



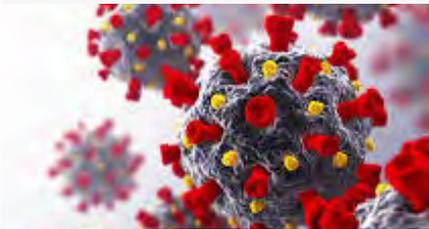
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COVID-19 UPDATE NUMBERS TO DATE



As of Dec 20, 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	654M	6.67M
US	99.8M	1.1M
NYS	6.5M	77,440
Warren County	18,343	147
Essex County	7,419	73

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

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact the 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 tax jurisdictions:

County	\$37,400 (Includes sliding scale)
Town	\$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)
School	\$30,399 (Includes 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 household income less than \$92,000. 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 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 at the Hague Community Center. The filing deadline is March 1, 2023.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION ADOPTS SEPTIC INSPECTION PROGRAM

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

At its regular monthly meeting on December 20, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) voted unanimously to adopt a program for septic inspections and regulations to protect Lake George. According to information posted on the LGPC's website, the Commission received 504 letters about the program during the public comment period. Of those, 478 support the program, 11 support it with modifications, and 15 oppose the program.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Happy New Year everyone!

January 5, 2023 is Game Night at Maureen's house at 6:30 pm.

On the 12th, we will have the International Dinner at 4:30 pm and everyone should bring a dish to share.

Our Installation of Officers for 2023 and kick off for the New Year will be on January 24th. ▣



HVFD

by Meg Haskell

Happy New Year!

For the month of November, we had 14 fire calls and drills and three EMS calls, using 185 volunteer hours.

We want to congratulate our four new firefighters for completing 77 hours of training and passing the class to become firefighters. Thank you to Adam DeBuque, Brendan Lauzon, Macie Peer, and Donna Trudeau! We are proud of you and thank you for putting in all the time to take and pass this course!



As the year comes to an end, we would also like to thank Linda Mury for her years of leadership as President of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Linda is stepping down and Maureen Cherubini will be taking over as of January 1, 2023.

We also would like to thank Diane Trudeau for her many years of service as a member of the board of directors and also as clerk of the board. Diane and I will both be leaving the board as of December 31st.

We hope everyone had a great holiday and wish everyone a safe and happy New Year! ▣

IS YOUR BUBBLER OR ICE EATER DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD?

Many lakefront property owners use bubblers or ice eaters to keep ice from forming near their dock. However, many de-icing systems are doing more harm than good. If they are not installed properly, or if they create areas of open water larger than necessary, they can harm the environment and endanger people and animals when they go out on the ice. The rule of thumb is that ten feet of open water around a dock is sufficient to avoid damage.

Warren County has created a [new website](#) to raise awareness about best practices in the use of ice eaters and bubblers. The site describes the difference between how bubblers and ice eaters work. It also explains some of the negative impacts and how to avoid them. Did you know, for instance, that creating too large an area of open water can actually lead to dock damage by allowing ice floes more room to accelerate in windy



conditions when the ice goes out? Or that circulator-style de-icers can disturb bottom sediments, increasing the potential for harmful algal blooms (HABs)?

The county created the website at the urging of a group of concerned citizens, demonstrating just how

effective grassroots activism can be. Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the information on the new website, and do your part to keep recreational users safe while also protecting Lake George's fragile ecosystem. Read more [HERE](#). ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

SILVER BAY FINDING NEW WAYS TO HELP THE HAGUE COMMUNITY

Silver Bay CEO Peter Doliber recently stated, “Silver Bay considers its community to be broader than those who attend activities and events on campus. It is all the people who live in the surrounding area, which includes Hague.” He went on to say that Silver Bay is committed to using its resources to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the area.

Silver Bay has aligned itself with the Town of Hague, such as when it publicly pushed back on the use of ProcellaCor to treat Eurasian milfoil last summer.

