



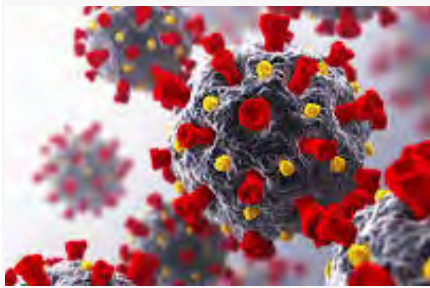
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Aug 15, 2020:



All NY residents need to wear a mask or face covering when in situations where they are unable to socially distance.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	20.9 M	760 K
US	5.26 M	167 K
NYS	428 K	32 K
Warren County	312	30
Essex County	64	0

### 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

## ZEO CATHY CLARK RETIRING

Hague's Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Cathy Clark has recently written the following letter:

*I would like to announce my retirement from the Town of Hague Zoning office. It has been my pleasure working with the residents of the Town and their consultants and engineers over the last fifteen years. My heart felt gratitude goes out to the all of the members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals for always doing their due diligence while reviewing applications in front of them.*

*Rion Marcy will be the Town's new Zoning Enforcement Officer. I wish him all the best of luck with his new position.*

*Catherine Clark*

Mr. Marcy's contact information will remain the same as what Cathy used, which is: Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Hague, NY 12836, 518-543-6161.

*The Hague Chronicle* would like to thank Cathy for her many years of service to the Town of Hague. We wish her the very best in her retirement. ▣

## VIRTUAL LAKE GEORGE MARATHON SWIM

The Lake George Open Water Swim, usually held in Hague, has gone virtual this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 "Virtual Lake George Marathon Swim" is open to swimmers from anywhere. Participants aim to complete a total of 32 miles of swimming (representing the 32-mile-long Lake George) in any body of water or pool during the eight-week period from August 1st to September 30th, logging their miles as they go. Every mile the participants log moves their position along a map of Lake George, so they can see how they're doing compared to others in their age group, gender, and location.

Event Director Chris Bowcutt said, "It's a great way to connect swimmers who love Lake George or who just enjoy the sport of swimming and want to be part of a personal challenge while logging their normal swim workouts."

Registration is open from July 20th to September 15th. The \$55 entry fee includes access to the tracking and mapping platform, a swim cap, and other goodies. Those who don't wish to swim themselves may sponsor a swimmer. Proceeds support the Lake George Association (LGA) whose mission is to protect the water quality of Lake George. Get details at: [LakeGeorgeSwim.com](http://LakeGeorgeSwim.com). ▣



## JOB OPENING FOR TOWN OF HAGUE

The Town of Hague is seeking a PART-TIME CLERK to the assessor. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: filing correspondence, reports and other materials; making entries on cards or other formats; answering the telephone and providing information to callers; taking messages and making appointments; performing record-keeping tasks; assisting in the preparation of routine reports; operating office machines; preparing and updating spreadsheets, reports, and payroll data; preparing and checking payrolls; and other related work, as required. Appointment will be made by the town board after the interview process.

Applications may be obtained at the town offices at 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Hague, NY or at <https://townofhague.org/jobs/>. Applications and resumés should be submitted to the Personnel Committee, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836 or by taking them to the town offices by August 24, 2020. For more information, call 518-543-6161. ■

## HOSPITAL EXPANDS COVID TESTING

The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital is offering by-appointment COVID testing at its community-based health centers in Au Sable Forks, Crown Point, Elizabethtown, Westport, Willsboro, and Wilmington. Established and new patients may schedule testing by calling 518-873-3134. ■

## NEW MRI AT HOSPITAL

There is a new Philips mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system at the hospital in Ticonderoga. It has a wider opening and more room inside the unit, so it is more comfortable for larger patients and for those who experience claustrophobia. It also works faster and has soothing audio and visual elements. According to radiologist Dr. Anthony Conti, it is the most advanced MRI unit in Upstate NY. ■

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell



It was a busy July with 28 fire calls and drills, nine EMS calls, and four marine calls, using 284 volunteer hours.

We are happy to welcome two new members, Brenden Lauzon and Nickolas Martin-Serrano.

On Saturday, September 5, 2020, we will be having a steak dinner drive-through beginning at 3 pm. The cost is \$15. No pre-orders, so get here early! ■

## THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague was renown  
People knew him all over town  
Seen flying his kites  
Wearing bright purple tights  
They thought he was merely a clown.*

## LGA IDENTIFIES NEW INVASIVES DURING INSPECTIONS

Two teams of Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) technicians in the Mandatory Boat Inspection Program found two invasive species, neither of which are currently in Lake George, on boats seeking to enter the lake. There were two separate instances of fanwort, a highly invasive plant that arrived on two separate boats on two separate days from Massachusetts. Quagga mussels arrived on a boat that had last been in the St. Lawrence River.

"This was a great catch by two different sets of Vessel Inspection Technicians," said LGA Executive Director Walt Lender. "We want to congratulate them for their attentiveness and the Park Commission for their training program."



Fanwort

"This is another example of the LGA using the money it raises for projects and programs to directly benefit the Lake and the watershed, protecting Lake George water quality now and in the future," said Peter Menzies, President of the LGA Board of Directors.

Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*), when established can quickly form dense stands that are a hazard to recreational water users. According to the USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species website, fanwort can grow up to 10 meters long. It is among the first to start growing as soon as the ice goes out, crowding out most native plants. When it dies off, "decomposition causes significant short-term oxygen reductions and foul-smelling water."

Quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) are small freshwater bivalve mollusks, which filter the water to remove and consume substantial amounts of phytoplankton. Phytoplankton is the base of the food web in the lake and the removal of phytoplankton from the water in large numbers would disrupt the food web. ■



## MENZIES ELECTED LGA BOARD PRESIDENT

The Lake George Association (LGA) Board of Directors elected Pete Menzies of Bolton to be its president for the next year. Menzies and his family are longtime members of the LGA and have a lengthy history of owning property in Bolton.

"This organization is incredible — we have a 135-year history of protecting this treasure, and we've never been stronger, or better positioned, to continue to do impactful work to protect Lake George's water quality," Menzies said. Click [HERE](#) for more. ▣



## LGA ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Six new board members and two returning board members were elected at the virtual Lake George Association (LGA) Annual Meeting in June. Elected to new terms were: Jim Casaccio, of Diamond Point; Geoff Cook of Lake George; Dan Davies, of Cleverdale; Keith Ferguson, of Bolton and Mount Kisco; Ken Parlin, of Hague; and Bennett Van Wert, of Saratoga and Hague. Charlie Crew, of Assembly Point, has been elected to a second term and Ginger Henry Kuenzel, of Hague, has been elected to her first full term (she was appointed to fill the seat of Bob Case after he passed away.)

Ken Parlin is a financial planner and Registered Investment Advisor with Parlin Advisors, LLC, a firm he founded in 2019. Prior to that, he spent twenty years at JP Morgan in NY, where he was a managing director. Ken served for six years on the board of Silver Bay YMCA, where he was chair of the business committee and treasurer. He is a fourth-generation summer resident of Silver Bay and now lives full time in Hague. He is a graduate of Hamilton College with an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.



*Top, L to R: Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Bennett Van Wert.  
Bottom: Ken Parlin*



Bennett Van Wert is the Director of Sales and Development for DWM Comprehensive Facility Solutions, a full-service solutions and construction provider for large retail, restaurant, grocery, and financial brands. His parents moved north after purchasing a lakeside motel from Ben's grandparents and he grew up in Ticonderoga. He lived, worked, and played near the lake year 'round, leading to his deep love and connection to the lake. Ben and his wife, Hannah, live in Saratoga and spend most of their summers with Ben's family in Hague. He is a graduate of Plattsburgh State University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Business Administration.

Ginger Henry Kuenzel is the fourth generation of her family to live on Lake George. She grew up in Hague, graduated from Syracuse University, and then moved to Washington, D.C to work as a speechwriter and legislative assistant for a U.S. Congressman. She spent 20 years as a journalist and translator in Germany, always maintaining her close ties to Hague. Upon returning to the U.S., she worked in corporate communications for multi-national companies in Boston and New York City, while also writing a monthly column for a German magazine about U.S. topics. In 2010, Ginger moved back to Hague full time, where she continues her work as a freelance journalist, editor, and translator. She has served as a member of the Hague Town Board and *The Hague Chronicle* Board. She continues to serve on the Hague Historical Society Board, the Hague Sewer Advisory Committee and is a member of the Hague Water Quality Awareness Steering Committee.

For more information, call 518-668-3558 or go to <http://www.LakeGeorgeAssociation.org>. ▣

## LGLC ANNUAL MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 and restricted gatherings, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has cancelled this year's Annual Meeting and Block Party.

They hope to resume regular programming next year. Please stay in touch and watch for future events (live and virtual) at [lgc.org](http://lgc.org) as they get through this pandemic as safely as possible. ▣

## LGLC FUNDRAISER 2020

This year's Land and Water Conservation Celebration for the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) was done virtually over the weekend of July 31 -

August 2 instead of a night at Erlowest as they had planned, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The LGLC produced an informative five-minute video about the work they are doing to protect the land that protects the lake. See that video [HERE](#).



Thanks to many generous gifts, this event raised a total of \$161,890, including \$49,200 from this year's Honorary Committee and \$112,690 for the following three initiatives:

1. Bolton Hub Initiative: Bradley's Lookout – \$34,790 of their \$50,000 goal
2. Huletts Landing Initiative – \$53,745 of their \$60,000 goal
3. Stewardship and Education – \$21,738 of their \$30,000 goal

An additional \$2,416 was contributed for use "where needed most."

The LGLC greatly appreciates the generosity of those who donated and who contributed to the videos used throughout the weekend. Although the official celebration is over, donations to help them reach their goals may still be made by clicking [HERE](#). ▣

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/23/2020

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

**LUSIGNAN (93.12-1-14) 128 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR) VAR 04-20** The owners would like to install a rock revetment stabilization above the mean high-water line to protect their existing shoreline from erosion. A public hearing was held at this meeting with no comments for or against. The board unanimously voted on the motion to grant variance as long as the owners get a permit from the Lake George Park Commission prior to building.

**DORN (12.18-1-3) 9610 Lakeshore Drive (TRI) VAR 04-20** The owners of this property are requesting a variance for an approximately 110 sq. ft. deck addition, which will be connected to a proposed house addition. A public hearing was held at this meeting with positive comments for the aesthetics and matching the look of the neighborhood. The board unanimously voted that the construction of the deck had no hindrance to the environment or to the neighborhood and granted the owners variance requiring permits for septic system upgrades and stormwater mediation.

