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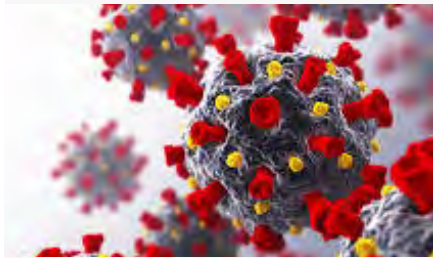
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Mar 9, 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	450,264,102	6,017,526
US	79,371,865	962,074
NYS	4,939,110	67,607
Warren County	13,325	122
Essex County	5,482	57

Sources:

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

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

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

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

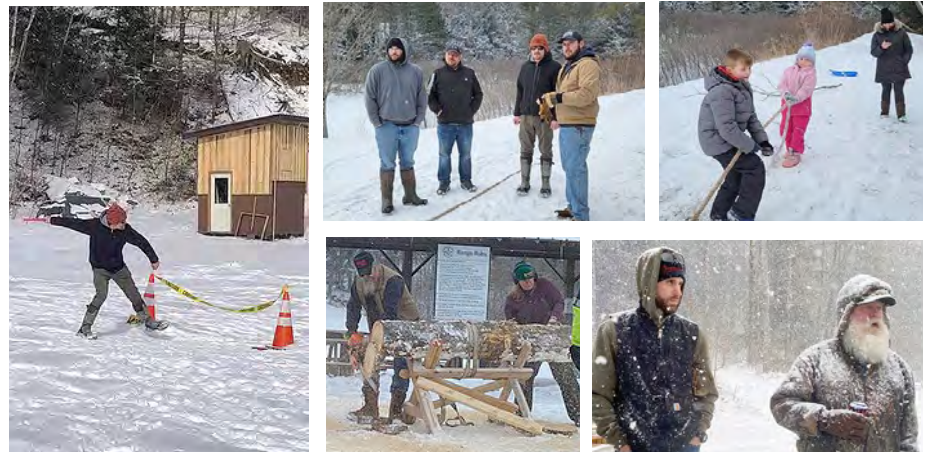
HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND *by Bobbie-Jean Fish*

Hague Winter Weekend went off without a hitch and a great time was had by all!

The first event, always a fan favorite, was the Chainsaw Competition. The winner was Mike Flack, who generously donated a handmade axe for us to raffle off.

The second event was the Winter Axe Toss. Even a heavy snow squall didn't stop the competitors from tossing. Gordon Reebe won the first round and Chris Bezon won the second round.

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Top, left to right: Jake Lawrence tossing the pan; Men's Tug-of-War Winners Colby Hurlbert, Donnie Smith Jr., Jake Lawrence, and Josh Frasier; Kids' Tug-of-War participants Bottom, left to right: Chainsaw winner Mike Flack; Hunter Denno and his grandfather Buck Denno

THE HAGUE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE *by Meg Haskell*

The Hague Polar Bear Plunge in memory of Katy Wells was held on February 20, 2022.

It was a windy cold day, but over 40 brave souls took the plunge to raise money for the Vermont Children's



Left: Jumping in: Max Peterson (colored shorts) Mike Cherubini; Right: Jack Falvey, Dan Teixeira, bottom Claire Falvey, Levi Falvey, Kristina Teixeira

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



On Thursday, April 7, 2022, we will be going to Rosie's Restaurant in Middlebury, VT for lunch and then do some shopping in Middlebury.

We will start collecting for the White Elephant Sale on April 13th, so, if you have something to donate, please contact Maureen Cherubini at 518-543-6463 or me at 518-543-6502. Please do not leave anything on the Hague Community Center porch.

We have canceled our April 14th trip to Lake Placid as the Olympic Center is under construction. ❑



Top: Seniors sleigh ride; Bottom: Seniors at Ice Castle, Lake George, NY

HVFD

by Meg Haskell



For the short month of February, we had 12 fire calls and drills using 108 volunteer hours and six EMS calls. One of our calls involved a person going through the ice. The person was fine, but it was a reminder that the ice on Lake George is not always safe. Please use caution when you are out on the ice!

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual breakfast. Even with the snow, we had a good turnout! We are hoping to do another one in the spring.

Stay safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day! ❑

HAGUE SNO-GOERS

by Tom Haskell

Our next meeting is March 19, 2022 at 9:30 am at the Hague Fish & Game Club at 488 West Hague Rd. We are working on our state grant funding and 70% of the paperwork has been approved. We are waiting on our money from the NY State Parks and Recreation.

All of our trails are currently closed due to rain and warm weather. We are looking at purchasing a new drag, which would help with safety and maintenance of our trails.

We ask that ATVs/UTVs please refrain from going on landowners' properties which have been designated for snowmobile use only from early December to March 31st, which is considered snowmobile season.

