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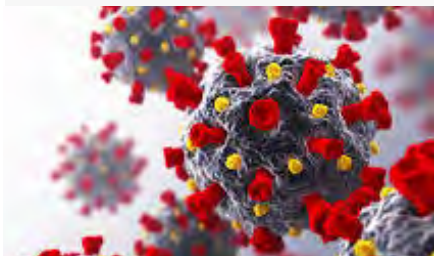
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of April 14, 2022:



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

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	482,400,945	6,128,212
US	79,995,485	977,913
NYS	4,985,450	67,939
Warren County	13,463	125
Essex County	5,593	57

### 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

## TOWN OF HAGUE-ON-LAKE GEORGE MEMORIAL DAY

by Maureen Cherubini

The Town of Hague-on-Lake George will have its 19th annual Funfest, Memorial Day Parade, and Dedication Service on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Here is the schedule of events:

### 10 am to 4 pm:

#### Funfest at the Hague Town Park

- 10 am to 12:30 pm - Mike's Karaoke Machine
- 10 am – 1 pm - Phil Singer, caricature artist
- 12:30 pm - Cambridge Band Live Concert
- Penelope the Clown
- Crafters, jewelry, spices, and the Senior Citizens' Club's White Elephant Sale
- Games for the whole family
- A Bouncey House
- A food concession by the Hague Fish & Game Club which will include hot dogs, burgers, and soft drinks
- Larry Henderson's funnel cakes and fried Oreos



### 2 pm: The Memorial Day Parade on Route 8 from the Hague Community Center to the Hague Town Park

- Bands, floats, clowns, classic cars, and more
- Grand Marshal Walt Waters
- Senior of the Year Tim Costello

### After the parade: The Memorial Dedication Service; the speaker will be James O'Toole, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, retired.

Prizes will be awarded at the Memorial Service for Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack, Most Humorous, Best Youth, and Honorable Mention Adult and Youth.

- The Hague Fire Department will hold its Chicken Dinner after the parade

If anyone is interested in marching, having a band perform, or entering a float, please contact me at 518-543-6463.

*The Hague Memorial Day Celebration is sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens' Club and is sanctioned by the Town of Hague Town Board.*

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had a wonderful turnout at our Saint Patty's Day Dinner Celebration. We had 38 guests and there were five take-outs. It was wonderful that many people we hadn't seen in awhile came out for the event.

Paul Budd, the new owner of the Silver Bay General Store, told us what he and his wife, JoAnn, are planning to do with the store. Thank you, Paul, for coming out and sharing your ideas. JoAnn was unable to come, so we'll stop by the store to meet her.

We had a 50/50 raffle. The winner, Bertha Dunsmore, had never won before. Congratulations, Bertha!

We played Trivia and the top three people won prizes. We gave out a variety of awards including door decorations, towels, hats, and shamrock lights for people who light up our lives. There were a lot of laughs.

There was a surprise birthday cake and so many desserts that we sent some home with people.

Thank you, Maria Waters, for taking and putting the photos up on the Senior Facebook page for all to see.

On April 24th, we'll have our regular meeting to discuss upcoming events, including the Memorial Day Parade, the FunFest, and the White Elephant Sale.

We're planning a trip to the USS Slater Museum in Albany on May 12th. We'll also have lunch somewhere in Albany. ■



## HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of March, we had 14 fire calls and drills and six EMS calls using 215.5 volunteer hours.

Now that the ice is out in our area, remember that the water is still very cold. If you are going out on the water, please use caution and **always** wear a life jacket.

As summer approaches and our call volume increases, there are certain things you should do that will help us serve you better in the event that you need help from EMS. Before we arrive, clear a path to the patient. Try to have medications and medical information available. If you have pets, for their safety, please secure them. If it's nighttime, please make sure there is an outside light on.

We want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter! ■



## TOWN OF HAGUE OPPOSES USE OF PROCELLACOR

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has applied for a permit from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to put the herbicide ProcellaCOR into Lake George at two pilot sites: Blair's Bay in Glen Burnie and Sheep Meadow Bay in Hulett's Landing. Although both sites are located on the other side of the lake, they are part of the Town of Hague, whose boundaries extend to the eastern shoreline.

The LGPC feels that this herbicide could be an effective way to combat Eurasian milfoil, an invasive species that has been in Lake George for decades. Working with partners, including the Lake George Association (LGA), the LGPC has, for several years, used hand-harvesting to try to control the plant. It notes that nearly 68 tons of milfoil were removed

from the lake using this method in 2021. Now the LGPC wants to use ProcellaCOR as an additional tool to manage this weed, noting that it's far more cost-effective than hand-harvesting. If the application is approved by the APA, the LGPC would apply the herbicide at the two sites as a pilot in May or June of this year.

The LGA and Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, are strongly opposed to using this chemical, stating that "there simply is not enough science about the potential adverse impacts to water quality, human health, and aquatic plant and animal life to proceed at this time, particularly given the unique and complex character of the lake."

