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SILVER BAY WINTER WEEKEND

Silver Bay YMCA hosted its annual Winter Weekend celebration February 17 – 20, 2023. Despite a lack of snow, the community showed up in full force to partake in the winter-themed fun.

It all started Friday evening with rock climbing and S'mores in Fisher Gymnasium. There was lots of laughter and great memories were made. Also on Friday night, a Paint n' Sip class was held in Gullen Lounge.



The excitement continued into Saturday with Broom Ball, Arts and Crafts, the Mini Disc Golf Tournament, Cookie Decorating, and the Ice Carving Demonstration. The night ended with a community concert by "Uncle Juan's Band."
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HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND

by Bobbie Jean Fish

Winter Weekend has come and gone at The Hague Fish & Game Club.

The day was chilly, so we started off with coffee, cocoa, and a bonfire built by our scout troop. Once all participants had signed up, we kicked off with the Chainsaw Competition. The saws roared and Mike Flack took the first place prize.

We then cleaned up and set up the axe boards for the Men's Axe Toss, which is always a fan favorite. The competitors got one practice shot and then three more for points. Jake Bederian won the men's division. We don't get as many women competing in the axe toss as men, but nonetheless, it is fun to watch. At the end, I was lucky to win the women's division.

During a break from the cold weather, we enjoyed a delicious meal of pulled pork and mac and cheese.

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BIG BUCK CONTEST AND AWARDS DINNER *by Bobbie Jean Fish*

The Hague Fish & Game Club held our first Annual Big Buck contest in 2022. We were thrilled that 47 amazing contestants entered the contest.

These were our winners in the women's division:

- First Place** – Abby Braunius with a 172-pound, 11-point buck
- Second Place** – Lara Smith-Ryder with a 122-pound, 8-point buck
- Third Place** – Vicki Frasier with a 120-pound, 6-point buck

These were our winners in the men's division:

- First Place** – Alvin Frasier with a 157-pound, 8-point buck
- Second Place** – Hunter Denno with a 149-pound, 6-point buck
- Third Place** – Tim Denno with a 148-pound, 9-point buck



Left to right: Vicki Frasier, Lara Smith-Ryder, Abby Braunius, Alvin Frasier, Hunter Denno, and Tim Denno

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COURT CASE ON USING PROCELLACOR HERBICIDE IN LAKE GEORGE

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

On February 17, 2023, NY State Supreme Court Justice Robert Mueller heard oral arguments on whether the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) must hold an adjudicatory hearing before issuing a permit to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to test the chemical herbicide ProcellaCOR at two sites in Lake George. Judge Mueller said he would issue a decision soon. More concretely, he said he would issue his decision before the lake freezes.

In June of last year, Judge Mueller issued a temporary injunction, blocking the LGPC's plans to use ProcellaCOR to combat Eurasian milfoil in the lake. Now the LGPC has applied for a new permit to use the herbicide in 2023.

At the February hearing, the Lake George Association (LGA), joined by the Lake George Waterkeeper, the Town of Hague, riparian owner Helena Rice, and the Adirondack Council, argued that the issue at hand is serious enough that the APA would need to hold an adjudicatory hearing before issuing a permit.

Although the APA did solicit public comments in 2022, it did not hold an adjudicatory hearing. And many of the public comments did not reach the APA Commissioners in a timely manner. A glitch in the APA's system resulted in a huge number of the letters going into the agency's spam folder. The permit was approved by the narrowest of margins.

While the APA does not consider the application of ProcellaCOR in Lake George a serious enough issue to warrant an adjudicatory hearing, the LGA disagrees. Judge Mueller questioned why the APA would object to an adjudicatory hearing if there is a conflict in the evidence. We will let you know when he issues his ruling.

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BIG BUCK CONTEST, CONTINUED

The Hague Fish & Game Club may be small, but we are mighty! Most of our members are out of town, so keeping up with them can sometimes be a



challenge. We have had so many incredible members over the years!

President Donnie Smith decided to acknowledge and thank our members with an appreciation dinner. We started the evening with a glass of wine and appetizers and then enjoyed a pork loin dinner.



Awards were given to five of our members. I have to say, each of the members were surprised that this was happening and the surprise was well received. If it weren't for members like them, we wouldn't be here. So, we thank all our members!

TOP: (L to R) Tim Denno - 30 years of service, Peter Lawrence - 40 years of service (Valerie Lawrence honored as well, but she was not in the photo), Bernard (Buck) Denno - awarded a lifetime membership, Steve Ramant, also awarded a lifetime membership, and President Donnie Smith accepting the Valerie Lawrence Award.

BOTTOM : David May accepting a lifetime achievement award from Board Chair Michelle Holman

THANK YOU, CONNIE SMITH

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

Over six years ago, Hague resident Connie Smith agreed to write a monthly column for *The Hague Chronicle* called "Naturally Speaking."