We had a great turnout for the Hague Polar Bear Plunge, which we sponsored again this year. We have plunge long-sleeved T-shirts for sale for \$20. All proceeds will go to The Vermont Children's Hospital in Burlington. ❑

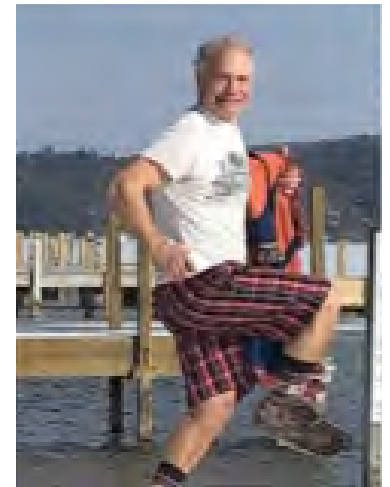
CORRECTION

Our sincere apologies to Edna Middleton Butler and Irene Arsenault Calden for the layout error that combined their two names into one on this year's Memory Tree published in our February 2022 issue. ❑

HAGUE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, CONTINUED

Hospital. This year, over \$3,000 was raised. Anyone wishing to donate in Katy's name can go online to give. Go to <https://www.uvmhealth.org> HERE, to donate.

We would like to give a big thank you to the Patchetts and Trout House Village for the use of their property and to the volunteers of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance on the dock and with traffic control. ❑



Top left: Mr. Polar Bear; Top right: Paul Budd; Bottom: The scene at the Trout House Village beach

HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

GOD BLESS AMERICA

by Maureen Cherubini

Come on out on Saturday, May 28, 2022 and enjoy our Hague Memorial Day Celebration! We'll start with the Family Funfest at the beach beginning at 10 am.

The Hague Memorial Day Parade will be held at 2 pm and it will include a variety of floats, bands, fire trucks, old cars, etc. If anyone wishes to march, have a float in the parade, or be a vendor, please contact me at 518-543-6463 or at mmcherubini@aol.com.



We are seeking all military veterans to march or ride in the parade along with Hague's Memorial Unit. We know our town and surrounding towns have many, many veterans, so please do come to help us out! Uniforms would be great, but are not necessary. Just get in touch with me at the above number or email address.

The Memorial Service will be held right after the parade at the Hague Town Beach. ❏

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND, CONTINUED

We hit the bonfire to warm up, and then moved to the Frying Pan Toss. Mallory McDonald won for the women and Donnie Smith, Jr. won for the guys.

The Men's Tug-of-War was fun to watch, as we had fresh snow on top of the ice. After a back and forth for a bit, Team Smith crushed it. Winners included Donnie Smith, Jr., Colby Hurlbert, Jake Lawrence, Jason Presley, and Josh Frasier.

The Kids' Tug-of-War was cute and their laughs carried across the pond. They were all winners, for sure!

The kids had a blast sliding and getting warm next to the fire, with unlimited popcorn and hot cocoa all day.

The final event was the Auger-in-the-Pond, with Hunter Denno taking first for a second time.

Fireworks kicked off an evening featuring live music by Rich Ortiz. We couldn't have asked for a better end to a very busy day! ❏

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – 2022 by Kathy Santaniello

This year, the Beste Steering Committee again opted not to schedule a formal awards ceremony, but thanks to email and the USPS, the following deserving students did receive their awards:

Madison Fish: Madison is a first-year student at SUNY Potsdam and is a Music Education Major. She is the daughter of Todd and Bobbie-Jean Fish.

Fallon Kennedy Jordan: Fallon is attending North Country Community College and has changed her major to Child and Family Services. She is the daughter of Brian Kennedy and granddaughter of the late Dolly Kennedy. She has also gotten married this past year – congrats, Fallon!

Skye Mason: Skye is attending Siena College, majoring in English. She is the daughter of Mandy Cyphers.

Despite not being able to honor these students at an official awards ceremony this year, the Beste Steering Committee and our community in general are very proud of them and all their accomplishments to date and wish them the very best in all their future studies.

Many thanks also to those who have continued to support the Scholarship Fund with donations over the years. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: "Beste Scholarship Fund," and send to the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

A complete list of donors who have contributed to the Beste Scholarship Fund since April of 2021 will be included in a future issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. ❏



The Hague Town Beach; courtesy of Sandy Powell

PLANNING BOARD - 2/17/2022

(Rescheduled from 2-02-2022)

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

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

The applicant is proposing a five-bedroom house on a vacant lot, which is also in the sewer district. The new construction would be within 100' of the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). The proposed location meets the town code setbacks of 50' from the MHWM, ten feet from side lines and 25' from wetlands. A public hearing was held. A letter against the project was read expressing concern about protecting the shores of Lake George from over development and stated that the lot was deep enough to place the structure 200' from the MHWM. A representative for the applicant indicated no variances are being requested, the structure location was set to avoid the wetlands on the property, and the lot was designated a buildable lot at the time of purchase. All permits have been approved. This lot was previously subdivided as a building lot. The application was unanimously approved with the request that property bounds are clearly marked for the duration of building process.

