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## FISHING TOURNAMENT DRAWS BIG CROWD

More than 18 inches of fresh snow fell in Hague just before the Hague Fish & Game Club's annual fishing tournament, but the storm did not stop anglers from heading out onto the ice.

A total of 119 adults and 60 youth registered for the event through local bait shops. The tournament once again drew strong community support, with local merchants sponsoring prizes and helping provide youth anglers with starter fishing equipment to begin building their own tackle collections.

Club members also donated items for the event. Mike Flack crafted a handmade ice chisel, emphasizing that it is an important safety tool every ice fisherman should carry. The Silver Bay General Store sold tickets and made a Gold Line donation, which helped provide prizes for the junior division winners.

The club was also pleased to welcome New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Officer Higgins, who stopped by during the tournament.

Despite challenging weather conditions, anglers brought in a variety of fish across several categories.

### Youth Perch

Dominick Osier – 1.37 lbs.  
Tanner Gadway – 1.01 lbs.  
Grayson Hurlburt – 0.44 lb.

### Adult Perch

Tim Ryther – 0.91 lb.  
Pat Collins – 0.85 lb.  
Amber Ryther – 0.83 lb.

### Salmon (Adult)

Andrew Kalme – 1.89 lbs.



*TOP: President Donnie Smith and NYS DEC Officer Higgins; MIDDLE: Board Chair Lindsey Smith with Ella Dillon; BOTTOM: Tanner Gadway with his two perch*

### Northern Pike

Junior: Miley Adkins – 10.15 lbs.  
Adult: Chris Winters – 6.13 lbs.

### Lake Trout – Junior

Ella Dillon – 9.05 lbs.  
Hailey Adkins – 9.05 lbs.  
Miley Adkins – 6.65 lbs.

The junior lake trout category featured a tie for first place by weight between Dillon and Adkins. The winner was determined by length, with Dillon's fish measuring 31 1/3 inches and Adkins' measuring 29 3/4 inches.

### Lake Trout – Adult

Ed Rose – 14.42 lbs.  
Brentin Trudeau – 9.02 lbs.  
Eugene Barnaby – 7.58 lbs.

Organizers expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped make the event a success, including volunteers, sponsors, merchants, and all who came out to fish despite the snowy conditions. ▣

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

*by SAC Chair Jack Bast*

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) continues to seek a better education for our children and a fair and equitable administration of school taxes. However, our several requests for an update by the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD) Board of Education (BoE) of their academic goals published in August 2025 have not been answered.

In the meantime, SAC has researched the latest 2024-2025 NYS Education Department statewide rankings based on NYSED's annually administered standard tests across schools for grades 3 through 12. The tests determine the students' level of proficiency compared to state requirements for more than twenty subjects. The test results are used to rank some 600 public school districts.

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## SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Mike Kowalsky

The annual Senior St. Patrick's Day Dinner was held at the HVFD on March 12, 2026. As always, it was a big success thanks to so many members pitching in to help with decorating, supplying desserts, and preparing the always-delicious Irish menu of corned beef, carrots, cabbage and potatoes. More than 30 friends gathered for a great meal and lots of fun. All agreed that the Trivia Game could have been a bit more challenging had some of the answers not been included on the questionnaire, but it made for a good laugh.

A special welcome was offered to Francis "Porky" Lamb and his wife, Linda. They are longtime members of the Senior Club but have been absent for a couple of years as they battled (and won) some major medical issues. Congratulations and welcome back!

Edna Frasier won the 50-50 raffle and graciously donated her winnings back to the Senior Club. Thank you, Edna.

This month will feature a trip on April 9th for a day of antique shopping in Ballston Spa, followed by lunch and, time permitting, a visit to the Dakota Ridge Llama Farm.

