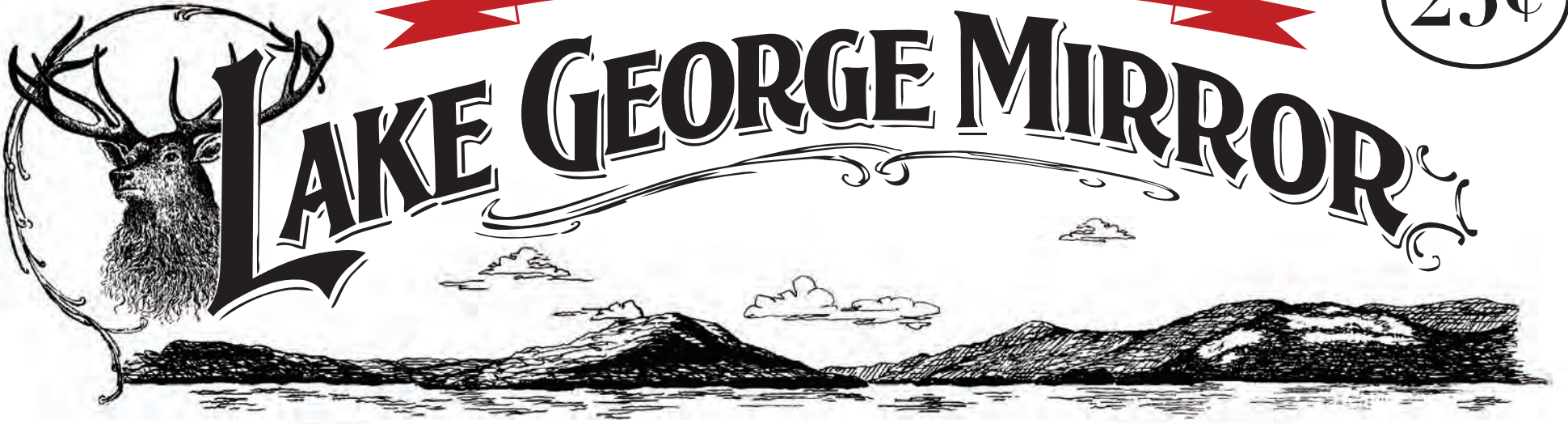


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"Construction of 'The Repose of the Fallen' was completed in time for the May 22 dedication. Photo provided.

Dedication of Revolutionary War Memorial Set for May 22

By Anthony F. Hall

On May 22, the transformation of a nondescript hillside above Lake George into a memorial to those who perished during what, arguably, was the new nation's first foreign adventure – the disastrous 1775-1776 invasion of Quebec – will be complete.

The remains of forty-four of the hundreds who died from illness contracted during the invasion will be reinterred in a columbarium. The memorial ultimately will honor all those who served at Lake George during the wars of the 18th century.

According to Russell Bellico, the historian and co-founder of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the addition of the Repose of the Fallen is a milestone in the park's own history, equal to the dedication of the statue of Sir William Johnson and King Hendrick, formally known as "The Battle of Lake George – Sept. 8, 1755," in 1903.

The memorial plaza will be situated within walking distance of the Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center and within sight of a monument to unknown soldiers - American provincials who were fighting on behalf of the British king at the 1755 Battle of Lake George, whose remains were found during the construction of a road near Lake George in the 1930s and were reburied in the park at that time.

"When the remains of these

forty-four other individuals were discovered in Lake George Village in 2019, the creation of this memorial plaza was not something many people could have anticipated," said Dan Barusch, Lake George's Director of Planning and Zoning. "But the boards of the Village and the Town immediately grasped the significance of these people's sacrifices to our nation and to the heritage of this community."

The Repose of the Fallen was constructed at a cost of \$700,000, derived from the \$9.7 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative awarded Lake George in December, 2024 and from private donations.

"As Senator Chuck Schumer said when he visited this site in 2023, the forty-four continental soldiers and their supporters whose remains were found in Lake George in 2019 drew their last breaths here," said John DiNuzzo, president of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the non-profit group that works with the Department of Environmental Conservation to maintain the park and which also manages the Visitors Center.

According to DiNuzzo, the memorial plaza is within a few hundred yards of the Revolutionary War's largest military hospital in the thirteen colonies. Founded in the summer of 1776 by General Horatio Gates, the hospital was used to

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Two Years in the Making, New Shepard Park Amphitheater to Open for the Season in June

By Anthony F. Hall

The new Shepard Park amphitheater, opening officially in late June, will not only anchor events in Lake George this summer, but drive tourism at the lake, officials and business owners say.

The latter are already seeing motel room reservations climb well in advance of the summer season, the Mirror was told.

Replacing a 1980s bandstand that was destroyed by fire in 2024, the new, \$2.9 million stage complex is part of a much larger lakeside, outdoor performance space that took two years and roughly \$5.5 million to complete.

"This is so much more than a bandstand," said Mayor Ray Perry.

"The new performance venue will be a game changer for Lake George and the whole area. We'll be able to cater to the larger, national acts while retaining the regional acts," Perry said, noting that in the past, some renowned bands had declined invitations to perform because the old bandstand didn't meet their needs.

