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PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact his office at 518-543-6161 to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

Senior Citizens' Exemption: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions:

County \$29,000 (Incl. sliding scale)
School \$22,000 (Incl. sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms were sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

Enhanced STAR Exemption: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with a household income less than \$93,200. This exemption renews automatically each year for those already enrolled in the Income Verification Program.

New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online at www.tax.ny.gov/star/ or by calling 518-457-2036.

Basic STAR Exemption: Primary residence homeowners with an annual income below \$500,000. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year. New applicants should apply for the STAR credit program online at www.tax.ny.gov/star/ or by calling 518-457-2036.

Veterans' Exemption: Primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The filing deadline is March 1, 2025. ▣

LGLC PURCHASES LAND IN GLENBURNIE

On November 22, 2024, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) purchased 86 acres, marking the completion of a conservation project that will permanently protect 93 acres of land in and around Glenburnie.

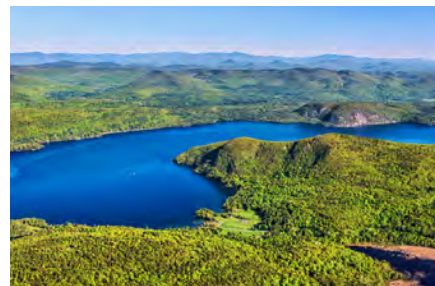


Photo courtesy of Carl Heilman II

Thanks to this acquisition, these protected lands, stretching from Anthony's Nose to Sucker Brook, will remain the beautiful and healthy forests, wetlands, and ridges that can be seen today from the lake and from the Hague shoreline, as well as from existing and future trails. ▣

INCOME TAX PREP FOR TAX YEAR 2024

Again this year, local AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will prepare federal and state income tax returns free of charge to taxpayers.

Certified volunteers will prepare returns by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm from Tuesday, February 4, 2025 until Thursday, April 10, 2025. Those interested should call 518-543-6366 to schedule a free tax preparation appointment.

Last year, for tax year 2023, the Hague AARP Tax-Aide program prepared over 300 returns for local taxpayers.

This free tax preparation program started for tax year 2005 and prepares federal and state returns for taxpayers in Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and surrounding areas at no charge to the taxpayers. There is no age or income limit and you don't have to be a member of AARP to receive this service.

The volunteers look forward to seeing you! ▣

SAC UPDATE

by Jack Bast

The Hague community remains committed to improving education and advocating for a fair school tax system. Here's an update on our situation.

School Board of Education (BoE)

Electing Hague advocate Donna Wotton to the School Board in 2024 was a key achievement. Three BoE seats will be open in May 2025 — let's work to elect another Hague representative.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had our Christmas party on December 3, 2024 and everyone had a great time. At the party, Peter and Sue Maltese won the Money Tree and Jan Olcott won the 50/50.

The Seniors of the Year are Tom and Charlene Schaffer. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Special congratulations to Charlene, who is on the board of *The Hague Chronicle* and serves as our treasurer!)

We'll kick off 2025 with our Annual International Dinner on January 9, 2025, at 4:30 pm at the community center or at the fire department. Please bring a dish to share.

Then, on January 16th, we'll have game night at Pat's house, followed by our January meeting on January 28th at 1:30 pm at the fire department. ▣



WARREN COUNTY ROADS BRINED

Brining the roads in Warren County when snow and ice is expected is cheaper and friendlier than the previous method of spreading rock salt and/or sand after bad weather starts.

Hague residents can expect to see faint white lines on the local roads the day before a winter storm is forecast because the pavement has been covered with saltwater brine.

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



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



HVFD had seven Fire calls, three EMS assists, and four training drills for 74 volunteer hours. EMS had seven EMS calls and one transport, with one training drill for 43 volunteer and paid hours.

