



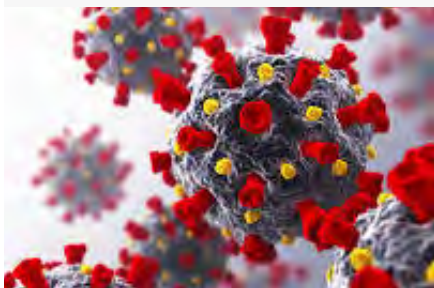
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Jan 15, 2022:



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	320,651,678	5,522,852
US	64,083,262	846,488
NYS	4,374,042	61,433
Warren County	10,883	112
Essex County	4,370	50

Sources:

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

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

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

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

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND EVENT SCHEDULE

February 19th:

- 8 am - 11 am, Annual HVFD Breakfast at the fire department
- 12 - 4 pm Winter Games at The Hague Fish & Game. Each game is \$5 per person which becomes prize money. There will be Team tug-of-war, men and women's axe toss, chainsaw, and auger competitions. Food will be for sale.
- 5 - 7 pm at the HVFD: Big Change Roundup Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner. Charge is \$10 a dinner.
- 7 - 9 pm at The Hague Fish & Game. Bonfire, cocktails, live music, and fireworks display.



February 20th:

- Second Annual Katy Laundree Wells "Freezing for a Reason" Polar Plunge. Trout House Village dock registration starts at 1:30 pm. Pledge forms can be found at the Ti Chamber Office, Hague Community Center, or Silver Bay General Store. No pledges, no worries. Just \$5 to the cause gets you a plunge. All funds go to support the University of Vermont Children's Hospital. ■

FROM THE TOWN OF HAGUE'S ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

If you have any questions regarding exemptions and the STAR Program, please feel free to give us a call or e-mail us at Assessor@townofhague.org.

Due to the pandemic, we are not holding in-person visits in our office, but we will do our best to help with residents' questions over the phone.

Our office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am – 3 pm. For Monday holidays, we will be in the following Tuesday instead.

For more information, call 518-543-6273 or go to <http://townofhague.org>.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year to you all!

We started off the new year on January 13, 2022 with our International Dinner, where we announced that the Senior of the Year is Tim Costello.



On January 25, 2022, we will have a meeting at 1:30 pm at the community center to install officers for 2022 and have some light refreshments.

We are heading to Seymour's Restaurant on January 30th at 12 o'clock to enjoy a meal together. Be sure to sign up at the January 25th meeting so we'll have a head count.

On February 3rd, we're planning to be on the road to the Ice Castle in Lake George Village.

February 10th is Game Night at Maureen's house at 6:30 pm. Come on out and join the fun and laughs and, of course, snacks.

We are working on doing a sleigh ride in the snow, if possible, on February 18th, followed by soup and sandwiches or catered per COVID rules. ▣



AT THE DUMP

by Judy Stock

Most of us refer to it as "going to the dump." While we may indeed be "dumping" our goods, they actually get "transferred" offsite for final disposal. Hence, the official name for our facility is the Hague Transfer Station.

Since my last report on the signs at this facility, many of those signs have been taken down - not because they weren't useful, but, with our high winds and the need for plows to clear the area out after a snowstorm, they needed to be removed. Even without the signs, the process continues to work quite smoothly.



Wally Peterson

In addition to Dan Steitz and Leo Lucas, Wally Peterson is an attendant at the transfer station. All three men have been very helpful directing residents to the proper locations to discard their items. ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

Elections were held in December and the new officers are: Bill Gourley, Chief; Jon Hanna, 1st Assistant Chief; Nate Swinton, 2nd Assistant Chief; Patrick Scoville, Captain; and Wally Peterson III, Lieutenant.

Donna Trudeau was elected Ambulance Captain and Connie Steitz, Assistant Captain. Congratulations to all!

Hague Winter Weekend will be held on February 19 and 20, 2022.