The larger stage is supported by holding and green rooms and by advanced lighting, audio, visual and recording technology purchased at a cost of roughly half a million dollars.

A 46-ft-wide expanse of glass panels behind the performers on stage can be unfolded to allow music to drift toward the beach and boaters on the water.

"Shepard Park's new stage is on par with the best in the country," said Tanya Tobias-Tomis, the executive director of the Lake George Arts Project, which produces weekly concerts as well the annual jazz weekend in the park. "Typically, you do not see this level of design and engineering in a free-access venue. 'What's the return on the investment?' a skeptic would ask. But Lake George recognizes there



Mayor Ray Perry in Shepard Park, Lake George Mirror.

is a return on investment, and it's this: Shepard Park creates experiences and memories that people will take home with them."

A conference room below the stage overlooking the Lakefront Walkway, Shepard Park Beach, Lake George and French Mountain, "will be the most beautiful spot in the country," said Perry.

An art gallery, to be called the Bandstand Gallery, accessible from the Walkway, will introduce new audiences to arts and crafts produced in the Lake George

region.

Roughly \$1.5 million was spent on reconstructing portions of the 115-year-old native stone tiered seating, as designed by Saratoga Springs-based Studio A Landscape Architecture and Engineering.

According to Mayor Perry, the tiered seating will continue along a hillside, thanks to contributions from private donors.

"So there's more to come. We're not done yet. We're going to continue to improve Shepard Park, the most beautiful place in the country," said Mayor Perry.



The Bolton Eagles, the varsity basketball team from Bolton Central School in Bolton Landing that won the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Class D state championship in Binghamton on March 22, were introduced to the New York State Assembly by their representative in Albany, Matt Simpson, earlier this spring.

"Local Matters:" New Fund to Support News Reporting in the Lake George Watershed

By Mirror Staff

Local matters. That, of course, is merely to state the obvious. But "Local Matters" is also a new project launched by the Adirondack Community Foundation and the Lake George Mirror to support consistent and continuous reporting from local communities.

The fund, called the Lake George Mirror Journalism Initiative Fund, allows anyone to make a tax-deductible donation to help fund the hiring of editors and reporters to cover the news of communities within the Lake George watershed.

Adirondack Community Foundation will serve as fiscal sponsor for the "Local Matters" project, accepting contributions from the public and administering the funds to ensure they are used for the charitable purposes for which they were intended.

Established in 1880, the Lake George Mirror has, for most of its history, been "a summer resort newspaper," reporting the news of greatest interest to summer residents and visitors.

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Who Will be Reinterred in the Repose of the Fallen?

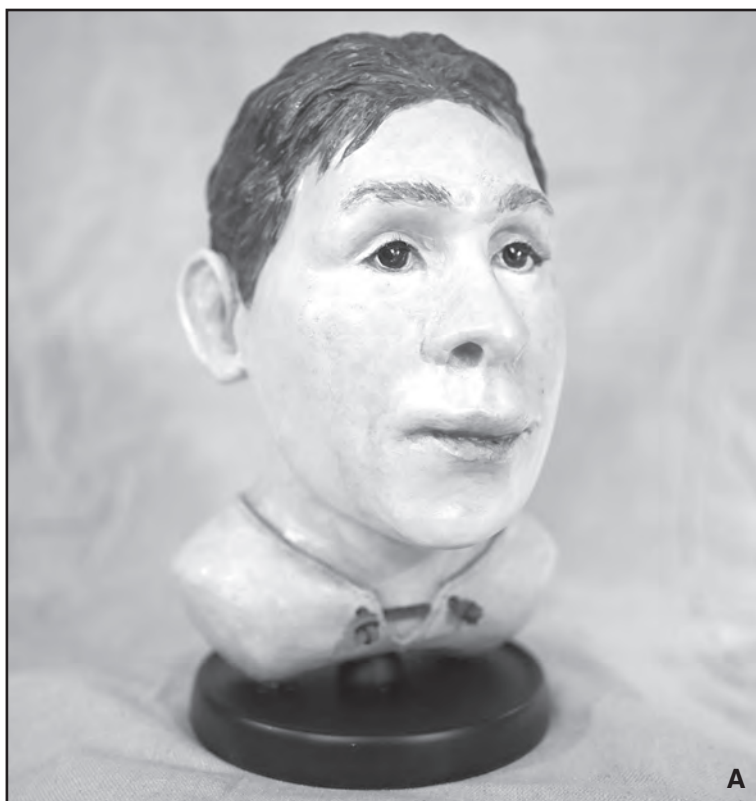
Without the New York State Museum's bioarchaeologists, we might never know

By Mirror Staff

What began in 2019 as a routine construction project in Lake George evolved into one of the most significant bioarchaeological investigations of the Revolutionary War era in New York State. During excavation work on Courtland Street, workers uncovered human remains from an unmarked cemetery. Archaeologists at first believed the graves dated to the mid-18th century French and Indian War, long associated with the military history of the Lake George region. But a single artifact — a regimental button from the First Pennsylvania Battalion — dramatically changed the story. The cemetery instead appeared linked to the disastrous 1775–1776 American invasion of Canada during the Revolutionary War and to the military hospital established at Fort George in the summer of 1776.