We had our annual elections as follows: Chief - David Snow; 1st Assistant Chief - Patrick Scoville; 2nd Assistant Chief - Nathan Swinton; Captain - Adam Debuque; 1st Lt. - Michael Nyisalosky; 2nd Lt - Rick Myers

EMS Captain - Donna Trudeau; Assistant Captain - Terrie Davis; Med Lt. - Craig Bateman

President - Kelly McCoy; Treasurer - Steve Fleischhacker; Secretary - Terrie Davis

Board of Directors - Jon Hanna, Bill Wells, Bill Fritz, Patrick Scoville, Maria Waters, Shawn Perry, Donna Trudeau

Our annual Polar Plunge and Chili Cook-off will be February 16th. Registration is at 1:30 pm at the Trout House dock for the 2 pm plunge. Plungers will get shirts and decals.

The chili cook-off and entertainment will follow at the fire department. ▣

SAC UPDATE, CONTINUED

Interested candidates can contact me at jackbast@nycap.rr.com .

Despite repeated requests, BoE meetings are not yet live-streamed. BoE Chair Mark Russell stated on November 23rd that there are "no foreseeable plans" for streaming but acknowledged it remains under consideration. SAC continues to push for accessibility while urging Hague residents to attend meetings and actively voice concerns.

PILOT Agreements

Hague's requests for involvement in future Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements, which impact school taxes, have been largely dismissed. SAC has reviewed existing agreements, identifying unfavorable terms for Hague and Ticonderoga taxpayers. These findings are detailed in a draft White Paper under review by the Hague Town Board. Residents can request a copy from me at jackbast@nycap.rr.com .

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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST “SHOW & TELL”

Do you have an interesting artifact in your basement, attic, garage, or some other room in your house that you’d like to share with others? Maybe it’s something with a related story. Or maybe it’s a piece that you have wondered about, asking yourself every time you see it, “What the heck is this?” You’re in luck!

The Hague Historical Society’s Show & Tell evening on March 19, 2025 at 7 pm in the community center is your opportunity to show others what you have and/or to see if anyone knows what it is. This will be the perfect antidote for cabin fever.

At a similar event held in 2024, people showed up with a wide variety of items including photos, a painting, a letter, a few items from a Hague restaurant, some dwarfs, and a number of objects that kept us all guessing.

The good news is that, by the end of the evening, we had figured out what all of the mystery objects were – with a little help from Google Lens. And the other good news is that we all had a great time listening to stories and playing guessing games.

If all this is not enough to entice you to start looking around for something to share, come for the refreshments.

We know that March is still a couple months away, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to search for what you want to show and tell us about. ❑

FREE SEMINAR ON OSTEOPOROSIS

On Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 1 – 3 pm, the Adirondack Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a free seminar on osteoporosis entitled *Osteoporosis: Diagnosis, Risk Factors, Prevention, and Treatment*. It will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 8 West Notre Dame Street in Glens Falls.

The speaker, D. Lee Alekel, PhD, retired from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where he served as Program Director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases, overseeing the Osteoporosis and Metabolic Disorders of Bone Portfolio. He also served as Program Director of Women’s Health at the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health.

He is a retired faculty member from Iowa State University, where he focused on preventing osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease in women.

The seminar is *free* and open to the public; please register by January 10, 2025, at Osteoporosis Program Register [HERE](#).

For further information, contact Lee Alekel at leealekel@gmail.com or Connie Bosse at conniebosse0@gmail.com. ❑

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION PODCASTS

As we mentioned last month, the Lake George Association (LGA) has launched a new podcast series.

Current episodes feature an interview with LGA Board Chair Dr. John Kelly III, as well as information from the experts about the LGA’s Lake Impact Fund grant program, the Lake George Park Commission’s septic inspection program, and what stormwater runoff means for the lake. Click [HERE](#) to listen. ❑

LGLC OPEN HOUSE

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites everyone to stop in and say hello during its annual open house on January 23, 2025, from 2 – 4 pm.

Guests will meet the LGLC staff, eat some treats, and learn about new projects in the works. RSVPs are not needed.