We will be serving breakfast on Saturday from 8 - 11 am. From 5 - 7 pm, there will be a grab and go spaghetti dinner at the Fire Department to benefit the Polar Bear Plunge in memory of Katy Wells.



The plunge will be on Sunday at 2 pm at Trout House Village. (See article on page one.) ▣

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB TOURNAMENT

by Bobbie-Jean Fish

The Hague Fish and Game Club, along with the Town of Hague, will be hosting our annual fishing tournament on February 26 and 27, 2022.

Participants can register at the clubhouse, Fish 307, Beach Road Bait and Tackle, the Crossroads Country

Store, the Silver Bay General Store, or Norm's Bait and Tackle.

There will be a 75% pay-out in four categories of fish: lake trout, northern pike, salmon, and perch. The entry fee is \$40 for fisherman 16 years of age and older for two amazing days of fishing. Those who are under 16 are considered juniors and can enter and fish for free.

So, let's make some family memories in the great Adirondacks! ▣



Brandon and Karsen Austin

HAGUE SENIOR OF THE YEAR

by Judy Stock

Congratulations to Tim Costello, who has been announced as the Hague Senior of the Year by Pat Hintze, President of the Hague Senior Club. Tim is an avid outdoorsman who has served Hague in numerous ways since moving here in 1980.

Tim grew up in the Albany area and graduated from Shaker High School in 1965. Tim served three years in the Army including a year in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne. He studied Architectural Drafting in the army and then attended Plattsburgh State for Geography and Environmental Science.

Tim has worked with the NYS Department of Transportation as an Engineering Technician and with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as a technician in solid wastes, air pollution, and water pollution. He has also worked for the Warren County Planning Department as a building Inspector and administrator of HUD grants. In addition, he has worked for PRIDE in Ticonderoga as well as a manager of E. J. Monroe.

In Hague, Tim was appointed to the Planning Board in 1984 and served until 1993, serving as chairman for part of that time. In 1988, he was appointed Zoning Administrator (now Zoning Enforcement Officer or ZEO) and served for 3 years. In 2002, Tim was again selected as ZEO and also assisted with the transfer station and with the administration of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He then took additional courses that allowed him to be licensed and to take the position as operator of the plant.

As a consummate volunteer, he still gives time to the community. He organizes and drives for Meals on Wheels and is a volunteer with the AARP Tax Program.

Tim and his wife Karen continue to be busy in their retirement with their Lazy K Christmas Tree Farm on Summit Drive. ▣



HAGUE MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Need a "feel good" lift in these trying times? Helping others can help you feel happier.

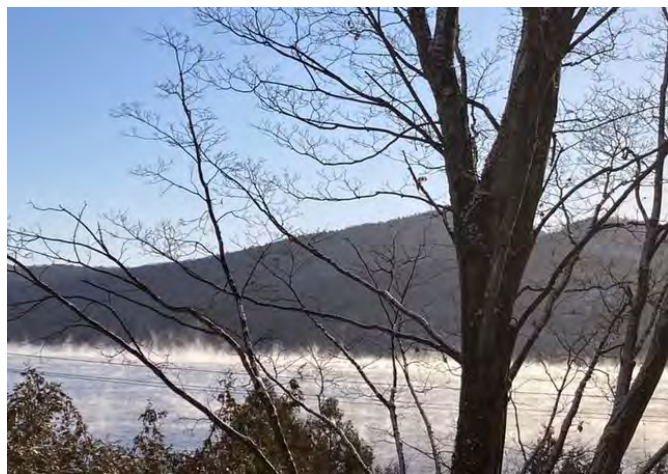
Meals on Wheels is a community program that provides a week's worth of nourishing meals to home bound residents, along with a much appreciated, "Hello, how are you?"

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

Volunteer drivers are needed for Mondays. Please consider helping out by calling Bertha at the town hall at 518-543-6161. Thanks, and feel good! ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.



