuenzel. You can watch them live or watch a recording. Town Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.

Links to the recordings of the special meeting on short-term rentals as well as the June 8th and July 13th town board meetings can be accessed from the Town of Hague home page at <https://townofhague.org/>. The link to watch upcoming town board meetings live is also on that site. ■

HAGUE TOWN BOARD SEEKS ZOOM MODERATOR

The Hague Town Board Meetings, which are on the second Tuesday of each month, are now being Zoomed. The board is seeking a community-minded volunteer to be the Zoom moderator.

Duties are to coordinate the Zoom participants.

It's a straightforward, uncomplicated, and important function and full training will be provided. It can be easily performed either remotely (e.g., from home) or from the meeting room in the Hague Community Center.

If you are willing to serve Hague in this way, please contact Councilperson Jack Bast at jackbast@aol.com. ■

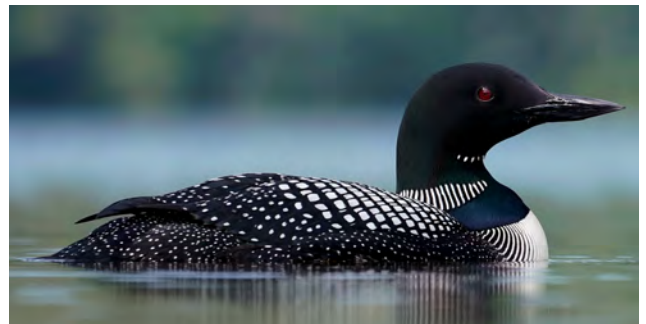
PROGRAM ON LOONS

On July 21, 2021, the Lake George Land Conservancy will present the program "Nesting Loons."

Visit their Living Lands page for a live link at 5:30 pm.

Dr. Nina Schoch, the executive director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, will give a summary of some of the findings of research on factors affecting the nesting success of Adirondack

loons. She will also give an overview of loon behavior and natural history and the work of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. ■



TI'COUSTICS

Ti'coustics, the twice-a-month music shows featuring local musicians, had a great event on July 8, 2021 in Hague. The plan was for the performance to be at the Hague Beach, but rain forced it to be moved to the Hague Community Center. The four groups of musicians played to a full house and a rousing good time was had by all!

The next performance will be on Thursday, July 22nd from 7-9 pm on the front steps of the Ticonderoga Community Building/Town Offices. Musicians will include Hank Bisner and Kevin Quinn, Steve Donat, and Dan Rabideau.

The following performance will be from 7-9 pm on Thursday, August 12th at the Ticonderoga Country Club with Terrina Cook and Brad Peria, Roberta Whiteley, Lance Dolbeck, and Dwyndal Smith and Mary Jo Vontury. The shows are free, with donations going to charities. ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

So, I get this letter the other day - plain white envelope and one sheet of white paper inside. Almost threw it out with the other junk mail, but then I realized **THIS IS**

BIG NEWS! It was from the Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development and announced a new program to help fund septic system upgrades. It doesn't apply to me since I am lucky enough to be tied in to the Town of Hague waste water treatment system. But, for others in town, this may be just what you have been waiting for. Some of the key points are summarized below.

"Warren County has been identified by New York State as being in a priority geographic area where there is a critical need to reduce the impact of sewage effluent from cesspools and septic systems on groundwater and surface water. Properties located in



the priority funding area may be eligible to receive septic system repair or replacement funding." The letter did not mention Lake George or its tributaries specifically, but on the website (referenced below) eligible properties include those in Warren County within 250' of Lake George.

"The program can provide up to 50% of the eligible costs of eligible septic system projects, with a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per project. To apply for a grant, please complete the attached grant application (not attached to my letter, but available on the website) and submit it to the county." The application would contain the cost estimate for the proposed work including the cost for engineering/design services.

"Applications will be evaluated in the order that they are received. The application period begins on July 6th and will remain open until all funds have been allocated. Costs incurred before April 2, 2021 are not eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this grant program." There was no mention of how much money is available through the program, so it will be important to get your

application in early for best results in obtaining a grant.

"The county encourages you to apply to this program. This is a unique opportunity for cooperation between the state, local government, and property owners, to address a pressing environmental and public health issue in our community, and we hope you will take advantage of it."