The office is located at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing. ❑

SAC UPDATE, CONTINUED

SAC remains committed to securing equitable agreements.

School Taxes

Hague’s 56% share of the school tax levy is driven mainly by NYS laws. The BoE has not yet fully shared the limits of its control of the apportionment. Significant relief requires legislative changes. SAC, as a member of the Rural Schools Association of NY, is exploring coalitions with other rural districts to address common challenges and gain power. Advocacy with NYS Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyperson Matt Simpson will be crucial.

Improving education quality is a priority. Of 658 NYS districts, Ticonderoga Central School District (Ti CSD) ranks 439 in math, 480 in reading, and 527 in science, lagging behind Bolton (109) and Lake George (49) in math, and (96) and (49) in reading respectively.

Together, we can secure better education for our children and a fairer school tax system. To better represent Hague families, SAC plans to survey parents with children currently or recently enrolled in Ti CSD. Hague parents should contact me. ❑

HAGUE FIRST-QUARTER HONOR ROLL

- Grade 1:** High Honors: Charleigh McLaughlin
- Grade 4:** High Honors: Jackson Porter
Honors: Elizabeth Gargan
- Grade 5:** Honors: Liam Scoville
- Grade 6:** 100 Club and High Honors: Noah Mydlarz
Honors: Colten Andersen
- Grade 7:** Second Honors: Marcelo Maltese
- Grade 8:** First Honors: Elena DeFranco
- Grade 9:** First Honors: Wyatt Barnes and James DeFranco
- Grade 10:** First Honors: Zebulon Denno and Brady Mydlarz
- Grade 11:** Second Honors: Brady Kennedy
- Grade 12:** First Honors: Thalliah Bessette and Alyssa Mydlarz

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 11/21/2024

PLANNING BOARD - 12/5/2024

Present were Robert Goetsch, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, Jon Hanna, and Tina Barth-King via ZOOM. Also Present were Ed Kirchberger, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO); Alane Vogel, Alternate; Richard Rosselli; Alexandra Finocchio, attorney for the Sisca family; and Kathy Santaniello, Recording Secretary. Andrea Sisca attended via ZOOM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ROSSELLI (93.16-1-6) 92 SABBATH DAY POINT ROAD (TR1)

Zoning Issue: 160-50 B (b) {1} Shorelines

The applicant proposed additions to the mudroom and screened porch, interior modifications, window replacements, siding, roof, and driveway updates, as well as garage alterations. Goetsch invited public comment and Rosselli summarized the project and addressed ZBA criteria. No opposition was heard.

SISCA (76.20-1-3.1) 8 SILVER BAY ROAD REGARDING CUNNINGHAM (76.20-1-32) 4 SILVER BAY ROAD

The applicant challenged the ZEO's decision to conditionally release a stop-work order for a neighbor regarding excavation. Finocchio argued that the release was premature. Sisca supported the arguments via ZOOM. No opposition was heard.

The public hearings were closed at 7:30 pm and the meeting moved to regular business.

OLD BUSINESS

ROSSELLI (93.16-1-6) 92 SABBATH DAY POINT ROAD (TR1)

After discussion of stormwater management improvements, a motion was made and approved unanimously (5-0) to grant the variance, with conditions as outlined by Rosselli.

SISCA (76.20-1-3.1) 8 SILVER BAY ROAD REGARDING CUNNINGHAM (76.20-1-32) 4 SILVER BAY ROAD

The board upheld the ZEO's decision to conditionally release the stop-work order, citing the importance of addressing the dangerous situation. The motion carried 4-1 (Barth-King).

