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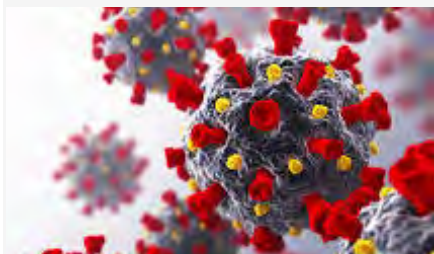
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of May 12, 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	519,481,513	6,258,356
US	82,145,395	997,481
NYS	5,248,641	67,892
Warren County	14,693	129
Essex County	6,103	60

### 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

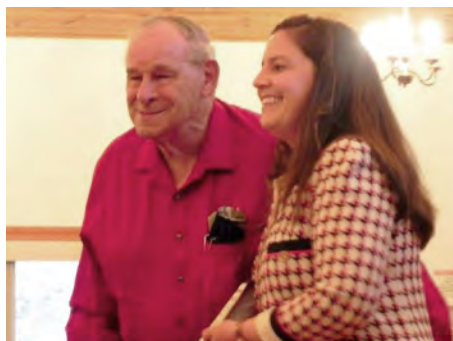
**State COVID-19 Hotline** –  
1-888-364-3065

## TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT HOWARD R. BELDEN AT HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER *by Jan and Bob Whitaker*

On April 22, 2022, the Hague Town Hall community room was filled with a standing-room-only crowd to pay tribute to Sergeant Howard R. Belden of Hague. As reported in last month's *Hague Chronicle*, Howard was a rifleman in the Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division of the United States Army, who was wounded in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir and was declared MIA on December 31, 1950. His remains were among those returned to the United States as the result of an agreement between President Donald Trump and Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un of North Korea in 2018. Sergeant Belden's remains were identified on October 14, 2021.

The ceremony began with a tribute ride from the Hague Fire House to the Hague Town Hall, consisting of vans with family members and veterans, fire engines, and the bikers representing the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association, the American Legion Riders, and the Patriot Guards.

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TOP LEFT: Dan Belden, photo courtesy of Lauren Carroll; TOP RIGHT: Dan and Janice Belden; BOTTOM LEFT: The motorcycle escort from the Hague Fire Department to the Hague Community Center; BOTTOM RIGHT: The pathway of flags upon entering Hague Community Center. Last three photos courtesy of Jan or Bob Whitaker

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Come on out and join us on May 28th for the Hague Memorial Day FunFest, parade, and White Elephant Sale.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the White Elephant Sale, please call Maureen at 518-543-6463 or me at 518-543-6502 so we can set up a dropoff.

On May 25, 2022, at 9:30 am, we will be setting up the tents for the sale. The rain date is the 26th.

On June 4th, we will be taking sodas and bottles of water to the Hague Visitors' Center for the Senior View Café. Anyone who can help, please meet at my house at 5:30 pm. Thank you!



On June 5th – 13th, during Americade, we will hold our annual fundraiser, the Senior View Café. We will serve from 11 am - 4 pm, so come on out and join us for a bite to eat and share in welcoming the visitors to Hague.

We would like to extend our thanks to those who help make the annual Senior View cafe possible including the Hague Town Board, our club members, and area residents.

We have a tentative trip planned for June 23rd on the Mohawk Maiden Cruise's *Caldwell Belle*. The boat only holds 24 people, so be sure to sign up. Those who are interested will stop for lunch and at the Lavender Farm.

On June 28th, we will have an appreciation luncheon. ☑

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of April, we had one EMS call and 15 fire calls and drills, including our open house, and we participated in the memorial for Howard Belden, using a total of 324.5 volunteer hours.



We will be participating in the Hague Memorial Day Parade and then holding our annual Chicken Barbecue under the pavilion at the firehouse after the parade. We will begin serving at 4 pm. The meal will include one-half of a chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, and a roll for \$14. Soda and water will be available, as well as takeout.

EMS week was May 15 - 21. We would like to thank our EMTs, who volunteer many hours to serve our community and all those members who assist them. We appreciate all that you do! ☑

## CARILLON GARDEN CLUB by Susan Darrin

The Carillon Garden Club is looking for new members and no experience is necessary. We meet on the third Thursday of each month 11 am at the Hague Community Center.

The club was organized in 1974 and is a 501(c)(3) organization. The annual dues are \$10. Our club objectives are: to promote interest in gardening; to aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources; to protect civic beauty; and to study and advance the fine arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design, and horticulture.

We have a lot of fun and have speakers who are always interesting. Some of our meetings are hands-on events. We also rendezvous at garden centers! For more information, email me at [susanjoyd@gmail.com](mailto:susanjoyd@gmail.com) or call or text me at 518-543-8556. ☑

## THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT OPENING

The Hague Firehouse Restaurant will be opening for its 17th season in the middle to the end of June 2022.



With the added challenge this summer of finding kitchen help, Sheri and Cris have decided to take the Firehouse Restaurant in a different direction. The bar will be open, with the added attraction of food trucks providing varying cuisine on a rotating basis each night.

Sheri and Cris would appreciate it if the public would share the names and contact information of favorite food trucks in the area. Contact Sheri at [sheridelarm@hotmail.com](mailto:sheridelarm@hotmail.com) or call 518-543-6266. ☑

## TOWN OF HAGUE SEEKING A TOWN CLERK

The Town of Hague is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the unexpired term in the office of the **ELECTED TOWN CLERK**. Computer and clerical skills are a must.

As the Hague Town Clerk is an ELECTED POSITION, a candidate must be a RESIDENT of the TOWN OF HAGUE TO APPLY.

Appointment will be made by the Hague Town Board after the interview process for an IMMEDIATE START DATE. Upon hiring, the clerk will be placed on the November 2022 BALLOT to complete the unexpired term, which ends 12/31/2023.

An application may be obtained by any interested candidate at the town offices located at 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Hague, NY or by visiting the website <https://townofhague.org/jobs/>.

Applications and resumes should be mailed to the Personnel Committee, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836 or dropped off at the Town of Hague offices.

For more information, call the Town of Hague at 518-543-6161. ☑



## LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION SET TO PUT HERBICIDE INTO LAKE GEORGE

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has received permission from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to treat two beds of *Eurasian milfoil* with the herbicide ProcellaCOR in the coming weeks. The plan is to evaluate the herbicide's effectiveness at these two pilot sites in the waters off Glenburnie and Hulett's Landing.

*Eurasian milfoil* was first found in Lake George in 1986. Left alone, this invasive plant quickly forms dense beds, hampering recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, and boating. It crowds out native plants, affecting habitats for fish and as well as the wetland habitats that many animals rely on. Nobody disputes the fact that milfoil needs to be managed. The question is how.

The state and its partners, including the Lake George Association (LGA), have spent more than \$5 million dollars over the years to control the plant's spread, hiring trained divers to hand harvest the weed. [Read the 2021 milfoil control report](#). Although the LGPC acknowledges the success of this program, noting that the number of dense beds has been significantly reduced, the commission is understandably concerned about the expense; it views ProcellaCOR as a supplemental, less-costly tool to combat milfoil.

Concerned citizens and organizations around the lake point out that, though the herbicide might be less costly than hand harvesting, the potential cost to the lake's ecosystem could be incalculable. To date, more than 1,800 citizens have signed a petition opposing the use of ProcellaCOR in Lake George until more scientific study can be done on how the chemical will affect the lake's ecosystem. In addition, the Town Boards of Hague and Ticonderoga unanimously passed resolutions in April expressing this same sentiment. The LGA, the Lake George Waterkeeper, and the Adirondack Council are also all asking the LGPC to hit the pause button until further studies can be carried out.

The LGA says that it has repeatedly offered to work in partnership with the LGPC, offering its advanced scientific and technical research capabilities to address unanswered scientific questions about potential impacts of the chemical. The LGPC counters that the offer was contingent on a pause "so the Jefferson Project could begin, from scratch, unspecified scientific work." The commission feels there are no data gaps in proving the public safety or ecological impacts of ProcellaCOR, which has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as well as nearly all state governments, including New York. For the LGPC,

these approvals offer the necessary assurance that ProcellaCOR is safe.

The LGA and the Lake George Waterkeeper, however, are not convinced, citing a number of concerns that they feel warrant further study, including possible negative impacts to human health, the unanswered question of how long the chemical will remain in the lake, and the fact that it eventually breaks down into chemicals that are as toxic as the parent. They also note that ProcellaCOR, according to its manufacturer, performs best in "slow moving/quiescent waters with little or no continuous outflow." However, the strong currents in Lake George, according to the LGA and the Waterkeeper, will likely spread the herbicide far from the application sites and also potentially reduce its projected effectiveness.

Many residents of Hulett's Landing say they were not aware until recent weeks of the LGPC's plan to put this chemical into the lake near their homes and water intakes, in water

where their children swim.

The LGPC says they informed these residents. It appears, however, that the communications didn't reach many of them or were unclear about the location of the pilot site, which was referred to by the LGPC as Sheep Meadow Bay in Hague in Warren County. Residents who did receive the letter had never heard of this bay, nor did they know that the waters off their shores were



part of Hague and Warren County. Though the LGPC and ProcellaCOR manufacturer have repeatedly emphasized that the treatment presents no danger to individuals, the DEC recently stated that people cannot water their gardens with treated lake water for eight to ten days after the treatment.

Concerned citizens have launched a website called [Save Lake George](#), which explains their opposition to ProcellaCOR. Among other concerns, they cite a lack of long-term safety data (ProcellaCOR has only been regulated since 2018) and the fact that 97.3% of the herbicide's ingredients are undisclosed. The website provides three actions that people can take to demonstrate their opposition – [sign the petition](#), write to Governor Hochul, and sign up for the newsletter to stay informed. Grassroots organizers also hope to use the website in the future to inform interested parties about other stressors on Lake George, such as harmful algal blooms, failing septic systems, invasive species, and more.

Nobody questions that protecting Lake George is the clear goal of everyone involved – the LGPC, the LGA, the Waterkeeper, and concerned citizens around the lake. The real question is: Do the potential benefits of using ProcellaCOR outweigh the potential risks?

Would continuing to rely solely on hand-harvesting, while waiting for the Lake George-specific science, be the more

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## PLANNING BOARD - 4/21/2022

*(Rescheduled from 4-7-2022)*

Deputy Chairperson Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present along with acting Secretary Cathy Clark. Chairperson Dick Frasier was absent.