Our next meeting will be on **April 28th at 1:30 pm** at the Hague Community Center. All members are urged to attend. ▣



TOP, L to R: Edna Frasier, Bertha Dunsmore, Sharon Zeyak;  
MIDDLE, L to R: Dorothy and Jack Bast, Viola Vassallo;  
BOTTOM, L to R: Charlene and Tom Schaffer

## HAGUE BROOK TRAIL UPGRADE

Thanks to a concerted effort by a bunch of conscientious and caring people, our Hague Brook Trail path has been restored to safe access and is open to welcome spring. This wonderful town asset is a part of the Lake George Wild Forest within the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Access is available from the parking lot just off Graphite Mountain Road/Route 8 that's located just 200 yards west of the community center.

From the parking lot, a bridge across Hague Brook leads to the trail which winds up the steep mountainside along the raging brook and waterfall.

Last Fall, Sally DeLarm-Rypkema, our town historian, noted that the bridge and infrastructure had significantly deteriorated and was concerned enough about the safety aspects to take action. Sally began a long, arduous quest to determine who or what entity was actually responsible to maintain this property in safe condition.

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## HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department was busy for the month of February with four fire calls, three EMS assists, and four drills for a total of 63 volunteer hours.

EMS had 12 calls and two standbys for a total of 53.5 paid and volunteer hours.

We are moving our Mother's Day brunch to **Saturday, May 9th** with the same hours, **9 to 11 am**.

From **March 16 through May 14**, there is a fire ban in effect, prohibiting outdoor brush burning to reduce wildfire risk during the high-risk spring season. Residential burning of trash, leaves, and brush is banned statewide during this period, with violations risking at least a \$500 first-offense fine.

Thank you to those who support us!

Welcome spring! ▣

## NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll for the Town of Hague, which will be filed on or before May 1, 2026.

The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at the Hague Community Center on **April 6th, 8th and 13th between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm**.

An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning Sole Assessor David Martucci at 518-543-6161.

Dated the 31st day of March, 2026. ▣

## BESTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – 2026

This year, we have five students who are receiving our Beste Scholarship Awards:

**Quentin Gargan:** Quentin is in his third year at the University at Buffalo, majoring in Management/Accounting. He is the son of Thomas Gargan.

**Madalynn Hubbard:** Madalynn is in her final year at SUNY Cortland, graduating in May. She is majoring in Fitness Development. She is the daughter of Ellen Hubbard. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation, Madalynn!

**Sofie Hubbard:** Sofie is a second-year student at Bryant University. She is majoring in Business/Marketing. She is also the daughter of Ellen Hubbard.

**Alyssa Mydlarz:** Alyssa is in her first year at Clemson University. She is majoring in Biological Sciences/Nursing. She is the daughter of Mike and Lindsay (Frasier) Mydlarz.

**Kayla Navitsky:** Kayla is a first-year student at Coastal Carolina University. She is majoring in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Chris and Beth Barton-Navitsky.

We congratulate all our award recipients on their continuing achievements. Best of luck from the Hague community as you go forward!

Many thanks also to those who have continued to support the Scholarship Fund with donations over the years. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: "Beste Scholarship Fund," and send to Kathy Santaniello, 14 Braisted Hill Road, Silver Bay, NY 12874. ■



*Top to Bottom, L to R: Quentin Gargan, Madalynn Hubbard, Sofie Hubbard, Alyssa Mydlarz, Kayla Navitsky*



## HAGUE FOOD PANTRY



The Hague Food Pantry, located in the community center, is asking the community to help by donating products and/or financial contributions. To learn more about which products are needed and where to send financial contributions, click [HERE](#). ■

### CORRECTION:

There were some errors in the listing of names for the Memory Tree in the March issue. These are the ones we have been made aware of:

- Evelyn (M). Gautreau (not Bernard)
- Anna Robbins (not Robins) Denno
- Pauline Robbins (not Robins) Hill
- Janet (not Jane) W. Hoffay
- Leona Robbins (not Robins) Stratton
- Brian, not Drian) D. Runnals
- Alyce Bennett Rathbun - missing
- Edna Robbins Tilton - missing ■

## 14TH ANNUAL HIKE-A-THON: JULY 5

More than 570 people are already registered to take part in the 14th annual Lake George Hike-A-Thon, scheduled for Sunday, July 5, 2026.

While some sites have reached capacity, there is still space available in others. Those interested in participating in this free, family-friendly event are encouraged to sign up.

Prospective participants can review the registration form to see which sites are still available and should register before the April 30, 2026 deadline. Those unsure which site best suits them can explore the interactive sites map for additional details.

Boat owners are also invited to participate. The Wooden Boat Parade, a unique Hike-A-Thon group in the south basin, is led by Captain Ron Miller and sponsored by Love is on Lake George. Info [HERE](#).

For those who prefer to avoid crowds, a virtual participation option is available, allowing individuals to take part from any location. Info [HERE](#).

More information about volunteering or sponsoring the event can be found at [lakegeorgehikeathon.org](http://lakegeorgehikeathon.org). ■



*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths in Soundings. We can include a high quality photo.

Our submission deadline for Soundings, and all other articles, is 6 pm the 20th of each month, for inclusion in the following month's issue.

Please send to [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org).

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/26/2026

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, Board Members Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Oliver Gourley. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

There were no public hearings.

### **Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training, 87 Silver Bay Road**

*Development within 100 feet of shoreline; variance for 160-50 B (1) (b) development within 50 feet of shoreline setback*

The applicant proposes installing an ADA-accessible ramp to the waterfront over an existing steep gravel pathway, with a requested railing width of 48 inches where 36 inches is required. Chris Girard of Dock Doctors was present to answer questions.

Kirchberger reported that an updated SEQR form had been completed and distributed. Barth-King confirmed that the project lies within the shoreline setback and that zoning district details and mean high water mark measurements were accurate, requesting that those measurements be added to the application. Navitsky asked for clarification on the ramp and platform placement, which was provided.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the application as complete and place it on the March agenda. The vote passed unanimously.

Kirchberger reported that a public hearing will be held at the March Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, followed by referral to the planning board for site plan review and advisory opinion at its April 2nd meeting. Warren County approval has been received and an Adirondack Park Agency review is pending. Board members agreed that individual site visits would be sufficient.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kirchberger reported that he has distributed a questionnaire to Hague Zoning Board of Appeals and Hague Planning Board members to gather input on zoning updates, as he works with Warren County Planning and the New York State Department of State to pursue a grant for a full update of the town code.

He also reviewed ongoing discussion of guest cottage regulations. The town board has requested an additional recommendation from the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals due to wording discrepancies. Kirchberger noted that the current definition of a guest cottage allows for interpretation and would benefit from clarification. He also confirmed that zoning administrators currently have authority to approve such structures.

Board members discussed issues to be addressed in a broader code revision, including lake density, undersized lots, lot coverage, septic requirements, and enforcement. It was noted that the Hague Comprehensive Plan must be updated before a full code revision can proceed.

Discussion also included square footage limits for guest cottages. The current code allows up to 2,000 square feet, though a 1,250 square foot limit had previously been recommended. Barth-King suggested reviewing questionnaire responses and planning board input before making an additional recommendation.

This article was written by the editor of *The Hague Chronicle* from draft minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals. ■

## PLANNING BOARD - 3/5/2026

Present were Chairperson Sandy Powell, Board Members Pam Peterson, Alane Vogel, Jami Jordan, and Tom LaPointe. Henry Friedman was in remote attendance via phone. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Zoning Clerk Sarah Dever, Chris Richards, and Chris Girard of Dock Doctors.

Powell welcomed LaPointe to the board and acknowledged his accomplishments. She also thanked Peterson for her service as deputy chair and noted that Friedman will step into that role.

There were no public hearings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training, 87 Silver Bay Road, (DEV 03-26) (SP 02-26) (VAR 01-26). *Development within 100 feet of shoreline; variance for Section 160-50 B (1) (b), development within 50 feet shoreline setback.*

The applicant proposed installing an ADA-accessible ramp to the waterfront over an existing concrete slab and gravel pathway. The project was before the planning board for an advisory opinion to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board members reviewed the application and site conditions, including a large stump beneath the proposed ramp, shoreline vegetation, stormwater runoff, and ramp access. The applicant explained that the ramp would be installed using steel pipe footings with minimal excavation. It was noted that the stump would be ground down rather than removed.

The board discussed environmental impacts and accessibility benefits. Members agreed the project would improve access for those with mobility challenges while maintaining the character of the shoreline.

A motion was made and seconded to issue a negative SEQR declaration. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to deem the application complete. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to provide a positive advisory opinion to the Zoning Board of Appeals with conditions that native shoreline vegetation be maintained or replaced in kind, additional native plantings be added between the ramp and the tennis courts, and the stump be ground down rather than excavated. The vote passed unanimously.

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## PLANNING BOARD, CONT'D

### OLD BUSINESS

The board agreed to move the May meeting from May 7th to May 14th at 6 pm. Members were asked to submit forms for Adirondack Planning Forum training by March 9th.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The board continued discussion on proposed code changes, including guest cottages and short-term rentals. Powell will prepare a draft recommendation for review at the April meeting.

Members also discussed Section 150 of the town code and future training opportunities. Powell will coordinate a subdivision training session with New York State Department of State Local Government Specialist Monica Ryan.

This article was written by the editor of *The Hague Chronicle* from draft minutes of the Hague Planning Board written by ZEC Sarah Dever and submitted to *The Hague Chronicle* by ZEO Ed Kirchberger. ■

## TOWN BOARD - 3/10/2026

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Councilmembers Jack Bast, Maureen Cherubini, Edna Frasier, and Lara Smith. There were no absences. There were ZOOM attendees.

A moment of silence was observed for Martin "Blackie" Fitzgerald, Theodore "Ted" Conant, Diane Howard, and Peter Doliber.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Code Change Recommendations  
The public hearing on code change recommendations from Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Kirchberger remains open until the April meeting. No one spoke for or against the recommendations.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Buildings/Grounds (Frasier/Patchett):** Frasier reported she is researching options to make the community center entrance handicap accessible, including an automatic door opener. Patchett reviewed bids for repairs to the exterior wood surface at the visitors' center.

**Highway (Frasier/Cherubini):** The Highway Department's cold storage building has been completed. Bids are being received for garage improvements. Dunklee noted a possible storage area for the Animal Control Officer.

**Museum/Historian (Bast/Smith):** Work continues on the Hague Central School exhibit.

**Personnel (Bast/Cherubini):** The town continues to seek a Zoning Board of Appeals alternate. Tom Lapointe has been appointed to the planning board.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Cherubini/Frasier):** The zoning board of appeals report has been received and a wastewater application was discussed later in the meeting.

**Recreation/Promotion/Youth (Smith):** Winter weekend events at the Hague Fish & Game Club have been rescheduled to March 21st, with family activities from 1 to 4 pm, and music by Rich Ortiz from 5 to 8 pm.

**Sewer (Smith/Patchett):** The new computer system is operating without issues.

**Town Park/Beautification (Smith/Frasier):** Winter flags will be replaced with spring and summer flags.

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) (Bast):** The School Advisory Committee reported that the town has filed an application with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance seeking a special equalization rate to address disparities in school tax apportionment within the Ticonderoga Central School District. The application is under review by the Office of Real Property Tax Services. SAC also encouraged community participation in upcoming board of education meetings and noted the need for another Hague representative on the board.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

The board approved the Hague Seniors' request to use the Visitors' Center for the Senior View Café from May 24 through May 31. The Seniors announced they will not hold the White Elephant Sale this year.

The board agreed to join a Lake George Association (LGA) letter to Governor Kathy Hochul requesting additional funding for septic replacement programs.

Amanda Vickerson presented plans for small boat tours operating from the town dock. Concerns regarding parking, dock space, and logistics were discussed, though overall support was expressed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing was scheduled for April on a wastewater variance for Bolton Sibling LLC, 5 Burdick Lane.

The board adopted Resolution No. 75 of 2026 establishing a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for Hague Volunteer Fire Department members, subject to voter approval at a referendum on November 3rd. The program would provide a monthly benefit based on years of service beginning in 2027. The vote passed 4-0-1 (Cherubini abstained).

The board approved use of the Steamer Dock by Northern Lake George Boat Tours LLC for limited seasonal operations, with conditions including insurance, a hold harmless agreement, and a \$150 fee.

Funding was approved for School Advisory Committee (SAC) members to attend the Rural Schools Association conference, for board and planning board members to attend the APA Planning Forum, and for the town clerk and deputy clerk to attend their annual conference.

The board approved a \$5,564 contract with MacDougal and Mazin Contracting for visitors' center repairs and authorized the purchase of pallet racking for the highway department.

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## HAGUE BROOK TRAIL UPGRADE, CONT'D

With the help of Hague Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Fiallo and his excellent working relationship with DEC, contact was made and help found that responded to our requests for attention.

Kate Kuklinski, Land Manager, and Ben Thomas, Regional Forester, from NYS DEC's Division of Lands & Forests located in Warrensburg, came to our rescue. They brought in needed repair materials and personnel to the site, including help from a group of Boy Scouts. Our Hague Highway Department also donated a substantial number of materials to provide additional safety margins. With everybody's help and cooperation, adequate repair was accomplished before winter set in.

The Hague Brook is currently raging with snow melt runoff and is a glorious sight from this bridge and the trail! Thanks, Sally, Tim, Kate, and Ben!

Visitors still need to be reminded to BE CAREFUL! This is Wild Forest, not Hague-owned property. Visitors are on their own when they enter the preserve! ▣



## TOWN BOARD, CONT'D

Resolution No. 77 of 2026 was adopted authorizing a \$207,798 contract with Hybrid Building Solutions for a new salt storage building.

Additional discussion included septic grant funding delays, alternative phone service options, dock usage, parking concerns, and a call for volunteers for the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

The next regular meeting will be held April 14, 2026.

*This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Hague Town Board.* ▣

## NYS TEST SCORE RANKINGS OF TCSD STUDENTS

On New York State standardized tests, Ticonderoga students scored four in the top half, 18 in the bottom half, overall compared to regional schools in the bottom quartile.

### FOUR IN THE TOP HALF:

ELA\*, Grade 3 = 172 of 599  
Math, Grade 3 = 120 of 599  
Math, Grade 6 = 197 of 602  
Regents Geometry: 139 of 548

### 18 IN THE BOTTOM HALF:

ELA\*, Grade 4 = 304 of 601  
ELA\*, Grade 5 = 332 of 601  
ELA\*, Grade 6 = 523 of 605  
ELA\*, Grade 7 = 383 of 589  
ELA\*, Grade 8 = 573 of 586  
ELA\*, Grade 3 - 8 = 454 of 558  
Math, Grade 4 = 559 of 602  
Math, Grade 5 = 450 of 599  
Math, Grade 7 = 420 of 584  
Math, Grade 8 = 350 of 562  
Science, Grade 5 = 412 of 599  
Science, Grade 8 = 485 of 567  
Regents Algebra I = 464 of 586  
Regents Living Environment = 482 of 543  
Regents Physics/Chemistry = 483 of 536  
Regents US History & Government = 523 of 572  
4-year graduation = 461 of 670

\* English Language Art

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE, CONT'D

When TCSD is compared to twenty neighboring TCSD schools in the North Country, we find that it is ranked in the upper half for only four out of twenty-two subjects. TCSD is ranked below the median of this cohort of schools that face the same challenges as TCSD does. Overall, in our region, TCSD is ranked in the bottom quartile. A link to this analysis is available on the Town of Hague's website and can be viewed [HERE](#). The children of Hague, Putnam, and Ticonderoga deserve a better education. The TCSD BoE must commit to improving the quality of education it offers. The SAC welcomes thoughts and suggestions from Hague residents regarding how to improve TCSD academic performance.

Regarding school taxes: On February 27th, Hague filed a formal application with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance seeking a special equalization rate for the TCSD to ensure Hague taxpayers are not unfairly burdened with a disproportionate share of school taxes.

This state-authorized process under Real Property Tax Law is intended to correct significant differences in assessment levels within a district. Hague's application is necessary because the current system does not accurately reflect some Ticonderoga true market values, resulting in substantially higher per-pupil costs for Hague residents compared to neighboring areas.

If approved, the special equalization rate would create a fairer allocation of the school tax levy and could provide meaningful, hopefully, annual savings for Hague homeowners, families, and seniors. The application is currently under review by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS).

Finally, the April School BoE meeting is on **Tuesday, April 21st** at the High School Cafeteria **at 6 pm**. SAC encourages Hague residents to attend! The SAC will be there too!

Also, Hague needs another representative on the School Board of Education! Petitions to be included on the September BoE ballot can be picked up at the TCSD District Office at the high school and must be submitted to Erin Hamel, BoE Clerk, **before April 20th. Who do we have in Hague who is willing to serve in this important role? Hague needs a candidate we can strongly support!** ▣

## PETER DOLIBER PASSES AWAY

It was with great sadness that Silver Bay YMCA announced the passing of Peter R. Doliber (1955 – 2026) on March 9, 2026 after his courageous battle with cancer.

Doliber first joined Silver Bay YMCA in 2022 and guided the organization with unwavering commitment, empathy, and purpose.

Under his leadership, Silver Bay's reach grew, its impact deepened, and Silver Bay remained steadfast in its mission to cultivate relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

It was under Doliber's leadership that Silver Bay was able to become more fiscally sustainable, while being able to provide over \$1.4 million (2024) in direct community benefits through programs and services. It was this work that was awarded the 2025 "Large Nonprofit of the Year" award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce. It wouldn't have been possible without the leadership and support of Doliber.

During his tenure, Doliber helped guide and develop many projects and programs at Silver Bay. One of the

programs most near and dear to him was the creation of the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC). The TCELC provides much-needed childcare to the region, and, while Doliber took great pride in helping to get the TCELC started, what he loved most was being able to see the children in the center learn, flourish, and grow.

"Peter was not only a mentor to many of us here at Silver Bay, but he was also a friend. Through Peter's guidance, many of us here were able to grow professionally and personally while having a genuine impact on the community. The work we do and will continue to do at Silver Bay will forever reflect the legacy and impact Peter had on this organization, community, and staff," Silver Bay YMCA Interim CEO Lucas Callahan stated.

Many of the projects Silver Bay is currently working on were made possible due to the groundwork Doliber laid. The improvements being made to Slim Point, the Fisher Gymnasium Winterization, and the Renovations to Bayview Lodge ensure that Doliber's impact will be felt for many generations to come.

Silver Bay YMCA Board of Trustees Chair Elise Walton commented, "Peter joined Silver Bay to build on Silver Bay's



*Peter Doliber, 4th of July 2025 – Jean and Peter Doliber with Connor during Silver Bay YMCA's Shortest 4th in the North Parade in 2024. Photo courtesy of Silver Bay YMCA*

beauty, strengths, and history. A mission-driven leader with a strong YMCA background, Peter was a change-maker who strengthened ties with communities near and far. We remain deeply indebted to him for his many contributions and send our heartfelt love and wishes for peace as he moves on to the next horizon."

Silver Bay YMCA extends its deepest sympathies to Doliber's family and is committed to maintaining the high standards and impact he established.

Silver Bay will forever be influenced by his legacy. ▣

## THE HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), the invasive forest insect first detected in the Lake George watershed in 2020, continues to spread and pose a threat to water quality and wildlife habitat. To help mitigate the impacts of HWA, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) continues to manage HWA on infested preserves through chemical control, in conjunction with the release of biological controls (biocontrols) — predatory insects that specifically feed on HWA.

This spring, the LGLC will complete a cycle of chemical treatment at both the 15-acre East Brook Preserve in Lake George and the 60-acre Clark

Hollow Bay Preserve in Putnam.

The goal of using a chemical and biocontrol two-prong approach is to provide chemical protection to the trees while the biocontrols have time to build numbers. As the biological controls get established, they can reduce the population of HWA on a landscape scale and create a glimmer of hope for the future of hemlock forests.

The LGLC staff and their partners in the [NYS Hemlock Initiative](#) and [Lake George Hemlock Coalition](#) are also looking for evidence of mortality of HWA after this year's cold winter. This information will help to further research and guide management



plans as they continue their efforts to protect Lake George from this invasive pest.

For more information, go to the Lake George Hemlock Coalition [HERE](#). ▣

## LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society Board Members  
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young

Hague Chronicle – April 2001 – 25 years ago



### THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

*There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple or pine in pineapple. And while no one knows what is in a hotdog, you can be pretty sure it isn't canine. English muffins were not invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.*

*Why do people ship by truck or car and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can weather be hot as heck one day and cold as heck another?*

*When a house burns up, it burns down. You fill in a form by filling it out and an alarm clock goes off by going on. You get in and out of a car, yet you get on and off a bus. When the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.*

*And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it?*

*Yessiree...that's our own muther tongue.*

*...Thanks to Stu Harmon*

### 25 YEARS LATER

Contronyms are words that can have two opposite meanings depending on context. They are also known as Janus Words. Janus was an ancient Roman god with two faces that looked in opposite directions. When paired with humor, they become “silly contronym ponderables” – questions or statements that are both funny and thought provoking. They enhance linguistic awareness and vocabulary, encourage creative thinking and humor, and provide mental exercises in logic and context interpretation. \*

Would a fly without wings be called a walk? Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii? If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked? If you are expecting the unexpected, how will you know when the unexpected comes if you don't know what the unexpected is?

Can you daydream at night? Do stairs go up or down? Why do psychics have to ask you for your name? Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do “practice?” Why do they report power outages on TV? Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

Is it possible to be totally partial? How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink? What is a “free” gift? If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2? When someone sanctions a rule, are they approving it or punishing it? How can something be “new” and “improved” at the same time? If the Energizer Bunny was arrested, would he be charged with battery?

We are hoping you have a wonderful day, a warm spring, and a very Happy Easter! ▣

\*Merriam Webster

## LGLC GALA HONORARY COMMITTEE

Hosted onboard the historic Lac du St. Sacrement, this year's Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) Gala will offer an unforgettable evening cruise to see firsthand the beauty of the mountains and forests permanently protected by the LGLC.



The gala is the LGLC's most important fundraising event, made possible, in large part, by the dedication and generosity of its Honorary Committee.

By providing support for its mission of permanently protecting the land that protects Lake George, these treasured lands, critical to the water quality,

natural habitat, and the scenic beauty of Lake George, can remain protected forever.

General tickets to attend the gala will be available in May, but seats can be reserved now with a special commitment to the Honorary Committee at <https://lgc.org/gala/>. ▣

## EARTH DAY CLEANUP

On **April 22, 2026 from 8:30 to 11 am**, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will celebrate Earth Day with a litter cleanup at The Pinnacle Preserve in Bolton. They'll clear trash from the parking area and along Edgecomb Pond Road; other nearby locations may also be included. More information can be found at <https://lgc.org/event/20260422>. ▣



## SPRING HIKING

When hiking this time of year, trails can be everything from mildly messy to hazardous, due to the rapidly melting snow and ice.

Hiking on muddy, wet trails can also cause erosion and otherwise damage the trails the Lake George Land Conservancy works so hard to maintain for public use.

Please follow this advice from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC):

- Stick to low-elevation hiking trails.
- Avoid hiking on any trails during periods of significant rainfall.
- If hiking on muddy or flooded trails, stay in the center of the trail to prevent erosion. The center of the trail can sustain boot prints.

For more information, go to <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/hike-smart-ny>. ▣

## TACC OFFERS HEALTH INSURANCE

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is offering access to comprehensive health insurance through its partnership with the North Country Chamber of Commerce. The TACC encourages businesses and residents seeking employee benefits or individual coverage to take advantage of this resource.

Director of Health Insurance Services Lisa Bedard-Dupee is typically at TACC the first Wednesday of each month, providing consistent access for members and the community. As a licensed professional, Bedard-Dupee offers personalized guidance on small group and employer plans, individual and family coverage, and chamber dental and vision programs.

For answers to questions about the health insurance market, assistance with enrollment, or to make an appointment, contact Lisa at the North Country Chamber at 518-563-1000 or email [lisa@northcountrychamber.com](mailto:lisa@northcountrychamber.com). ■

## THE NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE FOUNDATION

The Northern Lake George Foundation's mission is: "To enrich the lives of current and future generations in Northern Lake George by fostering economic growth, supporting youth development and enhancing community well-being."

The foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming academic cycle. These scholarships are designed to support local students who have demonstrated a commitment to their education and community. For more information about the scholarships and/or how to support the Northern Lake George Foundation, go to [nlgfoundation.org](http://nlgfoundation.org). ■

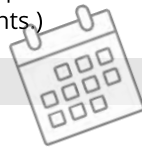
## TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

The Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education approved the following calendar for 2026-2027:

First Day for Students: Sept 3      Last Day for Students: June 24  
Parent/Teacher Conferences: Nov 23 & 24 (No school for students.)

### Days when school will NOT be in session:

|                    |                |                |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| September 7        | January 1, 18  | May 31         |
| October 12         | February 15-19 | June 18, 28-30 |
| November 11, 25-27 | March 26       |                |
| December 23-31     | April 12-16    |                |



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## TI ARTS

Ti Arts Downtown Gallery will display artwork by Ticonderoga Central School District middle and high school students from **Wednesday, April 1 to Saturday, April 25, 2026**. The exhibit will feature a variety of styles from more than one hundred students in grades seven through twelve.

Students have been preparing for the show throughout the school year. The exhibit will include a wide range of work, from portraits and landscapes to abstract and photorealistic pieces.



*Hague residents Miya Savage and Emma Lastowski*

An opening reception will be held on **Wednesday, April 1 from 4 to 6 pm**. The public is invited to attend the reception or to visit during regular gallery hours, which are **Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm**.

Ti Arts Downtown Gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

*Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.* ■

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CALENDAR

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|                 |                                                     |              |                                                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1               | April issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published | 15           | TAX DAY                                              |
|                 | PASSOVER STARTS                                     | 16 6 pm      | Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.                   |
| 4 – 6 pm        | Ti Arts opening reception                           | 20 6 pm      | Deadline for May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> |
| 1-25            | Ti Arts student exhibit                             | 21 6 pm      | TCSD Boe Mtg.                                        |
| 2 6 pm          | Hague Planning Board Mtg.                           | 22           | EARTH DAY                                            |
| 5               | EASTER SUNDAY                                       | 8:30 – 11 am | Earth Day Cleanup                                    |
| 6 10 am – 2 pm  | Assessor's hours                                    | 24           | ARBOR DAY                                            |
| 8 10 am – 2 pm  | Assessor's hours                                    | 28 1:30 pm   | Senior Club Mtg.                                     |
| 13 10 am – 2 pm | Assessor's hours                                    |              |                                                      |
| 14 6 pm         | Hague Town Board Mtg.                               |              |                                                      |

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