The discovery launched a years-long effort by the New York State Museum and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reconstruct the lives, identities, and deaths of the people buried there nearly 250 years ago. Led by museum curator of bioarchaeology Lisa Anderson, the late DEC archaeologist Charles Vandrei and bioarchaeologists Julie Weatherwax and Alexandra DeCarlo, the project became both a scientific investigation and an act of historical recovery.

The work began under difficult circumstances. Construction activity had already destroyed many of the graves before archaeologists arrived. Only eleven burials could be examined intact during the emergency excavation, conducted in frozen winter ground. Anderson later described how investigators “literally had to tunnel into these grave shafts” because the soil surface was frozen solid. Nearby sat a massive spoil pile of displaced earth — essentially a house-sized mound of soil containing shattered human



A: Earlier this month, the NYS Museum unveiled a facial reconstruction of a Revolutionary War soldier whose remains were recovered from the Courtland Street Burying Ground in Lake George, N.Y. Created by forensic artist Jenny Kenyon, the reconstruction depicts a young soldier believed to have been in his teens, offering a powerful new glimpse into the lives of the individuals who died while serving during America's fight for independence. **B:** New York State Museum Bioarchaeologists, Alexandra DeCarlo and Julie Weatherwax preparing for the May 22 reinterment of the remains in the Repose of the Fallen in Battlefield Park. **C:** New York State Museum Bioarchaeologist, Julie Weatherwax sorting hundreds of teeth to reconstruct the dentition of over 40 individuals. Photos courtesy NYS Museum.

remains, coffin fragments, buttons, nails, and other artifacts from disturbed graves.

Over the next fifteen months, museum staff and volunteers painstakingly screened the spoil heap by hand. The process resembled assembling an enormous human puzzle. Individual teeth, hand bones, leg bones, and coffin fragments had to be sorted and matched in an attempt to reconstruct as many people as possible. None of the bodies remained intact. Yet through bioarchaeological analysis — the scientific study of human remains in archaeological context — researchers gradually identified evidence for at least 44 individuals whose graves had been destroyed.

The remains revealed the grim realities of the Continental Army's northern campaign. Many of the dead were teenagers or very young men, some likely as young as sixteen, reflecting the youth of many soldiers who enlisted during the Revolution. Researchers also identified the remains of two children, believed to have been connected to camp families traveling with the army. The fragmented bones further suggested the possible presence of women, Indigenous individuals, and enslaved people, though the condition of the remains often prevented definitive identification.

Bioarchaeology has been central to understanding not only who these individuals were, but how they died. Examination of skeletal development and dental



eruption allowed researchers to estimate ages; one jawbone belonged to a teenager whose molars had not yet fully emerged. Military artifacts connected the cemetery to soldiers retreating south from the failed Quebec campaign. Historical records from Pennsylvania, including muster rolls, journals, and orderly books, helped correlate the burials with documented troop movements through Fort George. The evidence also pointed

strongly toward disease rather than combat as the cause of death. Researchers concluded that many of the soldiers likely died in the summer of 1776 at the Fort George General Hospital after contracting smallpox or related illnesses during the Canadian campaign. Thousands of sick and wounded soldiers had been transported south from Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga to Lake George, where medical treatment was primitive and epidemics spread rapidly through crowded camps and hospitals. Bioarchaeological evidence, combined with historical documentation of the smallpox outbreak that devastated the Continental Army during the Quebec expedition, has allowed researchers to reconstruct the broader medical catastrophe behind the cemetery.

As the scientific investigation progressed, the project increasingly emphasized restoring the humanity of the dead. Anderson repeatedly stressed that the goal was not simply to catalog bones, but to “learn something about them from their remains.” That effort reached a powerful milestone in 2026 when the museum unveiled a facial reconstruction of one of the soldiers, created by forensic artist Jenny Kenyon using 3D-printed scans of a skull

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By Anthony F. Hall

Decades of acid rain and the widespread use of road salt have left their signatures on the water quality of Lake George, though new research shows that the lake is slowly recovering from environmental stress.

“But,” conclude the authors of a recently published scientific paper, *The Chemical Evolution of Tributaries to Lake George*, “the period of recovery will be decades long.”