### **ADK Hide-Away LLC (25.1-1-1.12) 346 West Hague Road (OC-1)**

The applicant is proposing a two-lot subdivision of a 55.69-acre parcel to be a 4.43-acre parcel and a 51.26-acre parcel. A public hearing was held. The owner indicated he is considering a getaway for disabled veterans or a short-term rental on the newly-created lot. No one spoke for or against. The application was deemed complete. The board unanimously approved the subdivision request.

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

The applicants are proposing a 1250 sq. ft. addition with an 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 applicants have recently upgraded their on-site wastewater system to meet the requirements of the addition. A letter was read from a neighbor indicating they had no objections to the addition. The propane tank currently straddling the property line would be relocated. A unanimous positive recommendation was made to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the condition that a storm water permit is obtained, a septic permit is obtained from the town, and the addition meets all required setbacks.

### **OXFORD COTTAGES (76.20-1-3.2) 4 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)**

The .416-acre parcel currently contains two legal non-conforming cabins. One is within the shoreline and sideline setbacks and the other is within the sideline setback. The owners propose moving one of the cabins to meet the required sideline setback, removing its kitchen, and building a 3,126-sq. ft., three-story addition. The proposed structure would have multiple kitchens, making it a multi-family dwelling. A site plan review would be required if a variance is approved.

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

The applicant is proposing a renovation and a second-story addition to an existing one-story structure. The new construction would be within 100 ft. of a 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 ft setback from the Mean High-Water Mark (MHW). The proposed deck setback would remain unchanged. All other setbacks would be met. The Arcady Bay Estate Homeowners Association approval has been received, with the condition that the second-floor space over the proposed garage is storage space only and would not have a bedroom or a bathroom. The application was deemed complete and was unanimously approved, with the conditions that a storm water permit is obtained, the septic tank permit and approval from the Town of Hague are obtained, and the

conditions set by the Arcady Bay Estates Homeowners Estate Association are met.

### **MICHELS (60.5-1-24 & 60.9-1-24) 73 and 77 Pine Cove Road (TR1)**

The applicants currently own two adjoining lots, each with a single-family, non-conforming dwelling. The applicants propose removing both existing structures, merging the lots, and constructing a conforming new single-family six-bedroom house within 100 feet of the MHW, along with a two-story three-car garage with a second-floor artist's studio and half-bath. The applicants would like the Planning Board to review and comment as to the approvability of the proposed project so that they may join the lots and begin their project with the board's positive recommendation. The board had requested, and was provided with, overall dimensions of the proposed structure's footprint, locations of planned vegetative clearings, and planned plantings, including along the lake, and a rendition of the view of the structure from the lake that includes vegetation. The lots are in the sewer district. The north driveway would be removed. A section of a proposed path with steps crossing the town right of way at the road would require permission from the Hague Highway Superintendent. A letter from a neighbor was read expressing numerous concerns about the proposal's impact related to the lake water quality and impact on the character of the neighborhood, including the need to require aggressive storm water control, given the steepness of the lot and mitigating neighborhood impact during demolition and construction. The board made a unanimous positive recommendation of the sketch plan as submitted. A LGPC storm water permit will need to be obtained. Once the lots have been formally merged, the applicants can apply for a Land Use Development and Site Plan Review. ▣

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/28/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, and Ray Snyder were present. Linda Mury and Alternate Cathy Clark 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, using the same footprint. It would be no more non-conforming than the existing structure. Approximately 444 sq. ft. of the proposed new deck would be within the 50-ft. setback to the lake, requiring approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). A public meeting was held. The owner clarified that the replacement deck would be 44 sq. ft. larger than the existing deck. No one spoke for or against the proposal. The variance request was unanimously approved with the following conditions: a storm water management plan would be developed and implemented; any trees removed for construction would be replaced; and any blasting would be minimized.

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## ZBA 4/28/2022, CONTINUED

### SISCA (76.20-1-1.3) 8 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)

The applicants are proposing a 1250-sq. ft. addition, with an 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 applicants have recently upgraded their on-site waste water system to meet the requirements of the addition. A public hearing was held. A letter from a neighbor was read, which stated that he had no objections to the variance request. No one present spoke for or against the proposal. The storm water plan was submitted to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), who deemed the application "non-jurisdictional." The variance request was unanimously approved, with the condition that the storm water plan be implemented, as submitted to the board.

### OXFORD COTTAGES (76.20-1-3.2) 4 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)

The .416-acre parcel currently contains two legal, non-conforming cabins. One is within the shoreline and sideline setbacks and the other is within the sideline setback. The owners propose moving one of the cabins to meet the required sideline setback, removing its kitchen, and building a 3126-sq. ft., three-story addition. The proposed structure would have multiple kitchens, making it a multi-family dwelling. This application has been tabled until the next meeting. ■

## TOWN BOARD - 5/12/2022

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Maureen Cherubini, Josh Patchett, and Steve Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Mike Conway, Mike Laundree, and Ernie Trudeau, Sr.

A public hearing was held for a wastewater variance for the Mueller property on Fowler Lane (12.18-1-22). The board approved the variance.

The board set a date of June 14, 2022 at 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm, respectively, for public hearings on two other wastewater variances namely, the Buck property at 7943 Lakeshore Drive (93.12-1-26) and the Jeckering property at 3 Bass Bay Road (93.8-1-9).

An audience member asked about the membership of the short-term rental committee. Anyone who has questions about the committee or the issue may contact Supervisor Frasier or Councilman Patchett, who chairs the committee.

Supervisor Frasier reported the health insurance is up for renewal and reflects a 6% increase.

Councilman Bast reported that the town is advertising for a town clerk, a maintenance person for the sewer district, and a person to take minutes for the planning and zoning board of appeals meetings. Supervisor Frasier remarked on the good job that Amanda Peterson is doing by helping out.

Councilman Ramant reported that the boat launch will open on May 20th, the Hague Visitors' Center will open on June

25th, and the lifeguards will be in place starting on June 27th.

HVFD chief Bill Gourley reported on a proposal to move the HVFD Fire Boat to the steamboat dock and make some changes there. Councilman Ramant suggested they need to talk to the Lake George Park Commission. Supervisor Frasier questioned how any changes would be financed.

The board approved a resolution for landscaping agreements with DeFranco Landscaping (for the beach area) and Adirondack Escapes Landscaping (for the circle, the veterans' park, and the community center).

Supervisor Frasier reported that the Glens Falls Foundation approved a grant for \$15,000 for a performance pavilion at the park. The board will now make final decisions on what will be constructed.

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

## PLANNING BOARD - 5/12/2022

Chairperson Dick Frasier, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present along with ZEO Matthew Magee and Acting Secretary Cathy Clark.

### ROBINSON (25.1-1-1.2 & 25.1-1-1.11) 366 & 376 West Hague Road (OCI)

The applicant is proposing a subdivision of two abutting parcels. Currently Mr. Robinson owns a lot (Lot 1), which is 4.13 acres and another lot (Lot 2), which contains 4.41 acres. If approved, Lot 1 would contain 5.64 acres and Lot 2 would contain 2.9 acres. All of Mr. Robinson's outer buildings along with his house would then be on Lot 1. Because this is a subdivision, (defined as lots greater than ¼ acre), a public hearing has been scheduled for the June 2nd planning board meeting. A site visit was deemed unnecessary.

### OXFORD COTTAGES (76.20-1-3.2) 4 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)

The current 0.416-acre parcel currently contains two legal non-conforming cabins (one is within the shoreline and sideline setbacks and the other is within the sideline setback). The owners propose moving one of the cabins to meet the required sideline setback, remove its kitchen, and build a 3,126 sq. ft., 3-story addition. The proposed structure will have multiple kitchens making it a multi-family dwelling. If approved, this parcel would go from having two dwelling units to having 3 dwelling units on it. The application is on hold pending design changes that may result in not requiring planning board review.

### MILLER-FAYOLLE (26.14-1-8) 11 Birch Point Drive (TRIR)

The planning board approved the extension to an existing deck and relocation of its stairs on May 3, 2018 and extended the approval on June 16, 2020. The owners have not been able to complete the project and are now requesting another two-year extension. The application has been tabled until the June 2nd planning board meeting pending Zoning Enforcement Officer investigation. ■



## BELDEN TRIBUTE, CONTINUED

Those entering the community center were greeted with a pathway of American flags held high.

The tribute included honors and resolutions from all levels of government including: the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, which was presented by Craig Cassidy, Lt. Ret. U.S. Army Ticonderoga American Legion, a Congressional citation and a flag that flew over the U.S. capitol presented by 21st District Congressional Representative Elise Stefanik, an honorary high school diploma from Hague Central School presented by Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston of the Ticonderoga Central Schools, the New York State Liberty Award presented by a staffer from the office of 45th Senate District

State Senator Daniel Stec, a County Proclamation presented by Designee Town of Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier, a Town of Hague Proclamation presented by Town of Hague Deputy Supervisor Stephen Ramant, a portrait of Sgt. Belden presented by Thomas Mullins of the Rev. Francis A. Kelley Society, and more. Each award was presented to a member of the Belden family.

The Belden family read a letter of gratitude to President Trump expressing its appreciation for the former President's efforts to repatriate the remains and the sense of closure which it provided. The family asked Representative Stefanik to give the letter to President Trump, which she agreed to do.

Among the veterans' groups at the ceremony was a contingent of Korean

War veterans from Plattsburgh, who were provided transportation by the North Country Honor Flight. Having one of their own's' remains to be returned to American soil held a special meaning for them.

The tribute concluded with singing of God Bless America by Ella Lobdell, a student at Bouquet Valley High School, who had sung the National Anthem earlier in the program and a benediction by Rev. Iva O'Brien.

Sergeant Belden was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on May 12th.

For more background information, see Laurel Carroll's article in the Sun Community News, published April 25, 2022: <https://suncommunitynews.com/news/96817/soldiers-tribute-brings-family-some-closure/>. ▣

## THE \$10,000,000 QUESTION

If you were given \$10 million, how would you revitalize downtown Ticonderoga? We need to have the best answer to that question when we apply for the NY State DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative). The DRI is a highly competitive grant program that can award \$10 million to a North Country town for downtown



revitalization projects. We think that Ticonderoga is a perfect candidate to receive this grant... with your help.

We need input from everyone that uses Ticonderoga as their commercial district, so if you live in Hague it's important that you participate. In the coming months, there will be surveys and public meetings, both virtual and in-person, to gather ideas from everyone about the town we envision. Watch the town website, social media, and the *Sun Community News* for surveys and meeting dates. And start dreaming. ▣

## LGLC FREE DISCOVERY SERIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is partnering with Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center to offer a FREE new series of walks and hikes in nearby Bolton led by Up Yonda's Naturalists from May through October. These are geared towards learners of all ages and the hikes are easy to moderate in difficulty. Space is limited and registration is *required*.

"Beavers" will be presented on May 28, 2022 from 9 - 10:30 am at Amy's Park. Attendees will check out a real beaver pond and lodge and make their own miniature version during a hands-on activity. For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).

"Leave No Trace" is scheduled for June 4th from 9 - 11 am at The Pinnacle. Attendees will celebrate National Trails Day by learning about the best practices for outdoor recreation and some of the history behind the Adirondacks. For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).

"Found & Seek with iNaturalist" is planned for June 18th from 9 - 10:30 am at the Pinnacle's Bradley's Lookout Trail. Participants will learn to be citizen scientists by using apps on the trail to learn about flora and fauna and contribute data to active research projects.

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



## BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

by Kathy Santaniello

The following people made donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund between April 2021 and April 2022. We sincerely appreciate their continued support of the scholarship program, now enabling us to expand

the awards to include up to four years of higher education.

And it's never too late to give! Please send your donations to "The Beste Scholarship Fund," c/o Hague Community Center, P.O. Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836.

- Belden Property Services – Peter and Tory Belden

- Bobbi and David Taylor - In Memory of Bob and Shirley Bryant
- Estate of Thomas M. James
- Angie and Chris Parlin
- Kathy Santaniello – In Memory of Sal Santaniello ■

## SMITHS REPEAT \$300,000 CHALLENGE

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has announced a second public challenge by Manning and Virginia Rowan Smith of Hague to encourage those who support the protection of Lake George to join the LGLC's Land and Water Society.

The Land and Water Society is the LGLC's legacy society, celebrating those who include the LGLC in their estate planning. It has grown to over 130 members. It can be done through a simple bequest, by naming the LGLC as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or retirement fund, or by one of many other options available.

From now until November 30, 2022, the Smiths will donate \$5,000 to the LGLC for every new legacy pledge received, regardless of method, amount, or designation, up to a total of \$300,000. For those who wish to include a specific dollar amount with their pledge that is above \$5,000, the Smiths will match that amount.

The details of a pledge can be kept anonymous or a donor may choose to let the LGLC know the details of their intentions. Upon receipt, a legacy gift will be used according to the donor's wishes, as specified at the time of their pledge. The Smith's match will be added to the Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment, which helps the LGLC

with current and future capital projects.

Virginia Rowan Smith, of Silver Bay in Hague, is a member of

the LGLC's Advisory Board, a trustee emeritus, and a champion of LGLC's legacy program.

"Our family has been active in the Lake George Land Conservancy for many years because we want to make sure that what we experienced as children will also be here for our children and all future generations," said Mrs. Smith.

"Estate planning is one of the most powerful ways to do this. The gift can be large or small. And its benefits will continue long after one's lifetime.

"After the great success of our last challenge, Manning and I decided to repeat the offer and encourage even more folks to join the LGLC's planned giving society. When I talk with others who have joined this society, I always sense a feeling of accomplishment and a feeling of pride that no matter what decisions they make going forward in terms of life's priorities, they have created a legacy for Lake George."



The Smiths presented their first challenge in 2020, which ultimately exceeded their offer and resulted in a total of \$406,000 in matching funds for the LGLC's Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment Fund, income from which provides annual support for important land acquisition projects in the watershed that protect the water quality of Lake George.

LGLC Executive Director Michael Horn said, "The generosity of Ginny and Manning in supporting the LGLC's work of permanently protecting the land that protects the lake is a true gift to the entire community. Establishing a legacy gift through the LGLC's Land and Water Society is the perfect way for anyone interested in making their own permanent impact toward keeping Lake George the natural wonder that it is and remarkably with the opportunity to double one's impact."

To be included in this challenge, pledges must be received by November 30, 2022. Those wishing to participate in the challenge may make their pledge online or by downloading a paper copy and mailing it to the LGLC. These options and more information are at [lglc.org/land-and-water-society](http://lglc.org/land-and-water-society). Questions and comments may be directed to Helen Barton Benedict, LGLC's development manager, at 518-644-9673 or [hbartonbenedict@lglc.org](mailto:hbartonbenedict@lglc.org). ■

*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).

## PROCELLACOR, CONTINUED

prudent choice – particularly since the funding for the hand harvesting appears to be in place for this season and the scientists seem poised to conduct the necessary studies?

On May 12, the Lake George Association, joined by the Town of Hague, the Lake George Waterkeeper and Helena G. Rice, whose property

abuts the proposed Hulett's Landing treatment site, petitioned the court for a Temporary Restraining Order to stop the LGPC from putting ProcellaCOR into the lake at this time. The court will likely make a decision in the next several days. Whether that would be continued throughout the time allowed in the permit for treatment (May 17 - June 30, 2022) is impossible to predict.

Readers who want more details about the different perspectives on this issue can visit the [LGA website](#), the [LGPC website](#), and the [Save Lake George website](#). And don't forget to also check out the Facebook pages for the [Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee](#) and [Save Lake George](#) as well as for the [LGA](#) and the [LGPC](#). ▣

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

Environmental protection begins with people who care. This is evidenced in a just-published book about Lake George called *Stewards of the Water*. How

appropriate at this time, when the Lake George Park Commission is preparing to put ProcellaCOR, an herbicide for the treatment of *Eurasian milfoil*, into Lake George. They voted in late April to approve the use on two test plots, over the objections of the Lake George Association, the Lake George Waterkeeper, the unanimous vote against its application by the Hague Town Board, and a petition signed by well over 1,400 concerned citizens.

The book quotes from a 1964 *New York Times* article about the use of DDT (banned in 1964): "Perhaps future generations will be aghast at the careless and casual ways this generation uses biocides without full investigation of their effects on life forms other than the insects they are designed to destroy." An interesting parallel to the current situation? Be sure to pick up a copy of this book for more information on the past and present stewards striving to protect our precious resource. It will be available at The Hague Market and other booksellers as well as at the events listed at the end of this article.

The following is an overview of the book, written by our committee member Ginger Henry Kuenzel.

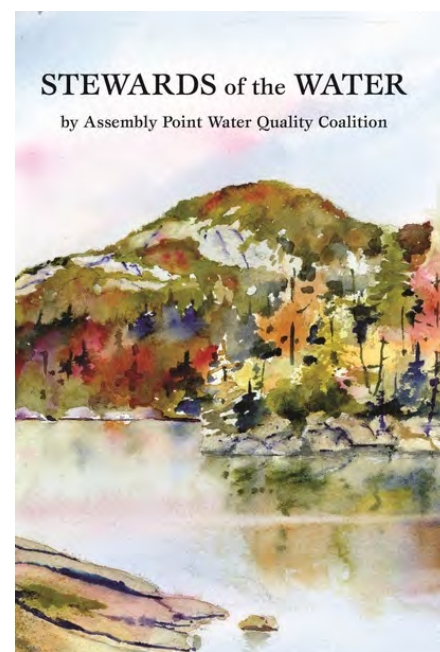


“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

"Organizations around Lake George will host a series of events throughout the summer of 2022 to celebrate the launch of *Stewards of the Water*. The book's ten chapters were written by a variety of authors with subject matter expertise on the chapter's topic.

For anyone interested in the history, current status, and future of environmental protection on Lake George, this book is a must read. It devotes chapters to the notable stewards of the past: Seneca Ray Stoddard, John Apperson, Irving Langmuir, the Loines family, and Frank Leonbruno. It also covers the work of today's institutional stewards: the Lake George Association, the Lake George Waterkeeper, the Lake George Park Commission and the Lake George Land Conservancy. One chapter is based on interviews with town leaders, who are responsible for strengthening and enforcing town codes that protect the lake, while another focuses on today's grassroots stewards, like Al Rider from our Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee, who are working to raise awareness of and combat threats to Lake George's water quality. As the book points out, "The need for citizen involvement around the Lake George watershed, the country and the world is perhaps more heightened than ever before." It also doesn't shy away from controversies of the past, including the effects of DDT and regulation of the lake's water level through the dam in Ticonderoga."

Ginger, who wrote the chapter about Frank Leonbruno in *Stewards of the Water* and co-authored Frank's well-loved book *Lake George Reflections*, will speak about the book at the Hague Historical Society's annual meeting on



June 29th at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. She will cover the history of stewardship on Lake George and the importance of individuals and communities continuing this work today.

Other presentations by Ginger on these topics are scheduled at Watson Hall at Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center on July 19th at 8 pm and as part of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute's virtual lecture series on July 25th.

*Stewards of the Water* will be available at The Hague Market and at the events noted above.

For more information on how you can get involved, 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. ▣



## SILVER BAY DISCOUNTED PASSES

Silver Bay YMCA is now offering discounted day passes for local residents living from Bolton Landing to Ticonderoga. These passes can be purchased now through December 31, 2022 and include access to Silver Bay's various program activities ranging from archery to kayaking and even to the new 18-hole disc golf course.



Residents only need to show a valid license with their local address listed at the time they purchase their pass.

The discounted prices are as follows: \$10 for one individual age 0 through adult, \$20 for two people, or \$25 for a family. Passes can be purchased at the front desk, which is located in the historic inn. As the season ramps up, passes will also be available at a variety of program areas as well. ▣

## SILVER BAY GENERAL STORE CELEBRATION AND RIBBON CUTTING

The Silver Bay General Store, in coordination with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), the Center for Businesses in Transition (CBIT), and the Adirondack North Country Association will host a Business Transition Celebration and Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, May 26th at 5 pm. The store will be providing an array of refreshments, showcasing its products, specifically from local and regional vendors.

This store has been serving residents and visitors of the lakeside hamlet of Silver Bay since 1927. Paul Budd and his wife JoAnne purchased the store in October 2021. The Budds have expanded the store's products and services, made significant upgrades, and plan to continue to diversify the store's offerings.

"We're hoping to continue to revitalize the (Silver Bay) General Store to better serve the varied needs of both year-round residents and seasonal visitors," Paul Budd said. "We don't want the store to simply carry basic staples and sundries, as we are not just another convenience store. We'd like to offer a wider variety of locally-made and sourced items and make the store a destination rather than an afterthought. By purchasing from local suppliers, artisans, and businesses and providing quality food and services, we'll support the surrounding community and provide a more unique Adirondack-style experience. We hope to see many community members and visitors on May 26th for our official Business Transition Celebration and Ribbon Cutting. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting many new people."

TACC President Matt Courtright said, "The Budds are passionate about the region, the community, the store's history, and the future of the store as an anchor business for Hague and Silver Bay. We're glad to see them take the helm, and we're eager to help more local businesses transition to the next generation of owners."

The Silver Bay General Store is located at 8417 Lakeshore Drive and can be contacted at 518-543-6441.

For more information on the celebration and ribbon cutting, contact TACC at 518-585-6619 or visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com). ▣

## TICONDEROGA AREA FARMERS' MARKET 2022

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market will start on Saturday, July 9, 2022 and run through September 24th on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm, unless noted for special events. The market and parking will be in a **NEW location** in Downtown Ticonderoga - behind Glens Falls National Bank, just off Montcalm Street.

"Please join us each Saturday for local produce, products, and more. We are currently recruiting additional farmers, vendors, and business participants. We welcome you to commit to the entire season, specific dates, special events, or even join us as a guest for one market," stated Kelly Carey, market manager.

The following special events are planned for the 2022 season:

- July 16th: Grand Opening with ribbon cutting, live music, and kids' corner
- August 13th: Makers Market with live music and kids' corner
- August 27th: Local Author Day
- September 10th: Harvest Festival with live music and kids' corner
- Friday, December 2nd: Holiday Market at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office from 5 - 8 pm

The market will also be part of StreetFest on July 30th from 10 am to 3 pm and FallFest on September 24th from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Farmers, vendors, and local businesses interested in participating in the market, as well as anyone interested in volunteering, should contact Kelly Carey at [chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com](mailto:chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com). The deadline for participants to sign up is June 6th.

There will be three market sponsorship levels: Sustaining at \$200, Supporting at \$100, and Contributing at \$50. To become a sponsor, get the form from TACC and follow the directions on it. The deadline to be a sponsor is June 24th.

For more information, contact TACC at 518-585-6619, email [chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com](mailto:chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com), or visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) or the TACC Facebook page. ▣

## LOOKING BACK

### OPENING: A FAMILY TRADITION

by Chad Henderson



Seasonal residences require opening and closing each year. My first recollection of the opening events dates back to the 1950s, when my father first joined my Uncle Jim in the annual doings. At that point, Grandma owned the three cottages just south of the steamer dock, each of which had seasonal water systems, full shutters, and other unique opening tasks.

My twin brother, Jim, and I joined our dad in traveling from Lansdowne, PA to Hague. Getting to the lake was an adventure for us young boys! We would load up the 1951 Dodge sedan with clothes, food, and other supplies and depart at "the crack of dawn." There were no booster seats or even seat belts! Jim and I alternated front and rear seat positions.

President Eisenhower's interstate highway system was in its infancy. I recall the opening of the Garden State Parkway, the connection to the New York Thruway, and the eventual ability to take it all the way to Albany. Then, in the early 1960's, the Northway opened. Until that time the six-and-a-half-hour trip was mostly Route 9 through small cities and towns. I recall riding through Saratoga, the downtown campus of Skidmore College, and the Saratoga Springs bath houses. Anticipation of arriving grew as we repeatedly asked our father, "How much further?"

Glens Falls, Lake George Village, with the Mohican and Ticonderoga at the pier across from the Delaware and Hudson train terminal, and then the slight right onto 9N...the Lake George Club, Bolton Landing, and Tongue Mountain (where we heard the story of Mary Beste driving the old military road and the CCC camp)...reaching the top, shifting to low gear, and creeping down the north slope to the overlook...past Silver Bay, with excitement building...Camp Arcady on the right, the Cape Cod Village Restaurant on the left, past Engler's and Corscaden's, down one more slope and there was Alexanders' Lodge, store, and gas pump. WE HAD ARRIVED!



*Idle Rest*



*The Henderson twins enjoying the delights of Idle Rest's waterfront in the 1950s*

Uncle Jim and his son Bob would travel from Middlefield, CT to join us for the weekend to open the cottages.

Upon arrival, we would back down the short steep driveway and do a quick exterior walk around before unlocking the door and stepping into a dark, chilly house. Throwing on the main circuit breaker brought light.

The first task was to get the water on. That involved placing a one-hundred-foot pipe (originally ten-foot sections of galvanized pipe threaded together, replaced in the 1960s by plastic coil with weights tied on) in the frigid lake, turning and reinstalling a number of valves and plugs, priming the

pump and turning it on, with fingers crossed for suction. Once it took prime and filled the pressure tank, individuals were dispatched to "listen for leaks" as the main house valve was opened. Most times, there were no leaks, and no need to cut, solder, and patch lines.

Next came removing porch furniture from indoors, cutting the grass, raking up leaves and pine cones, unloading the car, making the beds, grabbing something to eat, and falling into bed.

What wasn't accomplished on day one was continued on day two: hanging screens and house cleaning. One more ominous task was normally left for the final day - putting the long dock in the water. Frames, 12-foot deck sections, and concrete block weights for the frames were manhandled to the shore and the younger folks were encouraged to enter the frigid waters and install the dock, ensuring that it was straight and level.

This all-male opening tradition continued into the 1960s, when Cousin Bob left for the U.S. Army. In 1971, my Uncle Jim passed away and the job was left to my dad, my brother, and me.

By then, we were down to "Idle Rest" and "The Other House" (Puckette's), as my grandmother had sold "The Last House" (McDonoughs') prior to her death in 1964. Eventually, my dad sold "The Other House," which left just "Idle Rest." By the late 1980's, my brother, Jim, and I, along with our sons, assumed the chore, with Jim doing the lion's share for several years while I was assigned at a distance by the U.S. Navy. Jim developed detailed instructions and a checklist to

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ensure that all operations were completed “properly.” We still use those instructions and the checklist and welcome assistance from all family members and friends.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Pennsylvania and New York lifted the “stay at home” order, I headed to Hague for the latest opening of the cottage in over 100 years. I arrived the afternoon of Saturday, May 30, 2020, smelled the fresh air, unlocked the door, turned on the electricity, and walked out on the porch to once again appreciate the view of the lake. I then unloaded the truck, cut the foot-high grass, and opened the shutters. Thankful to return to the family cottage, I single-handedly followed twin brother Jim’s Opening Checklist on Sunday, stowing shutters, prepping the water system, and doing some yard clean-up. I somehow managed to get boats and other large items out on the porch, which clearly required some ingenuity and creativity.

Monday it was 40 degrees at dawn. The sun was out, the temperature rose, and Belden Property Management’s crew arrived to put the dock in and assist with installing lake water line. When they departed, I primed the pump and plugged it in; on the third prime, it took! Opening progressed with water to the house, no leaks (thank heavens), hot water heater on, and washer and dryer tested.

I had earned a hot shower and a shave and then went out to the porch for a glass of wine at sunset. The solo opening, a once-in-a-lifetime experience, is one which I will gladly forego in the future as I have joined the “three-quarter century club” and no longer have the strength and energy.

So, as you read this “Looking Back,” the Henderson family is looking ahead to a fun 126th summer at “Idle Rest” and planning for an all-hands-on opening. ▣

## TACC FUNDRAISER DINNER AND AUCTION

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will be holding its annual fundraiser dinner and auction on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley. The invitation, including information on how to register, and the menu can be found [HERE](#). ▣

**NEEDED:** Community-minded volunteer to attend monthly Hague Town Board meeting, take notes, and submit a draft article to the editor of *The Hague Chronicle*, who will then write the final draft for publication in each month’s issue.

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## ESSEX COUNTY FUNDS TICONDEROGA’S SUMMER CONCERTS

The Essex County Arts Council has awarded the Ticonderoga Festival Guild its CAP grant to help fund the Festival Guild’s summer concerts.

The Festival Guild’s season will begin on June 15, 2022 with a Seagle Festival concert, “Opera Shots, Music in the Bar” to be held at Seymour’s Restaurant from 5:30 to 7 pm. The concert will include lots of Broadway hits, a sneak preview of the Seagle Festival’s summer season and some songs composed by the Festival Guild’s board member and Skidmore Professor, Evan Mack.

This summer, the Festival Guild has scheduled seven concerts, beginning on Tuesday, July 12th with the ADK Jazz Repertoire Ensemble performing and ending on August 23rd with Emish, an award winning, high-powered Americana folk-roots-inspired trio. This season includes a variety of genres including Blue Grass, Irish, Rock, Folk and Jazz. Ticonderoga’s own Ashley Sophia will travel from Nashville, to perform on August 16th.

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild brings a variety of high-quality performances to our area each year. It is grateful to the Essex County Arts Council for its continued support and funding. For more information, go to <http://www.tifestivalguild.org/contact/>. ▣

## MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast turkey breast 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, May 27, 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

May 2022

### MAY

26	5 pm	Business and Transition Celebration and Ribbon Cutting at Silver Bay General Store	10		TACC Fundraiser at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley
	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	13		Deadline for the June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
27	4:30 pm	Mason Star roast turkey breast dinner	14		FLAG DAY
28	9:30-10:30 am	LGLC program "Beavers"		6 pm	Town Board
	10 am	Hague Memorial Day Celebration	15	5:30 pm	Ticonderoga Festival Guild concert at Seymour's
	4 pm	HVFD Chicken Dinner			
30		MEMORIAL DAY	18	9 - 10:30 am	LGLC program "Found & Seek iNaturalist"

### JUNE

2	7 pm	Planning Board	19		FATHER'S DAY
4	9 - 11 am	LGLC program "Leave No Trace"	20		JUNETEENTH OBSERVED
5 - 13		Senior View Café at the Hague Visitors' Center	23	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
			29	7 pm	Hague Historical Society Meeting - Ginger Henry Kuenzel, speaker

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