Connie, a former professor with great interests in both the English language and Mother Nature, envisioned a column joining the natural world and words. Hence, her title, "Naturally Speaking."

Connie came up with all the topics for her columns and they always fell at just the right time of year to be of maximum interest to our readers.

She presented fascinating information on animals such as the snowshoe hare, skunks (and how to get rid of their odor!), flying squirrels, bats, water snakes, timber rattlesnakes, black bears, worms, jumping worms, and turtles.

She delved into the world of insects, writing fascinating columns on ticks, black flies, wasps, mosquitoes, monarch butterflies, and carpenter ants.

Through her column, we learned about birds of the Adirondacks such as crows, turkeys, loons, Canada geese, American robins, turkey vultures, and cardinals.

She informed us about local plants including pumpkins, mistletoe, day lilies, Queen Anne's Lace, stag horn sumac, and ramps.

She wove interesting tales of our language as it pertains to the natural world, by discussing the names for groups of animals, the names of the months of the year, and terms for bodies of water.

As the editor, I greatly appreciated the quality of her writing for its unique style, as well as the fact that she always had her column to me well in advance of our deadlines!

Connie has now decided to retire from writing "Naturally Speaking." We are grateful for all the time and energy she has put into her column over these past seven years and wish her the very best.



AARP TAX-AIDE PROVIDES FREE TAX PREP *by Jan Whitaker*

For the 18th year, a trained and certified team of your neighbors and friends is busy preparing Federal and New York State income tax returns for the 2022 tax year. The program is available to all ages and income levels, although there are certain provisions of the tax law that the team is not trained to do. The service is provided in the community room of the Hague Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 13, 2023. A taxpayer makes an appointment by calling Bertha Dunsmore at 518- 543-6161.

Before a taxpayer comes to the appointment, a team greeter will call to fill out an intake form and inform the taxpayer of the forms that must be brought for the team to prepare the return.

At the appointment, a greeter will go over the papers and ask a few additional questions and a counselor will prepare the return. After preparation, the counselor will go over the return with the taxpayer, explain that the taxpayer is responsible for the return, and then the team will electronically file the return.

The community room has provided a pleasant area for tax preparation, allowing social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing to allow adequate space for those taxpayers who still prefer to maintain a social distance. Masks are available for those who choose to wear one. The employees of the Town of Hague have been very welcoming and helpful to the team providing this service. The team has prepared over 300 returns in recent years for taxpayers from Silver Bay and Hague to Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Putnam, Schroon Lake, and surrounding areas as far away as Plattsburgh and Clifton Park. ❑

LOCAL RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Judy Stock

It's winter. You live in Hague. You're hungry. You'd like to go to a nice restaurant with really good food - but in Hague. Sound impossible?

Well, for a few days this winter it WAS possible thanks to the "Dinner at the Bay" events held on eight nights at the Silver Bay YMCA William Boyd Center Dining Room.

My daughter, Catherine, and I and our neighbor, Florence Bergmann, decided to try it on Friday, February 10, 2023. And we were not disappointed.

The night we were there, the menu featured a nice assortment of appetizers, soups, and salads. For entrées, there were Pistachio Encrusted Salmon (\$26), Chicken Picatta (\$23), Grilled Sirloin (\$29), and Grilled Ribeye (\$31), as well as several pasta options. We tested (and shared!) all the desserts including NY Style Cheesecake, Lemon Blueberry Cupcake, and Mini Eclairs.

The reviews from neighboring tables were overwhelmingly positive and rave reviews were given to Chef Anthony Basile. The smartest diners came the first night and just kept coming. Lots of attendees were encouraging Silver Bay CEO Peter Doliber to continue with this successful "experiment" and make it a regular part of Silver Bay's offerings to the community. If more dates are added, be sure to give it a try. ❑

AFTER BUSINESS MIXER AT SILVER BAY

There will be a Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) After Business Mixer and Networking Opportunity for members and those working with them at Silver Bay YMCA in Hague on Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 5:30 – 7 pm. ❑



Jean and Peter Doliber, Steve and Kathi Ramant, and Gilbert Engler

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS *by Kathy Santaniello*

This year, there are four students receiving the Beste Scholarship Awards.

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

Madalynn Hubbard: Madalynn is a first-year student at Husson University in Bangor, Maine. She is majoring in Exercise Science with a view toward earning her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She is the daughter of Ellen Hubbard.

Skye Mason: Skye is in her senior year attending Siena College, majoring in English. We congratulate her on achieving a 4.0 average for her fall semester. Skye says, "I did my very best and I'm trying for one this semester too! I wanna finish senior year with a bang!" She is the daughter of Mandy Cyphers. Our best to her as she graduates this spring!

Nevaeh Trudeau: Nevaeh is a first-year student at SUNY Adirondack in the Liberal Arts – Humanities and Social Science program, majoring in English. She is the daughter of Lindsey Smith.

We congratulate these students as they continue with their studies.