This is sea smoke, which is caused when cold air sits on top of warmer water. Some of the plumes are several feet high and look like tornado swirls. Photo courtesy of Nancy Archer



Sunset over Lake George, January 8, 2022. Photo courtesy of Patty Hogan

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/23/2021

The ZBA December meeting was canceled.

The ZBA vacancy that was created when Maureen Cherubini resigned to become a Hague Town Board member has been filled by Lake George Association Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky. The alternate board member is vacant and will be filled in the future. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/2022

This meeting has been canceled. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 1/6/2022

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, and Pam Peterson were present. Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. was absent.

DIDONATO (43.17-1-14) 33 Jenkins Point Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing a five-bedroom house on a vacant lot which is also in the sewer district. A Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) Stormwater permit has been applied for. The new construction would be within 100' of the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). The proposed location meets the town code setbacks of 50' from the MHWM, ten feet from side lines and 25' from wetlands. The application was missing some dimensional information and the board requested that the application be updated. The meeting was left open until later in the month when the board meets for a separate site visit. The application will be reviewed at that time if the application has been adequately updated.

HABER (60.9-1-46) 12 Bobkat Lane (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing a renovation and second-story addition to an existing one-story structure. The new construction would be within 100' of any stream, pond, river or lake.

The applicant also plans to build a detached two-story two-car garage with storage on the second floor. The existing deck just meets the 50' setback from the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). The proposed deck setback would remain unchanged. All other setbacks would also be met. A site visit was scheduled. ■

TOWN BOARD - 1/11/2022

Under the Freedom of Information Law, the town board minutes will be made available as soon as they are drafted.

The Hague Chronicle was unable to obtain notes or the draft minutes of this meeting prior to our publication date this month.

When they are completed, the minutes of meeting should be available at townofhague.org by clicking on "Boards" and then "Town Board," HERE.

Audio Recordings of Town Board Meetings will be maintained by the Town Clerk for a minimum of four months and are available upon request. ■

HAGUE AARP TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

by Jan Whitaker

This year, Hague AARP TaxAide volunteers will again provide free income tax preparation services for area residents subject, of course, to health regulations relating to COVID-19. This is the 17th year that the service has been provided; over 300 returns were prepared and filed last year.

Because of changes in the tax law that have been passed in the last couple of years in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are a number of provisions which will require that more people file in order to receive the credits to which they are entitled.

Even if a person's income is less than the level that it has had to be to file a return in the past, these provisions may, in some circumstances, be beneficial to the taxpayer receiving a refund. For example, for those with earned income, the tax credit has been extended to a greater age range so that some persons between ages 18 and 25 and over 65 are now eligible.

Also, people with children may well benefit from new provisions for the child tax credit and child care credit. The

team recommends that people with questions concerning the need for them to file a return seek guidance from members of the team.



The service will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 1st to April 15th as long as health regulations permit. Appointments can be made by calling Bertha Dunsmore at the Hague Community Center at 518-543-6161. After appointments are made, a member of the team will call taxpayers to fill out input forms prior to the appointment to minimize the length of in-person contact required.

It is very important for taxpayers to bring all their tax documents, including the exact amounts that they have received in stimulus payments and child tax credit payments during 2021. Copies of both their 2020 and 2019 returns are also desirable, since new provisions of the law may make it beneficial for the taxpayer to use 2019 figures to their benefit if they have been negatively affected by the economy in 2020 and 2021. ■

HAGUE'S ROAD SALT REDUCTION SUCCESS FEATURED IN ADIRONDACK EXPLORER

The Lake George Association (LGA) congratulates the Town of Hague Highway Department for being featured on the Adirondack Explorer website for its success in reducing winter road salt use.

As a key participant in the LGA's Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative, Hague has reduced its salt use by 70% over the past five years, demonstrating they can keep the town's winding mountain roads safe while protecting Lake George and private drinking water wells from salt contamination.

Readers can read about their accomplishments [HERE](#), and listen to a follow-up discussion between Explorer Water Reporter Zachary Matson and North Country Public Radio Adirondack Reporter Emily Russell.