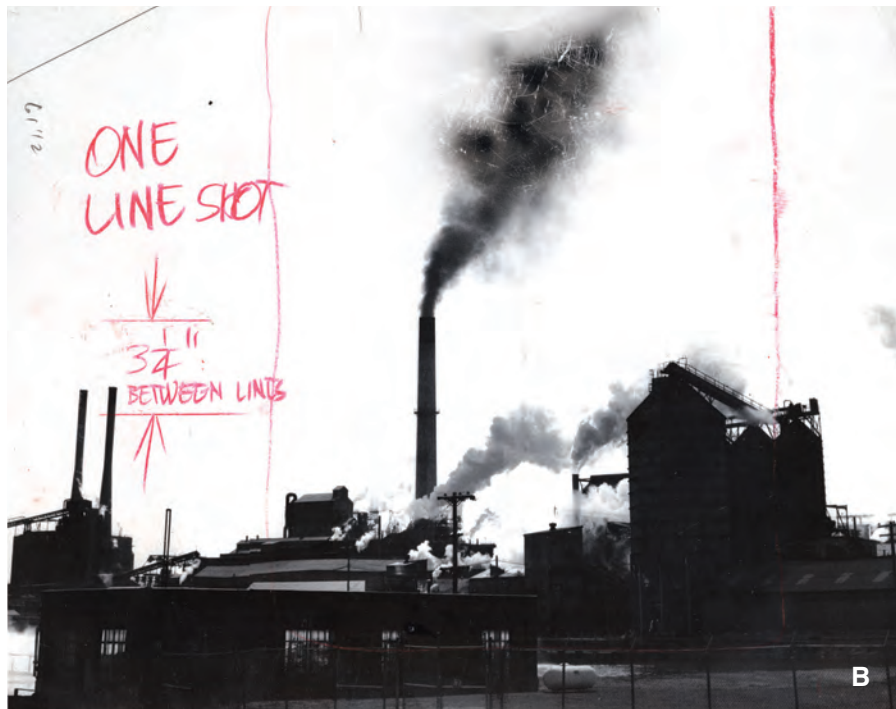
Lead author of the peer reviewed study is Dr. Jim Sutherland, a retired New York State Environmental Conservation scientist and currently a Scientific Advisor to the Lake George Association and to the Lake George Waterkeeper.

Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky is among the co-authors of the study, which was published in the academic journal *Science of the Total Environment (STOTEN)* in January, 2026. The paper’s other two co-authors are Dr. Steve Norton of the University of Maine and Dr. Jack Crosby of the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. The researchers presented their findings at the 2025 Salt Summit in Lake George.

“To our knowledge, this is the first publication world-wide that has evaluated the effect of acid rain and road salt on the balance and movement of contaminants through watershed soils,” said Dr. Sutherland. “We were fortunate to have access to data extending from 1970 to 2024, representing one of the most comprehensive, long-term datasets available for the Lake George watershed.”



A:As a result of climate change, the annual mean precipitation in the Lake George area has increased by six tenths of an inch. Summer mean precipitation has increased by two inches. The authors of a new study say these changes could have significant implications for the lake’s water quality. **B:** Acid rain – the product of industrial emissions released into the air throughout the Midwestern and Eastern United States - significantly altered the lake’s ecosystem through the late 1970s. Above, a press photo from the Cleveland, Ohio newspaper, *The Plain-Dealer*, used in the April 2, 1970 edition to illustrate acid rain and air pollution in advance of the first Earth Day. **C:**Since 2015, the year the Lake George Waterkeeper launched the annual Salt Summits, the governments’ use of road salt has begun to shrink and the contamination of groundwater, tributaries and ultimately of the lake itself has slowed, thanks in part to tactics introduced at the annual Salt Summit. Above, a Town of Hague Highway Dept. truck salting Route 9N.



The data was collected across decades that happened to coincide, historically, with years when the individual and cumulative impacts of acid rain and road salt could be detected and measured, said Sutherland.

Threats to Water Quality: From Acid Rain to Road Salt and Climate Change

Led by Sutherland, the team analyzed more than 4,300 water samples collected intermittently over a period of 55 years from 18 tributaries coursing through lands that comprise nearly 40% of the Lake George watershed.

As the paper notes, the Lake George watershed has been subjected to any amount of environmental abuse since

World War II – from acid rain, road salt, climate change and the disturbance and development of the surrounding landscape, among other things.

To quote from the paper, “While these stresses have been sequential in their arrival, they frequently overlap in time, with the impacts of newer stresses superimposed on the legacy impacts of older stresses.”

Among other things, the researchers found that acid rain – the product of industrial emissions released into the air throughout the Midwestern and Eastern United States - significantly altered the lake’s ecosystem.

“We didn’t see acid deposition impact Lake George as directly as we saw it impact lakes and ponds in much of the Adirondacks, in

places where I spent most of my career with the DEC,” said Sutherland. “But it had an impact nonetheless. Acidic deposition was falling on the watershed, across the drainage basin. If we didn’t see it, that’s because its impact was beneath the surface. It was silent.”

As the impacts of acid rain accumulated, the soils were robbed of essential nutrients such as calcium, magnesium and potassium, in some cases, to the detriment of the health of the Forest Preserve, in others, as sulphates, metals and even some otherwise valuable nutrients were exported to tributaries and to the lake itself, to the detriment of water quality.

Sulfur pollution from fossil

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Here's a Better Idea

New York State Senator Patricia Fahy has proposed her own “pied-a-terre,” tax, one that would add a 4% surcharge to the property tax bills of second homeowners in places such as Lake George. The idea, we gather, is to generate additional revenues for New York State and to discourage investors from removing properties from the housing stock, which inevitably drives up the prices of homes for local families. If Senator Fahy’s goal is to level the playing field for year-round, working residents and wealthier vacationers, former Bolton Supervisor and Adirondack Park Agency board member Deanne Rehm has a better idea.