Many thanks to those who have supported the Scholarship Fund with donations over the years. To make a donation, please make checks payable to: "Beste Scholarship Fund," and send to me, Kathy Santaniello, 14 Braisted Hill Road, Silver Bay, NY 12874. A complete list of donors who have contributed to fund since April 2022 will be included in a future issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. ❑

FIELD TRAINING FOR INVASIVE HWA

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is killing eastern hemlock trees from the Great Smoky Mountains to Canada; it was first found in the Adirondack Park in 2017.

The public is invited to attend a HWA field survey training on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10 am to noon, at Hearthstone Point Campground in Lake George. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#). ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/26/2023

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Chris Navitsky, Ray Snyder, Linda Mury and Jon Hanna were present. ZEO Matthew Magee and Cathy Clark who was taking the minutes were also in attendance.

RYPKEMA (93.12-1-17) 115 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR1) VAR 07-22

In preparation of a house remodeling, the owners would like to construct a new two bay garage in the northwest corner of their property. The zoning issue is the rear line setback. Neil Rypkema was present and said this plan will help satisfy neighbor's concerns and allow for the future addition to face the lake where the current driveway is located.

The Board accepted the application as complete, agreed to a site visit and to put the application on the agenda for next month. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 2/23/2023

Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson and board member Judy Gourley were present. Meg Haskell was present on video chat. Chairman Dick Frasier and board member Sandy Powell were absent.

Also present were ZEO Matthew Magee and Recording Secretary Cathy Clark.

LEVINE/GRIFFIN (43.17-1-13 & 43.17-1-16) Jenkins Point Road (TRI) SUB 03-22

The applicants are applying for a lot line change of .19 of an acre of land. Both lots will remain the same acreage. A public hearing was waived and the subdivision was approved.

RYPKEMA (93.12-1-17) 115 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR1) VAR 07-22

In preparation for a house remodel, the owners would like to construct a new two-bay garage in the northwest corner of their property. They need a zoning variance for a setback. After discussion, the Planning Board decided not to make a referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

LAPOINTE (24-1-43.3) 9040 Graphite Mountain Road (TR3) SUB 01-08

In 2009, the Planning Board placed a condition of approval on the owner's subdivision, stating,

"Future sub-division of any lot on this plat equaling a total of five or more lots, excepting those lots pre-existing prior to the enactment of the Adirondack Park Act (May 22, 1973), will cause the plat to be deemed a major sub-division as warranted by the Planning Board."

At this time, the owner is requesting the removal of the above condition so that any future sub-division would be minor rather than major. The board approved removing the condition. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 2/14/2023

The following members were present: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present were: Tom Jarrett from Jarrett Engineers, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Karen and Leo Lucas, Peggy and Mike Kowalsky, Assessor David Martucci, Pat Hintze, and Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky. Present via ZOOM: Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Mike Maxwell from Maxwell Appraisal Services, Assessor Clerk Amanda Peterson and Ron and Lara Ryder.

The Moment of Silence was held for Barbara Manley and John Breitenbach, Sr.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jarrett reviewed Steve Robb's application for variances for replacement to upgrade the existing septic. Frasier suggested the board look at the project area. A Public Hearing was set for March 14, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Pat Hintze and Amanda Peterson spoke about letters they received from the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) regarding the septic system inspection program. Bast explained the LGPC's plan. Patchett said property owners may be eligible for state funds. Ramant said property owners that are affected should either attend a LGPC board meeting or call the LGPC.

A question-and-answer session was held with Martucci and Maxwell regarding the townwide re-evaluation. Information shared of note was:

- The last re-evaluation was 2004
- Sales from 2018 - now determined appropriate current market values.
- The first bills reflecting the new assessments will be September 2023 school tax bills.
- Lakefront properties, those with public sewer access, properties with a "view" and desired market locations will see higher increases.
- The Assessor's Office will hold four meeting days in May to give property owners the chance review their assessments. The next option is to file a complaint with the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) by May 16, 2023. It will meet on May 23, 2023.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: The Assessor's Office continues to work with Maxwell Appraisal Service to finalize the town wide re-evaluation. All seniors' exemption paperwork is due March 1, 2023.

Highway: The highway department will repair Wardsboro Road, which is now closed.

Museum/Historian: The Hague Historical Society held its monthly meeting today. Board members should read Town Historian Rypkema's 1/29/23 report.

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SILVER BAY WEEKEND, CONTINUED

"I love Silver Bay," proclaimed Holly Kocher, a 10-year-old from Pennsylvania. Her mother, Julianna Kocher, said her family has been visiting Silver Bay for 70 years. "Silver Bay is home," she said.



Sunday morning, an Ecumenical Service was held, followed by a Play-Doh Sculpture Competition, Mermaid Story Time, and a giant Horse Racing Board Game.



"Even though we didn't have the amount of snow we usually do, we still had a lot of fun with indoor and outdoor activities," said Silver Bay YMCA



Programming Director Zac Smalley. He also mentioned that the Silver Bay YMCA Food Service Department played an integral role in making the two new additions, Paint n' Sip and the Community Concert, happen. In fact, the Paint n' Sip class was so popular that an extra class was added to Saturday's schedule.