They have asked the APA to deny the current application until more peer-reviewed scientific data that is specific to Lake George can be collected.

The product information label on the manufacturer's website describes

ProcellaCOR as "a herbicide for management of freshwater aquatic vegetation in slow-moving/quiescent waters with little or no continuous outflow." This is not the profile of Lake George. Some of the other concerns include how long the toxic chemical will remain in the lake, the fact that ProcellaCOR eventually breaks down into chemicals that are as toxic as the parent and the fear that decomposing milfoil could even increase the risk of harmful algal blooms.

At its April 12th meeting, the Hague Town Board considered the arguments before unanimously adopting a resolution stating its opposition to the application of ProcellaCOR in Lake George at this time. The public is also concerned. Of the 325 public comment letters received by the APA, 300 expressed opposition to the use of the toxic chemical in Lake George –

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## TWO LOCAL KOREAN WAR VETS WILL RECEIVE HONORARY DIPLOMAS

Howard Belden and Richard Jordan were friends who attended Hague Central School in the 1940s. In 1948, they decided to leave high school prior to graduation and enlist in the United States Army.

Belden was a Sergeant in the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and Jordan was assigned to the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. They were both deployed to the Korean War in September of 1950.

Sgt. Belden's division advanced into North Korea and by November 27, 1950, it had reached the Chosin Reservoir. During the 17-day battle which ensued, over 120,000 Chinese and North Korean troops encircled United Nations Command, American, and South Korean troops, including the 7th Infantry Division.

While defending the Town of Haggaru on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir, Sgt. Belden was wounded. An attempt to evacuate him to a MASH unit failed when the convoy carrying him was ambushed by enemy troops; the entire convoy disappeared. Sgt. Belden was reported Missing in Action (MIA) on December 1, 1950 and he was declared Presumptively Dead on December 31, 1953.

Sgt. Belden received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sgt. Belden will be honored with a tribute ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park in Hague on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 6 pm.

Private First Class Richard Willard Jordan was deployed to South Korea in September of 1950. On April 1, 1951, while fighting Chinese and North Korean troops in Operation Ripper near the Town of Uijongbu in South Korea, he was

severely wounded in a missile attack. He died of his wounds on April 2, 1951 and posthumously received the Purple Heart.

Recently, both men were approved by the Ticonderoga Board of Education for honorary diplomas under a State Department of Education program called Operation Recognition.

This program allows local school districts to confer honorary diplomas to veterans who left school without graduating providing three conditions are met:

1. They were NY State residents.
2. There is proof of service through a separation form or other means.
3. They received an Honorable Discharge.

The honorary diploma from Hague Central School was presented to the family of Walt Waters, nephew of Richard Jordan, at the Board of Education meeting on April 5th at the Hague Community Center.

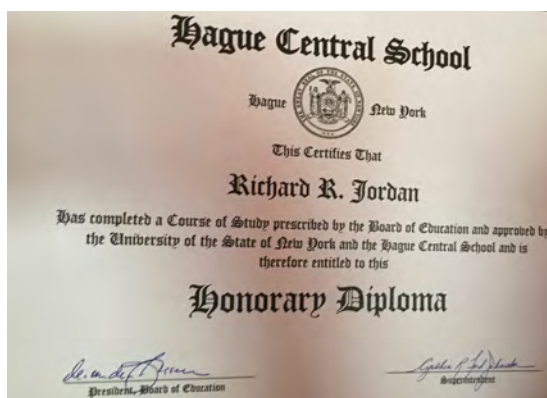
It was presented by the Interim Ticonderoga

Schools Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston. The family of Sgt. Belden will receive his diploma on April 22nd.

At the board meeting, Superintendent Ford-Johnston and the Ticonderoga Board of Education were thanked for their support of veterans and presented with a plaque by Tom Mullins.

Mullins is a veterans' advocate with the Reverend Francis A. Kelley Society of Troy, NY. The society's mission is to honor veterans with diplomas, federal and state medals, special awards from the NYS Senate, enrollment in the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, and tribute ceremonies.

To date, the society has been responsible for getting 41 diplomas conferred to veterans in Green Island, Amsterdam, Valatie, and Ticonderoga, NY. ▀



TOP LEFT: Cynthia Ford Johnston and Tom Mullins; TOP RIGHT: Tom Mullins and the family of Walt Waters; BOTTOM LEFT: Honorary Diploma awarded to Richard Jordan; BOTTOM RIGHT: Richard Jordan in 1948.



## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/24/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Linda Mury and Ray Snyder were absent.

### TONER (26.6-1-17) 4 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

The applicants would like to demolish an 800 sq. ft. legal non-conforming single-family dwelling and, in its place, build a new 2,400 sq. ft. two-story structure. The new structure will be no more non-conforming than the existing structure. The existing structure is within 100 feet of the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM), requiring Planning Board approval. Approximately 440 sq. ft. of proposed new deck is within the 50-foot shoreline setback, requiring a referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The board requested that the proposed shoreline setback dimensions are to be added to the drawings. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on April 28th.