An assessor by profession, Rehm has urged Fahy and her colleagues in the New York State legislature – including Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Matt Simpson – to repeal Section 339-Y of the New York Tax Law which, as it stands, requires towns such as Bolton and Lake George to assess condominiums on the basis of their current or potential rental income, rather than on their market value.

As of 2024, that law was costing Bolton \$150,515.00 per year in town taxes, the school district \$198,081 and Warren County \$8,196.00 – tax dollars that could be used to maintain roads and bridges, support social services and provide children with the education they need to excel.


Unlike a “pied-a-terre” tax, which, as the New York Times reported earlier this month, would be difficult to assess, difficult to implement and difficult to defend in court, the repeal of 339-Y would raise revenues for municipalities and the state relatively quickly and easily, without the time and trouble of debating new legislation, whose outcome is uncertain at best.

And unlike Senator Fahy’s “pied-a-terre” tax for vacation homes on Lake George, the repeal of 339-Y would impose no new taxes on the already highly taxed second homeowner; rather, it would return municipal assessments to the status quo ante, before condominium owners were relieved of a portion of their tax burden, reportedly at the insistence of former Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, a Catskills condo owner.

Several condominium projects have been completed recently, are under construction or are planned in Lake George and Bolton Landing, and the revenues that local governments and school districts will continue to lose as a result of 339-Y are not insignificant. The owners of these units will have no less need for municipal services than their counterparts in detached single-family homes; they will simply be paying less for them. Even they must regard that as inequitable.

And if 339-Y is repealed, what should the state and towns do with their new revenues? Here’s a modest proposal: address the housing affordability crisis by helping to support a revolving fund to build new homes for the teachers, the healthcare aides and nonprofit workers who are being priced out of their communities, similar to the “Accelerate Workforce Housing” partnership announced by Adirondack Community Foundation and New York State this past spring.

The creation of funds like these across the Adirondacks would do more to restore an equitable relationship between year-round residents and second homeowners than would a 4% surcharge on vacation homes, which would do little more than discourage people from continuing to contribute to our communities.



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LAKE MATTERS



Decontaminating a boat one early morning at the Million Dollar Beach launch.

Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasives

By Joe Thouin

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION

Editor's Note: "Lake Matters," is written and sponsored by the Lake George Park Commission to keep residents, boaters and visitors better informed about the Commission's myriad activities. Questions – or suggestions for topics to be addressed in future columns – should be addressed to info@lgpc.state.ny.us.

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer and the boating season and the Lake George Park Commission's Boat Inspection staff has been happily and busily preparing to welcome your arrival.

The Commission's Boat Inspection Program has been in place since 2014, and serves to protect the Lake from new aquatic invasive species (AIS). After twelve years and almost 400,000 boat inspections, no new aquatic invasive species have been discovered in Lake George.

Aquatic invasive species can include plants and animals, which displace native species and can negatively impact ecology, fisheries, and water quality. Once an invasive species is introduced to a waterbody, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate. The primary pathway for the introduction of AIS into waterbodies such as Lake George, is recreational boating. Aquatic plants, mussels, and other organisms can adhere to boat hulls, become entangled on trailer bunks and ropes, or remain hidden in bilges and other compartments. Without careful attention to ensuring vessels are clean, drained, and dry, boats traveling from infested waters can inadvertently transport invasive species to new lakes.

As the old adage goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. On Lake George, to prevent the introduction of new AIS, all vessels must be inspected by a LGPC technician prior to launch into the Lake to ensure they're clean, drained, and dry. For convenience, boat inspection stations are located around the Lake at Million Dollar Beach, Norowal Marina in Bolton, Roger's Rock Campground in Hague, Mossy Point boat launch in Ticonderoga, and the DEC launch at South Bay on Lake Champlain. Any boats that are found to not meet the clean, drained, and dry standard, are provided a free high-pressure, hot-water decontamination by trained staff, which then allows the vessels to safely be launched. Vessels exiting the Lake are also inspected to promote clean and drained conditions, which helps protect the spread of invasive species from Lake George to other waterbodies.

Since 2014, LGPC inspectors have identified

more than 1,400 boats carrying visible invasive species. All were intercepted prior to launch and decontaminated at no cost to vessel owners. In 2025, vessel inspection technicians conducted a total of 35,544 inspections across the five regional inspection stations. Of these, 10,157 were full entrance inspections. An additional 14,990 inspections were conducted at vessel retrieval to ensure that aquatic invasive species from Lake George were not exported to other waterbodies. And the remaining 10,397 inspections involved vessels arriving at inspection stations with a valid inspection seal already in place, reflecting a tremendous efficiency in this program for boats returning to Lake George after receiving an exit inspection seal.

Although this program is operated and administered by the LGPC, it exists through an extraordinary partnership with state and local entities that collectively fund 100% of program costs, ensuring there is no fee to boaters visiting Lake George. The Lake George Park Commission remains deeply grateful to its state and local funding partners, including the State of New York, Warren County Board of Supervisors, Village of Lake George, Town of Bolton, Queensbury, Lake George, and the Lake George Association, as well as for the active support from the Town of Hague and the Town of Putnam, who provide staffing at their municipal launches to ensure compliance with the AIS prevention program.