Further information, including the grant application, can be obtained at <https://warrencountyny.gov/planning/lakeshoreseptic>. Additional information is also available by calling the Warren County Planning Department at 518-761-6553.

For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

RELATED ARTICLES: Septic System Grants on page 1 and seminar on septic systems at Silver Bay YMCA on page 7.

FREE PROGRAM ON BLACKS IN THE ADIRONDACKS

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present a free public program called "Blacks in the Adirondacks" on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 7 pm at the Hancock House. The presentation will look at the impact made by people of color in the North Country and is part of the museum's year-long look at "History, Race and Gender in the Adirondacks."

Program Presenter Diane O'Connor said, "People of color have added much to the rich tapestry of Adirondack history. From farmers and trappers to traders and innkeepers — their contributions are many. Sadly, we



*Unidentified man and child at Baldwin Docks, Ticonderoga.
Courtesy of Ticonderoga Historical Society Collection*

do not know their stories and have failed to celebrate their accomplishments."

Included among those individuals is Prince Taylor, a free African-American man and a veteran of the American Revolution. Taylor ran an inn on his property, located near what is now Black Point Road in Ticonderoga. In 1791, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison visited Taylor's farm.

The program will be held outdoors under a tent and attendees should bring their own lawn chairs.

Reservations may be made by calling the Hancock House at

518-585-7868 or via e-mail to: tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ■

SILVER BAY YMCA E-WASTE RECYCLING DAY SUCCESSFUL

The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center held its 10th annual electronic waste recycling event on June 19, 2021.

"We are so pleased that another two thousand pounds of e-waste is going to be recycled and put to good use, instead of these harmful materials winding up in a landfill," said Silver Bay CEO Steve Tamm.

"The impressive turnout speaks to the need of this event and we are happy to provide this service to the community."



SILVER BAY GOINGS ON

by Steve Tamm

Summer is in full swing at Silver Bay. While things are not quite back to "normal," we are thankful we're moving in that direction. After most of the New York State restrictions were lifted a few weeks ago, our program team worked quickly and diligently to broaden and deepen our summer 2021 offerings.

We will be welcoming back The Glens Falls Symphony on July 25th at 7 pm. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor, this concert is open to the public at no cost.

SILVER BAY TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT TICONDEROGA GOLF COURSE

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Silver Bay YMCA will hold its 21st Annual Golf Tournament at the Ticonderoga Golf Course. All net proceeds of the event support the youth and outreach programs of Silver Bay YMCA.



There will be breakfast for all participants, gift bags with Silver Bay swag and golf accessories, snacks and refreshments, a chance to win \$5,000 in a putting contest, a \$25,000 Hole-in-One prize, an American Style BBQ lunch following the event, raffle prizes, and a 50/50 drawing.

Click [HERE](#) if you would like information on sponsorship opportunities or contact Shealy Smith, development assistant at ssmith@silverbay.org.

Registration is open through July 26th or until all spots are filled. Click [HERE](#) to register online. ■

SILVER BAY YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

Silver Bay YMCA will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 8 am in Morse Hall or virtually via Zoom. Board of Trustees' Chair Stephanie Wagoner, CEO Steve Tamm, and Treasurer Dominic Colafati will give reports.

For information on how to join virtually and to submit questions beforehand, email Board Liaison Martha Petteys at mpetteys@silverbay.org or call 518-543-8505 by July 30. ■



We are thankful that many local volunteers have stepped forward to assist us in opening our campus. The regional and national labor shortage is felt here at Silver Bay and so many things would not be possible without all this wonderful help.

Details about what is happening on campus, how you can become a member and enjoy our offerings, how to apply online for one of our seasonal or year-round positions, and other important information can be found on our website at www.silverbay.org. ■

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

The Hermit of Hague was a sight
You'd think he'd been hit by a blight
His hair was so long
He wore just a thong
Those who saw him often took flight.

LOOKING BACK

TIME AT THE BEACH

by Rudy Meola

"The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt."