Silver Bay’s commitment is to serve all those in need and it is focused on the larger Hague community, of which it is a part.

To that end, Silver Bay is offering free wellness memberships to full-time residents who live in a circle including Bolton, Hague, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, and Putnam. This free membership includes the use of the gym, hiking trails, and disc golf. In addition, there are more structured activities now going on for the community at the Fisher Gymnasium, such as lessons about nutrition.

Silver Bay is pleased to be providing youth services at the Teen Center in Ticonderoga that address behavioral health, nutrition, and social needs to aid teens as they grow into young adults. Some Hague students take advantage of this by going to this center.

The chef at Silver Bay, Tony Basile, has been going to the Ticonderoga Teen Center to teach the teens about nutrition, planning menus, and recipes.

Yes, Silver Bay is finding new ways to serve the people of Hague. Thanks! ▣

LAKE GEORGE LOSES ONE OF ITS MOST PASSIONATE ADVOCATES

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

With the passing on December 14, 2022, of Jeff Killeen, vice chairman of the Lake George Association (LGA), our lake has lost one of its most passionate advocates and defenders. But even more than that, those of us who knew him and worked with him have lost a friend and role model. As a member of the LGA board, I experienced firsthand his exemplary leadership. With patience, expertise and a tremendous sense of humor, Jeff guided us in working together toward our common mission of protecting Lake George. He had an exceptional ability to listen to and weigh diverse opinions and to then turn that diversity into an advantage rather than allowing it to become an obstacle.



As the LGA so aptly wrote in a statement released at the time of his death: “Tireless of vision, spirit, and commitment, Jeff gave all of himself to the lake he loved. His deep passion for Lake George was contagious and inspiring, and united our community behind the lake as only Jeff could -- with grace, humor, and a steadfast belief in our shared ability to keep Lake George clear and clean.” His family has owned a home on the shores of Lake George since 1908.

Jeff graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in government and political science. During his 40-year career, he worked as an entrepreneur, CEO, and board director in the media, information services, and internet industries. He served for many years as chairman of The FUND for Lake George, and in 2021, spearheaded its merger with the LGA, creating the preeminent Lake George protection organization.

Jeff was passionate about community service. In addition to chairing the boards of The FUND and the LGA, he was also a founding partner of The Jefferson Project, a research collaboration between the LGA, RPI, and IBM Research. At the time of his death, he was also a trustee at St. Lawrence University. ▣

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Hague for the year 2023, and that I, or my Deputy Tax Collector, will attend same at the Hague Community Center, 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Town of Hague for the purpose of receiving the taxes on said roll.

January and February: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8 am – 3 pm; Thursdays 8 am – 2 pm; Fridays 9 am – 12 noon

March: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8 am – 3 pm; Thursdays 8 am – 2 pm

During January, taxes are payable without interest. Thereafter, an additional one percent for each additional month will be added until the return on April 1, 2023 of unpaid taxes to the Warren County Treasurer.

Kim Coffin
Hague Tax Collector

PLANNING BOARD - 12/7/2022

The Hague Planning Board meeting that was scheduled for December 7, 2022, was canceled due to a lack of agenda items. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 12/13/2022

The following members were present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Councilpersons Steve Ramant (via Zoom), Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present: Town Attorney John Silvestri, Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Pat Hintze, Nancy Young, Mary Behr, Carol Barnwell, Barbara Trainor, Michele and Tim Gautreau, Sally Rypkema, Mary Lou Doulin, Alice Patchett, Richard Trudeau from Trudeau Engineering, and Robert Holmes from Jarrett Engineers.

A moment of silence was held for Thomas Valenti.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Frasier reviewed the Public Hearing Notice with the board and audience.

Robert E. Johnson, tax map #93.12-1-33 - 7961 Lakeshore Drive, Silver Bay, NY(TR-1R)

The applicant is seeking variances to replace and upgrade his existing septic system.