**RIZZA (42.20-1-6.3) (NEAR) 8833 LAKESHORE DRIVE (TRI) VAR 08-20** The applicant was requesting relief of a frontline setback of originally 10 feet, but are now requesting 25 feet. The property is sloped, which makes the building envelope very small. If approved, a 560 sq. ft. shed would be placed 25 feet from the front line in order to allow area to construct a future 1,400 sq. ft. primary structure that would meet the required setbacks. A public hearing was held at this meeting. The applicant indicated that the neighbors on either side of the lot are not opposed to this plan. Comments were made against reducing the setback from 25 ft to 10 ft. Due to the slope of the property, the board deemed that there is no other feasible way to execute this plan. The board unanimously agreed to accept the variance on the condition that no one is disturbed by construction.

**LEACH 43.5-1-34 9094 LAKESHORE DRIVE (HAMLET) VAR 07-20** The applicants had applied for two use variances, one for Contractual Access for a private social and athletic club including a bathhouse and Pickleball court with deeded dock spaces and memberships and a Permitted Use variance for a marina, which is not permitted in the hamlet. They propose creating a "Private Park" for 16 prospective buyers. The applicants are appealing the decision of the ZEO that "Contractual Access" and "Marinas" do not apply to their application. The applicants are willing to become a Class A marina, if need be. A lively discussion took place between the board and the applicants. There was dispute over the legal definition of "Contractual Access." The applicants believe that they are not asking for contractual access, while the board believes they are. Since there will be no residents living on the parcel, there was confusion over who would access the land. Each side had a different interpretation of the town code. The board voted unanimously that the applicants were asking for contractual access and need to file for a Use Variance. ■

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 8/4/2020

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

The board voted to take the following personnel actions:

- Accept Janet Hanna's resignation as Recording Secretary for the Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) effective July 22nd. She will stay on for the Board of Assessment Review and as the Deputy Town Clerk.
- Appoint Nancy Young as the Recording Secretary for PB and ZBA effective August 6th.
- Appoint Cathy Clark as a Temporary Enforcement Officer (TEO) to aid new Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Rion Marcy in his transition August 1st - December 31st.
- Accept Barbara Mizer's resignation as Assessor Clerk effective August 3rd. She will stay on through October 31st to train a replacement.
- Advertise for the position of Clerk to the Assessor.

The board voted in favor of cancelling the 2020 Hague Fireworks Display, which had been postponed from July 3rd to Labor Day Weekend, in order to maintain state COVID-19 guidelines and public safety.

Frasier stated the Town Park Bathroom Renovation Project is close to completion, however, she does not intend to open the restrooms this season because it is easier to clean and sanitize the porta-potties throughout the day than it would be to keep the same standards in the larger facilities. ■

## PLANNING BOARD - 8/6/2020

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

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

The applicants are requesting a variance to construct a retaining wall, patio, and a four-foot walkway along their lakefront. This has been referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A site visit has been scheduled.

### DORN (12.18-1-3) 9610 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The owners of this property are requesting approval for a proposed 936 sq. ft. addition to a legal non-conforming house. The ZBA granted a variance to a deck addition within 50' of the mean high-water of the lake on July 23, 2020, with the condition that the owner apply for and receive a permit for upgrades to the current septic system and a stormwater permit prior to start of their construction project. A septic upgrade is required due to addition of two bedrooms. The PBA approved the application with the condition that if the LGPC does not require a stormwater plan, then the Town of Hague will require one.

### GRECO (26.17-2-7) 6 Lakeview Road (TRI)

The applicant is seeking approval of a marina so he may operate his fishing charter business, Justy Joe Charters, off his

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private dock in the event that the town rescinds the approved use of the Hague Town Dock for his commercial business. The board expressed road crossing safety concerns due to minimum driving visibility. A site visit has been scheduled. ■

### TOWN BOARD - 8/11/2020

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant. Martin Fitzgerald II was absent. A moment of silence was held for Richard Feibusch, Lillian Streeter Murray, and Sal Santaniello.

#### WASTEWATER REPLACEMENT SYSTEM:

Tom Jarrett of Jarrett Engineers presented a proposed wastewater replacement system for Marc Mansour, 44 Sabbath Day Point Road, Hague. A site visit will be planned to examine the status of the existing septic tank. Frasier deemed the application complete and set a date for a public hearing on September 8, 2020 at 6:15 pm on the request to use a PuraFlo, Peat Replacement System.

#### TOWN PARK AND BEACH:

Frasier said she appreciated the volunteers who cleaned up the town park and beach.

Pat Hintze asked why the porta-potties are taking up two parking spots instead of one. As it creates extra work for the opening park attendant staff in the morning, she requested that the closing park attendant staff lock the porta-potties before leaving. Ramant will look into getting locks. Hintze asked for signage stating that dogs are not permitted in the park. Ramant will look into it.

Alice Patchett praised the volunteers who cleaned up the town park and beach. She doesn't think the town is using the bed tax dollars as they should and it should give the bed tax funds back to Warren County.

Ginger Kuenzel suggested that the town talk to the DEC or other experts on how to best solve the park's geese problem.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Administrative: Frasier - Assessor/Justice** – Court resumed on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 after being closed since March due to the pandemic. The 2020 fireworks have been cancelled due to NYS social gathering regulations.

**Buildings/Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett** – The board will consider budgeting for touching up the paint/stain on the community center in 2021.

**Highway: Ramant/Bast** – The Highway Department has been working with Soil and Water on cleaning up retention ponds and on the shoulders of the Silver Bay blacktop project.

**Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald** – The town is advertising for a Part-Time Clerk to the Assessor.

**Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett** – ZEO Rion Marcy has completed his first week as ZEO. Cathy Clark will stay on as an as-needed consultant to assist him with procedures.

**Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier** – Thank you letters were sent to the volunteers who did the beach clean-up. Two health inspections have been conducted.

**Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett** – The knotweed project is underway. There are new signs for cardboard at the transfer station. The staff is doing well. Ramant, Maintenance Worker Eric Kramer, and Transfer Station Employee Nate Swinton cleaned up the transfer station on Friday, August 7th. Bids from other waste management companies are being collected.

**Sewer District #1 and #2: Bast/Frasier** – Four properties are of concern at this time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### EDUs at the Firehouse Restaurant

Frasier read the response from Town Attorney John Silvestri regarding refunds. Sheri DeLarm thanked the town clerk for supplying copies of the last seven years of sewer bills for the Firehouse. She stated she is not arguing the resolution, but she thinks the town has made a mistake in the billing and needs to remedy the overcharges. Richard Sandman, attorney for DeLarm, stated they are not challenging the resolution, but rather the implementation of the resolution. He said if the board agrees that DeLarm has been overcharged, it should work with her. Sandman expressed it is challenging to run a small business, this restaurant brings a lot to the town, and this is a time to take care of small businesses. Sandman made a request to the board for an action. Frasier stated that the board would not make any decisions at this time. She offered to set up a meeting with DeLarm, Sandman, Silvestri, Bast, and herself to discuss this further.

The EDU schedule is in need of revisions. The finance subcommittee to the Sewer Advisory Committee is close to bringing revisions to the EDU schedule to the board. Cathy Clark stated the EDU schedule was adopted in 2014, at which time the board consisted of different members. The current board can make a decision to adjust the EDU assessment, if it wishes.

J. Patchett stated the board's role is to act in the best interest of the town financially, but losing the Firehouse Restaurant would not be in the best interest of the community. ■

## STORMWATER REGULATIONS ADVANCED BY NYS

New York State (NYS) has advanced the following proposed new stormwater regulations that will help slow the changes in water quality that we are seeing:

- A ban on lawn fertilizer within 50 feet of the lake
- Rules on handling polluted stormwater from construction projects
- Changes in reporting for timber harvesting in the watershed
- Changes in setbacks for stormwater infiltration

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) supports these changes because every study since the 1980s has concluded that polluted stormwater is the primary reason for water quality decline.

Stop the polluted stormwater and slow the water quality decline over the long term! ■



## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Richard F. Feibusch, 93, of Hague and Tequesta, FL, peacefully in Jupiter, FL on July 19, 2020.



Richard was born in Long Island City and grew up in Bellerose, NY. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on his 18th birthday in 1944 and trained as a radioman. He put his electrical training to good use working for the telephone company for 39 years.

He married Jean Helen Sheehan on November 11, 1950 and they moved to Westbury, NY, where they raised their family. After retiring in 1985, they moved into a house in Hague with panoramic views of the lake. In 1995, Richard and Jean bought a condo in Tequesta, FL, where they spent part of their winters until moving there permanently in 2018.

He enjoyed camping with his family, boating, swimming, golfing, smoking cigars, cocktails before dinner, and visiting with friends. He was known for his quick wit, dry humor, and love of family.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters Mary Jean Weiler (Kevin) and Lorraine Belden (Dale); sons Richard (Maureen), William and Henry (Anne); grandchildren Margaret, Rebecca, Shaun (Christy), Kathryn, Brendan (Lisa), Kelly, Sean, Carl, and George; and great-grandchildren Lily, Aidan, Cadence, Matthew, Liam, Braelyn, and Logan.

No services are planned at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, the Feibusch family suggests that donations be made in Richard's name to St. Isaac Jogues Parish by clicking [HERE](#), the Hague Volunteer Fire Department by clicking [HERE](#), or to the charity of one's choice.

**DIED:** Salvatore J. Santaniello, "Sal," 75, of Silver Bay, peacefully, at Glens Falls Hospital, August 2, 2020, after a courageous three-year battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

Sal received his early education in Catholic schools in Queens and upper Manhattan. The family moved to Huntington, NY when he was 15, where he graduated from Walt Whitman High School.

After working with his father and cousins in his Uncle Lenny's carburetor and body shop in Queens, he and his father bought Oakwood Auto Body in Huntington and ran the business from 1960 to 1975. After selling the business, Sal managed auto body shops at Pape Chevrolet and Majestic Chevrolet in Huntington.

In 1977, Sal bought the Silver Bay General Store and moved his family there, opening the store in the spring of 1978. In 1981, he married Kathryn Braisted and they have run the store since then. He also worked as an auto damage appraiser for Underwriters Adjusting Company of Glens Falls and General Accident Insurance Company of Albany.