Frederick Buechner

In the Spring of 1981, Daniel D. Belden, by deputation, presented a group of rough hewn boys, ages 13 to 15, to the Hague Town Board (which sat in the old hall adjacent to the beautiful river-rock-constructed Baptist Church) with a simple plea: "These boys want to play baseball." And so, it began - The Hague Babe Ruth Baseball Team.

A more inauspicious beginning is hard to imagine.

Confusion reigned and misnomers were the norm. Our pitcher was "Whitey," the center fielder was "Clyde," Paul was "Ralph," and Craig was "Tony." Our ball field was a sunken plain cut into the woods off Decker Hill Road, which was dubbed "The Beach" to mock a disgusted opponent who labored under the misconception that a baseball field should have grass. Ours was 50% sand, 50% rubble, and 100% occupied by hordes of black flies, mosquitoes, and assorted bees.

Although many people from the town contributed to make the baseball team possible, the man with the vision was our coach, who we all called "Dan." He scoured the North Country to find teams to play, had the town crew help spruce up The Beach, and rounded up volunteers to forge a team. Dan coached by two rules: everyone on the team got to play and every game was played in good cheer — not that we minded playing roughly from time to time. Practice began with Dan standing at the plate, cigar clenched in his teeth, hitting grounders and pop flies. His coaching style was an interesting mix of baseball fundamentals and practical philosophy, such as "Rudy, when you catch the ball, use your glove not your face." Once, when a player at bat for the first time fouled the ball over the backstop and

spiderwebbed Dan's windshield, his explanation was, "He's a good kid. He can hit the ball straight, but he just got confused."

The uniforms were brick red with black letters. Because money was limited, the uniforms featured the names of different sponsors on the back, including The Trout House, RJ Stormer & Son, The Hague Supermarket, and the granddaddy of them all, The Cave. As it turned out, this team of strapping youths with unrefined talent could really play ball and ended up manhandling teams from Chestertown to Indian Lake to Ticonderoga, the constant mayhem and missteps assuaged by Dan's healing gift of laughter.

Life lessons flowed from Dan with regularity and startling syzygy, my favorite being, "When someone hires you to cut the grass, you cut it, not smoke it." In the last game of the season, against the dreaded Crown Point Panthers, their

star player hit a ball that was destined for Rock and Rye. The batter was gloating, taking his time rounding the bases, sweetly savoring victory when our center fielder burst from the woods. Spinning like a shot putter, hair stuck with twigs, and trailed by a swarm of bees, he threw the flabbergasted runner out at home plate. In the ensuing melee, Dan settled the point with a friendly hand, a light chuckle, and what sounded to me like a life lesson: "Kenny you're out. Don't ever coast. You gotta run them all out, even when you hit one in the woods."

At the end of the season, we all chipped in to get Dan

a gift I cannot recall, but it was probably a six pack. By default, the duty of benediction fell upon me, which I discharged after summoning all my powers of eloquence: "Thanks Coach from all of us, your team."

Our time at The Beach brought us together, kids of different ages, backgrounds, and abilities. It has been said many times over the years that Dan gave much to the town. In 1981, he gave us, his team, something of ineffable value — baseball and the feeling of what it means to belong. ■



Some of the 1981 Hague Team with their friendly rivals, the Crown Point Panthers. Back Row l to r: Kevin Bryce, Danny Belden, Mike Stormer (Clyde), Rudy Meola, Jay Jordan, Art Belden (Whitey), George Kelliher. Middle Row l to r: Coach Dan Belden, Donnie Foote, Doug Thatcher, Tim Denno, Kenny St. Pierre, Todd Malone, Mike and Keith Ross. Front Row l to r: Panther ball boy, Hague ball boy, Rick Belden.

DERMATOLOGY AND WOMEN'S HEALTH NOW AT HOSPITAL

The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital recently expanded its specialty clinics at its Ticonderoga campus. Providers from the UVM Health Network specializing in women's health and dermatology are now offering monthly outpatient services and are accepting new patients.

The Women's Health Clinic will be led by Molly Brown, a women's health nurse practitioner. Molly will do annual exams and offer care for a range of issues including preconception and contraception counseling, menopause management, and breast cancer screenings.

Katelyn Shea, MD, and Morgan Rogers, PC-A from the UVM Medical Center will provide monthly dermatology clinics.