Holmes from Jarrett Engineers reviewed the Johnson application, stating that the current septic system needs to be upgraded and that the new system will be the same layout as the current system. Holmes said there are about 16 inches of usable soil. Doulin asked several questions regarding proximity to lake and if there are current plans to expand the town's sewer district to that area. Frasier responded that there are currently no plans to expand the sewer district.

Weisgerber Septic Variance - Sec.12.14, block 1, lot 5

Trudeau Engineering supplied the board with a revised set of plans. Trudeau stated that after the survey was completed, a well was found on the neighbor's property. According to Trudeau, the property owner's current septic system is an older system that has not been pumped and is showing evidence of failure. Trudeau explained the new system, how it works, and the approximate cost. He stated the property owners received a grant from the county. A public hearing was set for January 10, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: The Assessor's Office is working on address changes that were submitted to them as part of the re-evaluation. The Assessor's Office will send residents exempt application information for next year.

Buildings and Grounds: Christmas lights have been hung in the park. Frasier thanked the highway department for hanging them.

Highway: Deputy Highway Superintendent M. Coffin reported the Highway Department has cut down the dead tree on the guy wire on Overbrook Road. They are still waiting for the arrival of the attachment to clear the snow from the sidewalks. He asked that residents drive more slowly during the winter.

Museum/Historian: Patchett stated there had been a meeting of the Hague Historical Society earlier in the day.

Personnel: Bast reported that recently-hired ZEO Clerk only lasted two days. Matthew McGee is back from a leave of absence and Clark will continue to stay on to support McGee as needed. Diane Trudeau will continue fulltime through February to help with the Town of Hague Annual Report.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: Frasier reviewed the zoning report with the board. A form is in the report for the highway department to use when:

- Any highway/road improvements are done
- Repairs/storm events occur

The form calls for the inclusion of all costs and details. This is so the zoning office will have the information on file for the next Mitigation Survey Report, which is required every five years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on tree removal at Hague Cemetery

Several citizens requested that the town remove and pay for the removal of the two dead spruce trees in the middle of the cemetery on West Hague/Cemetery Road. Lifelong citizen Michele Denno Gautreau stated, "There are over five generations of my family that have chosen Hague as home and this place of rest is now being haggled over." She asked that the town, "Do right by those who have left us and stop the bickering that divides us all."

Silvestri stated he was unable to make a determination of legal ownership because he does not have all the required information.

Behr from the Hague Historical Society stated there is funding available for cemetery improvements.

There are still unanswered questions as to who owns the cemetery and if it was abandoned. Town Historian Rypkema stated she had obtained information proving there is a deed that shows the town has, in fact, been the owner since 1930. However, she did not supply the board, the attorney, or the clerk with the document. Others contend that the cemetery was abandoned in 2013.

Silvestri will do a title search of the cemetery property.

Patchett provided the board with three bids for the removal of the two spruce trees that are dead. ADK Tree Surgeons came in with the lowest bid of \$11,600. M. Coffin stated that the highway department could satisfactorily cut down two additionally-marked trees that ADK included in their proposal. This would save the town \$1,500. The board gratefully accepted Coffin's offer.

The board voted to hire ADK Tree Surgeons to remove the two dead spruce trees. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/15/2022

The Hague Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that was scheduled for December 15, 2022, was canceled due to a lack of applications. ❏

SEPTIC INSPECTION PROGRAM, CONTINUED

As previously reported, the LGPC's Ad Hoc Septic Committee and its advisory committee spent more than a year studying the impacts on the lake of improperly functioning septic systems. These committees included not only representatives from the LGPC but also Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, elected officials and professional staff from towns and counties on Lake George, and professional engineers. The program approved by the LGPC on December 20 is based on the extensive research and input from the committee members. Visit the [LGPC website](#) for FAQs about the program and links to the research. There you'll also find all the public comments as well as the LGPC's detailed responses to questions and concerns from the public.

The LGPC is now awaiting final formal approval of the program by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health, which they anticipate will come in mid-January. Following that, there will be a final filing with the Department of State. Dave Wick, executive director of the LGPC, told *The Hague Chronicle* he anticipates the program will be rolled out in spring of 2023.