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

The applicant is proposing a renovation and second-story addition to an existing one-story structure. The new construction would be within 100 feet 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-foot setback from the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). The proposed deck setback would remain unchanged. All other setbacks would also be met. The applicant requested tabling of the application while waiting for results of the Arcady Bay Homeowners Association approval review.

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, respectively. The application was deemed complete and a public hearing was set for the next Planning Board Meeting on March 3, 2022. A site visit was deemed unnecessary.

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, respectively. The public hearing scheduled for March 3rd has been postponed until the April 7th Planning Board Meeting.

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

See details in the Planning Board report for 2-17-2022. This has been tabled until the April 7th Planning Board Meeting.

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

The applicant currently owns two adjoining lots, each with a single-family, non-conforming dwelling. The owners propose removing both existing structures, merging the lots, and constructing a new single-family six-bedroom house within 100 feet of the MHWM, along with a three-car garage, with a second-floor artist's studio and half-bath. Per the request of the applicant, the Planning Board reviewed and provided comments as to the approvability of the proposed project. The board requested 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 board expressed concern about the visual presentation of a house of its size from the lake and the storm water runoff from the proposed driveway. A site visit was set.

TOWN BOARD - 3/8/2022

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

A moment of silence was held for John Brown, Herman Rogg, and Marianna Klein.

A public hearing was held on a request by the Pickerel Bay Association in Huletts Landing to allow placement of buoys in Sunset Bay. Representatives of the association urged approval, as did Councilman Ramant, who said it was a simple request for safety in the bay. Councilman Patchett reiterated his concern that this and other applications for buoys were so that residents of the areas could mark off "their own little areas of the lake." The request was approved.

Donna Wotton, Executive Director of the Ti-Alliance and Hague resident, discussed a new childcare survey. With a serious shortage of childcare throughout the entire North Country, they are seeking to build an accurate picture of the childcare needs of our immediate community. Two goals are to create a new public childcare center open and affordable to all residents, as well as develop more home-based childcare providers. Good data is critical to working on this problem and getting funding to support the effort.

If you or your extended family and friends have children between the ages of infant to 17 yrs, please take the survey

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/24/2022

The February meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was canceled due to a lack of submissions.

PLANNING BOARD - 3/3/2022

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Judy Gourley and Pam Peterson, and Cathy Clark (acting for ZEO Matthew Magee) were present. Meg Haskell was absent. There is one vacancy.

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Charles McDonald (Don) Puckette IV, 83, of Hague and Glenville, NY, peacefully on January 21, 2022, surrounded by his family.



He was born in Ridgewood, NJ and graduated from Ridgewood High School and Lafayette College.

Don spent the first two years following college graduation marrying his high school sweetheart, Gail Benson, working at RCA in Moorestown, NJ, and completing his masters in Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania in 1961.

Following Don's graduation from Penn, he fulfilled his ROTC commitment by serving in the US Army. Upon completion of active duty in 1963, he joined General Electric Heavy Military in Syracuse, where he designed radar and sonar receivers. In 1967, he transferred to the GE Research and Development Center in Niskayuna. He retired from GE in 2000 after 37 years of service with 37 patents, 16 journal publications, and 19 conference papers.

Don loved spending time at Lake George. He and Gail bought a summer home in Hague in 1982 and spent summers with his family boating, swimming, water skiing, camping, and hiking. He was a member of the Silver Bay Association and the Lake George Association.

Don is survived by: his wife, Gail; his sons, Rick (Deb) and David; his daughter, Deb Macaleer; and his eight grandchildren.

DIED: Mary May Sherman, 69, of Hague, on January 22, 2022.



Mary was born in Ticonderoga to George and Ida (Ruth) May. She grew up in

Hague and, after college, made a life for herself in Schenectady. She married James Sherman, Sr. on September 13, 1975 and together they had one daughter, Misty.

After retiring as a title searcher from Gifford Abstract in Schenectady, Mary moved back to her family home in Hague. In October 2021, Mary moved to Long Island to be with her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Mary was predeceased by: her husband, James Sherman, Sr.; parents, George and Ida (Ruth) May; and her brother, George May.

She is survived by: her daughter, Misty Kaczorek (Tim); grandchildren, Keagan and TJ Kaczorek; her daughter-in-law, Cindy; grandsons, Kevin and Scott Sherman; siblings, David May (Nancy), Judy Porter (Walter), Timothy May (Patty), and Valerie Lawrence (Peter); and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A graveside service will take place at the May Memorial Cemetery in Hague at a later date.