NEW BUSINESS

CUNNINGHAM (OXFORD COTTAGE) 4 SILVER BAY ROAD (TR1)

The applicant challenged a ZEO stop-work order regarding failure to remove plumbing and accessory dwelling use. A public hearing will be held during the ZBA meeting currently scheduled for December 26, 2024. The motion passed 3-2 (Navitsky and Barth-King)

LAPOINTE (24-1-41) 9126 GRAPHITE MOUNTAIN ROAD (OCII)

The applicant requested a variance for a porch too close to the property line. A public hearing was scheduled with a condition for a more detailed site plan. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

STOOHS (60.17-1-21) 1 BURDICK LANE (TR1R)

The applicant sought variances for a 6' x 30' addition and a 23' x 25' covered deck. A public hearing was scheduled. The motion carried unanimously (5-0). Site visits for LaPointe and Stoohs were scheduled for December 3, 2024 at 3 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board agreed to start meetings at 6 pm in the future. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 19th, at 6 pm. ■

Present were Chairman Pamela Peterson, Board Members Judy Gourley, Edna Frasier, Sandra Powell, and Meg Haskell (via ZOOM). Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

ZONING ISSUES

BOSCO - 28 Friends Point South

The applicant proposed constructing a new lakeside stone patio and replacing timber steps with stone steps. The project requires a variance due to development within 100 feet of the lake and a shoreline setback of less than 50 feet. Following a site visit on November 13, 2024, the board deemed the application complete. A positive recommendation was made to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with conditions to strengthen the shoreline buffer with native plants and ensure the retaining wall does not exceed four feet in height. The motion carried unanimously.

VISCARDI - 7 Viewpoint Road

The applicant proposed a second-floor bump-out for a reading nook as part of a larger renovation project. The bump-out will be cantilevered with no ground disturbance and is 77 feet from the lake. Following a site visit on November 13, 2024, the board approved the application with no conditions, citing minimal impact. The motion carried unanimously.

ROSSELLI - 92 Sabbath Day Point Road

The applicant sought approval for modifications to their property, including stormwater improvements and additional native plantings. The board approved the site plan with no additional conditions, justifying the decision based on reduced lot coverage and improved stormwater management. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

LAPOINTE - 9126 Graphite Mountain Road

The applicant requested a variance to add a covered porch and attached garage, with the porch encroaching on the sideline setback. Following a site visit, the board deemed the application complete and issued a positive recommendation to the ZBA. The motion passed 4-1 (Powell).

STOOHS - One Burdick Lane

The applicant proposed a home addition and a covered deck requiring a variance for encroachment on the front yard setback. After a site visit, the board referred the project to the ZBA with conditions, including maintaining the garage as a garage, addressing stormwater runoff, and restricting access from the deck to the second floor of the detached garage. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board discussed changing the meeting time to 6 pm starting in January 2025 to align with other town boards. ZEO Kirchberger thanked Edna Frasier for her service on the Planning Board as she transitions to the Town Board. Chairman Peterson announced that Sandra Powell will serve as chairman in 2025, with Peterson as deputy chairman. ■

TOWN BOARD - 12/10/2024

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Maureen Cherubini, and Chris Richards. Martin Fitzgerald was absent. Also present were Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Fiallo and 11 community members. Sixteen attendees joined via ZOOM.

A moment of silence was observed for Dan Steitz.

RECOGNITIONS

Patchett recognized outgoing Martin Fitzgerald for his years of service to the town and surrounding communities. He also acknowledged Chris Richards for his contributions to the STR local law and noted Richards' ongoing roles with the Planning and Zoning Board Committee and Community and Visitor Center Committee.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Comments included inquiries about holiday decorations, the supervisor's weekly hours, employee timecards, and 2025 budget details. Appreciation was expressed for efforts to generate revenue through investments. The 2025 budget was noted as finalized but open to modifications in 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative: Patchett reported on the ongoing transition to .gov emails. Tax payments will remain on the townofhague.org site for now.

Buildings & Grounds: Cherubini noted the need to replace the clock in the meeting room.

Highway: Fiallo highlighted grants for stormwater control and reminded residents to drive safely in snowplow conditions. The board expressed gratitude for the department's work.

Museum & Historian: DeLarm Rypkema stated that they received a new fireproof cabinet. Ginger Henry Kuenzel reported that 2025 will focus on the "Cave." If anyone has memories to share to please contact the Hague Historical Society.