The inspections should come as no surprise to affected property owners. Anyone within the area covered by the inspection program (within 500 feet of the lake or 100 feet of a tributary) has already received two mailings (in August and November 2022). In addition, there have been numerous articles in *The Hague Chronicle* and other media outlets about the program, and details have been posted on the LGPC website throughout the process.

"Now that the program has passed," Wick said, "we will be conducting another mailing in January detailing how the program will work and what the costs will be. Invoices for an annual \$50 fee will be sent in February to each property owner in the program, which will cover the cost of the seasonal inspectors needed." The plan is to inspect 540 properties each year. Affected property owners scheduled to be inspected in 2023 will receive a letter in April with details about how to set up a pumpout of their system and inform the Commission so the inspection can be conducted concurrent with the pumpout.

Property owners who plan to replace their septic system may be eligible for state funds to help with the costs under a program being administered by the counties. More information, including who to contact for your county, is available [HERE](#).

On a personal note, I'd like to commend the LGPC commissioners, LGPC Executive Director Dave Wick, and the members of the ad hoc and advisory committees for their

exhaustive and expeditious work in developing this much-needed septic inspection program. They have been extremely transparent throughout the process, posting all relevant information on their website, including the committee's research as well as recordings of the committee meetings and the public hearing. I view their process as an excellent model for how government and the public, including subject matter experts, can work hand-in-hand to arrive at a solution. ❏

MORE THAN JUST BOOKS - BLACK WATCH LIBRARY NOW LENDS SNOWSHOES

Who doesn't love lazing around a nice warm fire with a cup of tea and a good book? But here's a new idea: Next time you visit Black Watch Library to check out their books, and perhaps a few movies, consider signing out a pair of snowshoes as well.



What better way to enjoy the fresh crisp Adirondack air and get some exercise than to hit the trails on snowshoes? The library has several pairs of snowshoes available to lend in sizes ranging from toddler to adult. For more information, call the library at 518-585-7380. ❏

HAGUE STUDENTS MAKE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague made the honor rolls for the first quarter of 2022:

Grade 7:

First Honors - Wyatt Barnes

Grade 8:

First Honors - Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, Kaidon Smith

Second Honors: Landon Knight

Grade 9:

Second Honors - Brady Kennedy

Grade 10:

First Honors - Alyssa Mydlarz

Grade 11:

First Honors - Sophie Hubbard, Dalton Rivard

Grade 12:

First Honors - Quentin Gargan

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*

“Let it snow. Let it snow.
Let it snow.”



Who doesn't like to watch fluffy snowflakes drift softly down from the clouds or to be thankful you're inside as a snowstorm pelts the earth with millions of snowflakes, but all that snow has to be cleared from walkways, stairs, and driveways. That is when the work and the weightlifting begins.

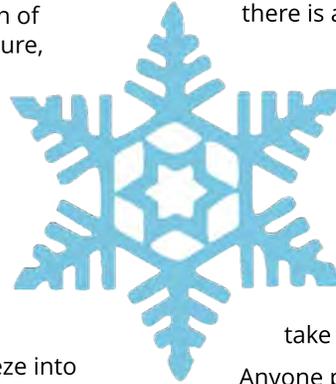
There is no foolproof rule of thumb regarding snow weight. You need to know the conditions under which the snow formed and what conditions the snow has experienced since it fell.

Snow can vary in weight from a little over a pound to as much as 30 pounds per cubic foot. Fresh, dry, fluffy snow might weigh about four pounds per cubic foot. Snow that has been sitting for a few days under normal conditions will usually weigh around 15 pounds per cubic foot.

Snow density is a function of temperature, wind exposure, time, and the depth of the snow. Snow density increases over time as the snow experiences more changes in temperature and wind. Warmer temperatures lead to higher (and heavier) moisture content and this moisture may re-freeze into ice as the temperature drops.