The specialty physician services on the Ticonderoga campus now include cardiology, colorectal screening, dermatology, echocardiograms, orthopedics, and women's health. In addition to the outpatient specialty clinics, patients have access to primary and emergency medicine, imaging, laboratory, and physical, speech, and occupational therapy services. ▣

TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

Every Wednesday and Friday through August 13, 2021 from 9-10 am, the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum, is presenting FREE children's workshops. In these "Scribble Art" workshops, participants will explore different media using scribbles to create art. All great art starts with a scribble!

For more information, call 518-585-2696 or go [HERE](#). ▣

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TAKE-OUT TUESDAYS AND FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN TICONDEROGA

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild's free Summer in the Park Concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 pm at 132 Montcalm Street in front of the Ticonderoga Community Building, with a rain location of the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. This is the remaining lineup for 2021:

- July 20th: Jacksland *Soulful, Groove, and Pop Duo featuring the voice of Jackie Dugas and singer/guitarist Rick Bolton*
- July 27th: Canal Street String Band *Fiddles tunes, sea shanties, cowboy songs, canal ditties, western swing, and originals*
- August 10th: Richie & Rosie *New sound to traditional music with a mix of Americana, old time and folk*

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is encouraging "Take-Out Tuesdays," in which folks grab a take-out dinner at a local participating business and eat it at the concert. Participating businesses include Bodette's Barbecue, Burgoyne Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Emeralds II, Hot Biscuit Diner, Madden's Pub, McDonald's, Seymour's, Stewart's Shops, Ticonderoga Natural Foods Co-Op, Walmart, and The Wind-Chill Factory. ▣

TICONDEROGA AREA FARMERS' MARKET NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON

The 2021 season for the Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market started on Saturday July 10th and will run through September 25th. The market will operate on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm at 1114 Wicker Street near the Walmart entrance and across from Christopher Chevrolet Buick. Parking is available in the back of the property.

Special events planned for this season include StreetFest on July 31st (the market will be in Downtown Ticonderoga), Makers Market on August 14th, Local Author Day on August 21st, and Harvest Festival with live music on September 18th.



For more information, contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at 518-585-6619, email chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com, visit www.ticonderogany.com, go to the TACC Facebook page, or see the Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market Facebook page. ▣

FREE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

At 10:15 am every Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion, the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will offer free programs for children. Upcoming programs are:

- July 21st - James Bruchac *Native American Stories*
- July 28th - Mr. Fish *Mystery and History of Magic*
- August 4th - Tim Van Egmond *Hearing Nature's Voice*
- August 11th - *Swing Peepers Funky Farms and Wild Food* ▣

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CALENDAR

July 2021

JULY

20	7 pm	Ticonderoga Summer in the Park Concert – <i>Jacksland</i>
21	10:15 am	Ticonderoga Festival Guild Program for Children – <i>Native American Stories</i>
	5:30 pm	LGLC Online Program on Loons
22	7 pm	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
	7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at the Ticonderoga Community Building/Town Offices
23	7 pm	"Blacks in the ADKs" at Hancock House
25	7 pm	Glens Falls Symphony at Silver Bay
27	7 pm	Ticonderoga Summer in the Park Concert – <i>Canal Street String Band</i>
28	10:15 am	Ticonderoga Festival Guild Program for Children – <i>Mr. Fish Mystery and History of Magic</i>

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm

AUGUST

4	10:15 am	Ticonderoga Festival Guild Program for Children – <i>Hearing Nature's Voice</i>
5	7 pm	PLANNING BOARD
9		Deadline for the August issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
10	6 pm	TOWN BOARD
	7 pm	Ticonderoga Summer in the Park Concert – <i>Richie & Rosie</i>
11		Silver Bay Golf Tournament at the Ticonderoga Golf Course
	10:15 am	Ticonderoga Festival Guild Program for Children – <i>Swing Peepers Funky Farms and Wild Food</i>
12	7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at the Ticonderoga Country Club
14		Makers Market at the Farmers' Market in Ticonderoga
14		Lake George Swims
21		Local Authors Day at the Farmers' Market in Ticonderoga