Lake George remains one of the cleanest, clearest large lakes in the world, and this doesn't happen by chance. Please do your part to ensure your boat is cleaned, drained, and dry, and we'll look forward to seeing you soon at the launch.

The Lake George Park Commission is an independent NYS agency overseen by a ten-member Board of Commissioners, all appointed by the Governor (except for one DEC Commissioner designee), for nine year terms. For more information, visit lgpc.ny.gov.

DEC's Crown Point Fishing Pier Closed

The Department of Environmental Conservation's Fishing Pier at the Crown Point Campground and Day Use Area in Crown Point, Essex County, is closed, possibly for the entire year, the DEC has announced. According to a press release from the state agency, access to the pier is prohibited while DEC works with a structural engineer to assess the pier's condition and make a determination about its future. The remaining areas of the Crown Point Campground and Day Use Area remain open to the public.



WHAT – OR, RATHER, WHO – IS IN YOUR TRAIL CAM?

DEC, CORNELL, BEGIN SECOND YEAR OF “SNAPSHOTNY,” A CITIZEN SCIENCE WILDLIFE MONITORING PROJECT

By Anthony F. Hall

Snapshot NY, a citizen science program created by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Cornell University in 2025, will begin Year Two in July. The innovative program, which enables the public to participate in the state’s efforts to monitor wildlife by deploying privately-owned trail cameras, has already enlisted more than 800 volunteers.

“As soon as the program was launched, it took off; immediately, we saw a steep increase in participation,” said Joelee Tooley, a Cornell researcher and the coordinator of Snapshot NY.

According to Tooley, the program is, at least in part, a response to the limitations of the DEC’s traditional methods of quantifying wildlife populations.

“Historically, the DEC has relied upon data from species hunted or trapped. And while harvest reports are important, the sampling is uneven: hunters can change their habits, based on the year or even the price of gas,” said Tooley.

And, Tooley added, “Sightings of rare or elusive species are too random to provide population-scale estimates.”

Even when using more efficient methods of monitoring a

species, such as camera trapping, live trapping, collaring and radio tracking, estimating the size of a wildlife population is expensive, time consuming, labor intensive and dependent upon too few DEC wildlife biologists and technicians, said Tooley.

“To measure changes in animal abundance over a five-year period, you would need data from thousands of sites,” said Tooley. “With its limited number of employees, it’s unlikely that the DEC would be able to collect, manage and analyze that volume of data.”

Dr. Angela Fuller, who leads the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Cornell, commented, “Snapshot NY represents an unprecedented opportunity to generate large-scale, long-term data on wildlife populations across New York.”

According to the DEC, the project also addresses a deficit in wildlife data from privately-owned lands.

“More than 60 percent of land in New York is privately owned, so Snapshot NY helps DEC biologists collect critical information about wildlife in many areas where our experts have historically lacked access,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton stated.

The DEC expects the additional data will help improve the way DEC monitors and manages more than a dozen wildlife species –

bear, bobcat, deer, fisher, turkey, marten and moose, among them, officials stated.

The contributions of Snapshot NY’s citizen scientists “will help DEC continue to make informed decisions, improve the effectiveness of wildlife conservation and management strategies and track changes in wildlife populations over time,” the DEC stated.

According to Tooley, more than 6.1 million trail camera images – from both the DEC and citizen scientists – have been uploaded to Snapshot NY’s website thus far. Twenty-two species – not including small rodents and songbirds – have been identified. Not surprisingly, squirrels and raccoons appear most frequently.

Thus far, Snapshot NY is “an awesome success. The DEC is very pleased,” said Tooley.

For information about Snapshot NY, to learn how to participate and to register as a volunteer, visit snapshotny.org/ get-involved.

As Tooley explained at the Adirondack Research Consortium’s annual conference at Lake Placid on April 15, the program’s population ecology researchers are using uploads from the trail cams and employing detection/non-detection metrics to determine prioritized species’ abundance and density.

“We can use these metrics in real-life management

applications. We can not only map the distribution of species across New York State, we can develop management plans for specific species and their habitats,” said Tooley.

According to DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton, Snapshot NY is not only a way for volunteers to contribute to New York’s wildlife conservation efforts; it represents “a fantastic opportunity to get outside and connect with the outdoors.”

Or simply to observe nature from an angle rarely available from a lawn or porch.

“I videotaped a woodland jumping mouse, jumping three feet into the air and landing on top of a snowshoe hare, who then jumped three feet into the air himself,” Mark Patterson, a resident of Pottersville, commented at the ARC conference in April.

“That video has already gone viral,” said Joley Tooley.



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LGLC Protects a Piece of Old Bolton: 53 Forested Acres of an 18th Century Farm

By Mirror Staff

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has purchased 53 acres in the hills above Northwest Bay – an acquisition that will protect both view sheds and water sheds.

The lands lie within the Town of Bolton and are divided by Federal Hill Road. Until the April 16 purchase, they were part of Federal Hill Farm, also known as the Ralph Bixby Farm.

The birthplace of Lillian Tuttle, who met and married a St. Louis industrialist named W.K. Bixby, the farm was purchased by her son Ralph sometime in the 1920s.

According to Alex Novick, the LGLC's Land Steward, the land was once almost entirely farmland, as evidenced by the remains of roads and stone walls found in even the most steeply sloped areas. It is believed the farm dates to the 1790s.

Today, those steep slopes are

forested. The parcel also contains a three-acre wetland and buffered streams that join the main branch of Indian Brook before entering into Lake George's Northwest Bay.

"Protecting these features from development allows the land to do what it does best—absorb and filter water before it reaches the lake," the LGLC stated.

The Federal Hill Forest, as the preserve is to be known, adjoins the 207-acre Sundew Pond property, which LGLC acquired and permanently protected in 2025.

"In addition to protecting water quality, the expansion of protected lands provides unfragmented habitat necessary for native terrestrial and aquatic wildlife to thrive," the LGLC stated.

The LGLC purchased the land from the family of Ralph Bixby, which has maintained it for generations.



The 53 acres above Northwest Bay newly protected by the LGLC lie within the view of this photograph, taken from a height above the Ralph Bixby Farm. Most of the lands within the photo were once open farmland.

"After more than 100 years of Bixby family ownership, we are proud to entrust this land to the Lake George Land Conservancy," said Will Bixby, a grandson of Ralph Bixby. "We share the LGLC's commitment to protecting the watershed to preserve the beauty of Lake George for generations to come. It is an honor to have the LGLC as our neighbors, and we trust their

stewardship to care for this land as we have. I think this would make our grandparents, Ralph and Lucy Bixby, very happy."

LGLC Executive Director Mike Horn said, "We are grateful to the Bixby family for working with us to permanently conserve this land and carry forward their legacy of stewardship. Keeping the land in its current natural state will deliver long-lasting benefits

for wildlife and for the local communities who depend on the lake's exceptional water quality and beauty."

The protection of the 53 acres was made possible through the success of the LGLC's 2025 Land Campaign, and through funding from a Water Quality Improvement Project grant, which is awarded and administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the LGLC stated.

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Next Move NY: Connecting Vets to Local Employers

By Mirror Staff

Next Move NY, a state-funded program aimed at connecting transitioning soldiers, veterans, and military spouses from the Fort Drum military community to local businesses, has extended its reach to Ticonderoga.

"Next Move NY is excited to be working alongside the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce to connect local businesses with transitioning soldiers, spouses, and veterans seeking employment opportunities in Ticonderoga Area," said Sarah Wilder, Regional Business Liaison at Next Move NY, "We're striving to create meaningful connections and careers with these military families, with a focus on making New York State their next, and final, move."

"The TACC is eager to begin connecting our local businesses and mentors within the Ticonderoga Area to the Next Move NY program as well as military retirees and spouses that are looking to relocate to the Ticonderoga Area," said Megan Bambara, TACC Employee Opportunities & Outreach Coordinator.

According to Bambara, the Chamber will also serve as a resource center promoting the many benefits of the Ticonderoga Area.

Local businesses can contact the Chamber for more information as well at (518)585-6619.

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With New Director, Arts Project's Courthouse Gallery Striking Out for New Territory

By Anthony F. Hall

Dan Cameron, the renowned critic, curator and, more recently, acclaimed artist in his own right, who happens to have grown up in Hudson Falls, has been chosen by the Lake George Arts Project to become the new curator of its Courthouse Gallery

Cameron, who also organizes shows at La Capilla Azul, an independent exhibition space on the island of Chiloé, in the Los Lagos region of Chile and at Varosy Studios, a gallery space corralled from the former studio of the late sculptor Gylua Varosy in Washington County, as well as undertaking projects throughout the nation and across the globe as an independent curator, scholar and critic, will work remotely. Based in New York City, he maintains a studio in downtown Glens Falls.

When the Arts Project's Board of Directors announced that Cameron was their choice to become the Courthouse Gallery's new curator, among the scores people to send him notes wishing him well were two of his predecessors, Laura Von Rosk and Beth Rowe.

Laura Von Rosk was the first gallery director to offer Cameron a one-man show of his collages — artworks composed of superficially random, but, in reality, esoterically related, images — in 2021.

"We are so fortunate to have you working up here, Dan!" wrote Von Rosk.

Beth Rowe helped set him on the road to becoming a curator and a critic.

"Not only is Dan a brilliant curator but he also has a long history with the Arts Project," said Rowe "He showed up at my door as an art student, offering to volunteer for the Prospect Mountain Sculpture Show. I was delighted to have his help and he somehow managed to get the show covered in *New York Magazine*. Welcome home Dan!"

Rowe is referring, of course, to the 1979 "Prospect Mountain Sculpture Show: an Homage to David Smith," an outdoor exhibition featuring 19 pieces by eighteen sculptors whose work had been influenced by Smith, as well as two major works by Smith himself, which Rowe and the critic Irving Sandler organized.

Thanks to Cameron, the show was reviewed in *New York Magazine* by John Ashbery, who was the magazine's art critic at the time. Cameron happened to be working as Ashbery's assistant at the time, and the Pulitzer Prize winning poet agreed to travel to Lake George to see the show if Cameron would drive him here, which he did. The essay remains a canonical appreciation of Smith as well as his successors, many of whom have slipped into undeserved obscurity.