Personnel: Bast reported open positions include Planning Board Alternate, Transfer Station Employee, Animal Control Officer, and School Advisory Committee Members. Interested individuals should apply promptly. ZEO Clerk Denise Gugumuck will handle payroll during the bookkeeper's maternity leave.

Sewer Districts: Bast reported appeals for sewer connection extensions were granted. Discussions on a generator for the Cape Cod Village Pump Station are ongoing. Communication continues regarding EDU assessments.

Planning/Zoning: Cherubini reported a monthly report was provided and fee schedule updates will be reviewed.

Technology: Bast reported progress continues on the domain transfer to HagueNY.gov. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the town email list.

School Advisory Committee:

The Ticonderoga Central School District has declined to live-stream Board of Education meetings despite Hague's Resolution #96. BoE Chair Mark Russell cited "multiple reasons" and noted the issue is still under review. SAC continues advocating for transparency.

Hague's Resolution #91 for involvement in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements received little support from Ticonderoga and the school district. SAC found current agreements disadvantage Hague and Ticonderoga taxpayers. For details, contact jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

SAC members Linda Fusco and Beth Barton-Navitsky attended the RSANY Winter Conference to explore rural district challenges. Insights will be shared at SAC's December 12th meeting.

With Donna Wotton elected to the School Board, SAC aims to elect another Hague representative in 2025 and improve education quality. Ticonderoga CSD ranks 439th out of 658 NYS districts, trailing Bolton and Lake George. SAC seeks parent input at jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

The next school board meeting is Tuesday, December 17th, at 6 pm. Hague residents are encouraged to attend and support these efforts.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Community and Visitor Center Committee meeting will be held on December 11, 2024 at 10:30 am.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2025 fee schedule for Planning and Zoning was adopted.
- Resignations from Planning Board members Edna Frasier and Meg Haskell and Zoning Board alternate Alane Vogel were accepted.
- Alane Vogel and Henry Friedman were appointed to the Planning Board, effective January 1, 2025.
- Chris Richards was appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective January 1, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board granted a three-year extension for two property owners to connect to the sewer system, with compliance required by December 31, 2027 or upon system failure.

The Annual Breakfast with Santa/Christmas Party will be held on December 21, 2024.

The board entered executive session at 7:35 pm and returned at 8:02 pm. A motion was passed to compensate the acting judge \$1,000 per month. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Jason Tylor Thomas, 52, of Killington, VT and formerly of Putnam Station, suddenly, on December 12, 2024.



Born in Middlebury, VT, he was the son of Jeanette L. (Cummings) LaPointe and the late Henry A. Thomas.



Jason was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a graduate of Ticonderoga High School and North Country Community College with a degree in Computer Science. He was recently ordained as a minister.

Jason loved to cook and was employed as a cook at the Rivershed Restaurant in Killington.

He was an avid Yankees fan and loved cars. Jason's greatest enjoyment was being a dad and spending time with his kids. He also enjoyed fishing with Heidi and hunting.

He was predeceased by his father, Henry Thomas, and his stepfather, John LaPointe.

Survivors include his: mother, Jeanette LaPointe; fiancée, Heidi DePaul; two sons, Riley Thomas and Ross Thomas; daughter, Raegan Thomas; three stepsons, Timothy Rogers, Ryan Rogers, and Damon Rogers; two sisters, Kim Coffin (Matt) and Desiree LaPointe, and one stepbrother Tom LaPointe (Judy), all of Hague: sister Chantel Thomas (Cindy); step-brother

Chris LaPointe (Charlotte); and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Interment with military honors will take place in the spring at the family plot of the Meadow Knoll Cemetery of Putnam Station.

DIED: Linda Berthelsen Mury, 77, of Hague, suddenly, on December 14, 2024.

It was with devastating sadness and profoundly broken hearts that Linda's family announced the sudden passing of its cherished Gramma, Nana, wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, and friend.