### SISCA (76.20-1-3.1) 8 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)

The applicant is proposing a 1250 sq. ft. addition with attached two-car garage to an 890 sq. ft. legal non-conforming house. The addition will be on the side of the structure away from the lake and will meet setbacks. The applicant has recently upgraded their on-site wastewater system to meet the requirements of the addition. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on April 28th. ▣

## PLANNING BOARD - 4/7/2022

This meeting was postponed to 4/21/22. ▣

## TOWN BOARD - 4/12/2

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, Maureen Cherubini, and Josh Patchett were all present. A moment of silence was held for Dr. William Brennan.

A public hearing was held on a request for a wastewater variance on the Loran property.

Ben Driscoll of Catholic Charities made a presentation to raise awareness about the SNAP program.

Jarrett Engineers made a presentation about a request for a variance for the Mueller/Loane property. The board scheduled a public hearing on this.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- Resolution to amend 2022 General Fund budget to purchase Cub Cadet mower.
- Resolution to approve 10-hour day (6 am - 4 pm) for employees of the Highway Department from May 2nd to October 2nd.
- Resolution to approve the following for positions at the Hague Town Park: Lifeguards - Jenny O'Neill, Helena Batha. Visitor Center - Joyce Houck, Pat Hintze, Karen Semigran, Bobbie Jean Fish. Boat Launch - Kim Coffin, Gary Turnamian, Leo Lucas, Karen Semigran, Wally Peterson, Tom Haskell, Bobbie Jean Fish, and Judy Gourley.
- Resolution to reappoint Karen Costello to the Board of Assessment Review.
- Resolution to approve Stanislawsky sewer connection.
- Resolution to accept the recommendation of the sewer EDU Appeals Committee regarding the Miller-Zier EDU assessment.
- Resolution to adopt Proclamation for Howard Belden.
- Resolution to accept the resignation of Scott Manning (Wastewater Treatment Plant laborer), effective 4/27/22, and to approve advertising for a replacement.
- Resolution opposing an application submitted by the Lake George Park Commission to the Adirondack Park Agency requesting permission to put the herbicide ProcettaCOR in waters within the Town of Hague to treat Eurasian milfoil (See separate article on page 2 of this issue).

The board held a discussion about moving the Hague Volunteer Fire Department's boat from the Hague boat launch to the public steamship dock. No decisions were made.

The board approved Lakeside Church's request for permission to hold an Easter Egg Hunt, with the provision that an insurance rider be added.

The above are some of the highlights of the meeting and are not a comprehensive report. The official minutes of the meeting, when complete, should be posted online by the Hague Town Clerk. ▣

**CORRECTION:** In last month's issue, we incorrectly reported that Fallon Kennedy Jordon, a Beste Scholarship recipient, was the granddaughter of Dolly Kennedy. The paragraph about her should have read: Fallon is attending North Country Community College after changing her major to Child and Family Services. She will be graduating in May. She is the daughter of Brian and Renee Kennedy of Hague and was married over the last year. Congratulations, Fallon! ▣

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES FOR SGT. HOWARD R. BELDEN

Final funeral arrangements have been announced for the burial of Sergeant Howard Richard Belden, a Korean War Veteran from Hague, who went MIA at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in North Korea on December 1, 1950. He was a rifleman in the Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.



Sgt. Belden, who was wounded in this battle, was evacuated from the battlefield on December 1, 1950, but his entire military convoy went MIA after being ambushed by enemy soldiers. He was declared Presumptively Dead on December 31, 1953 and remained missing for 71 years.

Sgt. Belden's remains were discovered in 2018 and were among the American servicemen's remains that were returned to the U.S. The fifty-five boxes of remains have resulted in 112 positive identifications with Sgt. Belden's remains identified on October 14, 2021.

Sergeant Belden was son of James and Ester Belden and the brother of Arthur Belden and long-time Highway Superintendent and former Town of Hague Supervisor, Daniel Belden.

There will be a tribute for Sgt. Belden on April 19, 2022 from 10:30 to 11:15 am at the Korean War Memorial in Albany.

There will be a special tribute for Sgt. Belden in Hague on April 22, 2022. It will consist of an automobile procession from the Hague Fire House to Veterans' Memorial Park from 5:30 – 6 pm and a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park from 6 - 6:45 pm. In case of inclement weather, the vehicle procession will end at the Hague Town Hall and an indoor tribute will be held there at 6 pm. Parking will be available at the Hague Town Park, Lakeside Regional Church, and the Hague Baptist Church.