In 1993, Sal decided to work full-time in the store and spent many long happy days presiding there as the "Mayor of Silver Bay," visiting with the customers, keeping Yankee fans abreast of the latest baseball news, and taking care of business. A favorite motto of Sal's, also on a poster above the counter, was: "If we don't have it, you don't need it," which has given many a chuckle to patrons over the years.

Sal served as president of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, the Hague Fish & Game Club, and the Hague Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member of the Beste Scholarship Steering Committee and the Hague Winter Carnival Committee. He coached Hague Little League when his son, SJ, was playing, and attended nearly every track meet his son, Ted, participated in.

Sal was predeceased by his sister, Camille Pomponio (Ross). Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Kathy; his sons, Theodore (Nicole), Salvatore (Connie); his daughter, Theresa Denig (David); his sister, Anna Wesner (Bob); his sister-in-law, Mary Kaier (Bill); and his brother-in-law, Jim Braisted. "Big Papa" also leaves behind six grandchildren, four nephews, and four nieces.

A memorial service will be in the fall. Pictures and a sign-in card will be at the Silver Bay General Store for anyone who would like to stop by. The family thanks those who have already phoned, stopped in, and sent flowers, food, or cards.

Memorial donations may be made to the HVFD, Beste Scholarship Fund (c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836), Silver Bay YMCA, or a charity of your choice.

**DIED:** Andreas Kuenzel, 78, of Munich, Germany, on August 7. He died peacefully after a courageous battle with congestive heart failure and a lung infection.

Andreas is the former husband of Ginger Henry Kuenzel. He spent his summers in Hague from the early 1970s through the 1990s.

Andreas will be remembered by many in Hague for the expeditions he led in search of wild mushrooms.

He was also known for his culinary creations – including a wide variety of mushroom dishes and his unique sauerkraut concoction, which contained pretty much anything he could find in the fridge.

He is survived by his sons Stefan (Darcy) and Toby as well as grandchildren Brianna, Lexi, and Josh.

Andreas will be buried in Valley View Cemetery in Ticonderoga and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. Please send to [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org)

## TI-WORKS OPENS IN TICONDEROGA

A new co-working space called Ti-Works opened at 174 Lake George Avenue in downtown Ticonderoga on Monday, July 27, 2020.

A co-working space is a shared office space that can be used by anyone who needs a professional place to work - everyday, while here for a visit, for the day, or just to use the Internet or print/scan a document. These workspaces have become popular throughout the country and similar spaces exist in Saranac Lake, Glens Falls, Saratoga, and Lake Placid.

At Ti-Works, workers will find a:

- Quiet workspace that is socially distanced and disinfected throughout the day
- Nice desk and office chair
- Comfortable couch
- Fast broadband connection
- Robust cell signal for all carriers
- Printer/scanner
- Coffeemaker, refrigerator, and microwave
- Conference room for eight people

AND camaraderie because sometimes it helps to bounce an idea off someone else!

Pricing is designed to fit a variety of work needs. Private dedicated cubicles are \$200/month or \$60/week. Monthly memberships for drop-ins are \$125/month. Single-day access is \$15. There's also a Grand Opening Special ~ \$30 for 7 days.

The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 4:30 pm in coordination with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC). Light refreshments will be served and there will be an open house until 5:30 pm. Masks are required and attendance will be limited to 50 people, due to space constraints and distancing requirements.

"We are so excited to open this much-needed workplace in Ticonderoga. Ti-Works will be an enterprising and energetic place for people to work and meet in Ticonderoga," said Ti-Alliance's Executive Director Donna Wotton. "It's in a perfect location in downtown Ti with easy parking and walking access to everything. There's a changing energy in our downtown and this type of resource fits right in with the type of new workers that we need to support and attract."

Ti-Works is a great example of lots of people working together to make something great happen. Landlord Mary Mazzotte created an awesome space. All of the furniture was donated by Crossroads Billing Services, Mark Harrison, the Summa Family, and Hudson Headwaters Health Network. They still need a coffee table and some donations of art or local artists to display and sell their artwork on their white gallery walls.



Ti-Works will also serve as a downtown office for Ti-Alliance. The community is invited to drop in and see what's happening next in Ticonderoga.

For more information on Ti-Works or to purchase a plan, visit [www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/ti-works](http://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/ti-works). For a tour, contact Donna Wotton at [donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org](mailto:donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org), 415-385-4544. You can also like and follow the Ti-Alliance Facebook page or follow them on Instagram (ti\_alliance).

## THIS PROGRAM ON MAPPING THE ADIRONACKS

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present a free public program on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle in Ticonderoga. *Mapping the Adirondacks* will open the museum's newest exhibit, featuring more than 18 military, political, and romance maps from its collection, some on display for the first time.

The presenter will be Pete Nelson, a writer, lecturer, and Adirondack

history buff. Nelson is a mathematics teacher and history lecturer at North Country Community College, and is currently writing a book on early Adirondack surveyors.

"Adirondack Lore says that our beautiful region remained unexplored wilderness until well into the 19th century," says Nelson. "The story of Native Americans, early EuroAmerican explorers, and surveyors says otherwise. This talk is an exploration of the people, surveys and maps that, decades before Verplanck Colvin,

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## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

"Is it hot enough for you?" is a question we all probably have been asked in the last month or so. It does indeed feel like the dog days of summer, but what does that mean? It is about heat, but dog days were originally the period following the rising of the star system Sirius which Greek and Roman astrology connected to drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck.

The ancient Greeks thought the constellation Canis Major was a dog chasing Lepus, the hare. The star Sirius is the dog's nose. To the Greeks and Romans, the dog days occurred around the day when Sirius appeared to rise in the sky just before the sun in late July. They referred to these days as the hottest time of the year, a period that could bring catastrophe.

Homer's The Iliad refers to Sirius as Orion's dog rising and describes the star as being associated with war and disaster. These references are found throughout Greek and Roman literature. The phrase "dog days" was translated from Latin to English about 500 years ago and the term took on the meanings we modern people have given it.

Although July and August are generally known as the hottest months of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the hottest period may not be July 22, 2020, to August 22, 2020, which will be when Sirius will rise before the sun this year.

According to astronomers, the dog days of ancient Greece are not the dog days of today. As we know, if you remember your high school science classes, Earth wobbles as it rotates so every 50-some years the sky shifts one degree. That does not sound like



much but it all adds up. In the year 15,020 Sirius will be rising with the sun in mid-winter.

Since it is certain this writer and you readers will not be present to witness the dog days of winter, I am happy to welcome the sun, the heat, and the thunderstorms of our dog days here in the Adirondacks. We will forget about the mad dogs and the bad luck. ▣

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

One big step for the FUND, one giant leap (potentially) for water quality.

The FUND for Lake George recently published a fantastic resource for information on septic systems. Titled "The Complete Guide to a Safe Septic System, From Fixing to Financing," it contains six chapters covering: how wastewater can impact Lake George and surrounding communities, what are septic systems and how do they work, signs of septic system failure, how to maintain and protect your septic system, options for septic system improvements or replacement, and paying for your septic system. Check out the interactive website (<https://safesepticsystems.org/>) for the guide and other information.

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Aha! I'll bet the business of paying for your system got your attention. The FUND, understanding that costs for septic system repairs or replacement can present a problem for many property owners, has partnered with two local banks to help ease the burden. Adirondack Trust is offering zero interest loans for qualifying properties in certain areas of the southern basin and Glens Falls National Bank is offering several low interest loan options for qualifying properties in the entire basin. In both cases, applications will be processed quickly and there are no closing costs. For details, visit: <https://safesepticsystems.org/guide#paying>.

Did you know that 75% of the homes in the basin draw their drinking water from the lake or private wells? Did you also know that there are about 6,000 septic systems in the basin and it's estimated that about half could be failing? An evaluation of 400 systems in the Town of Lake George showed that more than half were not

regularly maintained or pumped out. (A typical pump-out costs between \$300 and \$450 and should be done every three to five years.) The idea of effluent from a poorly-maintained septic tank percolating into the lake can make anyone a bit queasy, particularly those who get their drinking water out of that same lake. As one of those who draws drinking water from the lake, I feel good about being in an area serviced by the Town of Hague wastewater treatment system. I wish the whole town could be as fortunate, but the next best thing is having your septic system, and that of your neighbors, in proper working order. It just takes a little initiative on everyone's part. For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ▣



## TEEN SCENE

### BEING A TEEN IN HAGUE IN THE SUMMER OF COVID-19

by Gabrielle Keller

Since March, COVID-19 has drastically changed every aspect of our daily routines. The Generation Z population (those born between 1995 and 2010) in the Hague area has been learning new ways to make the best of this very different summer. I spoke to some teens in the Hague area and asked them how this summer is different from summers past.

The pandemic has caused the cancellation of New York camps, so those who planned to work at camps have had to find different jobs. Last year was the first time I worked at a camp as a junior counselor. The other counselors were mostly my age and we became friends. Because the camp is not running this year, we all had to find different ways to spend our time and to earn money. Some decided to not find a job this summer, and one found a job as a lifeguard at a pool in her hometown. Others found jobs working at marinas, so, we don't see each other every day like we did last summer.

The younger half of my generation that would normally spend time at camp or doing fun activities in the community are now searching for things to do. Some parents are organizing activities for the kids to do together outdoors. On certain days of the week, some kids around Hague are meeting up to hike, play mini-golf, or play frisbee golf. They also spend hours playing in the lake.

Some high school students had planned to spend their summer doing academic work, such as attending pre-college workshops on their campuses. Now, these programs are online. Internships are now remote. For some students, the quarantine has actually inspired projects that could beef-up college applications. Students have organized groups to collect and distribute food and essential items to people at high risk, started blogs or YouTube channels, and more! I created a survey to evaluate how people are responding to the effects of quarantine. These projects must be done independently, so it takes a lot of self-discipline and self-motivation.

Most teens are concerned about applying to colleges. During the pandemic, much about that process has changed. Because the SAT won't be administered this year, colleges are not requiring them for applicants. College

tours are now online, which may help teens see which schools might be a good fit. They can research them afterward and visit them in person once everything is more normal.

It has been difficult for the teens who spend the summers in the Hague area to find ways to spend time with friends. It's not easy for the kids who are from areas where the COVID-19 cases are high to go back home or bring friends from home up. Therefore, teens have been spending the most time with the people closest to them, staying in their own quarantine bubble.

The Internet has become an integral part of almost every aspect of life. Friends and family are having Zoom parties rather than traveling to visit. Teens are spending more time outdoors with friends. In a way, the pandemic has encouraged togetherness since there is now a great craving to be around people.

In the fall, most schools are going back a few days a week to split up the student body to decrease the number of people in school at one time. For the rest of the week, the students will do online schooling. For the most part, teens are in agreement with this. For seniors, it isn't the most desirable way to spend their last year of high school!

For the students (like me) whose districts are going completely online, there is more controversy. For some, being in the classroom with their peers is how they learn and how they receive needed social interaction. Without a traditional high school

environment, many students are becoming bored and unmotivated. Others enjoyed online school and can't wait to have a flexible schedule in the fall. Many students are concerned about sports, school-sponsored events such as prom or homecoming, and extra-curricular activities like the yearbook club or mock trial team. What will be different? As of now, everything is very up in the air and that makes many students, parents, and administrators extremely anxious.

The summer of 2020 has been very different for everyone on this planet. No one is used to the complicated effects of a global pandemic and we are all learning together. The teen population in Hague is trying to re-route to normal and work through the challenges of growing up during these unprecedented times. ▀



## LOOKING BACK

### THE HISTORY OF FRIENDS POINT

by Gabrielle Keller



About a mile north of downtown Hague lies a beautiful piece of land that juts into shallow waters of Lake George. A cluster of islands is nestled close to the shoreline. The sandy lake bottom changes the color of the water from a deep blue to a tropical green. This peninsula is Friends Point. In this month's Looking Back column, I'll share some of the history of Friends Point.

During the thirteenth century, Native American hunters who were members of the Abenaki Tribe, traveled from their home in Vermont to the shores of modern-day Friends Point in search of food. The peninsula proved to be perfect for hunting and fishing, so the Abenaki returned every summer for hundreds of years.

In the seventeenth century, the warlike Mohawk tribe discovered the bountiful resources on the peninsula and invaded Friends Point, pushing out the Abenakis.

One of the most famous visitors to Friends Point was the American colonial frontiersman, Robert Rogers. Rogers served in the British army during the French and Indian War (1754-1763) and the American Revolution (1775-1783). During the French and Indian War, he commanded the famous Rogers' Rangers, who were trained for raiding and close combat behind enemy lines. One rendezvous spot he selected for the Rangers was Friends Point, partly because it was only nine miles south of Fort Carillon, now known as Fort Ticonderoga. I have read several stories of this legendary war hero resting on Friends Point after battle and feasting under an old oak tree, however, it turns out these are myths.

In reality, Rogers and his men arrived at Friends Point after trekking through four-foot snowdrifts. There they hid their belongings and rested for the night. Early on March 13, 1758, Rogers and his men headed north. Rogers had suspected danger ahead and had ordered the Rangers to rendezvous at the peninsula if they were to engage the enemy.

How did the peninsula get its name? Many folks think it's simply because people who live there are friends with each other. Others guess it has something to do with the Quaker Church. I was surprised to discover that neither is true.

The names "Friends Point" and "Cooks Point" have been used interchangeably, depending on which map one studies. Both

names for the peninsula have followed into the twentieth century.

Samuel Cook, who was an American officer during the Revolutionary War and whose family owned acreage around Hague, resided on the peninsula. The first soldier to own land on the point was William Friend, a veteran of the French and Indian War. So, his last name "Friend" is where Friends Point got its name.

As tourists began to visit the Adirondacks in the early 1900's, camps for boys began to sprout up around the lake.

Father Robert Keegan considered Friends

Point the perfect location to host a boys' camp — "Camp Chippewa." Keegan acquired the land from the Cook family. Catholic charities of the archdiocese of NY sponsored Keegan's program. Sixty boys between the ages of eight and sixteen lived in tents lining the lakeshore. Keegan changed the name from "Friends Point" to "Pine Point," perhaps to prevent Catholic parents from thinking that the Quaker "Society of Friends" sponsored the camp. The boys were taught swimming, canoeing, hiking, baseball, pioneering skills, nature study, and Native American lore.

The Great Depression hit the tourist and camping industry in the Adirondacks hard. Hotels and camps closed permanently, including Camp Chippewa. Father Keegan continued to live in the dining hall of the former camp for several years, where he bred Siberian Huskies. Many of the remains of the camp are now owned privately by the current residents of Friends Point.

Eventually, the land on Friends Point was divided into parcels and sold to families. Small sailing clubs began to form on the northern end of the lake. Hague became a major area for Star and Redwing class sailing regattas. Friends Point had perfect views of the races. Father Robert Keegan, who still resided on the peninsula, began hosting sailing events off Friends Point. He used the old boathouse and

boats from Camp Chippewa for the events. A parcel of land was donated from the Cook Estate Board members for the developing yacht club. On race days, Keegan flew a flag over his boathouse. That flag now belongs to the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, which was built on that location.

Friends Point continues to be a hub for many activities in Hague. With such a rich and interesting history, Friends Point remains one of the most notable locations in Hague.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga is now open to the public Tuesday - Sunday 9:30 am - 5 pm. General admission capacity is capped at 450 visitors per day and tickets are sold at the gate, but advance online ticketing is encouraged at [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org). To keep staff and visitors safe and to comply with NYS regulations, physical distancing, new visitor flow and expectations, and face coverings are required.

Fort Ticonderoga is a family destination with many attractions, including:

- **Carillon Battlefield Hiking Trail**

A 1.7-mile hiking trail on one of the most important battlefields in the country.

- **The Heroic Corn Maze: A Corn Maze Adventure!**

With a new design for 2020, the simpler phase one section takes about 20 minutes, while the main maze takes about an hour.

- **The King's Garden and The Kid's Discovery Garden**

Guests can enjoy the flowers as they stroll in the King's Garden, let children sit in the Sunflower House, see the rainbow of the Artist's Palette Bed, and see butterflies and hummingbirds in the Pollinator Bed.

- **March with the Fifes and Drums**

During performances visitors hear tunes that eased the drudgery of marching and explore the drumbeats, trilling fifes, and songs of 18th-century military music.

- **Mount Defiance**

There is a birds-eye view of Ticonderoga's landscape and a picnic pavilion at the summit.

- **Friendly Heritage Breed Animals**

Visitors meet the Devon Oxen, Mick and Mack, learn the important role animals played in Ticonderoga's history, and see how soldiers cared for the livestock that provided the heavy hauling power that was needed.

- **Weapons Demonstrations**

Expert public history staff explain and demonstrate the power of 18th-century weapons utilized by armies at Ticonderoga.



Photo courtesy of Fort Ticonderoga

**The Digital Campaign**, a virtual experience featuring interactive programming, a lecture series, and at-home educational activities and resources, is continuing and will feature the following programs, each at 1 pm.

- *Virtual Ticonderoga's Treasures: Archeological Buttons*, Wednesday,

August 19th, Facebook Live – Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle will tell about the buttons worn on the uniforms of the over 40,000 soldiers and civilians at Ticonderoga during the 18th century.

- *Virtual Tips from the Tailoring Trade: Lined Breeches*, Saturday, August 22nd, Facebook – Artificer Tailor Gibb Zea will explain about the lining of British regimental breeches.

- *Virtual Ticonderoga's Treasures: Canteens*, Wednesday, August 26th, Facebook Live – Vessels in the fort's collection used by soldiers to carry fluids in the 18th and 19th will be shown.

- *Virtual Program: From the Ground Up: Pipe Stems*, Thursday, August 27th, Facebook – Registrar and Site Archaeologist Margaret Staudter will explore a series of pipe stems found on the grounds during the 20th-century restoration of the fort.

- *Virtual Program: 1756 Long Land Pattern Musket*, Saturday, August 29th, Facebook – The details of the 1756 Long Land Pattern Musket and how it informs the portrayal of Soldiers of the 26th Regiment of Foot in 1774 will be discussed.

Visit [fortticonderoga.org](http://fortticonderoga.org) for more live videos, lectures series, and educational at-home activities. ▣

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helped make the Adirondacks one of the hottest frontiers in the young nation."

The program will be held outdoors and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Program attendance will be limited to 35 and reservations are required. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced and masks are required. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. Reservations may be made by calling 518-585-7868 or by e-mailing: [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com). ▣

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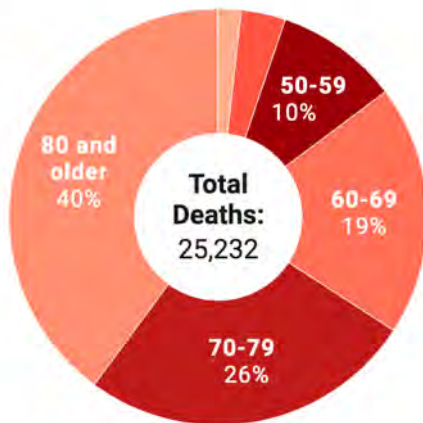
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## NY CORONA DEATHS BY AGE



Last update: 2 p.m. 8/14/2020

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## TACC FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION NOW VIRTUAL

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) 2020 Annual Fundraiser and Auction will now be virtual from August 31st to September 7th, with an in-person gathering at a later date. Those who have paid for Annual Fundraiser Tickets will automatically be included in the in-person event as VIPs.

TACC is a non-profit organization serving this area and this event is its premier fundraiser. Sponsorships and donations are still needed and TACC hopes the community will give what it can during this difficult time. Monetary contributions or auction items or a combination of the two are needed. These are the sponsorship levels:

- Chamber Champion - \$1,000
- Visionary Supporter - \$750
- Pivotal Supporter - \$500
- Distinguished Supporter - \$250
- Sustainable Supporter - \$125
- Community Supporter - under \$125

All sponsors will receive recognition for their level of contribution during the evening and after the event in a variety of ways. Please call Erin Mullen at 518-585-6619 to discuss these sponsorship opportunities. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the TACC office in Downtown Ticonderoga during normal business hours or TACC staff can pick up your contributions. ▣

## CALENDAR

August 2020

### AUGUST

21	7 pm	THS Program on Mapping
27	4:30 pm	Ti-Works Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
27	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals

### SEPTEMBER

3	7 pm	Planning Board
5	3 pm	HVFD Drive-thru Steak Dinner
7		LABOR DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
		Deadline for the September issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>

8	6 pm	Town Board
19	1 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Virtual Program on Buttons
22	1 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Virtual Program on Breeches
25		September issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published
24	7 pm	ZBA
26	1 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Virtual Program on Canteens
29	1 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Virtual Program on Muskets

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday and Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED  
Check for updates at: <https://townofhague.org/departments/transfer-station>