While winter has yet to fully arrive around the lake, the LGA and our other municipal partners in the Initiative — Warren County and the Town of Lake George — are



joining Hague in gearing up for another season of road salt reduction.

The science-guided, technology-driven Initiative is achieving significant reductions in road salt use, without which, data shows, there will be serious long-term impacts to water quality and drinking water supplies. Here are [links](#) to watch the LGA's documentary about the initiative, and to view videos from their annual Salt Summit. ▣



A gray day in Hague, Sunday, January 2, 2022, courtesy of Sandy Powell

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Charlotte Penfield Gosselink, 86, of Kennett Square, PA and Silver Bay, peacefully, on December 10, 2021.



Charlotte attended Oberlin College in OH. On receiving her B.A., she went to India under a fellowship granted by the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association. She worked for two

years at Hislop College in Nagpur, Maharashtra, teaching English and French. On returning from India, she accepted a job as Associate Director of the student YM/YWCA at the University of Texas, then a center for social and political action. She was actively involved in efforts to integrate the theaters and restaurants in the university area.

In 1962, she married Chuck Gosselink, an Oberlin classmate and co-fellowship recipient in India. When he was given an appointment to the U.S. Foreign Service, she accompanied him on his assignments in Washington, DC, Damascus, Syria, Bombay, India and Sanaa, Yemen. He resigned from that position in 1967 and together they went to Madurai, India to direct the Oberlin Shansi cultural and educational exchange program there at the American College and Lady Colleges of Madurai University. When that program was unexpectedly suspended by the Indian government, they returned to the U.S. and settled in Providence, RI for 19 years, where both were on the faculty of the Moses Brown School. In the last years of that time, Charlotte attended Harvard Divinity School and Andover-Newton Seminary to become an ordained minister.

Charlotte served as minister to the South Emanuel Church, UCC, in Rochester, NY and as an Associate Conference Minister of the UCC regional offices in Syracuse, NY and Collegeville, PA.

Throughout her life, Char was politically involved, always ready to act on her deeply-felt commitment to social justice, even when it took her to jail on two occasions. But she is also remembered for her quiet strength, sensitivity, and wisdom in working with like-minded people to solve problems and promote the better good and for her leadership of memorial services for departed friends. She will be missed.

Charlotte started going to Silver Bay in 1936 and visited almost every year of her life, with only a few lapses when she and her family lived overseas. She was last at Silver Bay in the summer of 2021.

Char is survived by her husband of 60 years, Chuck Gosselink, her three children: James Gosselink, Robert Gosselink (MaryBeth), and Rebecca Johannes (Robert); and five grandchildren: Gordon Gosselink, Ricardo Gosselink, Gale Gosselink, Katherine Johannes, and Janea Kelly.

A service will be held for her this summer at Silver Bay YMCA.

Memorial gifts in her name may be made to the Kennett Food Cupboard (Kennett Area Community Service) 136 Cedar Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348, or the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Both accept online contributions [HERE](#).

BORN: On December 22, 2021, a son, Levi Palmer North, to Katie and Fletcher North, who are both lifelong residents of Hague. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Donna Levenstien and paternal grandparents are Russ and Karen North.

DIED: Wesley E. Masten, 92, of Hague and formerly of Norwalk, CT, peacefully at home, on January 5, 2022, with his loving family by his side.

A beloved teacher at both Columbus Elementary and Cranbury Elementary schools in Norwalk, he taught for 33 years until his retirement in 1991.



He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 72 years, Anita Rose Masten, on January 3, 2020. He and Anita were childhood sweethearts, having met in their church youth group when they were 13 years old.

Wes and Anita vacationed at JanDor cottages in Hague every year beginning in 1950 before becoming permanent residents in 1994.