Silver Bay CEO Peter Doliber said, "Winter Weekend is a great time to gather and enjoy our amazing Silver Bay. This year we are excited to be offering live music, ice carving, and some new activities. It's a great time for families and to make new lifelong friends!"

This event would not have been possible without the help of the Silver Bay staff and community. Silver Bay YMCA warmly thanks everyone for their help in making this event a fun, community-focused weekend. ▣

LGLC AND YMCA CAMP TO HOST TALK

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) NextGen Committee has partnered with YMCA Camp Chingachgook to offer a unique look at issues of equity and inclusivity in and around the Adirondack Park.

On Friday, March 10, 2023, Camp Chingachgook will open its grounds to the public for an important discussion with the community. The talk, "Equity in Land Conservation and Recreation," begins at 5:30 pm, with guests encouraged to

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND, CONTINUED



While the adults enjoyed some games, scout leader Corinna Woods showed the kids some hockey skills on our pond. The adults also had a blast watching the kids tubing. For the children who were not too keen on the cold, we had a giant indoor Jenga game and Peg Toss. The Stonitch family dominated in Jenga.



After warming up, we braved the chill again for the Men's and Women's Frying Pan Toss. At 53 feet and nine inches, Jim Merrill took the men's division and at 42 feet and seven inches, Mallory McDonald took the women's division.

We followed up at 6 pm with our fireworks display, which is always a fan favorite and then the band Barkeater played the night away.

We couldn't have asked for a better turnout! Thanks, everyone and see you next February! ▣

arrive early for drinks and an opportunity to walk the camp grounds.

The panel is composed of Pete Nelson and Tiffany Rea-Fisher of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative, Martha Swan of John Brown Lives!, and Rocci Aguirre of the Adirondack Council. The LGLC NextGen Committee believes that sharing the benefits of land conservation with every individual is necessary to ensure equity in the landscape of outdoor recreation and land protection.

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LGLC, CONTINUED

Community members are encouraged to bring forth questions for this conversation-style event, as we begin to understand what can be done to continue to work toward a safe and welcoming park.

The event is free, however there is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Registration is required to guarantee seating. Please visit [HERE](#) for more information on the speakers and event details.

The LGLC's NextGen Committee is a group of young professional volunteers who are passionate and committed to promoting land conservation through community events. Please visit lgc.org or email gcasella@lgc.org for more information or ways to get involved.

Panelists:

Pete Nelson is a proud Adirondack resident and co-founder of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative. For more information about Pete, click [HERE](#).

Tiffany Rea-Fisher is the executive director of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative (ADI). For more information about Tiffany, click [HERE](#).

Martha Swan is the founder and executive director of John Brown Lives!, a freedom and human rights education organization dedicated to the legacy of abolitionist John Brown. For more information about Martha, click [HERE](#).

Rocci Aguirre is the deputy executive director of the Adirondack Council. For more information about Rocci, click [HERE](#). ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

LENDER IS NEW VP AT SILVER BAY

Walt Lender has accepted the position of Vice President for Development and Government Relations at Silver Bay YMCA.

He holds a Master's Degree in Administration from Saint Michael's College and a BA from Hartwick College.

Over the years, Lender has been active in local economic development, planning, and historic preservation efforts. He brings over 34 years of experience in the not-for-profit sector to the team. For nearly 18 years, Lender served as the Executive Director of the Lake George Association, where he focused on the conservation and preservation of the lake and its watershed. Previously, he was both the Director of Development and the Government and Corporate Relations Officer for Fort Ticonderoga. He has also served as the Executive Director of PRIDE of Ticonderoga.

Currently, Lender serves on the Ticonderoga Planning and Zoning Board, the board of Lakes to Locks Passage, the Sylvamo Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Lake George Land Conservancy, Essex County's Water Quality Coordinating Committee, Lake Champlain Basin Program's NY Citizen's Advisory Committee (which he currently chairs), and the Black Point Road Civic Association. He was recently appointed to the Elizabethtown Community Hospital board.

"I'm thrilled and honored to accept the role of VP for Development and Government Relations. Silver Bay is an incredible asset to the regional economy and a leader in environmental stewardship of Lake George. I'm looking forward to helping Silver Bay grow and flourish," Lender said.

Peter Doliber, CEO of Silver Bay YMCA, said, "We are thrilled to have Walt joining our team. His experience, reputation, skills, and love of Silver Bay will help us continue to grow and serve. Looking forward to working together!"

Lender lives in Ticonderoga with his wife and six children. ▣



THANK YOU, MIKE STRUTZ

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

As a longtime and proactive member of the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC), Mike Strutz has studied all topics pertaining to the quality of Lake George water. Seven years ago, Mike agreed to write a monthly column for *The Hague Chronicle* called "Water Quality Matters."

Mike has put in hundreds of hours of researching and writing over 70 columns. In so doing, he has taught our readers about how we can maintain the pristine quality of our beloved Lake George water.

He has now decided to retire from authoring the column. The staff of *The Hague Chronicle* greatly appreciates all that he has done over the past seven years!

The HWQAC, with Al Rider as chair, will continue its grassroots work. It is gratified that lakewide groups such as the Lake George Association (LGA), the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), and the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) have now taken on many important issues raised on the grassroots level such as septic systems, salt contamination, and invasive species.

In the future, *The Hague Chronicle* will publish information on water quality topics in lakewide articles authored by Hague's own Ginger Henry Kuenzel, who currently serves on the board of the LGA.

Thanks again, Mike! ▣



SILVER BAY SECURES FUNDING FOR FISHER GYM

Silver Bay YMCA was recently notified that its request for one million dollars in funding from the Congressional Community Project Funding was granted.

Silver Bay would like to thank Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) for their support of the appropriation.

Fisher Gymnasium is 118 years old and is currently used mostly as a seasonal facility due to the building being mostly unheated.



“The renovation of (the) gym will follow strict historic preservation guidelines so the building will have all the necessary heat and air conditioning without compromising its historic integrity,” explained Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter Doliber.

The funding will be used to create a winterized year-round facility that will offer programming designed to improve the health and well-being of seniors, youth, families, and adults in Silver Bay, Hague, and Ticonderoga.

Once completed, Fisher Gymnasium will be able to offer more fitness and wellness classes, as well as indoor activities such as pickleball. Additionally, Fisher Lounge will be reopened as a community-gathering spot. These improvements will positively impact the physical and mental health of local residents, as well as create jobs. ▣

SILVER BAY CHANGES MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND RATES

Silver Bay’s membership structure and rates have changed.

The Friends of Silver Bay Basic Membership is no longer available. Instead, people can choose the amount they wish to donate.

The 2023 rates and membership application can be viewed [HERE](#). There are now two new Wellness Memberships. The first allows access to the: Fitness Center, Yoga Classes, Hiking Trails, Ice Fishing Access, Disc Golf Courses, and all Spiritual Life Programs. It can be purchased for the year or per day. The second includes all the above, plus access to the pickleball and tennis courts. This is sold as an annual one-time-only purchase.

These are now the only program passes:

- Annual Program Pass (Complimentary passes still included.)
- Season Program Pass (May 27th – September 4th)
- Weekly Program Pass
- Daily In-Season Program Pass
- Daily Off-Season Program Pass

Silver Bay is now offering a 15% discount on all memberships to Senior Citizens ages 65+, as well as a 15% discount on all memberships to Military and Veteran Members. An ID may be need to be shown at the time of purchase.

Membership scholarships are available based on income. For more information, email membership@silverbay.org.

To fill out a 2023 membership form, click [HERE](#). This form can then be e-mailed to the Silver Bay membership department at membership@silverbay.org or mailed to: Membership Department, Silver Bay YMCA, 87 Silver Bay Road, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

For all updated day-to-day programs and activities, visit www.silverbay.org/activity-calendar.



TI END OF WINTER CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS

The 9th Annual Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival and Fireworks will be March 3 and 4, 2023. This family-friendly event will feature an indoor carnival, winter activities, campfire, and a fireworks display. Business promotions and specials will also be offered throughout the weekend.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, March 3rd:

- 4:30 – 6:30 pm: Punky Kid’s Zoo Day.
- 5 pm: Family Movie Night at the Best Western Plus in Ticonderoga. “Moana” is a 2016 American computer-animated musical action-adventure-fantasy film produced by Walt Disney Animation Studios. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Popcorn will be provided and a special menu will be available for purchase from The Burgoyne Grill. Adult supervision is required. Pre-registration is *required* at 518-585-2378.

Saturday, March 4th:

- 9 – 11 am: Open Ice Skating and Complimentary Hot Chocolate at the Ticonderoga Skating Rink. Adult supervision required. *Weather permitting.*
- 11 – 11:45 am: Super Circus with Mr. Fish at the Ticonderoga Armory.
- 12 – 2 pm: Carnival Games at the Ticonderoga Armory. Carnival games, prizes, food, a bounce house, full face art, music, giveaways, and more! Lunch available for purchase from 802 Longshots.
- 2 – 4 pm: Complimentary Snowmobile Rides for children and families at the Ticonderoga Recreational Fields by the Adirondack Trailriders. Weather and snow dependent. If rides don’t take place, snowmobiles and grooming equipment will be on display.
- 7:30 pm: Campfire and S’mores at the Fishing Pier in Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park.
- 8 pm: Fireworks Display at Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park.

All information is subject to change.

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TICONDEROGA AWARDED \$10M

On January 23, 2023, a crowd gathered in the Ticonderoga Community Center to hear New York Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez announce that the Town of Ticonderoga will be the 6th round recipient of the North Country Region's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant (DRI). The \$10 million grant will be transformative for the community.

Details about the award can be found [HERE](#).

Over the next six to nine months, the State will provide a team of consultants and agency staff to assist the Local Planning Committee in the next phase of the DRI process.

This is a very litigious phase that involves a lot of technical work, environmental studies, and financial planning on the part of local businesses and organizations to determine their match and project feasibility.

Once all projects are vetted, they must be approved by the State. After that final approval process, the first projects can begin construction. This won't happen until at least 2024.



Ticonderoga Supervisor Mark Wright and New York Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez displaying the check

The Ticonderoga DRI website (www.ticonderogadri.com/) will be the primary source of information throughout the long process ahead.

In 2023, Ti-Alliance will serve on the Local Planning Committee working to develop the Strategic Investment Plan for Ticonderoga.

Throughout 2023, there will be a number of public meetings, open houses, and new project committees formed to seek feedback and advice from local residents and businesses. Ti-Alliance hopes that the public will stay tuned for those announcements and will participate. ▣

TREE AND SHRUB SEEDLING SALE

Each spring, the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District offers a tree and shrub seedling sale in April to interested landowners throughout Warren County. They coordinate this program so landowners can take advantage of the district's bulk buying to improve the landscape around their property.

Buying young bare root seedlings is a small investment that can:

- Provide beneficial habitat for wildlife.
- Encourage pollinators such as hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and more.
- Help stabilize and reduce soil erosion.
- Improve water quality in Warren County.
- Beautify areas in the community and much more.

Low-cost bare root trees, shrubs, and wildflower seeds will be available.



Fruit trees, conservation packs, tree shelters, bluebird, bat and wood duck houses, wildflower seed mixes, deer plot seed mix, and upland game bird seed mixes can also be ordered.

Orders are due by March 9, 2023 and they will only accept cash or checks.

The pick-up date is April 21st from 8:30 am to 6 pm at the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Office at 394 Schroon River, Warrensburg, NY 12885.

For further information, email Maren Stoddard at marens@warrenswcd.org. ▣

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: A motion was unanimously passed for ZEO Matthew Magee and Assistant ZEO Cathy Clark to attend the 2023 Adirondack Planning Forum in Saranac Lake.

Sewer District #1 & #2: John Sheehan, WWTP Chief Operator, got insurance coverage for a new Grinder Pump and its replacement costs at the Dodd Hill Pump Station. The WWTP truck has been incurring excessive repair costs; the committee is looking into getting a new truck.

Environmental Concerns: Ramant and Navitsky attended the town board meetings in Dresden and Ticonderoga, both of which voted against the LGPC's application for a permit to apply ProcellaCOR to the lake. Ramant said there would be a hearing on February 17, 2023; the media and protesters will be there.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was passed unanimously to accept the resignation of alternate Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. from the Planning Board.
2. A resolution was passed unanimously stating that the Town of Hague wishes to go on record as opposing the application of ProcellaCOR in Lake George at this time.
3. A resolution was passed unanimously stating that the town board finds all 2022 books are in order.
4. A resolution was passed unanimously reappointing Oliver Gourley to the Board of Assessment Review, with a term to expire 9/30/2027. ▣

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 high quality photo for publication in Soundings. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

REVITALIZING A DOWNTOWN LANDMARK

Originally, it was known as “The Newbury’s Building” or “The Hacker Building.” The Ti-Alliance is calling it “The 108 Montcalm Project” and this pivotal building in Downtown Ticonderoga is getting a new life.

It’s a \$2.5M project requiring an 18,000 sq. ft. roof asbestos abatement, all new electrical, plumbing, and HVAC, interior walls, and insulation.

Ti-Alliance submitted an application for a New York State RestoreNY grant at the end of January. If it gets the grant, a good portion of the renovations will be financed, but other private funds will need to be raised to complete the work.

Ti-Alliance expects that upon completion, this building will become the home of a new tourist attraction: Star Trek the Next Generation Set Tours, a companion to the existing Star Trek Original Series Set Tours next door. The Original Series’ tours and events attract over 10,000 visitors to Ticonderoga and pump more than \$1M in revenue into our economy annually. That’s huge for a North Country business!

The Next Generation has a fan base ten times the size of the Original Series - more than 40,000,000 fans worldwide. Plus, its series and feature films are still in production. Iconic characters like Captain Picard, Will Riker, Data, and Worf will span two to three generations of fans, giving this attraction an even greater reach than the original. It is estimated that the attraction will double the economic impact of the Original Series Set Tours for our area.

The downtown area will experience a visual transformation when the boarded-up storefront is replaced with a new façade.

The year-round traffic will impact the rest of the downtown businesses. There will be new retail and restaurant businesses that residents and visitors will enjoy.

It’s a game changer for Downtown Ticonderoga!