The participants in the tribute will be: Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, 21st Congressional District, State Senator Daniel Stec, 45th Senate District,

Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, 144th Assembly District, Supervisor Edna Frasier, Town of Hague, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, Town of Hague, Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston, Ticonderoga School District, Eagle Scout Thomas Conway, North Warren Central School, Senior Ella Lobdell, Boquet Valley Central School, Gold Star Mother Cindy Roberts, Rev. Iva O'Brien, Thomas Mullins, Rev. Francis A. Kelley Society, Craig Cassidy, Ticonderoga American

Legion, David Raviile, Lake George Community Orchestra, Daniel Nolin, Patriot Guards, Harry Treadway, and the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association.

Sgt. Belden will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, May 12 at 11 am. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and has been enrolled in the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. ■

## TRIBUTE TO SGT. HOWARD R. BELDEN

**Friday April 22, 2022, Hague, NY**

- I. Procession from Hague Fire House to Veterans Memorial Park (weather permitting) or from Hague Fire House to Town Hall Community Room (inclement weather) - 5:30 - 6 pm
- II. Ceremony Agenda
  - A. Welcome - Thomas Mullins, Rev. Francis A. Kelley Society
  - B. Presentation of Colors - Ticonderoga American Legion
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance - Thomas Conway, senior, North Warren Central School
  - D. National Anthem - Ella Lobdell, senior, Boquet Valley High School
  - E. Invocation - Cindy Roberts - Gold Star Mother
  - F. Awards Presentations - Sergeant Belden Biography - Tom Mullins
  - G. Letter From Governor Kathy Hochul, State of New York - Tom Mullins
  - H. Letter From U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand - State of New York - Tom Mullins
  - I. Awards:
    - 1. High School Diploma** – Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston - Ticonderoga Central Schools
    - 2. Congressional Citation/Flag** – Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY), 21st Congressional District
    - 3. New York State Liberty Award** – State Senator Daniel Stec, 45th Senate District
    - 4. Assembly Citation** – Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, 114th Assembly District
    - 5. County Proclamation** – Designee Town of Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier
    - 6. Town of Hague Proclamation** – Town of Hague Deputy Supervisor Stephen Ramant
    - 7. Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster** – Craig Cassidy, Lt. Adjutant, Ticonderoga American Legion
    - 8. Portrait of Sergeant Howard R. Belden** – Thomas Mullins, Rev. Francis A. Kelley Society
  - J. Benediction - Rev. Iva O'Brien
  - K. God Bless America - Ella Lobdell, senior, Boquet Valley High School
  - L. Taps - David Raviile, Lake George Community Orchestra
  - M. Dismissal of Colors - Ticonderoga American Legion
  - N. Closing - Thank you to all participants - Thomas Mullins, Rev. Francis A. Kelley Society ■





## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Jennifer R. (Mury) Tomczak, 61, of Doylestown, PA on March 6, 2022, peacefully at her residence after a short, but courageous, battle with a glioblastoma.



She will be remembered for her bright smile, love of life and friends, and strong work ethic. Jennifer attended Johnson & Wales and loved to host dinners and parties with family, friends, and neighbors.

She was predeceased by her: father, Raymond M. Mury; mother, Carolyn A. Bell; and stepfather, Dr. John G. Bell.

She is survived by her: husband of 37 years, Troy Tomczak; stepmother, Linda Mury, of Hague; brothers, James Mury and William Mury; niece, Gillian Mury; and many stepbrothers, stepsisters, nieces, and nephews living in multiple states.

A service and celebration of Jennifer's life was held recently in PA.

**DIED:** Dr. William J. Brennan, 86, of Hague and Nashua, NH, on April 10, 2022, at his NH home, surrounded by his loving wife, Patricia, and his family.



He was born and raised in Mineville, where he attended Mineville High School. He excelled

both academically and athletically, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated from Fordham University in NYC, where he met and started dating the love of his life, Patricia. He graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry in Washington, D.C.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1964, providing dental care to service members at Selfridge Air Force base in Harrison Township, MI.

The family moved to Ticonderoga in 1964 when Dr. Brennan purchased a dental practice and began a career spanning more than 53 years. He developed a level of excellence in his field that made him sought after for advice from many others in his profession. He was one of only 102 practitioners selected to serve as a Visiting Faculty Member at the world-renowned Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, FL.

A pillar of the Ticonderoga community, Dr. Brennan was a member of the Ticonderoga Central School Board from 1968 until 2008, serving as its president from 1975 to 2008. During his tenure, he provided leadership during the terms of 12 different school superintendents, through six major building projects, and for the annexation of the Hague Central School District. *US News & World Report* named the school system as a Silver Medalist School — among the top two percent of schools in the nation — during his tenure. In 2008, the NYS School Boards Association honored him with the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service.

During the 1990s, when the local Moses Ludington Hospital experienced financial difficulty, Dr. Brennan led a group of

citizens in raising funding and they saved the hospital for the community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 333.

A life-long and devout Catholic, he was committed to his faith, was a parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ticonderoga, and frequently attended mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague.

In 1975, Dr. Brennan and his wife bought the historic Henry estate, "Sentinel Pines," in Hague. They built a year-round home in 2004 and lived there full-time until 2021. They enjoyed gardening, woodworking, watching wildlife, and spending time with family, friends, and their loyal dog, "Pipi Longstocking."