Wind abrades snow particles, making them smaller and rounding off their edges so they have a more uniform shape. This allows them to fit together more tightly, compacting the snow, so snow will be heavier after being exposed to wind.

Snow will also be compacted by its own weight, so the deeper the snow, the denser the lower portion of the snowfall will be, and the heavier the snow will be on average per unit of volume. This can be an important piece of information. For instance, a typical scoop of snow with a snow shovel is about 1.5 cubic feet, so



there is a good chance you are out there lifting more than 30 pounds over and over again while you are clearing your driveway. That information should slow down your shoveling pace and encourage you to take frequent rests!

Anyone planning to remove snow from a roof should use a snow rake. They are designed to allow snow to be removed while you are standing on the ground. Using a ladder in the snow can be dangerous. Also, do not remove all the snow from one side of the roof before moving to the other side of the roof. This asymmetrical snow removal creates a load imbalance on the roof that can stress and possibly break the framing connections in your roof structure.

Build a snowman and enjoy winter's white beauty, but remember to lift that snow shovel with care. ▣

SUPPORTERS MEET SMITH CHALLENGE FOR FUTURE OF LAKE GEORGE

As previously reported, Ginny Rowan Smith and her husband Manning offered to match \$300,000 in new legacy pledges to the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC). The good news is that supporters stepped up, and LGLC will receive the full match from the Smiths. In addition, LGLC is pleased to report that they gained 35 additional Society members during the challenge. The Smith's matching donation will go to the LGLC's Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment, which provides annual support for land conservation projects that will forever protect Lake George. ▣

HAGUE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MAKE FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to these Hague students who have made Honor Roll and High Honors for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

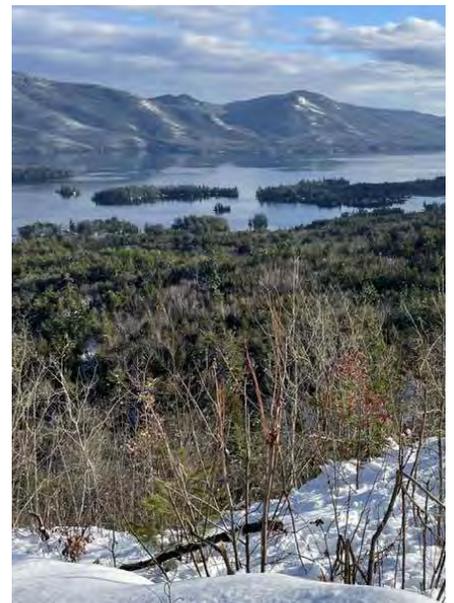
1st Grade:
High Honors - Annyiah May

2nd Grade:
High Honors - Elizabeth Gargan

3rd Grade:
Honors - Liam Scoville

4th Grade:
High Honors - Noah Mydlarz,
Maddison Smith
Honors - Cerina Swinton

5th Grade:
Honors - Maleena Savage



View of the southern basin, Dome Island with Buck Mountain, and the Narrows of Lake George from the Pinnacle, a Lake George Land Conservancy trail. Photo courtesy of Sandy Powell

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

North Country Community College will host an EMS training course on two weekends from 8 am - 4 pm. The start date is January 7, 2023. To register, visit <http://www.nccc.edu/emstraining>.

The North Country Community College Foundation announced the launch of a new Veteran Student Scholarship, available to a student who is a veteran of the U.S. military, has maintained at least a 2.5 GPA, and demonstrates a financial need. The award will be \$1,000 for a full-time student or \$500 for a part-time student and can only cover non-tuition



expenses. The application window will open in the spring at www.nccc.edu/about/foundation/scholarships. The Foundation is accepting donations to support this and other scholarships at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/nccc_donate.

For more information about North Country Community College call 518-891-2915 or go to <http://www.nccc.edu>. ▣

OPEN HOUSE AT LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY

The Lake George Land Conservancy will hold its annual open house on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 2 – 4 pm at their headquarters at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton.