Linda was born in Teaneck, NJ, the daughter of Harry and Edith (Anderson) Berthelsen.

She served on the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals, was a past President of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of the Hague Senior Citizens Club and the Carillon Garden Club.

Full of vibrancy and life, Linda left too soon. Those who knew her adored her, and to have her in their lives was to know the gift of love.

Linda is reunited with her parents, her beloved husband, Ray, and her daughter, Jennifer Tomczak.

She is survived by her: two sons, James Mury and William Mury; granddaughter, Gillian Mury; and many family members and friends who cherished her.

Due to the timing and suddenness of her passing, the family has decided to

have services in the spring, when it will celebrate the remarkable life she led.

The family appreciates the community's understanding and promises to honor her with a proper send off when the time comes. ▣

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC) is accepting registrations for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years old. Applications are available at silverbay.org/youth-development/ and can be turned in to the TCELC.

The TCELC is providing much-needed childcare to Ticonderoga and surrounding areas.



Additionally, meals are provided for children enrolled at the TCELC. Financial assistance is available in the form of a sliding scale or subsidy.

For more information, contact Jackie Palandrani at jpalandrani@silverbay.org. ▣

HAIKU

by dl mattila

less and less
of the woodpile
north wind ▣

TICONDEROGA SCHOOL PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

The community is invited to the Ticonderoga High School planetarium's presentation, *The Winter 2025 Sky*, on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 2 pm. The school is at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga.

Ticonderoga Junior/Senior High School Earth Science Teacher Joe Defayette's, presentation will preview upcoming celestial events appearing in the Adirondack sky, and will include an introduction to the telescope, the key constellations of winter and where they appear in the sky, planetary highlights, and information about meteor showers.

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NEW NAME FOR BLUEGRASS IN HEAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Silver Bay YMCA's bluegrass festival, Bluegrass in Heaven, is undergoing a rebrand to open the festival up to more people who enjoy the genres that fall into the mountain music category, such as Americana and folk. The festival will now be known as *Silver Bay's Mountain Music Festival*.

"The original name of the festival, we came to realize, was unintentionally more limiting than the music this festival could represent. The new name allows us to expand our offerings in order to be as inclusive as possible," said Silver Bay YMCA's VP of Sales and Marketing Lindsey Butler.

In addition to the new name, the festival is sporting the new logo seen to the right.

Silver Bay's bluegrass festival originated in 2023, with the planning for it starting in 2022. "Terry Baker originally came to us with the idea for the bluegrass festival," stated Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter R. Doliber.

"He came up with the idea as a way to bring bluegrass music to the area and to help Silver Bay attract more guests at a time of year that is traditionally slower. We are grateful that Terry entrusted us with this project and cannot wait to see the festival grow and prosper for years to come, while hopefully creating some new bluegrass fans while we are at it!"

Silver Bay's Mountain Music Festival is set to take place September 12 - 14, 2025. The lineup for the festival will be announced and tickets will go on sale in 2025.

"Although the name of the festival might be new, the purpose and goals of the festival remain the same: to unite people through music while enjoying the breath-taking scenery and facilities Silver Bay YMCA has to offer," Doliber concluded.

More information about the lineup for Silver Bay's Mountain Music Festival, ticket pricing, and lodging options will be announced soon.

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA, visit silverbay.org. ▣

SILVER BAY YMCA TOWN HALL

A Silver Bay Town Hall Meeting will be held in person and virtually on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. It will be in the William Boyd Center Conference Room at 87 Silver Bay Road.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- hear updates on all things Silver Bay.
- ask questions about issues of importance to them.

To join online, go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81317132855?> The password is WcSQkCxcg2z9wjtEJ1ksGU4zbZ8xHFK.1. The meeting ID is 813 1713 2855. The passcode is 072546. ▣

TICONDEROGA SCHOOL PLANETARIUM, CONTINUED

Winter is an exciting time to stargaze; there are plenty of visible planets and beautiful constellations to explore under the clear skies of the season.