In March 2021, Dr. Brennan and Patricia moved to Nashua, NH to be closer to their son, Terry.

Dr. Brennan loved his family and was passionate about the Boston Red Sox and Notre Dame football.

He leaves behind memories with a great many patients, colleagues, and friends whose lives he impacted in significant and long-lasting ways.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, William and Helen Brennan, and by his younger brother, Joseph R. Brennan.

Dr. Brennan is survived by his: wife of 64 years, Patricia; daughter, Dr. Kathleen Brennan (Dr. Daniel Golder); sons Bill (Kimberly Brennan) and Terry; grandchildren, Tessa and Megan; sister-in-law, Faye Brennan; brother-in-law Gerry Cerne (Elaine); many nieces; and a nephew.

The family asks that if you wish to honor Dr. Brennan, you consider donating to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [HERE](#). ▣

## TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

The Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education approved the following calendar for 2022-2023:

First Day for Students: Sept 6      Last Day for Students: June 23  
Parent/Teacher Conferences: Nov 21 (No school for students.)

### Days when school will NOT be in session:

September 2-5	December 26-30	April 10-14
October 10	January 2, 16	May 29
November 11, 22-25	February 20-24	June 19, 26-30



*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. We will now include a recent headshot of high quality for publication with obituaries. Please send to [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org).

## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



Shhhh! Don't tell anyone but I know a place in the Adirondacks where you can find ramps. Foodies would pay me money to tell them where they could pick these wild edibles, sometimes known as wild leeks or spring onions. Their leaves are broad and barely under the soil there is a small, white bulb.

A word of warning: do not mistake the leaves of ramps for the leaves of the poisonous Lily-of-the-Valley. The leaves are quite similar but the blooms are different. The Lily-of-the-Valley has small, white bell-like flowers which run the length of a short stalk. Ramp blossoms are small, white clusters at the end of a tall stalk. If you are still unsure, tear off a small piece of leaf and sniff. Ramps have a garlic/onion aroma.

Ramps can be found in the rich, moist soil of higher elevation deciduous

forests. The plants are prevalent from Canada and New England down into Appalachia and as far west as Missouri.

Shoots start to appear in late April and ramp season is over by mid-June. The white bulbs will get larger as the season progresses, but by summer the deciduous trees' leaves have reduced the sunlight to the ramps and their leaves turn yellow and wilt.

Ramp leaves are high in vitamins A and C. In Vermont, Abenaki Native Americans called these plants "Winooski" and they grew abundantly along what is now the Winooski River. The name "Chicago," too is from shiko'ko, a Menominee word for leeks. Native Americans used ramps medicinally as well as to season food. Early settlers used



ramps to make a tonic to treat scurvy after the long winter months. Today, ramps are highly sought-after spring plants by chefs and foodies. The plants can be used in any dish to replace green onions, chives, or garlic.

My husband and I enjoy them in homemade potato soup or on homemade pizza. Sorry, but I am not telling our secret ramp spot! ▣

## SILVER BAY YMCA STARTS WORKCATION PROGRAM

Silver Bay YMCA is starting a Workcation (work vacation) Program that allows volunteers to share their time and talents while Silver Bay provides the housing and meals in return.

"The goal of the Workcation Program is to encourage individuals who may only be able to serve as part of the Silver Bay team for a week, two weeks, or even a month to reach out and know that they can do so without worrying about lodging and meals," said Lindsey Butler, Director of Sales and Marketing. "If you can work 30 hours in one week, then we will house you, provide you three meals per day, and allow you to enjoy the programs and events that Silver Bay offers for the remainder of your time with us."

The Workcation Program idea was born out of a conversation regarding staffing and logistics for what is shaping up to be a busy year at

Silver Bay YMCA. "We know that Silver Bay has so many talented individuals who wish they could work as part of our team year-round but have homes and full-time jobs elsewhere," added Butler. Continuing on, "This is Silver Bay looking for creative solutions that benefit our volunteers, the guests we're serving, and also our staff."

If you're interested in joining Silver Bay for a little work and a lot of fun, reach out to the Director of Human Resources, Kelsey Nobis at [knobis@silverbay.org](mailto:knobis@silverbay.org) to set up your workcation! ▣

## SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

The following community programs will continue throughout April and May:

- Weekly Yoga Classes
- Dinner and a Movie
- Free Community Game Nights

For more information, click [HERE](#).

The new 18-hole disc golf course is almost ready to play! At 9 am on Saturday, April 30, 2022, there will be a volunteer workday to finish the tee pads, work on trails, and move brush.



If volunteers RSVP by April 23rd, they can have lunch for free in the dining hall. RSVP to [zsmalley@silverbay.org](mailto:zsmalley@silverbay.org).

Registration for Silver Bay's children's summer camp, Silver Camp, is now open. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. ▣

## TI-ALLIANCE RELEASES TICONDEROGA AREA CHILDCARE SURVEY REPORT

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has released a report on the state of childcare in the Ticonderoga area. The report is the result of a childcare survey conducted over the past few months and sent to people who live and work in the Ticonderoga area, including Ticonderoga, Hague, Putnam, Crown Point, and Moriah. The survey was distributed through the towns, schools, and local employers, and widely promoted in local news and social media channels.

The data from the survey will be used to help guide a new initiative to create new childcare resources in the Ticonderoga area through a partnership of employers, schools, and agencies. The responses of 103 families capture a picture of local childcare that shows a vivid picture of dwindling childcare resources in an area that has already been deemed a “childcare desert” by federal, state, and regional measures.

The most striking result of the survey was the quantification of this critical challenge to this area’s economy. The report identified 87 children in our immediate community that would attend a public childcare center if it was available. Those children were almost evenly divided between three age groups: infant to 18 months, 18 months to three years, and three years to five years. More than 70% of parents said their child or children would attend a public childcare center four or five days a week.

A lack of childcare is preventing people in our community from working. The results showed that 42% of respondents said a lack of childcare availability prevents someone in their household from working full or part-time. It also showed that 50% of childcare for young children relies on a stay-at-home parent or family member. That means a lot of people aren’t working who would like to.

Childcare is a challenge shared by both families and employers. More than 75% of the respondents are currently working full time, but 73% of respondents report that unreliable or unavailable childcare causes them to lose some work time every month. About 29% of respondents indicated that they lose work three or more times per month because of childcare issues. When people lose work, it has a large effect on the productivity and profitability of our employers as well as the workers.

The childcare challenge is one that needs to be addressed in a community-wide effort and one is underway exploring how a public childcare facility could be created in Ticonderoga. A partnership of several local organizations, including Ti-Alliance, Ticonderoga Central Schools, the Town of Ticonderoga, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, Silver Bay YMCA, Sylvamo, Fort Ticonderoga, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and other employers are investigating potential locations, funding resources, and management options for a community-supported facility.

In addition to a public facility, the Childcare Coordinating Council of the North Country (CCCCNC) and Adirondack Community Action Programs (ACAP) are promoting excellent programs to help individuals create new home-based childcare resources. The results of the survey clearly indicate that it will take both public and home-based providers to generate enough capacity to support the Ticonderoga area families and employers.

For more information on this project, contact Ti-Alliance and read the full Ticonderoga Area Childcare Survey Report at [www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/challenge-of-childcare](http://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/challenge-of-childcare).

For information regarding resources for childcare providers, contact ACAP at <https://www.acapinc.org/programs1/child-and-family-services/>. ▣



## DR. CHON IS NEW CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

On March 17, 2022, the University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital announced the appointment of Jun Chon, M.D., as the chief medical officer.



In his new role, Dr. Chon will lead clinical operations and support medical staff across the organization’s hospital campuses in Elizabethtown and Ticonderoga and six community-based health centers.

“Dr. Chon is a skilled internal medicine physician with years of experience working in the hospital and in primary care centers,” said Bob Ortmyer, president of Elizabethtown Community Hospital. “He will be a wonderful resource for both his patients and medical professionals at ECH.

Dr. Chon will focus on strengthening our connection to all the UVM Health Network has to offer while continuing to provide outstanding, patient-centered care close to home.”

Dr. Chon attended Tulane University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering. He earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He is board certified in internal medicine.

Most recently, Dr. Chon served as vice-president of medical affairs at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital in Ephrata, PA. ▣

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## OPPOSITION TO PROCELLACOR, CONTINUED

more than 90 percent. Some reminded the APA that thousands of people use Lake George for drinking water, and they feared the herbicide's potential adverse effects. Many said they wanted additional scientific study about the effects this herbicide could have on plant and animal life in the lake. Some also pointed out that, for many years, DDT was considered safe – until scientific studies proved that it wasn't.

At its regular meeting on April 14th, the APA Board listened to a staff presentation recommending approval of the LGPC's application before narrowly approving it by a vote of 6-4. One board member noted that one of her reasons for voting against approval was the fact that Hague's Town Board was unanimously opposed to granting approval.

The LGPC held an informational session on April 15th for the public. Many wanted to know why it is so urgent to put this relatively new

herbicide into the lake now rather than waiting for more research on how ProcellaCOR will specifically affect Lake George. Since the LGPC's original decision to seek the APA permit, public opposition has become very clear, as evidenced by the public comments and the Hague Town Board's resolution.

The LGPC still has the opportunity to take these factors into account before making a final decision on whether to move forward at its April 26th regular meeting. ▣

## LAKE GEORGE SWIM 2022

The 2022 Lake George 2.5k, 5k, and 10k swims will take place Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Hague Public Beach in Hague-on-Lake George.

This year, the 10k will serve as the U.S. Masters Swimming National Championship, which means many swimmers from around the country will come here to compete. This championship was last held in Hague in 2014.

In 2021, almost 350 swimmers came to Hague from around the country to swim and experience the beautiful environment of Northern Lake George.

The swims will start at 7:45 am and end at 12 pm.

The organizing committee is seeking kayakers, lifeguards, and motorboat captains to provide water support on the day. Each water safety volunteer who is on the water for 3+ hours will receive \$50 after the event.

The committee will have about ten kayaks available for use, but would appreciate it if volunteers could bring their own kayak or paddleboard. Volunteers should arrive at 7 am for the safety briefing. There will be shirts and refreshments for all volunteers.

The organizing committee asks that this information be forwarded to any individuals or groups who might be interested in this as a fundraising opportunity.



For more information or to get the entry form, go to <http://www.lakegeorgeswim.com/volunteer> or email Chris at [cbow142@yahoo.com](mailto:cbow142@yahoo.com). ▣

**NEEDED:** Community-minded volunteer to attend monthly Hague Town Board meeting, take notes, and submit a draft article for publication in each month's issue.

## SILVER BAY YMCA TICONDEROGA TEEN CENTER REOPENS

The Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center at 123 Champlain Avenue (the Ticonderoga Armory) has recently reopened after being closed for three years. The Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Tours will be available and there will be refreshments.

The center is welcoming after-school environment that provides a safe space for teens to connect with their peers and engage in opportunities to grow. It started in 2013 and, prior to its closure due to the pandemic, over 70 percent of local teens visited the center regularly. It is free and 100% funded by tax-deductible donations. To donate call Hannah Jay, at 518-543-8510. ▣



## BEST 4TH FUNDRAISER AT MADDEN'S PUB

The "Best 4th in the North Night" at Madden's Pub in downtown Ticonderoga will be Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 6 – 9 pm.

There will be raffles and drawings and items will be for sale. The Grand Marshal of the 2022 parade will be announced. The tips the bartenders receive will go to the Best 4th in the North. The bartenders will be:

**6 – 7 pm:** Bob Dedrick and Tom Dedrick

**7 – 8 pm:** Mickey Fitzgerald and Chuck Gijanto

**8 – 9 pm:** Bobby Porter and Nathan Belanger ▣

## LOOKING BACK

### Rowing on Lake George - Peter Gallo of Adirondack Rowing *by Christie Derrico*



My personal story with rowing on Lake George began when I met Kathy in our five-mile-an-hour bay in Ticonderoga. I saw her many times, clicking away each morning in her white Aero, before I braved an introduction. When I asked how long she had been rowing, she replied, "Not long. I took some lessons from Peter Gallo."

On Lake George, Peter was "the man" when it came to rowing.

Initially, I rented a "pair" from him (that's the two-oar scull where you sweep the oar across) ostensibly to get my teenage daughter into a boat; I was only successful two times. But, that first encounter connected Peter and me.

Fast forward several years; I was a guest at the North Palm Beach Yacht Club in Florida only to discover they sold their old shells to none other than Peter Gallo! (Florida club member Becky grew up in Ti and made the association.)

With all these connections, I was eager to hear how Peter brought rowing to Lake George. I had imagined discovering foregone boat houses dotting the shores of the lake...something like the ones that used to stand along the Hudson River in Daniel James Brown's *Boys in the Boat*. I found out Lake George had no such history.

Peter granted me an interview and this is what I discovered.

Peter described an idyllic childhood growing up in Ti where children could engage in almost any sport. It was in a 1970 *Sports Illustrated* article that he learned a kayaking event was taking place in Montreal. Back then, the border was more fluid and his father often traveled back and forth for business. Peter bought a ticket for the event and convinced his father to drop him at the course while dad took care of his business in town. (Imagine a time when you would drop your unattended minor at a sporting event in a foreign country!)

Eagerly, Peter made his way to the course, only to discover the short race had already taken place due to impending heat. The crestfallen look on Peter's face prompted an event worker to tell him about an even more exciting race taking place: the eight-man rowing heat. After being evicted from the pit of the American competitors, Peter aimlessly wandered into the tent of the Montreal Rowing Club, where they were rigging boats.

In that day, eight-man boats were wooden, 65-feet long and required some one-hundred-and-eighty nuts, bolts, and washers to assemble. Peter was handed a wrench and put to work; it was "all hands-on-deck." Peter then watched the boats muscled across the finish line, intoxicated with the desire to learn the sport.

The Canadian rowers were no-nonsense fellows. They required that Peter learn all the steps of rowing before they would put him in a boat; they told him they would mail him some material. He went home to Ti, confident his chance to learn this new sport was over.

Like any good coming-of-age story, Peter's did not end at the racecourse that day. Two weeks later, he received a parcel containing books and manuals on rowing. And like any Catholic schoolboy (Peter went to St. Mary's from K through 8), who could recite mass in Latin (this was pre-Vatican II), Peter memorized the eighty-six sequential steps to the sculling stroke. (Note: This author, who rowed at a Division I collegiate rowing program, was unaware there were eighty-six sequential steps to the sculling stroke until this interview.)

Armed with knowledge, Peter returned to the Montreal Rowing Club, surprising the adult male rowers with his memorization; they had no choice but to put him in a boat.

(Second note: This author wondered at this point in the interview if the Canadian rowers had sent young Peter the eighty-six sequential steps to the sculling stroke as a gaff and were guilted into putting the young athlete in a boat when he actually memorized them. Regardless, it's a good story.)

Armed with a competent stroke, Peter

went to the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) in Pelham, NY, to buy a used scull. Sifting through boats covered in pigeon droppings and bat guano, Peter found his first boat, a "V-gig," which his father loaned him the \$275 to buy. Peter was expected to repay the loan with money that he earned and there began his business.

Peter began giving lessons off the shores of Black Point Road in the V-gig. Rowing continued to provide him with income in coaching and teaching throughout college at St. John's in Minnesota and in graduate school in Minneapolis. Unlike most American rowers, Peter was unique, having learned sculling (two oars) before rowing (one sweeping oar), making him qualified to teach individuals in single boats the art of sculling as they maneuvered around tugboats and barges along the Mississippi. Still, he always returned home to the tranquil waters of Lake George, only missing one season between his undergrad and grad school.

Peter has been teaching rowing on Lake George continuously for fifty-two years. He estimates he has had some twelve to thirteen thousand customers!

We thank you, Peter Gallo, for not only sharing your story, but for bringing the sport of rowing to our Queen of American Lakes. ■



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga consists of 2000 acres of America's most historic landscape, located on the shores of Lake Champlain, nestled between New York's Adirondack and Vermont's Green Mountains, about 30 minutes from Hague.

This local attraction has been called the "premier living history site in North America." Fort Ticonderoga's staff brings Ticonderoga's history and signature stories to life through innovative storytelling of the historic trades, soldiers' daily life programs, weapons demonstrations, outdoor activities, and special events.

### 2022 Highlights include:

- Visitors will learn about the year 1759, including daily weapons demonstrations and programs, new exhibits, gardens, historic trades, and other family adventures.
- Carillon Boat Cruises: A 75-minute narrated boat tour on Lake Champlain. Regional beer and wine are available for purchase onboard.
- *A Well-Regulated Militia: Citizen, Soldier, and State*. This exhibit will explore the critical institution of the militia in early American history, from colonization through nationhood, providing a unique examination of the system of defense that developed in the United States. The special exhibit includes over 100 artifacts such as rare original militia uniforms, head wear, weaponry, musical instruments, manuscripts, printed books, fine art, and accoutrements, many on display for the first time in decades.
- They have a unique American country estate, lush gardens, and a new garden designed especially for children. There are also heritage breed animals, including their oxen duo, Mick and Mack.
- Mount Defiance offers a birds-eye view of the fort's landscape. Guests can hike up the mountain in the footsteps of General Burgoyne's troops or drive to the top. The program, *Mount Defiance: Witness to History*, which explains how this summit shaped America's history, is offered Tuesday - Sunday at 4 pm.
- In July and August, visitors can participate in the new Family Program Adventures, help soldiers with their daily duties, and receive awards for completing the tasks.



Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance will be open for visitation Tuesday - Sunday May 7 - October 30, 2022 from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm).

It is suggested that visitors purchase tickets online in advance at [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org). Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the visit at the Admission's Booth. General admission tickets are valid for two consecutive days.



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## TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

After 25 years as museum director, Mary Curtis is retiring. The new director will be Josey Ezzo.

Mackenzie Strum will be the art director for the Children's Summer Workshop Program.



The museum will open May 28 - 30, 2022 for the season when the hours will be 10 am - 4 pm. From June 4th - 19th, the museum will be open on weekends only from 10 am - 4 pm. From June 25th - September 5th, it will be open from 10 am - 5 pm daily.

From July 6th - August 12th, there will be free children's workshops on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 - 10 am. ▣

## MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public baked ham/macaroni and cheese dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served ON A TAKE-OUT BASIS ONLY on Friday, April 22, 2022, starting at 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking for pick-up will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ▣

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## CALENDAR

April 2022

### APRIL

22	4:30 pm	Mason Star Baked Ham Dinner
	5:30 pm	Tribute to Sgt. Howard Belden in Hague
24	1:30 pm	Seniors Meeting
28	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
30		Silver Bay Volunteer Work Day on Disc Golf Course
	6 – 9 pm	Madden's Pub Best 4th in the North Fundraiser

### MAY

5	4:30 pm	Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center Reopening
	7 pm	Planning Board
7	9:30 am	Fort Ticonderoga and Mt. Defiance open
8		MOTHER'S DAY
9		Deadline for the May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
12		Seniors to USS Slater in Albany
	6 pm	Town Board (NOTE: This was moved from Tuesday, May 10th)
28	10 am	Memorial Day FunFest and Parade in Hague

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