Stop in to say hello, meet the staff, enjoy some treats, and learn about new projects in the works. ▣

GALILEO SHUTTLE CRAFT LANDS IN TICONDEROGA

If you think you've seen everything Ticonderoga's Star Trek Original Series Set Tour has to offer, you're in for a treat. The original Galileo shuttlecraft used in the television series has recently been added to the set on Montcalm Street. Making its television debut in January of 1967, the Galileo shuttle influenced the design of Star Trek shuttles that followed. Fans Adam and Leslie Schneider acquired the Galileo in 2012 at an auction in Ohio. It was in bad shape, but they worked with a shipwright team in New Jersey to carry out the painstaking restoration, based on videos and photos from the original series. The Schneiders then donated the craft to the Houston Space Center, where it has been on display in the visitor's center until recently. Now it has taken what may be its final voyage, landing in Ticonderoga at the Star Trek Original Series Set Tour.

Take a [video tour](#) of the restored Galileo. ▣



RANDY RATH HELPS PROTECT LAKE GEORGE - AND WE ALL CAN, TOO!

For the past two decades, Randy Rath has been applying his technical expertise in geography, geographic information systems, and climate change to help homeowners, businesses, and municipalities protect Lake George. Randy, who is celebrating his 20th anniversary with the LGA this year, is playing a pivotal role in the development of Personal Protection Profiles for individual properties on Lake George. When you sign up to be a Lake Protector, you will receive your own profile, tailored to your property. It will explain how you can help stave off mounting water quality threats from stormwater runoff, faulty septic systems, winter road salt, and invasive species.



For those who want to get even more involved, visit the [LGA website](#) to learn how you and your family can participate in citizen science programs to monitor water quality, invasive species, harmful algae growth, and local wildlife. This data supports programs of the LGA and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that work to keep Lake George pristine.

Randy is doing his part to protect Lake George. We all can do our part as well! ▣

LOOKING BACK



LOOKING BACK: ADVENTURES WITH NING

By Ginger Henry Kuenzel

My family spent every summer with my grandmother at Sentinel Pines until she passed away in 1956, when I was seven. Her name was Virginia, and she was my namesake. But we only knew her as Ning, a name bestowed upon her by her first-born grandchild.

Ning loved taking my older brother Johnny, my cousin Julie, and me for afternoon drives. My mother told me many years later that she was always a nervous wreck until we returned home. It seems that Ning was a terrible driver, but apparently the thought of standing up to Ning was scarier for Mom than the thought of her young children perishing in a car crash.

On these special days, we three kids would pile into Ning's powder-blue Ford sedan after lunch, and off we'd go. I am not talking about a trip to The Great Escape or WaterWorld or

SkyZone. Even if they had existed back then, Ning was not an amusement-park type of grandmother. Furthermore, an hour – or often less – was pretty much her limit when it came to spending time with three rambunctious grandkids. Our adventures never took us further afield than sites in Hague or sometimes Ticonderoga.

One such excursion involved heading up to New Hague Road, where Ning would pull her car off to the side of the road at a certain spot. She would open the glove compartment and pull out the cut crystal punch cup she kept there. One of us would grab it and we three kids would clamor down the bank to an abandoned shallow well that was also a bubbling spring. Its stone wall was nearly flush with the ground, making it easy for us to dip our cup into the ice-cold water for a drink. It would also have been easy for my mischievous brother Johnny to push Julie and me into it, leaving us to fend for ourselves. Ning



was not exactly fleet of foot and would have been hard-pressed to climb down that bank to rescue us. Fortunately, the need never arose.

When Ning was feeling particularly adventurous, she would take us to Ti. One destination was the train station, located across from the Fort View on Route 22. It was a bustling station at that time, with a ticket office and huge carts piled high with baggage. Most of all, I remember the tall vending machines on the wall.

Ning would give us each a penny or two to insert, and out would come a little cardboard package with two square pieces of candy-coated Chiclets chewing gum.