Space is limited for the planetarium show. To register, send an email to Linda Fusco at lindafuscohd@gmail.com or call or text 914-380-2130. Please include the number of people you are planning to bring, your email address, and your phone number. ▣

SILVER BAY YMCA AWARDED PEARSALL FOUNDATION GRANT

Silver Bay YMCA has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Glenn & Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation to provide emergency housing for families in need, including meals and access to support counseling.



Photo courtesy of Silver Bay YMCA

So far this year, Silver Bay has had 126 nights of emergency housing stays, which is valued at \$30,770.30.

Silver Bay YMCA's VP of Development and Government Relations Walt Lender stated, "From time-to-time individuals and families find themselves in the unfortunate circumstance of not having a safe place to live, whether due to house fires, floods, domestic violence, frozen pipes, or illness. Not all families have adequate insurance coverage or family support networks to turn to when seeking emergency housing. Other community programs are not always available to assist, and are not always dignified solutions. There is great need in the North Country for families and individuals in displaced housing situations to have access to a safe place to be."

The Glenn & Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for year-round residents of the Adirondack Park. For the 2024-2025 grant cycle they received 80 applications and granted \$104,681.

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA or to help support this program visit silverbay.org. ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young

The Hague Chronicle – January 1975 (50 years ago!)

“CHRONICLE BEGINS FOURTH YEAR”

With this issue we begin our fourth year of publication. We have sincerely tried to be non-political, non-partisan, and factual. Opinions, when expressed, have been clearly labeled as such. There are those who have found fault with some of the things we have said, but the many letters and calls we have received commending us for our efforts, have encouraged us to continue.

The Chronicle is sent free-of-charge to all year-round residents of the Town of Hague and to others who have requested that their names be placed on our mailing list. Copies are currently being mailed to 435 different families.

We could not continue to do this were it not for the financial support we have received from interested citizens and organizations and the time has come when these contributors should be acknowledged publicly. Here, then, are the people who are making continued publication possible:

Mrs. Ethel Andrus; Mrs. Charlotte Atwater; Mrs. Letha Behr; Tom Bender; Miss Mary Beste; Fred Bonesh; Mrs. Agnes Bohuslah; Fritz Bondgren; Mrs. Louis Brock; John K. Carney, Sr.; Eugene D. Conroy; Mrs. Irene Coveney; Edward Crabbs; Henry deBuys; Dr. Delmar R. Dhein; Howard Engler; E.R. Ferguson, Jr.; Mrs. Vila Fitzgerald; John F. Fitzsimon; Kenneth Foster; Dr. H. Gelhaar; Mrs. Nancy Getta; Mrs. Dorothy Goodfellow; John Granito; Hon. Guy Graves; Mrs. Janet Griffin; Mrs. Florence Hamilton; Charles Henderson; Edward Hinke; Dr. Robert Hume; Gerald Hutchinson; Mrs. Adelaide K. Igoe; Ralph Johnson; Mrs. James Lafferty; Evert Lindquist; Mrs. Irving Link; Harold MacDougal; J. Floyd McTyler; Robert Meade; Mrs. Janice P. Michael; Margaret Neilson; Mrs. Joan Parlin; Antonio Polino; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Romaine; Walter J. Rooney, Jr.; Glenn Shattuck; Jasper Shattuck; Barry Shoder; Phil Shuman; W.R. Slack; Rev. Harold Smith;



Emil Seerup, Founder and first Publisher/Editor of The Hague Chronicle

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The association of Silver Bay Property Owners contributes a sum sufficient to pay the cost of mailing copies to each of its members. The Citizens Group of Hague has exhausted its treasury in supporting our efforts.

The Silver Bay Association has been most generous in printing the Chronicle at no cost to us. This has made it possible for us to provide you with a readable copy and without which our efforts would be for naught.