Wes was very active in both his Norwalk and Hague communities. He was a member of the Hague Seniors Club and the Hague Historical Society. In addition, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ticonderoga, the Ticonderoga Elks Club, and a Fort Ticonderoga volunteer and reenactor.

He is survived by his two daughters: Deborah A. Michela (Joseph) and Tammy M. Andrew (Keith); two grandsons: Jason P. Poland (Sara) and Michael J. Michela (Christina); two granddaughters: Katherine E. Sitsis (Yanni), and Emily E. Frank (Jake Austin); two great-granddaughters: Ariadne Sitsis and Charlotte Michela; one brother-in-law: Richard J. Ramagli (Pamela); one sister-in-law: Doris S. Wright; several beloved nieces and nephews; and innumerable cherished former students.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be made to: the Lake George Land Conservancy [HERE](#); The Lake George Association [HERE](#); or the Ticonderoga United Methodist Church [HERE](#). ▣

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 enough quality for publication with obituaries. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

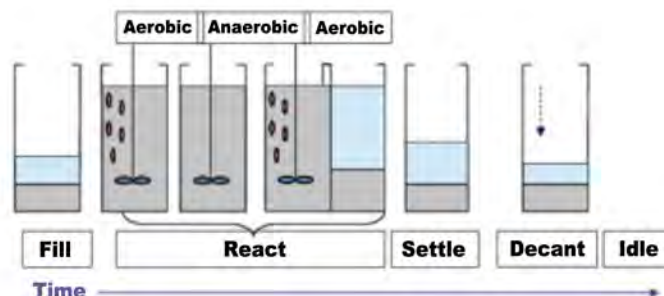
Happy New Year and welcome back to all things water quality. It's going to be an exciting year starting with the expected completion and startup of the new treatment plant in the Village of Lake George.

This \$24 million dollar plant will replace an antiquated system that was responsible for discharging excessive quantities of nutrients into the local brook, and shortly thereafter, into Lake George. The plant was incapable of properly treating nutrients in the waste stream and violated their state discharge permit for many years. It is this discharge which is partly responsible for increased algae growth and decreased water clarity in Lake George.

The new plant will utilize a technology called a sequential batch reactor (SBR). It is the same technology used in our very own Town of Hague wastewater treatment plant. This is generally described as an activated sludge process where bacteria and other

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

microorganisms are encouraged to grow and consume the organic matter in the waste stream. A simple process diagram is shown to the right (reference is from researchgate.net).



Municipal wastewater treatment usually contains up to three unit operations: primary treatment, where solids are separated by sedimentation; secondary treatment, where aeration is added to introduce oxygen and encourage organisms to consume the remaining dissolved organic waste; and in some tertiary treatment, where the nitrification/denitrification process is encouraged to remove nutrients (nitrates). In a SBR process all of these steps are combined in a more efficient and economical way. An anaerobic step is necessary to convert nitrates to nitrogen gas and thereby reduce nutrients. This is the step that was not available in the old plant.

The clarified and treated wastewater from the “Decant” step is sent to sand filtration beds where it eventually reaches groundwater. Excess sludge is

dewatered and disposed of in a landfill. A key element in the process is oxygen and the new plant will be able to control the amount precisely for the most efficient treatment.

The new plant, like the old plant, will have a capacity of 1.75 million gallons per day and in the peak of the summer season about one million gallons per day is treated.

Commissioning is planned by the end of January. Check back in later issues for an update on how things are going. We wish them well.

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), Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me. ▣

DOLIBER TAKES OVER AS CEO OF SILVER BAY YMCA

Peter Doliber has now assumed the position of CEO at Silver Bay YMCA replacing Steve Tamm.

Doliber recently said, “I am honored to be the new CEO of a place as special as Silver Bay YMCA. Whether you’re joining us for a family vacation, conference, coming to hike, or just stopping in to play tennis, I look forward to welcoming you back to the place you love.”

He has worked for the Y movement in various roles for thirteen years, recently as the CEO for the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs and before that as the CEO of the West Broad Street YMCA in Savannah, GA.