My favorite days were the ones when Ning would take us to Burleigh's drug store (now Burleigh's Luncheonette) for an ice cream cone. The paper mill was just down the street, where Centennial Park is today. Johnny convinced me that the mill was

where the ice cream for Burleigh's was being made. He also stated, with an air of considerable authority, that the color of smoke being spewed from the stacks indicated the flavor being produced that day. Black or brown smoke meant chocolate, while white smoke meant vanilla. Even though my favorite flavor was chocolate, I sometimes had to settle for vanilla – no questions asked. Johnny's favorite flavor was strawberry, which was made every day, he said. Its smoke was invisible.

Anyone who remembers the stench of the old Ti paper mill will surely wonder how I could have thought that was the smell of ice cream being made. But I did. And today, when the north wind blows and I get a faint whiff of that old familiar mill smell, I think about Ning, about our wonderful afternoon adventures, and about the smell of ice cream being made in downtown Ticonderoga. ■

TI ARTS DOWNTOWN GALLERY EXHIBIT: THE BIG CHILL

The Ti Arts: Downtown Gallery will host its Big Chill exhibit from January 12 - 28, 2023. Mix and mingle at the opening reception on January 13, 5 - 7 pm. Enjoy art inspired by winter. For more information about Ti Arts: Downtown Gallery, visit <http://www.ticonderogaarts.org>.

ARTISTS – SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO TI ARTS: DOWNTOWN GALLERY

Calling all artists who are inspired by winter, whether it's a snowy landscape, an abstract work evoking the feel of the season, or any visual expression of what winter evokes for you. The Ti Arts: Downtown Gallery will host an exhibit titled 'The Big Chill.'

Deadline for submission is January 7, 4 pm. Guidelines: Be original. The art should be ready to hang or capable of being on a shelf or podium. It should be dry to the touch and labeled. Entry fee is \$10 for one to five pieces; at least three will be exhibited. All art must be delivered on January 6 or 7 between 10 am and 4 pm. Artists will receive 70 percent and gallery will receive 30 percent of all sales. ❑



HAM DINNER WITH MAC & CHEESE

Tired of cooking after the holidays? Enjoy a baked ham with macaroni and cheese dinner on Friday, January 27, 2023, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street (across from the Stone House). The event starts at 4:30 pm and lasts until the food is gone. Take-outs will also be available. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

The event is hosted by Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.&A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star. Parking is available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ❑

LIVING HISTORY EVENT AT FORT TICONDEROGA

On Saturday, January 14, 2023, step back in time to January 1776, when soldiers at Ticonderoga were sending vital supplies to the American Army during the siege of Quebec. Watch oxen hauling sleds heaped with edible essentials, and learn how General Phillip Schuyler used Lake Champlain as a frozen highway to carry vital supplies to Canada. Meet the New York soldiers who served at Ticonderoga over the winter of 1775-76 and join them in cutting firewood or help them assemble an ox sled. Tour officers' quarters and see all the comforts within to discover just how challenging it must have been to convince veteran soldiers to reenlist for another campaign season. Examine the unsung work of the women who served at Ticonderoga as they mended shirts and nursed the soldiers.



Admission to the event is free for Fort Ticonderoga Members, Ambassador Pass holders, and children four and under. For all others, the cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. For the full event schedule, visit www.fortticonderoga.org. ❑

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CALENDAR

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JANUARY

1		New Year's Day	16		Martin Luther King Day
5	5:30 pm	Senior Club Game Night	19	2 - 4 pm	LGLC Open House
	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting	20		Deadline for submissions for the February issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
10	8 pm	Town Board Meeting	24		Senior Club Installation of Officers
12	4:30 pm	Senior Club International Dinner	26	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
13	5 - 7 pm	Ti Arts Big Chill Exhibit Opening Reception	27	4:30 pm	Mason/Star Ham Mac and Cheese Dinner
14		Fort Ticonderoga Living History			

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