We are not an accurate record keeper and it is possible that we have overlooked some of our contributors. For this we are sorry and if you will let us know, a suitable acknowledgement will be made next month. Meanwhile, our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

January 2025

KUDOS to the publishers and/or editors and all the many volunteers through the years *The Hague Chronicle* has been published:

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TI ARTS AWARDED \$20,000 GRANT

Ticonderoga Arts (Ti Arts) has received a grant award totaling \$20,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the nonprofit arts and culture sector. The grant was awarded as part of NYSCA's Support for Organizations program. Support for Organizations provides flexible general operating and programming funding for non-profit organizations; grantees are selected based on community service, creativity, plus managerial and financial criteria.

Executive Director of NYSCA Erika Mallin said, "On behalf of the council and staff, I am so proud that we are supporting the critical work of so many nonprofit organizations all across the state, including work of Ticonderoga Arts. New York State's art and culture nonprofits make us a global leader, strengthening our connections to each other and the larger world. I thank you for your dedication and service and look forward to all your work in the coming year."

Ti Arts Co-Presidents Laurie Sapakoff and Seddon Beaty, issued this statement: "Ticonderoga Arts is proud to have been selected for funding for 2025 and would like to thank Governor Hochul, the New York State Legislature and NYSCA for their recognition of the importance of arts and culture and for their generous support of organizations and artists statewide. We look forward to continuing our exhibit and education programs with new resources to support expanded curricula, artist opportunities, and community outreach."

Ticonderoga Arts, Inc. (Ti Arts) is a nonprofit arts organization providing art exhibits and education to the Ticonderoga community and surrounding region, while empowering local artists with opportunities to collaborate, exhibit, teach, and learn. The organization was founded in 2008 and has operated from its current Downtown Gallery location year-round since 2013. In addition to exhibiting the beautiful artwork created by its membership, Ti Arts provides the community with an opportunity to explore different art mediums, attend classes and lectures, and to participate in the various themed open exhibits that are scheduled throughout the year.

Gallery admission is always *free*. In 2023, Ti Arts hosted more than 100 artists, 14 exhibits, and approximately 2,500 visitors.

Ti Arts collaborates with many organizations in the community and welcomes the use of its space for events in support of the community. Working with area schools and teachers, Ti Arts assists with student art projects, provides students an opportunity to show their work at the gallery, sponsors field trips to museums, and awards a scholarship annually.

For more information about Ti Arts, visit ticonderogaarts.org [HERE](#) and/or their [Facebook page](#) [HERE](#). ▣

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TI ARTS OPEN ENTRY SHOW

From January 9 – February 1, 2025, there will be an open entry show, *The Big Chill Redux*, filling the gallery with images of winter. On January 22nd from 6:45 - 7:45 pm, Maria Brown will give a talk about bats. The snow date is Friday, January 24th. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

On January 18, 2025, there will be a REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event at Fort Ticonderoga named *Necessary for the Rigour of the Climate*.



Visitors will experience Fort Ticonderoga during its last winter with a British garrison. They will see how soldiers worked to repair this aging French and Indian fort, even as cold weather set in. From firewood to fur caps, guests will examine British military preparations for winter serving in the colony of Canada. Get tickets [HERE](#). ▣

MASON STAR DINNER

A dinner of ham and homemade macaroni and cheese, 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 open to the public on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and also at the Hancock House parking lot. ▣

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CALENDAR

January 2025

JANUARY

1		The January issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	20		INAUGURATION DAY
		NEW YEAR'S DAY/Town offices closed			MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
2	6 pm	Hague Planning Board Meeting		6 pm	Deadline for the February issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
4	2 pm	Ti High School Planetarium program			
9	4:30 pm	Seniors Club International Dinner	23	2 - 4 pm	LGLC Open House
14	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting		6 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
15	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Silver Bay Town Hall			
16	6 pm	Seniors Game Night	27	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Mason Star Dinner
18	10 am - 4 pm	Living History Event at Fort Ti	28	1:30 pm	Seniors Club Meeting
	1 - 3 pm	Osteoporosis Seminar			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm