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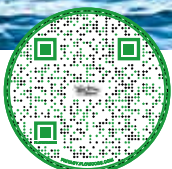
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## Lake-Wide Septic Rules to be Released this Fall

By Anthony F. Hall

The Lake George Park Commission expects to open its proposed Lake-Wide Septic System Rules to public comment this fall, the board announced at its July 26 meeting.

According to Dave Wick, the Park Commission's executive director, the new regulations could take effect as early as spring, 2023.

The Commission's draft regulations stipulate that all residential septic systems within 500 feet of the Lake George shore and 100 feet of major tributaries be inspected once every five years.

Commercial systems would receive annual inspections.

"The hope is that these inspections will be done by trained Lake George Park Commission technicians at a cost of \$50 for residential systems and \$100 for commercial systems," said Joe Thouin, the Park Commission's environmental analyst.

The fees would fund the annual costs of the inspections, which would start in May and end in November, said Dave Wick.

According to Wick, 2,800 of the 6,200 systems within the Lake George watershed are within the

targeted areas.

One fifth or 560 of those 2,800 systems would be inspected every year and every system would be inspected once every five years, said Joe Thouin.

"When issues are found that might impact the long-term performance of the system, they would need to be corrected within that five-year period," said Thouin.

The Lake George Park Commission last attempted to establish an inspection program in 1990.

According to Dave Wick, the courts invalidated the 1990 program because its Environmental Impact Statement failed to address the "reasonable" possibility that mandatory and presumably unpopular septic regulations would fuel the demand for a lake-wide sewer system, which, in turn, would lead to environmentally unsustainable development.

As adopted, those regulations promulgated standards for the design of new septic systems and authorized the Lake George Park Commission: to monitor systems to make certain they were functioning properly; charge homeowners an annual inspection fee; and require the homeowners to maintain their systems.

## Bolton Board OKs EMS Taxing District

By Anthony F. Hall

Bolton's Town Board voted August 2 to establish an EMS tax district to finance Bolton's Emergency Medical Services, a not-for-profit organization.

According to Bolton Supervisor Ron Conover, residents will not see an increase in their taxes as a consequence of forming the new taxing district.

Rather, the taxpayer-funded subsidy of the organization, which is now included within the town's appropriations for the General Fund, will appear as a separate item on residents' tax bills.

"All things being equal, the formation of the district should have no budgetary effect," said Conover. "Publishing the costs as a line item on the tax bills will, however, increase transparency."

"We all know that EMS costs have been rising steadily, not just in the Town of Bolton, but across the board. When the costs are embedded in a town budget, people may fail to be aware of those rising costs. This keeps people informed," said Conover.

According to Conover, the Town pays roughly half the costs of the EMS.

In 2022, the Town's share was \$327,674. In 2020, it was \$250,000. In 2009, \$89,200.

According to Earl Mikoloski, a long-time EMS volunteer and squad



In 2018, the Bolton EMS purchased a new, custom-built ambulance with significant support from the Wolgin family.

officer, "Our budget's biggest driver is, by far, payroll."

According to Mikoloski, the Bolton EMS includes 14 paid staff members, two EMT volunteers and four volunteer drivers.

"I did not oppose the formation of an EMS taxing district," said Mikoloski. "I have no difficulty with transparency. I'm always ready to discuss our expenses with the taxpayers."

The EMS will continue to be responsible for preparing the annual budget whose total will appear as the line item.

As a separate taxing district, Bolton's EMS district will be subject to New York State's tax cap, which was first applied to local governments and school and taxing districts in 2012. The cap limits annual tax levy increases to 2% or

the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Operating within that tax cap will be difficult, Mikoloski acknowledged.

In 2023, the district's budget will include the health insurance costs of employees who work more than thirty hours per week.

"It was a necessary step to retain staff," said Mikoloski.

Johnsburg and Lake George have also established EMS Taxing Districts, and Chestertown and Warrensburg are expected to follow suit.

According to Ron Conover, the rising costs of EMS services, now visible to residents of towns throughout Warren County, may elicit public support for a wider, inter-municipal EMS district.

## Adirondack Council Lauds Climate Bill

Adirondack conservationists are celebrating the U.S. Senate's August 7 approval of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the landmark climate legislation, a press release from the Adirondack Council states.

"This is a milestone in the protection of the waters, forests and communities of the Adirondack Park," said Adirondack Council Executive Director William C. Janeway.

"The bill isn't perfect, but it is far better than anything Congress has done to date to combat climate change and build a more sustainable future for our children and grandchildren," said Janeway.

According to the Adirondack Council, the bill would invest hundreds of billions of dollars into programs designed to speed the nation's transition away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner energy sources.

The bill will also reduce the fossil fuel-fired emissions that cause acid rain and smog, while increasing employment and boosting domestic manufacturing.

To curb greenhouse gases and create more green energy, the bill would provide a series of financial incentives to speed the creation of new clean energy sources. It

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"Stewards of the Water," the new collection of profiles of people and organizations committed to the lasting protection of Lake George, was featured at the Bolton Historical Museum on August 4. Ginger Henry Kuenzel, the author the book's profile of Frank Leonbruno, was joined by Bolton Landing resident Roger Summerhayes, who contributed an essay about his grandfather, Dr. Langmuir, and the book's editor and co-author, Lorraine Ruffing. Ted Caldwell, Bolton's official historian, served as moderator. Photo by Clint Weber.

## LG Music Festival Presents a Week of Classics

By Mirror Staff

The Lake George Music Festival's eleventh season opened August 10 with a free performance in Shepard Park by the Emmy Award winning trio, Time for Three, accompanied by the Lake George Music Festival Orchestra.

For the second consecutive year, the eight-day Festival will be staged almost exclusively in its new, permanent home, The Carriage House at the Fort William Henry Hotel.

From Thursday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 18, chamber music performances will be held every evening in The Carriage House starting at 7:30 pm. Works by Schumann, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Mozart and Tchaikovsky will be among those featured.

On Saturday, August 14 at 1 pm, Piano Mania!, a virtuoso performance by Festival artists, returns to The Carriage House.

Another afternoon performance will be held Thursday, August 18



Chamber music performances will be held every evening in The Carriage House starting at 7:30 pm.

at 1 pm when The Rhythm Method performs new compositions by students of the Lake George Music Festival Composer's Institute.

This year's Festival culminates in the Final Symphony Orchestra Concert, to be presented August 18 at 7:30 pm. Conducted by Roger Kalia, the Festival's Music Director, the Symphony Orchestra's program includes work by Bela Bartok, Romanian Folk Dances and Sergei Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances. Especially anticipated is the world premiere performance of Pascal Le

Boeuf's new double concerto for arx duo, violinist Barbora Kolářová, and the Lake George Music Festival Symphony Orchestra.

"We are delighted to present another week of unforgettable, musical summer evenings on Lake George," said Lake George Music Festival President & CEO Alexander Lombard. "We are thrilled to invite everyone to Fort William Henry's Carriage House on the southern shores of the lake for beloved repertoire in an intimate setting."

## Aug 20: LGLC to hold annual meeting at Up Yonda Farm

By Mirror Staff

The Lake George Land Conservancy will hold its annual Meeting and Block Party at the Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center in Bolton Landing on August 20.

According to a press release from LGLC, the event, which starts at 11 am, is free and family-friendly, with games and activities for both kids and adults.

The event will also feature live music by High Peaks Bluegrass, and The Tres Mijas food truck.

Interactive booths include wildlife rehabilitator and educator Nancy Kimball with her raptors and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which will present information about invasives and forestry.

Up Yonda Farm's facility

has a large picnic pavilion and extensive grounds for exploring. Exhibits include a butterfly house, children's nature museum, pond exploration, and hiking trails, the press release stated.

At 11:30 am, the LGLC will hold its annual meeting outside Up Yonda's auditorium (in case of rain the meeting will move indoors). Staff and Directors will present briefings on the LGLC's past conservation efforts and plans for the year ahead, as well as stewardship, events and outreach, and our financial report for the 2022 fiscal year.

During this portion of the event the LGLC will also present its Volunteer of the Year award.

A guided hike on Up Yonda's trail to its panoramic Lake George overlook will start at 1 pm.

# Review of Docks Met Legal Standards, Judge Rules

By Anthony F. Hall

A New York State Supreme Court judge has upheld the Lake George Park Commission's decision to grant homeowners on Bolton's Basin Bay permits to construct two boathouses and two removable finger docks on Cotton Point Road.

"At the end of the day, the petitioners are very fortunate to have had the ability to enjoy the unobstructed views of Lake George from private property these past 92 years," New York Supreme Court Judge Robert Muller wrote of those who brought the suit in his August 3 decision.

"It was well within the owners' rights to sell this property for a subdivision, and it is well within the rights of the new homeowners to build docks on their respective lots," stated Muller.

Represented by Glens Falls attorney John Caffry, five residents sued the Park Commission for "arbitrarily and capriciously" approving boathouses and docks on the historically undeveloped stretch of road in February, 2021.

"This is a unique public resource," Caffry told the Mirror earlier this summer. "It's one of the

## Welcome to the Dock Market

By Tyler Moseman

SPECIAL TO THE LAKE GEORGE MIRROR

In a year of stock market turbulence and a possible recession, one asset class remains as strong as ever: Lake George real estate. Specifically: real estate with docks. Forget the stock market. We have the 'Dock Market'.

An investment in lakefront property in Bolton Landing and the south basin may have appreciated as much as 40% between 2019 and 2022, realtors say.

"Marinas are opting to rent boats instead of the dock space and aging resorts are being converted to residential properties," said Dan Davies, broker and owner of Davies & Davies, one of the agents to broker a property in Bolton Landing that sold for \$8.5 million earlier this year.

What does this mean for longtime local residents? "A lot of locals aren't buying and can't, they've

been priced out," said Jim Casaccio, broker and owner of Premier Properties Lake George, which specializes in Bolton Landing homes.

The Burke brothers, who acquired Bayview Marina and Suites, turned down dozens of dockage requests this season, they said.

"We have been completely booked and backlogged for boat and dock space since the beginning of the year," they said.

Since the pandemic, prices for dock space have soared.

Annual increases of 25% are not uncommon. A \$200 per foot rental rate is the norm. Some marinas are demanding – and receiving – \$300 a foot.

The realtors remain bullish on the Lake George real estate market, and as long as everyone wants a part of Lake George, the demand for dock space will continue unabated.

There is, after all, only so much lake front – and only so many legal docks – available.

few places on Lake George where you can drive or walk along the edge of the lake without trespassing. It's open to the public. The docks and boathouses will impact the view of the lake and the mountains. The Lake George Park Commission should have found an alternative."

On July 29 Caffry argued in Warren County Court that the Park Commission ignored an expert's analysis of a developed waterfront's visual impacts

But Muller stated in his decision, "There is nothing in the record to suggest that the Lake George Park Commission did not consider the expert's reports. Rather, the record demonstrates that the Park Commission chose to credit other evidence."

According to Muller, "[the Court's] review is limited to (finding)

whether the (the Lake George Park Commission's determination lacks a rational basis and is, thus, arbitrary and capricious."

Muller continued, "If the agency's determination has a rational basis, it will be sustained, even if a different result would not be unreasonable."

Muller concluded that the Lake George Park Commissioners did adequately assess boat congestion on Basin Bay and the potential impacts of more traffic on Cotton Point Road, as well as the visual impacts of the boat houses and

docks.

"[The Court] may not substitute [its] judgment for that of the agency responsible for making the determination, and deference to the judgment of the agency, when supported by the record, is particularly appropriate when the matter under review involves a factual evaluation in the area of the agency's expertise," Muller stated.

"Judge Robert J. Muller decision affirmed that the Lake George Park Commission was continuing to adhere to the stringent standards set forth in the law," said Commission chairman Ken Parker. "Never have I observed the Park Commission doing anything but follow its rules and regulations. There simply is no other way."

"The judge made the right decision," said Dave Wick, the Lake George Park Commission's executive director. "The project did not require any variances and met shoreline density standards established by the New York State legislature."

The project was reduced in scale from the seven docks approved by the Adirondack Park Agency and conformed to the residential character of the neighborhood, said Wick. "I was surprised by the suit," said Wick. "The project that we finally approved was vastly less obtrusive than what the Park Commission could have approved. It was a reasonable compromise."

The residents who brought the suit, a group which included Jennifer Brorsen, Judith Resnik, K.W. Doheny, Karen Fein and Sandra Marwill, issued a collective

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# Matt Putorti's Arc of Re-Entry

*A Congressional candidate's life's journey has brought him back to his hometown – where he's fighting for its future and the future of towns just like it.*

*Above: Putorti in his hometown, Whitehall, NY. Left: Putorti with a group of supporters in Bolton Landing, August 3.*

By Anthony F. Hall

For Matt Putorti, an attorney from Whitehall seeking the Democratic nomination to oppose Elise Stefanik in the 2022 race for Congress, the journey out was, in some respects, the way home.

One of 63 students in his high school class in Whitehall, Putorti attended the academically rigorous Boston College, spent his junior year at Oxford and, before attending Fordham Law School, taught trades to young people in war-torn Sudan and built houses for the families displaced by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

"I did leave Whitehall to pursue an education, but Whitehall is intrinsic to who I am. Whitehall is part of me and part of my family's story. We've been here for generations. I wanted to come back and fight for it," said Putorti, who brought his campaign to Bolton Landing August 3.

Putorti wants to be an advocate for "Whitehall and the communities like Whitehall across northern New York State" because, he says, the region's representative in Congress no longer is that advocate, if she ever was.

"I watched Elise Stefanik become radicalized and pursue power for its own sake rather than advocate for our communities," said Putorti. "We're struggling. Job opportunities have left. Health care facilities have closed. Our communities are wonderful places, but they need help and Elise Stefanik is not giving them the help they need."

January 6, 2021, when Stefanik voted to reject the results of the 2020 election, was another catalyst for his congressional campaign, said Putorti.

"Although not a supporter of Donald Trump, my mother was a Republican. But not after January 6," said Putorti.

### Where He's Coming From

Putorti traces his Whitehall roots



to a great-great-grandfather, an immigrant from Italy who came to Whitehall to work on the railroads.

His parents now own and operate a small grocery store there.

Raised a Catholic and educated at Catholic-affiliated institutions, Putorti attends mass at Saint Mary's-on-the-Lake, the Paulist Fathers' summer retreat on Lake George.

Putorti is the first openly gay man to run for northern New York's seat in Congress.

The National LGBT Bar Association named him one of the 40 best LGBT lawyers under the age of 40 in the country" for his work as an advocate for LGBTQ rights.

"I would never want anyone ever to vote for me just because I'm gay, but I share that part of my life with the public because I think representation matters," said Putorti. "I want to show people that you can be out and continue to fight."

### Protecting Rights

Noting that the U.S. Supreme Court appears intent on restricting rather than expanding rights, Putorti said it is especially important now to have a Congress "that is protecting our rights."

Elise Stefanik, for instance, voted against legislation guaranteeing women's access to contraception

area that demands investment in infrastructure, voted against that bill," said Putorti.

The education, experience and skills that he acquired along his journey from Whitehall equip him to fight for Whitehall and towns like it, says Putorti.

"Nationally, much of rural America has been forgotten. Having a representative who grew up in rural America, as I did, will be really important to us as a nation."

### Rebuilding the Public Square

Putorti also wants to be with those rebuilding the public square and helping to make civility common again.

Elise Stefanik, on the other hand, "is ripping apart the fabric of our community," he says.

She's imported "the divisiveness of our current politics to the North Country," says Putorti.

Putorti would like to see our communities return to being "spaghetti dinner towns," places known for coming together to throw spaghetti dinners and other fundraisers when someone is in need.

"We can invest in public spaces that encourage people to interact and build relationships. We can support the small businesses that bring people together. That's when we start solving our problems," said Putorti.

The Democratic primary to choose the candidate to oppose Stefanik in November will be held August 23. Polls open at 6 am and close at 9 pm.

should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn *Griswold v Connecticut*.

"Why is Elise Stefanik voting against measures that are broadly popular, that people desperately need? Your guess is as good as mine," said Putorti.

"But everything she does should be seen through the lens of her personal ambition. As a part of the Republican leadership in the House, she votes to protect that leadership position, not to serve the needs of her constituents," Putorti added.

### Investing in Communities

According to Putorti, the North Country needs a representative who will not only "protect rights," but "make the right investments in our future."

"We need to make sure that we are investing in rural development. Glens Falls is thriving because of investments made in that city. Small towns need that kind of investment as well. Twenty percent of our Congressional District lacks access to high-speed internet. If we want to attract people and businesses, we need to provide infrastructure. I'm hopeful President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 will remedy that lack. To me, it's startling that Elise Stefanik, who represents a rural



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# EDITORIAL.

## Telehealth in the Post-COVID-19 Era

To curb the spread of COVID-19 in March, 2020, New York State began limiting public, face-to-face interactions in schools, workplaces, government offices and in hospitals and health care centers. In response, local health centers and hospitals accelerated the use of virtual or remote health care, otherwise known as telehealth.

At the start of the pandemic, Congress authorized the extension of telehealth services for Medicare beneficiaries. Insurance companies stepped up and agreed to reimburse health centers and hospitals as though patients were in examining rooms. Regulations that impeded remote treatment were also relaxed. Insurance companies even agreed to reimburse providers for telephone consultations when video consults were not feasible. As a result, rural and communities acquired increased access to health care services.

The relaxation of many of the rules was temporary, however, and many of those so-called flexibilities were scheduled to elapse within six months of the end of public health emergency. Fortunately, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 granted providers a 151-day extension of many of the public health emergency-related policies in order to allow for an orderly transition. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has kept health care providers up-to-date about the latest changes in telehealth policies, including, most recently, passage of H.R. 4040, the Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2022:

Sponsored by Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyoming), the bill extends the elevated Medicare reimbursement rates to federally qualified health care centers and hospitals for an additional two years.

In rural areas, Cheney said, “We have long known how important it is for citizens to be able to take advantage of the technology that exists today – how crucial telehealth services are in allowing all of our citizens to interact with their doctors and their other health care providers. It’s vital that Medicare adapt to the ever-changing innovation in medical technology that allows telehealth services.”

The bill also supports the provision of mental health and hospice care services via telehealth, allows more practitioners to offer telehealth consultations and funds audio-only telehealth services for seniors and rural patients who may lack internet connectivity.

The legislation also removes geographic requirements so that Medicare beneficiaries can receive care at any site.


“Telehealth, and telehealth services for mental health have become accepted and important modalities for treatment.

We are pleased that Congress has taken this action. It’s good for our patients and good for Glens Falls Hospital,” said Ray Agnew, a Glens Falls hospital spokesman.

The legislation is bipartisan in origin and received support from members of Congress from both parties, including the Lake George region’s representative in Congress, Republican Elise Stefanik.

“I am proud to advance bipartisan legislation to extend

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### Short Term Rental Business Supports Local Economy

To the Editor:

The recent short term rental legislation that Lake George region communities are considering are very concerning for property owners. Property owners in the area have operated as small business owners for decades. I can only imagine how many property owners rely on the income from short term and “long term” property rentals. What defines a short-term rental exactly? A quick look at short term rental websites (not just Airbnb) but also ADKbyowner, VRBO and

Davies and Davies would indicate this has been a cottage industry for decades.

Most importantly, what makes a short-term property renter different than a long-term property renter and is someone inclined to be disruptive if they are using a property for a shorter duration?

The comments about how short-term rentals detract from local businesses are simply not true. As someone who recently purchased a home in the Lake George region, I can assure you that the seller, inspector, the bank, handyman, trash company, local home improvement store, cleaning company, landscapers all received and will continue to receive business drives the local economy. As someone who recently watched Lake George have one of their busiest winters in years, I am left to wonder “why do we want to ruin a good thing?”

The Lake George economy appears to be better than it ever has, and hotel occupancy is even up YTD in Warren County. Why? Because finally visitors are finding comfortable and somewhat affordable accommodations that draw them to the area. As someone who has spent tens of thousands of dollars on Lake George hotel accommodations over the years,

the last time I checked (and I used to check often) there was a shortage of hotels in both the summer and winter months as well as a shortage of quality accommodations with updated amenities for less than \$300 per night. Being able to book a hotel room on a Thursday night for the following weekend use to be a task that took several hours, calling every hotel and motel on Lake Shore Drive just to find someone who did not have a three-night minimum.

Why haven’t the towns and villages in the region considered monetizing the short-term rental and share economy movement by taxing it in a manner that provides income to the local municipalities in order to fund realistic protections that can be put into place for residents and visitors? Before board members, politicians, cities, towns and villages consider amending this legislation based on unsubstantiated complaints from neighbors, they should consider the economic downturn that will happen if people who are looking for accommodations cannot find them year-round and the impact on the local economy that this accommodation shortage will have on the area.

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critical services that our seniors and rural communities rely on, so they can continue to receive healthcare regardless of distance or medical conditions that make in-person visits challenging,” said Stefanik.

As a potential opponent of Stefanik in the November election noted, however, telehealth relies upon a robust network of high-speed internet connections, and too few Republicans have supported the legislation that will fund the expansion of high-speed internet into rural areas.

“In order to have telehealth in NY-21, we need the investments in broadband that Stefanik has opposed,” said Matt Castelli.

Remote, broadband-based health care now has the potential to revolutionize the delivery

of health care in rural, sparsely populated regions such as the Adirondacks.

The advances in telehealth made during the months of the pandemic are merely early stages in a long-term evolution

in the delivery of health care.

Connecting doctors with patients was only the first phase. The second phase focuses on collecting health data continually and analyzing the data in real time. More and more data will be gathered from patients remotely. Monitoring devices will take remote action, modifying treatments. Home based medical devices that share real-time and stored data will improve care and quality, especially with chronic illnesses.

This is the future of health care, and the Adirondacks is poised to be among its beneficiaries.

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# Land & Water Conservation Celebration: Clark Hollow Bay Preserve Protected, Campaign to Protect Wiawaka Uplands Launched

By Mirror Staff

The Clark Hollow Bay Preserve, 60 acres of hemlock forests, wildlife habitat, stream corridors and a half mile of shoreline on Lake George's east shore, is now protected forever.

At its 23rd Land and Water Conservation Celebration, held July 29 at Peggy's Point in Hague and aboard the Lake George Steamboat Company's Mohican, the Lake George Land Conservancy announced that the property's \$5 million price tag had been met.

With the addition of the Clark Hollow Bay Preserve, its most expensive acquisition to date, the Lake George Land Conservancy has protected a contiguous block of forested land from Huletts Landing to Gull Bay Road, comprising 1,075 acres of woods and wetlands, 1,300 feet of stream corridors and three miles of shoreline.

"The Lake George Land Conservancy's success is driven by this unique community, which recognizes that permanent land protection is the best way to protect Lake George," said Michael Horn, the Conservancy's executive director.

Any additional donations earmarked for the Clark Hollow Bay project will be used to steward the lands of the Northeastern Shoreline Initiative, said Giulia Casella, the Lake George Land Conservancy's Fundraising and Events Manager.

In addition to meeting the purchase price of the Clark Hollow Bay Preserve, fundraising focused on protecting the Wiawaka uplands and the ongoing work of stewardship.

"Stewardship is an ongoing need and critical part of the Lake George Land Conservancy's overall programs to ensure permanent protection of its lands. Funds raised will support its invasive species management program, which includes the monitoring and treatment of the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA)," said Casella.

The July 29 event opened the campaign to raise enough funds to purchase a conservation easement on 47 acres of upland forests owned by the Wiawaka Center for Women on the east side of Lake George.

Wiawaka will retain title to the property, which is located on the east side of Rt 9L, across the highway from Wiawaka's lakeside campus.

The Conservancy's easement will allow the property to be used for passive recreation but, at the same time, protect it from development into perpetuity.

An adjacent property has been subdivided into a sixteen-lot development named "Mountains Edge at Lake George," where construction is already underway.

Wiawaka's 47-acre parcel is also zoned for commercial and residential development, said Monica Dore, the conservation project manager for the Lake George Land Conservancy.

Lake George's water quality could have been compromised had

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Above: Touring the northeastern shoreline aboard the Mohican. Right: LGLC executive director Mike Horn welcomed guests to the 2022 Land and Water Conservation Celebration at Peggy's Point in Hague. Photos by Ian Quillinan, courtesy of LGLC.



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# “AN EVENING WITH CHRISTOPHER SHAW” at Bolton Historical Museum

By Anthony F. Hall

Christopher Shaw, the author of two recent books about the Adirondacks, one a novel, the other a memoir, will be the guest of the Historical Society of the Town of Bolton on August 18 for an evening of readings, reminiscences and conversation.

“An Evening with Christopher Shaw” will take place at the Bolton Historical Museum in Rogers Park, Bolton Landing, and start at 6 pm.

His memoir, “Crazy Wisdom,” is about coming of age in post-War America and specifically in the Adirondack Park at a time now receding into a shaded, shadowy past.

“The Powerline,” Shaw’s novel begins a century earlier.

As Shaw reminds us, less than one hundred years elapsed

between the downing of Franklin County’s last indigenous moose and the creation of the Adirondack Park Agency.

Within that time, electricity came to the Adirondacks, as did bootleggers, men and women dying of TB, rafters, draft dodgers, scholars, writers and artists – not necessarily in that order.

Among the writers was Shaw, a Bard College dropout who was among a cluster of young people who settled in and around the hamlet of Stony Creek in the late 1960s and early 70s.

Living in the Adirondacks in his twenties, Shaw had some sixth sense that the senior citizens living on hill farms, working horses in the woods or drinking away an afternoon at the Stony Creek Inn were anachronisms, people whose way of life was already passing beyond his grasp.

He also met people like Jon Cody,



Christopher Shaw, author of “The Powerline” and “Crazy Wisdom.”

an outlaw, perhaps, but someone crucial to Shaw’s development as a writer.

### Writing the Adirondacks

Recently retired from Middlebury College after a career that included editing Adirondack Life magazine, “I’m happy that in retirement I could give these materials their due. I hope they open a window for readers into a little understood period of

transition in northern New York.”

Lake George is part of Shaw’s history – both his own and the Adirondack Park’s.

“I never thought of the Lake George basin and its history as separate from ‘the Adirondacks,’ any more than you might think of Old Forge as being separate from the Adirondacks. They progressed interdependently, a fact often ignored or passed over in the political-environmentalist realm.”

said Shaw, who spent summers at Pilot Knob from the age of nine to nineteen.

Perhaps because of his years in the Adirondacks, Shaw is not only a perceptive memoirist and inventive novelist but one of our finest naturalists, a keen observer of weather, skies, water, landscapes, plants and animals and their ways.

His gifts of observation help make both “The Crazy Wisdom” and “The Power Line” a joy to read.

“Spring was really busting out... Far off you could see the sun reflecting off the slides on Whiteface, where the ice evaporated and melted and the haze starting to gather around the peaks, and there were robins and flickers in the bare, brown meadows along the power line we had started cutting last fall,” he writes in “The Powerline.”

Here’s a simple description of ice-out: “it wouldn’t be that long before the whole grey sheet blew away and disappeared, and you’d be able to catch a big laker from the shore...”

### Jon Cody

Shaw says he is looking forward to sharing stories with those who, like him, remember the Adirondacks of the 1960s and 70s.

He is especially anxious to hear from people who knew Jon Cody.

If you never met Jon Cody, “Crazy Wisdom” will make you wish you had. A skilled craftsman and enterprising retailer and antique trader, Cody was also known to many as a kind, generous friend. But he was also a drug dealer, a gunslinger and an arsonist.

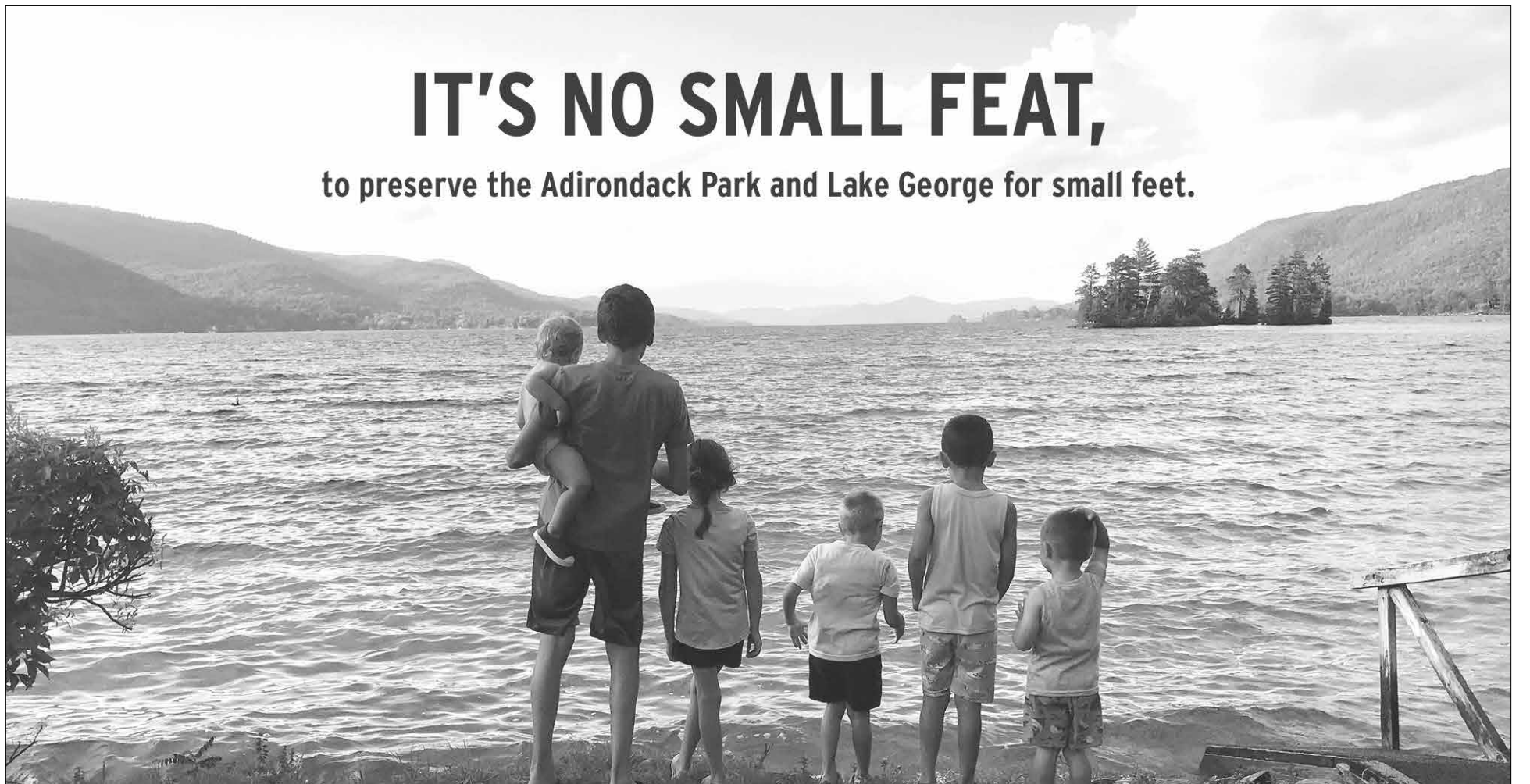
Cody’s death, which Shaw first recounted in an article for Adirondack Life, is now part of Adirondack folklore: how Cody returned to West Stony Creek to die and how the state police discovered his body, led there by his dog Storm, who was waiting in the road for them.

### Books to be Signed

Copies of “The Powerline” and “Crazy Wisdom” will be available for purchase at “An Evening with Christopher Shaw.” Shaw will also sign copies of the books.

The Bolton Historical Museum is located at 4924 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing. For information, call 518-644-9960, Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4 pm.

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Excerpts from the Mirror 1890 - 1902 by W. H. Tippetts

-J. A. Thatcher, the Sagamore photographer, has finished the photographs taken by him of Governor Flower and party, on the occasion of the recent trip through Lake George. A number of them will be sold for the benefit of the church fund.

-The Ladies' Sewing circle meet every afternoon on the shady side of the Fort William Henry piazza. Mrs. John Holmes and her two daughters Miss Gertrude and Miss Minnie, and pretty Miss Cora Noble are the leading lights. Whether they are engaged in a mission or sewing for the occupation of having something to do no one has as yet been able to discover.

-A very pleasant camp on the lake is that occupied by the Psi Upsilon boys from Union university. The boys spend most of their time on the lake in the steam yacht Theta, and are very well known at the hotels around the lake, whose dances they frequently attend.

-The city boys of Hague and the city boys of Huletts indulged in base ball recently, the Hague boys winning to the tune of 22 to 16. Only eight innings were played. The youngsters from Huletts threaten vengeance and purpose returning the compliment during the week.

-Mr. Robert Decker will receive his friends to inspect his out-of-door studies and finished work in oil colors at his studio, mornings during the month of August from 9 until 12 o'clock.

-Friday of this week a party of Silver Bay guests ascended Black mountain, taking the two o'clock boat from Silver Bay. They remained on the summit over night and experienced the pleasure of witnessing sun rise from the peak, perhaps for the first time in their lives being up early enough to greet the first appearance of "Old Sol."

-I am indebted to Merrick Whitcomb, assistant chief clerk at the Sagamore, for considerable help in the way of Sagamore items of news, pleasant society personals that hurt no one, and generally speaking, cause them to

exclaim "Oh dear, I wish that man would not put my name in the paper," and then steal away quietly to order two dozen copies at the news stand.

-Among the regular visitors at the Hundred Island House is Mr. L. W. James, of Saratoga. Mr. James is the well known owner of the famous Vichy Spring, that delicious Saratoga water that everybody, that is to say, everybody who amounts to anything, drinks morning, noon and night.

THEY CLAIM THE FISH.

-One of the pleasant customs among a certain class of fishermen on Lake George is to tell a guest that they will take him out fishing and furnish a boat for three dollars a day. Afterward, when the guest pays the fisherman his three dollars and begins to walk ashore with the fish, the fisherman coolly informs him that the fish caught belong to him, the fisherman, and that the hotel guest was only paying for the privilege of helping the fisherman catch the fish.

Here is a custom that should be knocked in the head at once. I know of a guest at the Fort William Henry who caught a big pickerel, supposed of course that the fish belonged to him and was about to have one of the hotel employees pack the monster in ice and send him to a friend, when the fisherman stepped in and informed him that he could not have that pickerel at any price, that the fish belonged to him and he had another use for it.

Did anyone ever hear of so absurd a custom? And will not the better class of people on Lake George agree with me in saying that it is high time such a hoggish custom was broken up?

The MIRROR will be glad to publish the names of so-called Lake George guides who claim the fish when paid for their day's work, and the names of guides honest enough to allow that the tourist public have some rights, so that guests may choose between the hog and the honest man.



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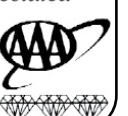
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### Thursday, August 11

**7:30 pm:** Chamber music featuring LGMF artists in residence. Program to highlight: Robert Schumann Piano Quintet Op.44 and Eric Ewazen Trio for Trumpet, Violin, and Piano.

### Friday, August 12

**7:30 pm:** Chamber music featuring LGMF artists in residence. Program to highlight: Ludwig van Beethoven String Quartet No. 14 in c # minor, Op. 131 and Samuel Coleridge Taylor Piano Quintet Op.1.

### Saturday, August 13

**7:30 pm:** Chamber music featuring LGMF artists in residence. Program: Franz Schubert, Octet in F major, D.803 and Maurice Ravel Introduction et Allegro.

### Sunday, August 14

**1:00 pm:** Piano Mania! A festival favorite returns! Hear the Lake George Music Festival pianists perform solo, 4-hand, 6-hand, and 8-hand piano repertoire. A fun program for everyone! Program to feature music by Chopin, Ligeti, Scriabin, Debussy, and Ginastera.

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### Wednesday, August 17

**7:30 pm:** Chamber music featuring LGMF artists in residence. Program to highlight: P.I. Tchaikovsky Souvenir de Florence, Op.70.

### Thursday, August 18

**1:00 pm:** The Rhythm Method performs new compositions by the students of the Lake George Music Festival Composer's Institute.

**7:30 pm:** Final Symphony Orchestra Concert – Program: Bela Bartok Romanian Folk Dances, Sergei Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances, and the world premiere performance of Pascal Le Boeuf's new triple concerto for percussion ensemble arx duo, violinist Barbora Kolářová, and the Festival Symphony Orchestra. Roger Kalia conducts. Tickets \$30.

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By Anthony F. Hall

The Lake George Club opened its doors to its members for the first time on August 14, 1909. Once commissioning ceremonies came to a close, the club's first official powerboat races were held.

They would be the first of many and lay the foundations for the Lake George Club's role in promoting racing on Lake George.

In 1914, for instance, the club commissioned its own Gold Cup race entry: Hawk Eye.

In 1935, the Lake George Club sponsored three-time Gold Cup winner El Lagarto in that year's races on Lake George.

A photograph on display in "The Thatchers: Photographing Lake George 1880-1950" at the Bolton Historical Museum shows El Lagarto's owner and driver, George Reis, hosting American Power Boat Association officials at the club.

"Boat racing was the beating heart of the Lake George Club in its early years," said longtime member Jason Ward. "Boats were designed for speed as well as pleasure. The owners were inventors, designers, engineers. A car manufacturer had his company build boat engines for his use on Lake George. Others figured out how to drop airplane engines into wood hulls."

### Event Raises Funds for Club House's Preservation

To honor the Lake George Club's history of powerboating and to raise funds for the Lake George Club Historic Preservation Foundation, established to maintain the architectural integrity of the 1909

## Celebrating the Lake George Club's Past to Protect its Future

### A Gold Cup commemoration raised funds for the LG Club's Historic Preservation Foundation on August 6



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club house, members organized a celebration on August 6 titled, simply, "The Gold Cup!"

"Our goal was to bring the past of the Lake George Club to life, and to truly embrace our history," said Jennifer Handler, the chair of the club's entertainment committee, who began organizing the event last autumn.

### Recreating Wood Boat Races

The focus of the event was a reprise of the wood boat races once held by or near the Lake George Club,

"I'm fascinated by the history of Lake George, and when the Lake George Gold Cup Festival was held in Bolton Landing in 2015, I thought that the Lake George Club should commemorate its role in speed boat racing with a similar event," said Jennifer Handler. "Not only were many of the boat owners and racers in the first half of the 20th century club members, so are many owners of today's boats: Chris Freihofer, Bob Bailey, Joe Russell, George Badcock, Teri Hoffman and John Chimento among them."

Handler also found inspiration for "The Gold Cup!" event in a photograph from the Lake George Club's archives, an aerial view in which "every member and guest who was there on the day the

photograph was taken was out on the dock."

To recreate that photograph, members and guests were encouraged to adopt a particular style and palette of dress, one that

would create the impression of a group of people coming together for a specific purpose, at a specific moment in time.

### Vince Giordano's Nighthawks

In addition to roughly 300 people wearing period dress of the 1930s, a display of wood boats equal to any presented at an antique boat show, "The Gold Cup!" event featured music from the Swing era by "Vince

Giordano's Nighthawks." "These swing bands are a dying breed," said Handler. "We were surprised the band was available because it was just coming off a Martin Scorsese film."

### Boats Reached Speeds of 70mph

Jason Ward organized the wood boat races. Ward selected four member-owned boats, replicas and

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A: Guests arrive in antique and classic boats for "The Gold Cup!" event at the Lake George Club August 6. B: Watching the races from the dock. C: Tom West served as Bob Bailey's riding mechanic in "Irish Mist." D: Tom West, Jennifer Handler and Kathy Grasmeyer, president of the Lake George Club Historic Preservation Foundation. E: Vince Giordano's Nighthawks. F: Chris Freihofer. G: Race organizer Jason Ward elicits comments from Bob Bailey, with Ward's video about George Reis visible in the background.

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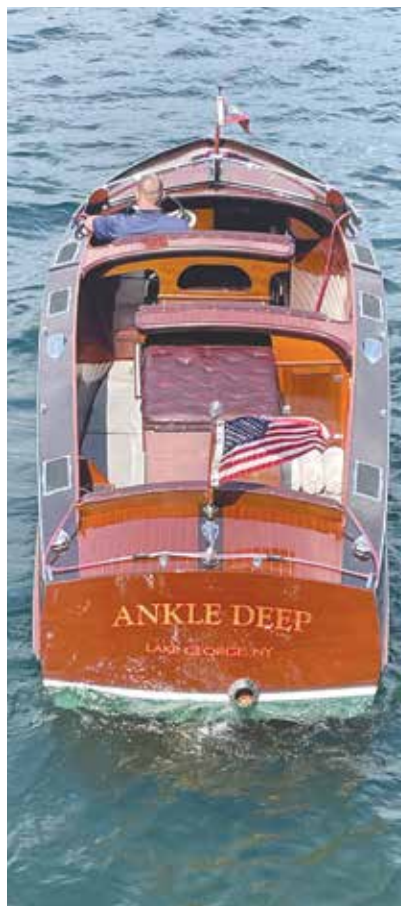
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I can only imagine what Becks Tavern would have looked like if I were to have visited during ski season. We three probably would have been lucky to get in the front door.

This interesting and intriguing complex is located adjacent to Gore Mt. Ski area and customers can ski right up to the front door and take a shuttle back to the mountains!

A tiny roadside sign proclaims you're here and after crossing a small bridge, you enter Matt, Mark and Doug Parobeck's neat lodging and entertainment resort.

On this sunny Monday evening, only a few cars were evident in the expansive parking area while several yurts dotted the landscape including

a wood carver at work. One houses an outdoor bar alongside a lawn filled with chairs and two primitive stages. There's also corn hole equipment, some outside seating for the bar and a modest motel for overnights.

Inside the restaurant and bar, we met manager Ange who again challenged our imagination explaining that year-round they have live music on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Becks hosts a robust football crowd during season and a huge corn hole tournament throughout the summer.

The three brothers opened in June 2017 and have drawn visitors year-round with a vigorous schedule of events. Pet friendly, a diverse menu, easily accessible and a German-slanted menu, I am certain this should be a popular "place to be."

The free-standing building houses a wide variety of ski memorabilia including a miniature tram over the bar.

Two separate dining rooms are conducive to family dining with long tables and a great children's menu featuring kinder brats, hot dogs and burgers.

Chef Ray's menu opens with a soup of the day, caprese salad, goat cheese salad, pomme frites, potato pancakes and a variety of chicken wings.

Tonight, our barmaid Marylyn offered chicken marsala as a special and informed us that Beck's stocks 60 bottled beers including several from local craft breweries.

She also warned us that they were closing early this evening due to a lack of staff and were only offering the lunch menu.

This included an 8 oz. burger, veggie burger, grilled bratwurst or a venison sausage sandwich on a pretzel bun.

There's also a pork or chicken schnitzel, kielbasa with pierogies as well as a variety of other sandwiches.

Becks began to fill with only an hour to go before closing. We decided to dine at the long bar and ordered a meat and cheese platter only to be told it was not available this evening.

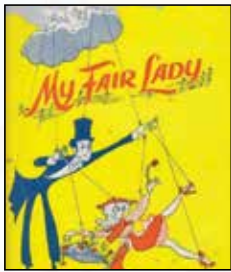
We were not disappointed substituting a platter of pierogies sautéed with garlic, butter, parmesan and some wonderful caramelized onions.

We also shared a generous appetizer of pan-fried kielbasa

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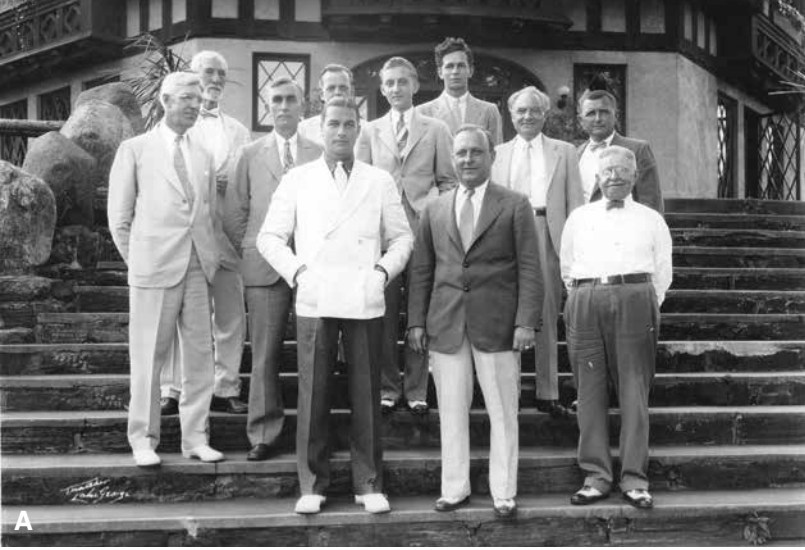
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# Celebrating the Lake George Club's Past to Protect its Future



**A:** George Reis meets with organizers of the 1935 Gold Cup races on Lake George. The Lake George Club sponsored Reis' El Lagarto. **B:** Hawk Eye, the Lake George Club's 1914 Gold Cup racer. **C:** Whip-Po-Will Jr. **D:** Hoosier, a boat owned by Lake George Club member H.R. Duckwell, thrilled crowds in 1917. **E:** George Reis' El Lagarto launches from F.R. Smith & Sons marina in Bolton Landing. All vintage black and white boating photos courtesy of the Historical Society of the Town of Bolton.

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originals. There was Teri Hoffman's T-14, Bob Bailey's Irish Mist, Chris Freihofers' Jacqueline and Joe Russell's God Speed.

"It's wonderful that we have members who still own these original and historic boats," said Ward, the race organizer and Master of Ceremonies.

**The Thatchers: Photographing Lake George Club Boats**

"The Thatchers: Photographing Lake George 1880-1950" the exhibition at the Bolton Historical Museum, features early Lake George Club powerboats, as well as the Gold Cup races of the 1930s.

There is, for instance, a photograph of the Lake George Club's Hawk Eye.

As president of the American Power Boat Association, Bolton Landing resident A.L. Judson helped organize the 1914 Gold Cup races on Lake George.

That year, a boat owner from the south threatened to build a boat fast enough to defeat Count Mankowski's Ankle Deep in the 1914 races.

In response, Judson organized a syndicate that included Lake George Club members H.B. Moore of Heart Bay and W.K. Bixby of Bolton Landing to build a raceboat that would keep the Gold Cup on Lake George in the event that Ankle Deep failed to win the race.

Their boat, Hawk Eye, set an unofficial world's record on Lake George in 1914, but performed poorly in the Gold Cup races of 1914 and 1915.

**1917: Lake George Club Boats Thrill Thousands**

In 1917, Judson invited Gar Wood to come to Lake George and race his Gold Cup winner, Miss Detroit II.

At the last moment, Wood realized that he had a long-standing, prior commitment that prevented him from traveling to Lake George,

boat in tow; he had promised to visit his mother.

With three thousand people on shore and on the lake waiting to see a speed boat race, Judson had to offer up something.

His solution: demonstrations by the Lake George Club's Gold Cup contenders, Whip-po-Will Jr and Hawkeye II.

Boats owned by Lake George Club members also raced, among them: LeGrand Cramer's Winnish II, H.R. Duckwell's Hoosier II and Oscar Daniels' Will O' Wisp.

Whip-po-Will Jr., a 28-ft. single step hydroplane built by the Beebe brothers, once partners of Chris Smith, raced in the 1918 Gold Cup races, held that year in Detroit. Her pilot was another member of the Lake George Club: George Reis.

**George Reis and the Gold Cup Races**

The Gold Cup races on Lake George in the mid- 1930s are best known through the stylish - one might even say stylized - photos of Morris Rosenfeld and his son Stanley.

But Lake George's own photographer, Fred Thatcher, was also present to photograph the races and especially Bolton Landing summer resident George Reis and his three-time Gold Cup winning boat, El Lagarto, and her crew. Thatcher's views are in many ways more intimate, and personal than Rosenfelds,' perhaps because he was the local photographer and knew George Reis and everyone associated with El Lagarto.

By 1933, El Lagarto was known as "the leaping Lizard of Lake George."

That year, El Lagarto won the Gold Cup races on the Detroit River, enabling Reis to bring the event to Lake George in 1934, the first time Gold Cup races were run here since 1914. They returned in 1935 and 1936.

From 1931 to 1937, El Lagarto also won three President's Cup victories and one National Sweepstakes race.

On an autumn day in 1935, Reis took El Lagarto to Northwest Bay,

where it was clocked at a top speed of 72.727 mph, breaking existing speed records.

El Lagarto was retired from competition in 1937. But she remained Reis' favorite pleasure boat and was his preferred mode of transport between his home in Bolton Landing and the Lake George Club.

**Bringing the Lake George Club's Past to Life**

Jennifer Handler believes "The Gold Cup!" will become an annual, or at least biennial, event.

"It's important for the members, especially new members, to appreciate the history of Lake George and the Lake George Club; otherwise, they might not be as interested as they could be in maintaining its traditions and preserving its history," said Jennifer Handler. "There are many books and many newspaper and magazine articles one can read, but an event like "The Gold Cup" paints an indelible picture and reminds everyone, "this is a club with history."

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# LG Dinner Theatre Presents "First Night"

By Paul Post

SPECIAL TO THE LAKE GEORGE MIRROR

Sparks flew when 13-year-old Danny Fleming and Meredith O'Connor knelt praying before the Jack Daniel's-pickled remains of a dearly departed family friend.

Unfortunately, romance never blossomed as they never voiced their true feelings for one another, but loved dimmed by time and absence suddenly flames bright when Meredith finds Danny working in a video store on New Year's Eve, 1985.

Only now, it's 20 years later and O'Connor is Sister Meredith Louise, who's taken her vows as a Roman Catholic nun!

Actors Jay DeYonker (Danny) and Molly Bader (Meredith) take audiences on a fun-filled, hilarious ride through their shouldn't-be-missed performance of playwright Jack Neary's "First Night," which reminds people to never give up and that dreams do come true.

The Lake George Dinner Theatre production is playing seven times per week, Tuesday through Saturday, at Lake George Holiday Inn.

"It's a really sweet, funny, charming romantic comedy," Artistic Director Jarel Davidow said. "It's got this wonderful nostalgic element to it that I really thought our audiences would respond to. It's 1985, so it takes you back to a simpler time."

Things aren't quite that simple for Danny, though. He never forgot Meredith, but isn't prepared for her out-of-the-blue, amorous appeal for

love and marriage. Without breaking her vows, she's taken a break from the convent to see if she must love God alone, or if there's room for a man in her life, too.

DeYonker and Bader are first-time performers at the 55-year-old Dinner Theater, which has returned to Lake George for the first time since 2019.

DeYonker previously lived in Prague where he spent five years working for Prague Shakespeare Company before returning to New York, which he calls home.

Bader, a native upstate New Yorker, is no stranger to the Lake George region, as she grew up camping in the Adirondacks every summer. She's previously had leading roles in "The 39 Steps," "The Glass Menagerie" and "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

The Dinner Theater's 2020 season was canceled by COVID and last year's production of "Buyer & Cellar" was held at Charles R. Wood Theater in downtown Glens Falls.

"It went so well that we're talking about doing something else with them in the off-season, maybe January or February," Davidow said.

A big promoter of arts throughout the region, Davidow played three small but vitally important roles in Adirondack Theater Festival's recent "Mystic Pizza" show at Wood Theater.

Neary, who wrote "First Night" in 1985, traveled from his home in Boston to see the Lake George performance and "loved it," Davidow said. "He was thrilled with what we did with the script."



Jay DeYonker and Molly Bader in "First Night."

In 2018, the Dinner Theater put on another highly popular Neary play, "Jerry Finnegan's Sister."

"First Night has been on my menu to do for a long time," Davidow said.

He wanted a proven winner for the Dinner Theater's return to Lake George, and the production is much simpler with just two actors. The selection was made over six months ago, when there was a great deal more uncertainty about COVID protocols.

DeYonker and Bader both belong to the Actors Equity Union, which has its own rules on COVID, in addition to local, state and federal regulations.

"The pandemic was rough, but the whole world was shut down, so we were no different than anybody else," Davidow said. "One of the ways we got through it was with federal Shuttered Venue Operators grants that not only saved us, but

hundreds of theaters, music venues and arenas across the country. Government grants really saved the artistic industry."

"It's been rough coming back, but we still had our internship program this year with kids from SUNY Adirondack and a high school student who helped build the set," he said.

Remember when home entertainment -- long before Netflix, Roku and Vudu-- meant trips to Blockbuster Video?

One of the play's funniest scenes takes place when Danny and Meredith get into a huge argument and start flinging VHS video boxes at one another.

At one point, Meredith asks Danny if she can use the store's restroom. He points out that it's only for employees.

"Do you want me to fill out a job application?!" she retorts.

Even as a teen-age boy, Danny

saw lots of "Heavy P" (potential) in Meredith. While she's answered a higher calling, he's settled into a mediocre video store career, never striving to fulfill his own "Heavy P" as a writer, and certainly not in love.

But Meredith's determined wooing finally wins him over and the 30-something couple welcomes the New Year, 1986, with open arms as they embark on life's journey together.

"First Night" runs through Saturday, Oct. 8.

Matinees are at 1 pm (lunch served at 11:30 am) Tuesday to Thursday. Evening performances are at 7:30 pm. (dinner served at 6 pm) Wednesday to Saturday.

Tickets may be purchased for lunch or dinner and a show, or shows only.

For information go to: [lakegeorgedinnertheatre.com](http://lakegeorgedinnertheatre.com).

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**Saturday, September 17: Watersheds**  
9 - 11 am @ Amy's Park (1.4 miles rt)

**Saturday, October 8: Falling into Winter**  
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## Table Talk: Becks Tavern

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alongside some wonderful red cabbage. The moist, tender sliced kielbasa was absolutely great!

Mr. Music went with the day's special and asked for pasta instead of mashed. The chef obliged and struck a high note with three breast filets in a creamy marsala sauce, fresh pasta, sliced zucchini and summer squash.

Mr. Ranch rode in with a "Rubeck," Beck's take on the traditional Ruben. The hot sandwich included sauerbraten, gruyere cheese, thousand island dressing and sliced corned beef on toasted rye.

I took on a huge full breast of chicken schnitzel. Pounded thin, lightly breaded, fried and accompanied by a wonderful hunter's sauce with mushrooms.

All meals come with that great red cabbage and hand-cut shoestring fries. Although closing early, all diners were not disappointed as

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The Thatchers: Photographing Lake George (1880-1950)



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Lake George Village Mayor Bob Blais, Plant Operator Tim Shudt, Lake George Association president Eric Siy and Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky and Town Supervisor Dennis Dickinson at the plant on March 1.

## New \$24 Million Waste Water Treatment Plant to be Dedicated August 24

By Anthony F. Hall

Lake George Village's new \$24 million, state-of-the-art waste water treatment plant will be formally dedicated on Wednesday, August 24, nearly three years after construction started in October, 2019 and more than seven years after the Department of Environmental Conservation ordered the village to improve or replace its wastewater treatment system.

Village officials will host a day-long event at the plant "to let the people of Lake George know that it is up and running and protecting the lake," said Mayor Bob Blais.

Governor Kathy Hochul and US Senator Chuck Schumer are among the dignitaries who have been invited to attend the ceremonial ribbon cutting, which will take place at 11 am.

Taylor Syvertsen, the ninth-grade student at Lake George Jr.-Sr. High School who won the poetry competition to help celebrate "the Queen of American Lakes," will be among the speakers.

"Replacing this 1939, New Deal-era plant was the missing piece in the giant puzzle of lasting lake protection," said Eric Siy, president of the Lake George Association. "The old plant was the single largest source of a pollutant increasingly connected to the development of toxic algal blooms."

Mayor Blais said the new waste water treatment plant is the only one of its kind to be built in New York State within the past year.

"We're very proud of that," he said.

Blais continued, "We're also very proud of the fact that we were able to build a \$24 million plant without placing an undue burden upon the taxpayers."

Blais said Lake George Village secured \$17.4 million in grants to fund significant portions of the costs of the plant's construction, including a \$9.4 million grant from New York State announced in January, 2020.

Eric Siy recalled that he and the late Ed Bartholemew, the president of Warren County's Economic Development Corporation, testified at a legislative hearing in Albany as to the importance— to water quality and the economy - of state funding for the plant.

"It's uncommon to see someone representing the environmental community sitting shoulder to shoulder with someone promoting economic growth, but the optics were right: as goes one, so goes the other. If we lose the lake, we lose the economy," said Siy.

Siy said the combination of forces that won state and federal funding for the plant "was the very definition of teamwork, leadership and commitment to the lake."

"The Mayor was the champion," Siy said of the lobbying effort. "He was determined to win funding for this plant because he understood what was at stake. It's now part of his legacy."

### Addressing Pollution at the Source

According to Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, who conducted a 17-month long study of the original plant's impacts on water quality, that facility was the primary source of elevated

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Photo by Ian Quillinan, courtesy of LGLC.

## Land & Water Conservation Celebration

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the property been developed, she said.

"A lot of development could have taken place on that site and any development, such as the of addition of impervious surfaces, would have had negative consequences," said Dore.

The Lake George Land Conservancy will hold its annual meeting at Up Yonda Farm, Bolton Landing, concurrently with a family-friendly

block party.

The annual meeting will start at 11:30 am outside the auditorium. Members of the staff and the Board of Directors will brief the audience on the organization's conservation successes and present reports on finances, stewardship, events and outreach.

This year's winner of the Lake George Land Conservancy's "Volunteer of the Year" award will also be announced.

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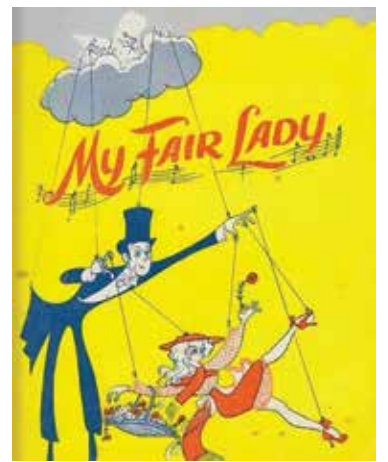
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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reports that Forest Rangers on patrol on northern Lake George on July 31 overheard the Warren County 911 department dispatching a Lake George Park Commission officer to the scene of a boat stranded on the rocks on Anthony's Nose. The small boat, occupied by two anglers, had washed ashore after being buffeted by the wake of a large cabin cruiser. One of the Rangers climbed onto the stranded boat and helped the two anglers board the LGPC boat, which took them to the Mossy Point Boat Launch. The boat was removed later that evening.

## Bolton Landing Engineering Firm adds Partner

By Mirror Staff

Sean Doty, PE, LEED AP, CPMSM has joined the Bolton Landing-based firm of Kathleen Suozzo Professional Engineering, PLLC (KSPE) as Partner and Principal.

Doty comes to KSPE with 20-years of experience in the consulting engineering field. Prior to joining KSPE, Sean was the Regional Leader of the Civil Group at LaBella Associates (previously The Chazen Companies) in their Glens Falls office.

Doty has been providing civil and environmental engineering services to both the public and private sector throughout his career, with a special focus on serving government entities.

"I am thrilled to have Sean Doty join our firm and to call him a partner," said Kathleen Suozzo. "Sean has an excellent reputation among his peers and importantly, among the many clients he has served throughout his career. Sean has been instrumental in advancing the priorities of many local, regional, and state entities and we welcome the wealth of experience he brings to KSPE. The addition of Sean to our firm as a partner and principal expands our capabilities and will allow KSPE to serve our clients, both existing and future, even more effectively."

## Adk Council Lauds Climate Bill

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would encourage the use of electric vehicles, reduce fuel use in homes, reduce methane emissions and increase domestic manufacturing of clean energy devices such as solar panels, wind turbines and batteries. It would direct new grants and investments to low-income and BIPOC communities and provide incentives for the conservation of farms and forests, as well as restoration of coastal habitats.

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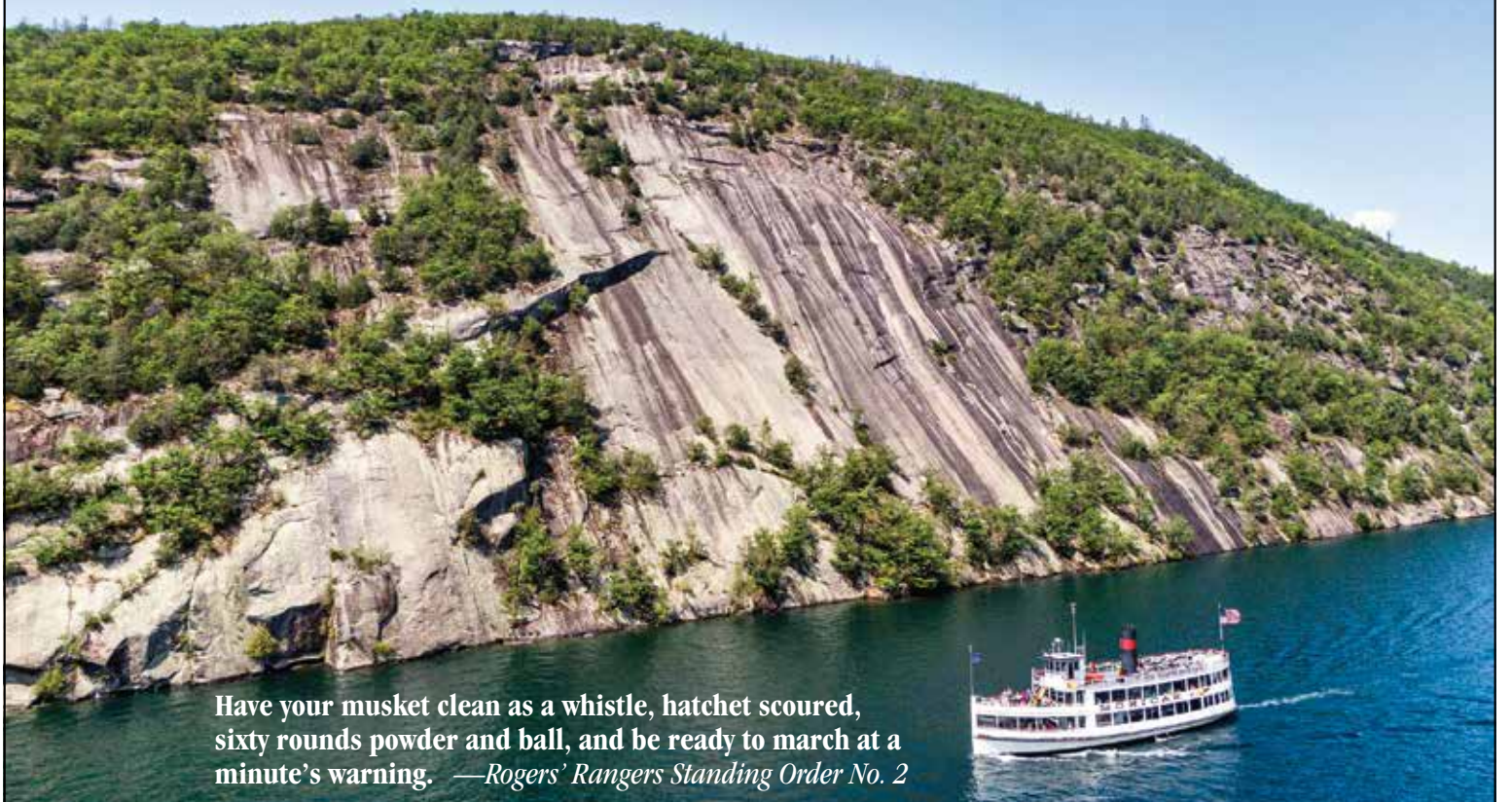
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# LGA Seeks Boaters for AIS Monitoring Weekend

By Mirror Staff

The Lake George Association will sponsor a lake-wide Aquatic

Invasive Species Monitoring Weekend August 19-21.

The organization is looking for volunteers with motorboats, kayaks,

or canoes to survey the lake for non-native plants such as Eurasian watermilfoil and hydrilla, as well as non-native mussels, snails and fish.

"This is part of the LGA's multi-faceted initiative to engage people who live near, or otherwise enjoy, the Lake to become Lake Protectors and play a direct role in sustaining water quality protection," said LGA

President Eric Siy. "Everyone has a role to play in keeping our Lake clear and clean."

"Who better to protect the Lake than the people who live on its shores or spend time on the water?" said LGA Manager of Water Quality Research Brea Arvidson, who is organizing the effort. "Whether you're already planning to be

boating that weekend, or looking for an excuse to get out there, this is a great opportunity to enjoy the Lake and protect it at the same time."

Interested boaters can register at lakegeorgeassociation.org, where an interactive map will allow them to choose the specific area of the Lake they would like to monitor from among the more than 100 locations. These locations are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so boaters are encouraged to sign up for their favorite area as soon as possible.

Monitoring can be done from a boat and while swimming, and participants will be asked to document their findings using the Survey123 app or a hard copy survey form provided by the LGA. It is estimated that most locations will take two to four hours to properly examine. Monitoring can take place any time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or across the entire weekend.

No invasive species identification experience is necessary to participate in the monitoring, and the LGA is encouraging families and small groups to team up for a fun-filled, educational and meaningful Lake-protection experience.

For those interested, LGA staff will host an in-person training session on Friday, August 5, from 10:30-noon at the LGA office, 2199 Route 9, Lake George. Anyone unable to attend will be provided with written monitoring instructions.

The new weekend monitoring program was developed to help identify any invasive species that may have escaped detection during mandatory boat inspections or have otherwise gone undetected in the water, the LGA stated.

Arvidson note that Lake George is home to one of the strongest aquatic invasive species prevention programs in the country, with trailered boats entering the Lake required to undergo inspections prior to launch.

Lake George is currently infested with six known aquatic invasive species: two aquatic plants, Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed; three mollusks: Zebra mussel, Asian clam, and Chinese mystery snail; and one crustacean, Spiny water flea.

Anyone with questions about the LGA's Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Weekend is asked to email Brea Arvidson at B.Arvidson@lakegeorgeassociation.org or Emily Boucher at EBoucher@lakegeorgeassociation.org.

## BOLTON LANDING NIGHT AT THE RACES

FRIDAY AUGUST 19TH

Bolton Landing Night at the Races is back again this year, on August 19th, make sure to come out for an action-packed fun night of entertainment.

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# 1953: Fort William Henry Breaks Ground

By Joseph W. Zarzynski  
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On April 20, 1953, a groundbreaking ceremony attended by 200 people officially opened construction of replica Fort William Henry (FWH) on the south shore of Lake George. The event's featured speaker was Dr. Albert H. Corey, state historian, who spoke on the role of the colonial fort in the French & Indian War (1755-1763). Thirteen months later in May 1954, the museum's doors opened to tourists. For nearly 70 years, the popular facility has been operated by Fort William Henry Corporation.

Historic FWH was constructed after the British victory over the French and their Canadian and Indigenous People allies at the Battle of Lake George on September 8, 1755. The military installation was erected under the direction of Major General William Johnson and Captain William Eyre.

The fortification was attacked during two French incursions from the Champlain Valley, a March 1757 raid that was unsuccessful and an August 1757 siege. The latter resulted in a British defeat and the

French burned the garrison before returning to Fort Carillon (later called Fort Ticonderoga) and Fort St. Frédéric.

This year, FWH Museum has utilized a hybrid blend of tourism. One form is an augmented reality created by Frameless Reality. This allows visitors to use their smart phones to add digital enhancements that dramatically show what life was like in the colonial fort. Further, the visitor experience includes traditional reenactor-led tours.

According to published reports in 1953, before construction of the museum, Fort William Henry Corporation researchers consulted colonial documents held by the New York State Education Department, New York State Archives, and the Canadian Government Archives to ensure historical accuracy of the replica fortress.

Moreover, at the time of erecting the reproduction fortification, there were still traces of the 1755-1757 earthen works. The original garrison's dry moat, that surrounded three sides of the battlements, was still visible, too. Further, the well of the old fort was intact.

Prior to building the imitation stronghold, an archaeological investigation of the grounds was initiated. This provided museum staff with a greater understanding of military life at the 18th century British site. The dig likewise collected artifacts for exhibit.

The excavators, led by



Archaeological diggers during the 1950s used brushes and trowels to excavate the grounds of historic Fort William Henry (credit: Fort William Henry Museum).

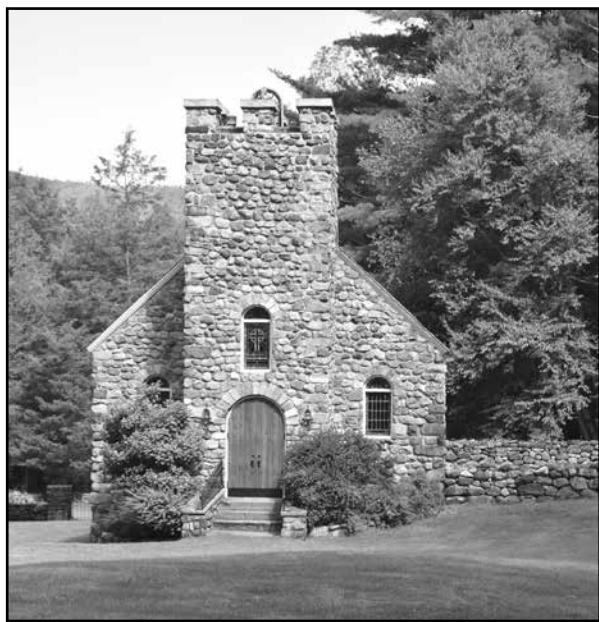
archaeologist Stanley Gifford, unearthed parts of the ancient fort's casemates, dungeon, ordnance magazine, barracks, and other prominent features.

Though the replica fortification formally opened on May 8, 1954, it was not until the autumn of 1955,

that the facsimile was completed.

Today, Fort William Henry Museum is supported by The French & Indian War Society at Lake George, Inc., a friends group that has existed since 2001. The not-for-profit association's mission is to promote an appreciation of the

region's colonial history, including the numerous contributions from Indigenous Peoples, to scrutinize European contact with the First Nations, and to encourage scholarly study of the area's French & Indian War history.



Above: Mountain Grove today. Right: A strong foundation.

## Mountain Grove Memorial Celebrates Centennial

By Mirror Staff

Mountain Grove Memorial Church, Huletts Landing, celebrated its Cornerstone Centennial the last weekend in July, a press release states.

Events included a reception and a presentation about the history of the church and its construction, a children's program and a Sunday Worship Service during which the building was rededicated.

During the weekend's events, The Friends of Historic Huletts hosted a display of artifacts and artwork about the church in their Gallery.

According to the press release, a copper time capsule, located under the church's cornerstone, was opened during the events.

Among the items found in the capsule was a 100-year-old copy of the Lake George Mirror that included an article about a bazaar that would be held to fund the church.

Other items were: the list of donors, a history of the church; its first bylaws; a list of board of trustees; a Bible; and the New York Tribune dated September 2, 1922.

According to the press release, the field-stone building was funded and built after a four-decade

period during which Protestant worshippers traveled by wagon over the mountain and gathered on lakeside porches to conduct Church and Sunday school.

At one time, the press release stated, there was an open-air site on Pine Brook Road and a small, wood church at the intersection of Pine Brook Road and County Road 6.

In 1916 funds were raised to build the church, which was finally

completed in 1922.

Rev. Ali Trowbridge, pastor at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Lake George Village, lead worship services on Sunday using the same program that was followed during service of dedication 100 years ago.

Members of the church's founding families and the family of the church's builders attended the events and services.



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## Great Brant Lake Canoe Race August 13

The North Warren Chamber of Commerce will hold the second annual "Great Brant Lake Canoe Race" on Saturday, August 13 at 9:30 am. Paddlers will begin at the north end of the lake and paddle 5.5 miles to the town Beach on the Mill Pond in Horicon.

An award ceremony will be held at 12:30 after the finish at the Horicon Community Center.

Music, food, a kids' race, canoe demos and instruction will be available, and several not-for profit and other organizations will engage and educate participants and spectators.

The race originally began in the 1974, run by local volunteers. The tradition continues, showcasing Brant Lake as a resource for paddling recreation.

Proceeds will benefit the North Warren Chamber of Commerce and the Bob and Gert Newtown Campership Fund at Camp Read. For more information visit: [www.northwarrencanoe.com](http://www.northwarrencanoe.com)

## Review of Docks Met Legal Standards

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statement upon receiving Muller's decision.

"As long-term residents of Basin Bay, we were pleased that the judge recognized that that we have interests that are distinct from the general public and we were therefore proper petitioners under New York Law. Moreover, we are glad that we contributed to the process of considering the application for the docks when it was pending before the LGPC, which is charged with the duty 'to preserve, protect and enhance the resources of the park,' and in the court.

"As we explained to the Commission and then in the petition to the court, the application for multiple docks and boathouses situated on a unique and fragile shoreline along the Cotton Point Rd. raised grave concerns. When the initial expansive permits were given, we believed that the Park Commission had not adequately responded to protect the Lake as is the Commission's responsibility.

"We were disappointed that the court did not agree with our arguments that the commissioners'

final decision was not consistent with their regulations and focused too much on the property owners' interests and not enough on the needs for protection of the lake. Yet we also appreciate that the Park Commission did listen to the concerns expressed by Lake George residents over the course of two LGPC meetings in 2021 and did reconsider the potential and likely effects of new docks.

"More than 100 letters detailed the worries about the safety, congestion, water use and impact on the lake of the project.

As a consequence, the Park Commission reduced the number of docks and the number of boat berths significantly and added those restrictions to the dock permits.

"We hope that the new neighbors will understand the concerns about the use of Cotton Point Road and of the lakeshore and our shared commitments to Basin Bay, that the Park Commission and the Town of Bolton will enforce the rules, and that, by adhering to the restrictions, the many users of the Cotton Point Road will be safe and the lakeshore protection."

## Ticonderoga Historical Society presents Program on Benedict Arnold at Valcour

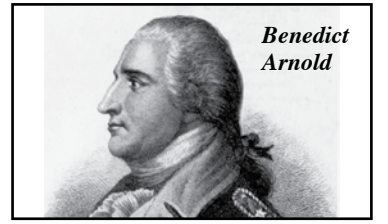
The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present a free public program on Friday, August 12 at 7 p.m. at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle, Ticonderoga. "Benedict Arnold: The Traitor who saved Ticonderoga" will be presented by Brian O'Connor, who will discuss Arnold's role at the Battle of Valcour Island in October 1776.

"As an overwhelming British force headed south from Canada, Arnold assembled a ragtag fleet to

meet it in a desperate naval action," said O'Connor. "Though defeated, his heroics gave our infant nation a year to breathe & win the pivotal victory of Saratoga the following year."

O'Connor, a former history professor, currently serves as Director of Libraries at North Country Community College.

The program will be held outdoors, under a tent and attendees should bring their own lawn chairs.



Benedict Arnold

Reservations may be made by calling the Hancock House at 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to: [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com).

## Waste Water Treatment Plant to be Dedicated

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levels of nitrogen in the lake's south basin and the single, largest influence on the water quality in the West Brook watershed.

Excessive levels of nitrates, Navitsky said, stimulate the growth of weeds and algae and can endanger fish life, the quality of drinking water, recreation and even human health.

Denitrification, or the reduction of nitrogen in the effluent, drove the design of the new plant, he said.

Now that the new plant is fully operational, nitrate discharges will sink to acceptable levels.

"Over time, you'll see gradual improvements that will slow the deterioration of water quality in West Brook and in the lake's south basin," said Navitsky.

### Operator Tim Shudt

Operations at the new plant are overseen by Tim Shudt, who was hired by Lake George Village in 2011 and has worked with lake protection groups and the DEC since then to remedy the old plant's defects.

He said the new plant will effectively and efficiently clean the hundreds of millions of gallons of wastewater generated by Village residents and visitors each year, long before it is discharged into the lake.

"This project has been the focus of Tim's work for years now. We can't be grateful enough for his commitment," said Siy.

Shudt said the new plant has the capacity to treat 1.75 million gallons of waste per day.

On a typical day in winter, the plant will process 500,000 gallons per day; at the height of summer, twice that amount.

"I am certain this plant will serve the Village well for decades to come," he said.

### Parking Fees Subsidize Plant

Although the plant serves less than a thousand year-round residents, its design and construction can accommodate the 50,000 visitors who descend upon the community every summer.

Because the plant serves the summer population, it is appropriate that visitors contribute to its costs, said Blais.

"No community could afford a \$24 million plant without creative financing," said Blais.

Example: doubling the costs of parking in Lake George Village from \$1 to \$2 per hour.

Lake George Village collected roughly \$1.4 million in parking fees in 2021, up from \$850,000 the previous year.

"We felt it was fair to ask the tourists who come to enjoy our village to help with the expenses associated with the construction of the new plant. We felt the increase in parking meters was justified," said Blais. "My philosophy has always been that parking meters pay for the services that we provide the visitors."

### Warren County Chips In

Warren County's Board of Supervisors has also agreed to contribute \$75,000 per year over the next ten years to help service the debt incurred by the Village to construct the plant.

"The Supervisors understand that we have a regional economy, one that depends upon Lake George and Lake George Village," said Blais. "Nevertheless, they didn't have to do this. Their support is of enormous benefit to our residents."

### Budget Impacts

The new wastewater treatment plant will have "a minimal impact" upon Village residents' taxes, said Blais.

"We will be responsible for \$500,000 a year in debt service, but that will not require us to exceed the state's cap on property taxes; we will remain within that by several hundred thousands of dollars," said Blais.

Blais said the costs of operating the plant will be "significant."

"It's going to be a brand new wastewater treatment plant, with the most advanced technology available, so we expected it to be expensive to operate," said Blais.

The plant's electricity bills could be twice as high as the previous plant's, said Blais.

Blais said the plant's costs to village taxpayers will stabilize once the Town of Lake George's Caldwell Sewer District starts contributing its share of costs, expected to be roughly 40% of the whole.

Without the \$9.4 million state grant, residents and business owners within the Caldwell Sewer District could have expected a 143% increase in their sewer rates, he said.

Supervisor Dickinson said he did not know how high rates in the Caldwell Sewer District will rise.

### Economic Benefits

In 2015, Lake George Village adopted a one-year moratorium on new construction to reduce pressure on the wastewater treatment plant.

That was done at the urging of Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, who proposed similar measures for the Caldwell Sewer District a year later.

With the completion of the new plant, Navitsky said March 1, "the economy can expand."

"The old plant was holding growth back, because it couldn't manage it," he said.

"So, while it's clear that the new plant is good for the environment, it's also good for the economy. As we often say, the economy and the environment are two sides of the same coin," he said.

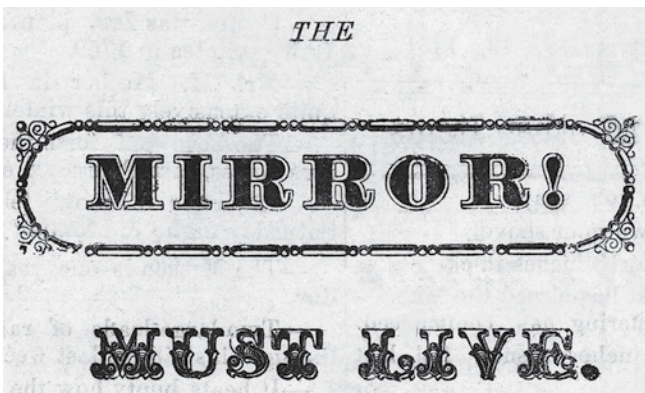
"This is cause for great celebration," said Eric Siy.

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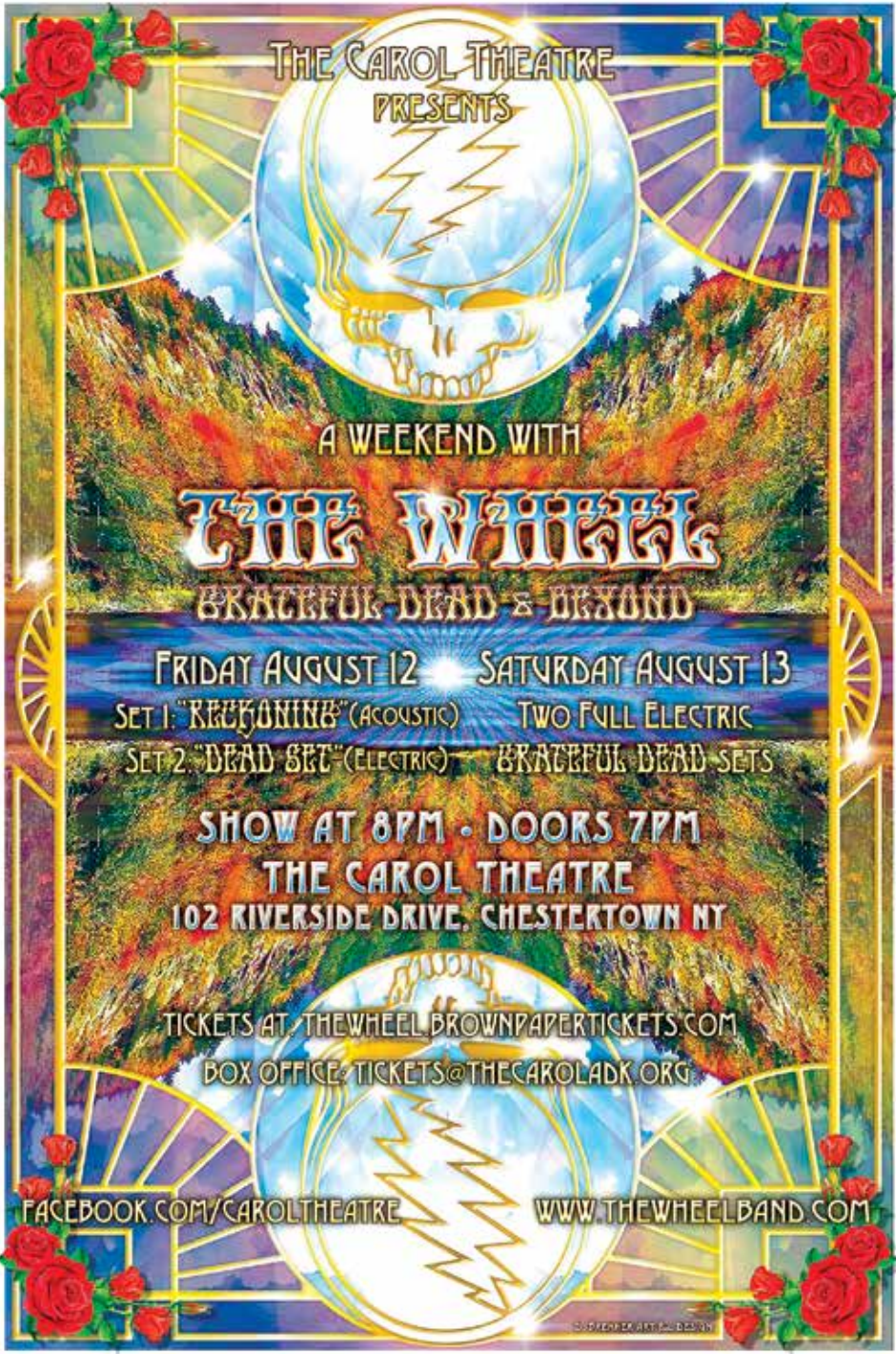
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