BUILDING COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

Ti-Alliance has made its childcare initiative a priority this year. Their working committee, the Ticonderoga Community Childcare Alliance, is hard at work to tackle the childcare challenge in our area. The committee is comprised of childcare industry professionals and agencies, local employers, and community members, all dedicated to achieving the goal of sustainable public childcare for the greater Ticonderoga area.

The team is currently exploring suitable locations and buildings that could support a center, creating operational business plans, recruiting potential staff, and solidifying a fundraising strategy. Working on these critical areas in tandem will help us escalate a timeline for delivering a center within a year.

Persons who have leads, ideas, or would like to get more involved, should contact Donna Wotton at donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org.

HIKE-A-THON REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6TH

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will open registration for its 11th annual Lake George Hike-A-Thon on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 8 am. This free event is open to the public and all who register in the month of March can receive a free event t-shirt.

Information, site details, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, and registration can be found [HERE](#).

The Hike-A-Thon is a free, watershed-wide event that includes nearly 700 hikers, paddlers, and volunteers 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

piloted by Bruce Mowery of North Country HeliFlite.

This year’s event includes 22 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 choice to participate virtually is also still available.

Participants and community guests are invited to come to the After Party at the Bolton Community Center from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, where there will be food, drinks, live music by the High Peaks Bluegrass Band, activities for kids and adults, sponsor booths, and merchandise.



After organizing the first Lake George Hike-A-Thon in 2013 as a celebration of the LGLC’s 25th anniversary, the event has continued each year since to showcase the LGLC’s parks and preserves as free public resources and to promote an appreciation for the outdoors and for the protection of the land that protects the lake.

MODEL BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

by Anthony DeFranco and Tom Schaffer

The Kiwanis Club held its 13th Annual Student Model Bridge Building Competition on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Ticonderoga Elementary School.

The experience teaches students about concepts in engineering and about working in teams. The hope is that this event will inspire the participants to pursue future careers in engineering and other science-related fields.

Joe Giordano spoke to the students about bridge construction and explained the history of two of our country's most well-known bridges: the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge spanning the Puget Sound in the State of Washington.

Teams of students designed and built what they hoped would be the most efficient and attractive bridges in the contest. Each team then tested the strength of its bridge by loading weights into a bucket that was suspended from the bridge until the bridge collapsed. The bridge's efficiency (the weight of the load the bridge carried prior to failing in pounds divided by the weight in grams of the bridge's actual weight) was then computed.

Middle school students built their bridges in an allotted time period on the day of the competition out of popsicle sticks. The high school students designed and built their balsa wood bridges in school as part of their high school class in the weeks leading up to the day of the competition.

The results were:

Middle School/Junior High Aesthetics Awards:

- 1st Place** – “Two Musketeers” – Jonah Giordano and James DeFranco
- 2nd Place** – “Team 1” – Willym Rollins and Joseph Vilardo
- 3rd Place** – “T.N.C.C.” – Tony Francis and Noah Wells

Middle School/Junior High Efficiency Awards:

- 1st Place** – “Two Musketeers” – Jonah Giordano and James DeFranco
- 2nd Place** – “Crimson Ducks” – Sophia Quesnel and Elana DeFranco
- 3rd Place** – “T.N.C.C.” – Tony Francis & Noah Wells

High School Aesthetics Awards:

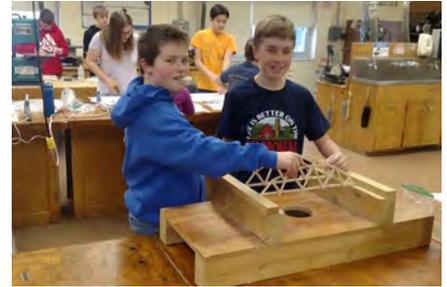
- 1st Place** – “Women in STEM” – Avery Blanchard, Sofie Hubbard, Aimee Parent, Eliza Strum, and Ella Vilardo
- 2nd Place** – “Sticky Bridgers” – Christopher Facteau, Alexander Fingland, Collin Lauzon, Carter Perron, Alex Swajger, and Ellery Write

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The following teachers helped: Donna LaBounty, Rick Merrill, and Raymond Francis.

The volunteers from Hague were: Leslie Midgely, Donald Johnston, Jack Bast, Jim Schaffer, Tom Schaffer, and Anthony DeFranco. ▣



TOP: Standing: Mrs. Donna LaBounty with students building their bridges

MIDDLE: (L to R) front row: Tony Francis and Noah Wells; middle row Sophia Quesnel and Jonah Giordano; last row Willym Rollins and Joe Vilardo

BOTTOM: Sofie Hubbard

PROCELLACOR, CONTINUED

For more information about the LGA's concerns and actions you can take to help stop this herbicide from being put in Lake George, visit the [LGA website](#). To learn why the LGPC feels that ProcellaCOR is a good way to manage milfoil in Lake George, visit the [LGPC website](#). ▣

HAGUE STUDENTS SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Grade 1: High Honors - Annyah May
- Grade 2: High Honors - Jackson Porter
Honors - Elizabeth Gargan
- Grade 3: Honors - Liam Scoville
- Grade 4: High Honors - Noah Mydlarz and Maddison Smith
Honors - Cerina Swinton

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL:

- Grade 7: First Honors - Wyatt Barnes
- Grade 8: First Honors - Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, and Kaidon Smith
- Grade 10: First Honors - Alyssa Mydlarz
- Grade 11: First Honors - Sophie Hubbard and Dalton Rivard
- Grade 12: First Honors - Quentin Gargan

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Have you always wanted to write something to share with your friends and neighbors? Do you have an idea for a column you'd like to see in *The Hague Chronicle*?