DIED: Marie A. Denno Murray, 65, of Hague, NY and Englewood, FL, unexpectedly, on January 24, 2022, at home in FL.



She was the eighth of fifteen children born to Bernard and Anna (Robbins) Denno of Hague.

Marie grew up in Hague and attended Hague Central School. She moved to FL in the late 1970's and loved life there. Yet, she yearned for the Adirondacks and returned each summer with a gusto that left her family and friends in a whirlwind of "whew!"

She was a compassionate, fun-loving, happy soul, who shared her silly antics with everyone she met. With her big smile and happy attitude, she sailed through our lives creating memories we all cherish.

Marie spent her adult years as a "Jackie of all trades," from being a waitress, to a painter's assistant, to a personal home aide for the elderly.

She loved cooking, lawn sales, shopping, fishing, and hanging out with family and friends. Her adoration for her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren shone in her eyes when showing photos of them or just talking about them.

Marie was predeceased by: her parents, Bernard and Anna Denno; her brothers, Robert and Joseph Denno; and her sister, Barbara Denno Tyler.

She is survived by: her daughter, Jessica Gonyea Brown (Keri); six grandchildren, Jayvon, Jaida, and Jahmai Gonyea, Javian Davis, and Janessa, and K'anna Brown; six great-grandchildren (all of Florida); brothers, Bernard Denno (Veronica), Ralph Denno (Heather), and Thomas Denno (Michele) of Hague and Peter Denno (Francie) of Ticonderoga; sisters, Pamela Denno of Florida, Deborah Denno, Michele Gautreau (Tim) of Hague, Mary Osier (Ken) of Ticonderoga, Theresa Gagliardi (Joe) of Glens Falls, Bernadette Fish (Mike) of Arizona, and Maureen Stevens (Wade) of Vermont. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and an aunt.

Services in memory of Marie will be held in FL and in Hague at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please remember Marie by being kind and passing it on.

DIED: Herman O. Rogg, 90, of Goshen, CT and Hague, on February 17, 2022.

Herman, or "Herman the German," as many knew him, was born in Bronx, NY to Hermann F.



Rogg and Mathilda Rominger Rogg, both immigrants from Germany. The family subsequently moved to NJ, where Herman graduated from Union High School. After studying for eight years at night, while maintaining a job six days a week at the Graber-Rogg Tool and Die Shop, Herman graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Newark College of Engineering (NCE). He later became the president and CEO of Graber-Rogg, Inc., which he grew from a small garage

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operation to a major plastic injection molding company in Cranford, NJ.

Herman always had a passion for automobiles and one of his first cars was a 1940 Lincoln Continental convertible that he purchased in 1951. Herman met his wife, Nadine Warner, in 1952. The two courted and later honeymooned at Lake George and Niagara Falls in the Lincoln. The Lincoln remains in the family to this date. Amazingly, the Lincoln became practically a part of the family as it was utilized at their major life's events, including bringing their two children home from the hospital and at weddings. The car has been used for annual vacations touring the United States in antique car caravans with the Classic Car Club of America. Herman went on to collect and restore several other classic cars, though the Lincoln was always his favorite.

Thirty-four years ago, Herman and Nadine purchased a fixer-upper camp in Forest Bay, where they resided every year throughout the spring and summer months. Herman was a brilliant handyman, having the skills to repair or build practically anything. The restoration and remodeling of this home was quite a project. The camp was eventually transformed into the true Adirondack style. Herman also enjoyed tinkering with birch bark, sticks, and twigs, creating decorative items and furniture for the camp.

Herman was always a loving, happy, and generous husband, father, and grandfather.

He was an avid golfer, belonging to Torrington Country Club in CT and the Ticonderoga Country Club.

Herman is survived by: his wife of 67 years, Nadine Rogg; his son, Douglas Rogg; his daughter, Cynthia Baldwin; four grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan Baldwin and Kevin and Stephanie Rogg; and his great-granddaughter, Arianna Checchetto.

Herman's ashes will be interred in Valley View Cemetery in Ticonderoga sometime this summer.

DIED: John M. Brown, Jr., 93, peacefully, in his apartment in

Saratoga Springs, on February 21, 2022, a few weeks short of his 94th birthday.

He was born in New York City to devoted parents John Muir Brown and Gabriella Bacon Brown. A few years later, his parents moved the family to Hastings-on-Hudson, where he and his three brothers went to school.

John went to Cornell University. After his first year, he took a sabbatical to work as a laborer, foreman, and eventually, a director at Alexander Smith Carpet

Company. Three years later, he returned to Cornell to finish his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations, where he met Joanne Burford, the love of his life.

In June 1955, just a few weeks after their graduation from Cornell, John and Joanne were married in Teaneck, NJ and they honeymooned in Silver Bay.

John started his professional life as the Assistant to the Dean of Men at Cornell. He later became Director of Academic Advising at SUNY Binghamton, Harpur College.

In 1962, he earned a Master of Arts at Colgate University, while Joanne taught in a two-room schoolhouse. They returned to Ithaca in July 1962, where he took on the role of Dean of Students at Ithaca College, a position he held for 30 happy years, retiring in 1992.

During his tenure at Ithaca College, he achieved a Doctorate of Education from Cornell in 1969.

Dean Brown hugely enjoyed working with the students at Ithaca College and kept in touch with many of them for years after retiring. By modeling kindness, integrity, and humor, he encouraged his students and those around him to always be the best versions of themselves.

Following his retirement, John and Joanne moved from Ithaca to their summer home in Silver Bay for many happy years in the "North Country."



While Joanne was still working as the Principal of Ticonderoga Elementary School, John threw himself fully into the local community. He delivered Meals on Wheels – delivering to the (in his words) "old folks," long after he surpassed most of them in age. He was an ambulance driver and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Hague, served as a member of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild Committee, and became a deacon of Putnam Presbyterian Church, becoming renowned for making the best coffee cake for the coffee hour that followed the services.

He viewed one of his biggest accomplishments post-retirement, as the founding of "The Poopies" group in Silver Bay. One day, John and his good friend, Kay Barton, were sitting in the Poopies Diner in Glens Falls, when they realized that there were many other locals like themselves, who would enjoy going on interesting cultural excursions together. Having identified this need, John and Kay started "The Poopies," with John taking on the role of "Major Poopie" – often abbreviated, to his eternal amusement, to "Major Poop." They organized outings to concerts, garden tours, theater events, talks, lake cruises, and more. There was always a meal at each event, so people could come together to enjoy one another's company. It was a welcome lifeline for the rural community and remains a thriving social group to this day.

John always said, "Exercise is hazardous for your health," and was a firm believer that "people should sit down and smell the roses." He was continually perplexed by his brood of extremely athletic offspring – although he was always their biggest supporter from the stands and throughout his life.

John was all about family and nurturing. His children always brought him enormous joy: Andrew, Elizabeth, John, Geoffrey, Susan, and Thaddeus (Tad). He loved playing the doting grandfather to his eighteen grandchildren and to his great-grandchild and he was also very close to his entire extended family.

An avid gardener, his summer beds were legendary and he was particularly known for his fabulous zinnias. John was always happiest on his deck, overlooking his

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garden and Lake George, while chatting and laughing with family and friends.

John was a big-hearted, loving, and much-loved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He held a lifelong devotion to education that continued well after his professional life ended and he remained a passionate lifelong volunteer. John cared first and foremost about people, people's stories, and his community.

John was predeceased by: his wife, Joanne; and brothers, Don and Bill.

He is survived by all of his offspring and his brother, Robert ("Uncle Bob" to everyone).

The celebration of his life will take place this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department [HERE](#) or the Silver Bay Association [HERE](#).

DIED: Marianna T. Klein, 92, of Hague and Sykesville, MD, on February 26, 2022, peacefully in her sleep, after a brief struggle with cancer. Her daughter, Christine, was at her side.

She was born and lived in Jackson Heights, NY until her late eighties, when she moved to Maryland.

Marianna worked as a dedicated nursery school teacher for close to 40 years in New York City.

She and her family were summer residents of Hague. She was a long-standing and dedicated member of the Hague Baptist Church and the Hague Senior Club and also a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club for over 50 years.



Marianna will be remembered as a loving mother, devoted wife, and attentive grandmother. Her years spent in Hague held her most cherished memories. She loved to travel, had a large circle of friends, and remained a kind-hearted optimist to the end.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur A. Klein, Jr., in 2019, to whom she was married for 61 years.

She is survived by: her twin daughters, Christine Quinn (John) and Susan Stone (Bruce); and her grandchildren, BJ Stone (Kate), Amy Rossi (Nick), Erik Quinn (Courtney), and Kelsey Quinn (Jeffrey Mercedes).

There is an online memorial for Marianna [HERE](#).

She will be buried at Valley View Cemetery with her husband, Arthur.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Hague Baptist Church by clicking [HERE](#). ▣

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

TOWN BOARD - 3/8/2022, CONTINUED

online at <https://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/challenge-of-childcare> or pick one up at the community center. Your voice is really important. Under Committee Reports, Matt Coffin reported for the Highway Department about a new truck for the Highway Department, new employees, and a possible new working hours structure involving going to a ten-hour day, four days a week. This will be further discussed by the board.

Councilman Bast reported for the Personnel Committee that Cathy Clark, retired ZEO, will be an assistant to the new ZEO for eight hours per week.

There was a long discussion about the location for a proposed bandstand at the Hague Town Park. Councilman Patchett suggested that it should have a craftsman appearance and be in an area where it would not obstruct the

lake view. Councilman Ramant felt the proposal to place it near the lakeside would offer audiences the opportunity to look at the lake instead of at the visitor center. The board passed a resolution to hire grant writer Tracey Clothier to write and submit an "application for a new performance pavilion for the Hague Waterfront Park."

The following members of the Short-Term Rental Committee were appointed: Josh Patchett, Chairman, Christopher Richards, John Macionis, Sandra Rust, Jonathan Smith, William Fritzky, Alice Patchett, Frank Burkle, and Edna Frasier.

Chris Navitsky was appointed to serve on the Sewer Advisory committee to replace the late Jim Beaty.

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

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS



The following activities are happening at Silver Bay YMCA this winter:

- Weekly Yoga in the Fisher Gymnasium Dance Studio on alternating Thursdays and Saturdays
- The Community Dinner and a Movie on the second Thursday of each month. Dinner is \$15 per person. All are welcome!
- March 30, 2022 at 6 pm will be a free Community Game Night in Gullen Lounge, located in the Silver Bay Inn. Cookies and tea will be served and all are welcome!

See the [online activity calendar](#) or [The Breeze](#) for details. ▣

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

It's hard to think about water quality when the world is focused on the events transpiring in Ukraine and a madman in Russia has his finger on the nuclear button. Boy, are we lucky to be living in this country!



But life goes on, and progress is being made on protecting Lake George water quality. The ad hoc Septic Systems Committee of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), which is working to put a framework together for a septic inspection program, has been holding monthly meetings since July. Supported by a technical committee that includes representatives from state agencies, local and county government, businesses and the LGA, as well as professional engineers, the committee fully researched the issues. In December, they presented their proposal to the full LGPC and, in

January, the commissioners voted to move forward with it. Here are some of the key elements of the proposal being considered:

- Properties with septic systems within 500 feet of the Lake George shoreline or within 100 feet of DEC-regulated streams would be impacted. This amounts to about 2,800 properties. Letters have gone out to these property owners for their input and the LGPC staff is responding to questions.
- Inspections would take place every five years, meaning that one-fifth of the properties would be inspected each year.
- Trained inspectors working for the LGPC would be used. This might require two or three seasonal inspectors, plus help from LGPC staff.
- A fee schedule is being worked out, but the affected property owners would likely pay \$50 annually to cover the cost of inspections. Commercial properties would pay double that amount. Properties with holding tanks could have a lower fee schedule since they are easier to inspect.

- If failing or substantially-noncompliant systems are found during an inspection, they would need to be fixed within six months. Substandard systems would need to be replaced before the next inspection.
- Enhanced Treatment Units have their own inspection and maintenance contracts, so inspection by the LGPC would not be needed.
- Public hearings on the proposed regulations are expected in late summer or fall of 2022. Final regulations would be implemented in 2023, if the regulatory process is completed on schedule.

The minutes from past Septic Committee Meetings can be found on the LGPC website at <https://lgpc.ny.gov/septic-systems>. There, you will also find FAQs about the septic program, as well as dates of future meetings.

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

BASKETBALL COURT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held to mark the completion of Monty Benedict's Basketball Court Eagle Scout Project. The event was hosted by the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) with the Boy Scouts, the Town of Ticonderoga, and several other local organizations.

This project renovated and revitalized the Downtown Ticonderoga basketball courts. Monty accomplished this with local scouts, Boy Scout Leader Corinna Woods, Monty's family, the Town of Ticonderoga, volunteers, community members, Brian and Rachel Little, the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership, the Kiwanis Club, as well as other organizations and community members.



The ribbon cutting was an opportunity to thank Monty for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Ticonderoga community. Monty led by example, invested in the community, and showed that everyone can make a positive impact. ▣

Eagle Scout Monty Benedict cuts the ribbon for the renovated basketball courts. With him were his family members, local scouts and leaders, representatives from the Town of Ticonderoga, the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership, and TACC.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 10TH ANNUAL LAKE GEORGE HIKE-A-THON

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will celebrate the tenth year of its flagship event, the Lake George Hike-a-Thon, on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Early-bird registration for the event opened at 8 am on Monday, March 7th and will continue until March 31st, during which time free event t-shirts are offered with registration. Special edition anniversary tie-dye shirts are also available for purchase.

The Hike-a-Thon is a free, watershed-wide event that has included nearly 700 hikers, paddlers and volunteers each year in an organized morning of guided outdoor recreation. The simultaneous hikes and paddles culminate with aerial photography of each group by Carl Heilman, II, who will once again be flying in a helicopter donated and piloted by Bruce Mowery of North Country HeliFlite.

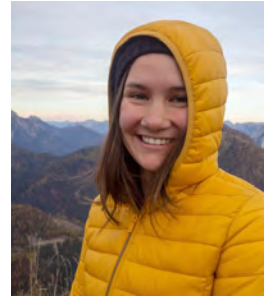
This year's event includes 21 hiking and paddle options at sites all around Lake George. Site difficulty ranges from the very challenging, six-mile round-trip hike at Pole Hill Pond Preserve, to the drivable Prospect Mountain. The paddle offering will launch from the Northwest Bay Boat Launch; kayaks and experienced guides are being provided by the Council for Prevention. The choice to participate virtually is also still available.

After the morning of excursions are finished, participants and community guests are invited to come to the Hike-a-Thon's After-Party at the Bolton Community Center from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Food and drinks will be available to purchase from Ty's Taco-ria food truck and The Smoothie Shoppe, and free beer and soda will be donated by Adirondack Pub and Brewery. The After-Party will also have activities for kids and adults, sponsor booths, merchandise, and prizes and giveaways. There will be special prizes for those who have participated in the Hike-a-Thon for all 10 years, and more.

"This is such an exciting event to be looking forward to after yet another difficult year," said LGLC

CASELLA IS LGLC FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS MANAGER

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has announced the addition of Giulia Casella as the organization's fundraising and events manager. Casella will be leading the LGLC's events, which strengthen relationships and educate supporters about the importance of land protection work in maintaining Lake George's water quality and preserving the character of the Lake George region. She will also assist with year-round fundraising efforts that will enable the LGLC to protect the land that protects the lake.



She graduated from SUNY Binghamton with degrees in Environmental Studies and Economics.

Casella said, "I have always dreamed of being able to do meaningful work close to home and I couldn't think of a better way to do so than joining the Lake George Land Conservancy. It is an honor to be a part of such a passionate organization that has accomplished so much to protect the Lake George region."

Ms. Casella lives in Queensbury, where she enjoys spending time outdoors, gardening, hiking, yoga, and rock climbing. ■

LGA HAS NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Tyra Lundgren MacGuffie is the new Director of Development for the Lake George Association (LGA). She was a 1985 graduate of Glens Falls Senior High School. She grew up spending summers on the lake at a Rt. 9L camp that dates back to 1845 and was purchased by her grandparents, the late Thor and Donna Lundgren, in 1950. She now co-owns the camp with other family members.



"I am thrilled to join the LGA at a time when it is poised for tremendous growth and a significant acceleration of its lake-protection capabilities," Ms. MacGuffie said. "I am excited to be a part of an organization that has a mission I am passionate about, in a community that I respect and care for deeply, and where I feel I can make a significant contribution."

"If you have spent any significant time on Lake George, you are constantly in awe of its beauty," she added. "Some see it with their eyes, but most of us, especially those who have lived here, feel it in our hearts. We drink the water, so quite literally, it is a part of us. That beauty, both on the surface and below, is what I want to help preserve for my children and generations to come."

LGA President Eric Siy said, "Every time you talk with her, Tyra's love of Lake George is as clear as the lake itself. It's a love she shares with the LGA's leading supporters and partners and I look forward to working with her to take our development program to new levels of success, as now needed for the sustainable protection of our lake." ■

Communications and Outreach Manager Sarah Hoffman.

"We're excited to provide this opportunity to get outside, in a safe, social setting, and share a lake-wide experience with hundreds of others who love and care for this special place."

To register and for more information visit <https://lakegeorgehikeathon.org/>, contact Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673, or email shoffman@lgc.org. For news and updates, follow the Hike-a-Thon on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LakeGeorgeHikeAThon/>. ■

TACC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10, 2022

The 20th Annual Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be held Friday, June 10, 2022 at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley, so save that date now. The theme will be "A Night at the Races."

TACC is currently seeking monetary contributions, auction items, or a combination of the two from sponsors. They have the following sponsorship levels available:

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

They ask that all donations/ sponsorships be received by May 27th. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the TACC office in



Downtown Ticonderoga during normal business hours. Arrangements can also be made to have contributions picked up.

All sponsors will receive recognition for their level of contribution during the evening and after the event in a variety of ways. Click on the links below for details.

[Sign Up To Be A Sponsor & RSVP](#)

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[2022 Annual Fundraiser Sponsorship Levels](#)

[2022 Annual Fundraiser Sponsorship Pledge Form](#)

For more information, contact TACC at 518-585-6619 or www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT SILVER BAY

Dozens of high school students from Bolton, Minerva, Newcomb, North Warren, Johnsburg, Ticonderoga, and Queensbury gathered at Silver Bay YMCA in early February for the restart of the YMCA's Youth and Government Program. It is a national YMCA program that gives students the opportunity to learn about and experience government policies and methodologies firsthand.

More than sixty students from seven area high schools took part in the model government program. They wrote briefs, prepared bills, and participated in debates.

"It was wonderful to have the district Youth and Government delegates here," said Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center CEO Peter Doliber. "It is encouraging to know our future as a democracy is in such capable hands." ▣

TI-ALLIANCE AWARDS FIRST STUART FAMILY ENTREPRENEURS LOAN

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has awarded the first Stuart Family Entrepreneurs Loan from its Entrepreneurs Fund to the Silver Bay General Store in Hague. Owners Paul and Joanne Budd will use the loan to expand their inventory and offerings for the coming summer season.

The loan is named for the family of William and Helen Stuart, who donated the money to the Entrepreneurs Fund.

Ti-Alliance welcomes the Budds to the community and to the Ti-Alliance "family" and congratulates them on their successful business transition.

For more information about Ti-Alliance and the Entrepreneurs Fund, visit the official website at www.ticonderoga-alliance.org. ▣



Ti-Alliance Executive Director Donna Wotton and Paul Budd

TI-ALLIANCE CHILDCARE SURVEY

Skilled and reliable childcare is one of the biggest challenges to the residents and employers of the North Country. By federal and state standards, it is considered a childcare "desert." According to a November 2021 survey done by the Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country, Ticonderoga and

the surrounding communities have just **one slot for every six children** that need childcare. Some 78% of households experience work issues due to childcare challenges and 50% of employers state their ability to hire and/or retain employees is negatively affected by the lack of childcare.

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance and Ticonderoga Central Schools are asking that anyone with children ages infant to 17 or who has family members with children take the Childcare Survey at <https://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/challenge-of-childcare>. It is anonymous and takes less than five minutes to complete.

The survey will help establish our community's needs for "kid slots," age groups, convenience, scheduling, and more.

For more information, visit www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/challenge-of-childcare. ▣

FORT WELCOMES NEW TALENT TO THE TEAM

Fort Ticonderoga has announced the hiring of three new team members.

"As we prepare for the next decade and to meet the increased need in all areas of operation, Fort Ticonderoga is thrilled to welcome these new team members who bring passion, experience, and talent to our museum," said Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth L. Hill. "They join their colleagues in a strong commitment to serve Fort Ticonderoga's mission of preservation and education at an exceptionally important time as Fort Ticonderoga reaches for audacious institutional goals coinciding with the national 250th commemoration of the American War for independence."

Colleen Richards, who was recently named Fort Ticonderoga Director of Finance, has more than 25 years of experience in non-profit finance and accounting, most recently serving as the Director of Accounting for the Diocese of Springfield Massachusetts.

Nicholas Fitzgerald is a longtime member of the Fort Ticonderoga team, having served as a fifer in the Fife and Drum Corps, a museum exhibitions guide, a member in the Collections Department, and an associate in the Museum's Welcome Center. He will now be the Guest Service and Retail Manager. He graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in History and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire in 2021.

Colleen Henty comes to Fort Ticonderoga as the Director of Development after an extensive career on the West Coast, working in all avenues of production for the corporate and nonprofit events industry. She is an experienced communicator, project planner, and relationship builder with over 25 years of involvement in curated and custom crafted audience experiences, event management, and strategic campaigns. She holds bachelor degrees in Visual Arts and Archaeology from UC San Diego, and recently completed a Professional Fundraising Certificate from Boston University. ▣



Top to bottom: Colleen Richards, Nicholas Fitzgerald, and Colleen Henty

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga's popular wintertime Fort Fever Series has returned in 2022. On March 23, 2022 at 7 pm, "President Taft Comes to Ticonderoga" will be presented via ZOOM.



President William Howard Taft came to Fort Ticonderoga on July 6, 1909, as part of the Champlain Tercentenary Celebrations. Thousands flocked to the Ticonderoga peninsula to see the president and to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival in 1609 on the lake that bears his name.

Director of Academic Programs Rich Strum will explain the preparation leading up to the event, the day's festivities, and the route Taft took to arrive in time for the celebration.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at www.fortticonderoga.org. Admission is free to Fort Ticonderoga members. For more information, call 518-585-2821. ▣

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast loin of pork 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, March 25, 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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MARCH

APRIL

13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	7	Seniors to Rosie's Restaurant
17	St. Patrick's Day	7 pm	Planning Board
19 9:30 am	Hague Sno-Goers meeting	11	Deadline for the April issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
23 7 pm	Fort Fever Series – "When President Taft Came to Ti"	12 6 pm	Town Board
24 7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	13	Seniors start collecting for their White Elephant Sale
25 4:30 pm	Mason/Star Roast Loin of Pork Dinner	17	EASTER SUNDAY
30 6 pm	Community Game Night at Silver Bay	18	TAX DAY
31	Hike-a-Thon Early-Bird Registration ends	20	Latest the April issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> will be published

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