He is passionate about the YMCA and the work it does for communities. As

such, he is one of five members of the newly-created Reporting and Sustainability Advisory Committee for the National Committee on Membership Standards. He is also a Service Delivery Partner for Youth Protection, Risk Management, Executive Coaching, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, as well as a member of the Inclusion Global Innovative Network, a committee of the Board of Directors for YMCA of the USA.

He is excited to partner with the Silver Bay team as they continue to move forward with their mission: to foster relationships, strengthen communities, and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.



Doliber stated, “Whenever you are here, please know my door is open and I’d love to meet you in person and hear your Silver Bay Story.” ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Peter Engler

June 20, 1958. The last day of school. The classroom clock says ten o'clock. Two hours to summer freedom.

I can't stop squirming in my seat.

Finally, the strident bells ring out and the school rapidly empties of happy students bent on numerous paths of summer activities.

I spy our shiny yellow and white Ford station wagon lined up with dozens of other family cars, patiently waiting to ferry families to numerous and pleasant family summer vacation destinations.

As I take my seat among two brothers and a sister and our suitcases, pillows, blankets, precious possessions, and other summertime must-haves, we are confidently thrilled to know that our destination is the best.

Hague-on-Lake George.

Six hours up multiple two-lane highways through upper New Jersey, then directly north on the broad New York State Thruway to Albany, and then route 9N. Seven hours of counting out-of-state license plates and favorite cars.

"When are we going to get there" and "I need to stop" are frequent cries from the "way back" occupied by the youngest of us. Dad, intent upon setting a new record on the trip to brag to his brothers about, ignores most of this chatter while Mom tries to referee the melee.

Suddenly, we are descending into Lake George Village with the lake glistening in the distance.

"I saw the lake first" everyone cries at once as the majestic strip of the "Queen of American Lakes" beckons to us. The contrast between the densely forested mountains and the deep blue of the lake is breathtaking to our impatient eyes.

Our driveway suddenly appears, and we turn down its winding tree-fenced length, the welcoming sound of gravel part of the annual ritual. Doors burst open and we rush to the dock to confirm that the lake is still there in all its glory and promise of an exciting summer. We can even see fish and a large turtle in the crystal-clear waters.

Unpacking is a welcome chore as it truly means setting up camp. Beds and cots made, cobwebs and dust broomed



away, beach raked of the winter's debris, furniture uncovered, and the kitchen put into service.

We pile into the car for the short drive to Hague to buy groceries and have a milk shake at Grime's diner, the shiny silver ByWater Cafe. While we enjoy ourselves spinning on the seats at the counter listening to Mac's stories, Dad ambles down to the ornate Dock 'n Dine Bar for his own reward, waving to Spike Barnett pumping gas at the busy Trout House service station. He joins an old family friend, Charlie Fitzgerald, who helped Grandpa build our lake house.

Mom has walked up Route 8 to Hoyt's Hague Market where Bob welcomes her with a big smile as she pulls out her shopping list. A local lad helps her find cereal, eggs, milk, and all of the items she will need to feed her little army. Ada Hoyt, whom Mom has known for many years as she came to the lake as a girl, brings her up to date on local events and gossip.

Completing her shopping, she is pleased to see us pull up in front to load her groceries. Glad to see that Dad is in a better mood after such a long drive, they bid hello to Keith De Larm as he arrives next door in his milk truck. Dad has gassed up the car at the busy Trout House Garage and made an appointment with Spike to get an oil change. My sister remarks that she thinks Spike looks like a movie star. We cover

her with raucous derision.

Passing the Beach Side Motel and Burgey's Cave Bar, and then the spacious Hague Dock further south, we return to our home, "Peter Haven," named in honor of our grandma, whose nickname growing up on Staten Island was "Petey." I am the only person you know who was named after his grandmother.

Bedtime comes quickly in the pine-rich, cool air of the north and we willingly settle into our cots covered with army blankets smelling strongly of mothballs. Morning cannot arrive fast enough.

A few dreams later, brilliant sunshine floods our rooms and we rush to the beach. The sand is warm on our feet as we swim to the white float to proclaim our official arrival. Soon, neighborhood kids arrive, water fights ensue, and the summer is in full swing.

Picnics on the beach, hikes up Anthony's Nose and to Jabe Pond, bowling and movies in the Ticonderoga metropolis to the north, golf at the vast Ti golf course, trips to



The Engler family in about the 1950's (top row l to r) Peter, Howard, Gilbert, (bottom row l to r) Betsy, Jeffrey, and Dottie

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DOWNTOWN GALLERY FUNDRAISER BEGINS

Ti Arts Downtown Gallery members and friends of the gallery have donated "hidden treasures" to the gallery for a silent auction fundraiser. Bids will be accepted through Saturday, January 29, 2022.

There will be a sheet of paper beside each piece of art with a starting bid and a "buy now" price listed.

Guests should wear masks and socially distance in the two large rooms.

For more information about Ti Arts Downtown Gallery, go to <http://www.ticonderogaarts.org>. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast beef 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, January 28, 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 parking lot. ■

LOOKING BACK, CONTINUED

Burlington, Middlebury, and Bolton Landing and sailing and square-dancing follow.

Bee stings, sunburn, earaches, head colds, sprained ankles, and other summertime maladies fail to dilute our enthusiasm for trips by boat to the jumping rock near the Adirondack Camp for Boys, camping in front of the Island Harbor House, swimming, first aid and sailboat racing training at the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, and motoring to the Mother Bunch Islands in our Lyman outboard, "Seawolf."

A special tradition is the "Lake Test." Older boys and girls would invite their hometown heart throbs to the lake for a week or so. The rest of us would casually check out their lake manners and adaptability to various activities we enjoyed. If a girl took too long getting to the beach or if a guy could not handle his end of a canoe, they were absent from future visits. Oddly enough, the individual who had invited the guest generally agreed with our opinion, often expressed with a downward thumb. Some of the longest-lasting lake group marriages included "thumbs-up" guys and gals. Whether one is a permanent or summer resident of Hague-on-Lake George, annually visiting or an infrequent visitor, passing through or disembarked for weeks, the magic of Lake George summers as a youth (or adult) is an integral element of our lives, minds, and hearts. ■

SILVER BAY YMCA IMPACTS COMMUNITY THROUGH MONTHLY MISSION PROGRAM

Three local families received toys and food for a very Merry Christmas this year, thanks to Silver Bay YMCA's new monthly missions program.

The program encourages the staff at Silver Bay YMCA to come together to help those in need in the surrounding communities. In October, the team collected nearly 50 pairs of socks and gloves for an area homeless shelter as part of its "Sock-tober Celebration" and several boxes of food for the Hague Food Pantry last month.

Steve Tamm, former CEO of Silver Bay YMCA, said he was proud of the team for coming up with this staff-driven initiative.

"The staff is living our mission, by walking their talk and giving freely and generously to support the local community," said Tamm. "The need is there and especially felt during these challenging times as so many are struggling due to socio-economic factors as well as the continued difficulties as the pandemic enters its second year." ■

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2022

JANUARY

25	1:30 pm	Seniors' Meeting
28	4:30 pm	Mason Star dinner
30	12 noon	Seniors to Seymour's

FEBRUARY

1		First day of Black History Month
3		Seniors to Ice Castle
7		Deadline for the February issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
8	6 pm	Town Board
10	6:30 pm	Seniors' Game Night
16		Last day the February issue of <i>THC</i> will be published

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8 – 11 am

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Seniors' Sleigh Ride

Hague Winter Weekend

HVFD Breakfast

Winter Weekend Games

Spaghetti Dinner

Bonfire cocktails, live music, and fireworks

Polar Plunge

Presidents' Day

Seniors' Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

Fishing Tournament

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