Now that Mike Strutz and Connie Smith have retired from writing their respective columns, "Water Quality Matters" and "Naturally Speaking," there may be an opportunity for a new author to contribute to *The Hague Chronicle*. It could be on a monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly basis.

If you'd be interested in doing this or if you know of someone else who would, please email Publisher/Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at editor@thehaguechronicle.org telling her your ideas and your contact information and she'll be in touch.

Also, *The Hague Chronicle* has carried the very popular column, "Looking Back," most months since 2008. In it, residents shared fascinating tales of the rich history of Hague. The column has featured intriguing stories of Hague families with old family photos.

We are seeking authors to write *individual* Looking Back columns in the remaining months of 2023. If you would like to sign up to write one or you know of someone you think has an interest or talent for doing that, please let Bobbi know at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

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Be a part of it!

TI DOWNTOWN ARTS GALLERY

From March 2 - 25, 2023, the Ticonderoga Downtown Arts Gallery will feature the show "Essence: Faces and Figures." The opening reception will be Friday, March 3, 2023 from 5 - 7 pm at the gallery at 119 Montcalm Street.

In conjunction with this show, the gallery will be offering two classes.

The first class is "Make a Mask: Alter the Person Within" and it will be on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 1 - 2:30 pm at the gallery.

This class is for children and adults and the class and the materials are free. Participants will get a mask, feathers, tissue paper, glitter, markers, paint, felt, etc. and just need to add their own imaginations. This class is limited to 12 people, so interested persons should email Seddon Beaty at seddon@thejbeatys.com as soon as possible.



The second class is "Figure Drawing Class" on Wednesday, March 15th from 10 am - noon at the gallery with Fred Holman. He says if people can draw a circle, a square, and a triangle, they can draw a stick figure. To sign up, email Fred at fholman186@gmail.com. The class and the materials are free.

TI END OF WINTER CARNIVAL, CONTINUED

The event flyer is available at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office, on the websites below, or from participating businesses.

For up-to-date information, contact TACC at 518-585-6619, visit www.timainstreet.org or www.ticonderogany.com, or follow the TMSF and TACC Facebook pages.

LIVING HISTORY EVENT

On March 4, 2023 from 10 am - 4 pm, Fort Ticonderoga will present a NEW living history event called "The Bridge to 1777."

On land and on ice, soldiers labored to build a strong bridge across Lake Champlain, connecting both halves of the camp and blocking the big boats of the Royal Navy. In this one-day Living History event, visitors will discover this difficult and dangerous work and explore the myriad of military preparations afoot in March 1777.



Soldiers notch large timbers with axes and saws

ROAST PORK LOIN DINNER

A public roast pork loin 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 Monday, March 27, 2023, from 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take outs will also be available. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 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.

SUPPORTING THE HAGUE CHRONICLE :You can make a tax-deductible donation to *The Hague Chronicle* any time **HERE**. Our all-volunteer staff thanks you for the encouragement and the support you provide! We couldn't do it without you!

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CALENDAR

March 2023

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| 2 | 7 pm | Planning Board Meeting | 15 | 10 - 12 pm | Figure Drawing Class Ti Downtown Arts Gallery |
| 3 | 5 - 7 pm | Opening Reception "Essence: Faces and Figures" Ti Downtown Arts Gallery | 16 | 5:30 - 7 pm | After Business Mixer TACC Silver Bay YMCA |
| 3 - 4 | | Ti End of Winter Carnival/Fireworks | 17 | | ST. PATRICK'S DAY |
| 4 | 10 - 4 pm | "The Bridge to 1777" Fort Ticonderoga | 20 | 6 pm | Deadline for the April 1st issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> |
| 6 | 8 am | Hike-A-Thon sign-up opens | 23 | 7 pm | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting |
| 10 | 5:30 pm | "Equity in Land Conservation" LGLC NextGen with Camp Chingachgook | 27 | 4:30 pm | Roast Pork Loin Dinner at the Ti Masonic Temple |
| 11 | 10 - 12 pm | Invasive HWA Field Training Hearthstone Point Campground | | | |
| 12 | 1 - 2:30 pm | Make a Mask class at Ti Downtown Arts Gallery | | | |
| | | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS | | | |
| | 6 pm | Town Board Meeting | | | |

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