Because almost all shows at the Lake George Arts Project are planned at least a year in advance, Cameron will only curate one show this year, in September. Thereafter, he will organize several shows a year; hopefully, enabling the gallery to develop a distinctive, curator-driven identity.

Cameron considers himself a pluralist. He isn't likely to limit himself to one school, one tradition or even one approach to art.

"All art weighs the same - in an ideal world, the audience for abstraction and the audience for landscapes is the same audience," he says. "I think the idea that only one school or style of art is legitimate is one we've left far behind."

As the Courthouse Gallery's director, Cameron's goal is "to present, lively, dynamic contemporary art projects that are engaging and thought provoking," he said.

As someone who has been working in the field for roughly 45 years, Cameron says he has enough wires into the art world to draw well-established artists — many of whom are likely to be encountered only in the most prominent galleries — to Lake George.

"I can think of many artists who would be delighted to show their work in Lake George," said Cameron.



A graduate of Bennington College, Cameron has worked in museums, galleries and performance spaces in Manhattan, Brooklyn, New Orleans, Florida and California,

among other places and has taught at Bennington, Columbia, NYU and the School of Visual Arts. He is the author of numerous books and monographs.



The North Warren High School Envirothon team that won Warren County's 2026 Envirothon works on one of the environmental quizzes during the 2026 Warren County Envirothon program April 29, 2026 at Warren County Fish Hatchery.

County 'Envirothon' Promotes Scientific Literacy in Local Schools

By Mirror Staff

Approximately 100 high school students from around Warren County brought their science knowledge to Warren County Fish Hatchery on Wednesday, April 29 as Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District held its annual "Envirothon" science competition.

Students from several school districts — Warrensburg, Queensbury, Hadley-Luzerne, North Warren, Johnsbury, Lake George, Prospect School and Washington-Saratoga-Warren-

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Cost of Bolton Landing Pedestrian Connection Estimated at \$1.87 Million

By Mirror Staff

A new planning report recommends building sidewalks and pedestrian crossings along a busy stretch of Lake Shore Drive to improve safety in an area where foot traffic and vehicles frequently mix.

The study, commissioned by the Town of Bolton and the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, found that the corridor along Route 9N currently lacks formal pedestrian infrastructure, forcing people to walk along roadway shoulders near popular destinations such as the Algonquin Restaurant and Chic's Marina.

Prepared by Barton & Loguidice, the February 2026 report proposes installing a continuous, ADA-compliant sidewalk along the east side of the road between Bixby Road and Sweet Briar Lane, where most pedestrian activity already occurs.

The roadway carries about 5,045 vehicles per day and has no sidewalks or designated bicycle facilities, according to the report. Pedestrians were observed walking along the shoulder, often with limited visibility due to parked cars and roadside obstacles.

Engineers also recommended adding two marked crosswalks — one near Chic's Marina and another near the Algonquin Restaurant — to connect parking areas on the west side of the



Henry Caldwell (right) a resident of the travel corridor under study, with Barton & Loguidice staff at the Bolton Landing Farmers Market Sept, 2025.

road with lakeside businesses on the east. The crossings could include rectangular rapid flashing beacons to alert drivers.

While no pedestrian-involved

crashes were recorded in the past five years, the study documented 14 total crashes in the corridor, all involving vehicles or wildlife. Officials noted that speeding and

heavy seasonal traffic increase risks, particularly during the summer tourism season.

Public feedback gathered at a 2025 outreach event and through surveys showed strong support for sidewalks, with residents citing safety concerns and frequent close calls between vehicles and pedestrians. Some participants also emphasized preserving historic stone walls along the roadway.

Alternative options — including sidewalks on both sides of the road or a wider shared-use path — were considered but ultimately rejected due to higher costs, limited space and potential impacts to existing infrastructure and private property.

The preferred plan is estimated to cost about \$1.87 million, including construction, engineering and inspection, assuming the project is funded through state or federal programs.

According to Chris Belden, the study originated from the town's new comprehensive plan, which was formally adopted in 2025.

"Among the issues that folks identified as areas where improvements could be made was that Route 9N corridor and its lack of facilities for pedestrians," he said.

The study will be useful in attracting funding to make the corridor more pedestrian-friendly, said Belden.

Town officials have not yet announced if, or when, the plan might be implemented.

Giving Back

Adirondack Community Foundation Awards More than \$1.1 Million in Grants in Response to Growing Needs

By Mirror Staff

The Adirondack Community Foundation (ACF) awarded more than \$1.16 million in grants to 136 local nonprofits through its Generous Acts fund in 2026, the foundation has announced.

The value of this year's grants exceeded last year's by at least \$160,000 – a response to a surge in applications, according to Jennifer Russell, ACF vice president of community impact.

Requests for support from the Generous Acts funds were 15% higher than last year – an indication that the Adirondack/North Country region served by the foundation faces record needs – at least \$2 million worth – which current government programs are unable to meet.

Established by ACF in 2014, the Generous Acts grants program “harnesses the generosity of the Adirondacks to the socio-economic, civic and social needs of the region,” according to a statement from the Lake Placid-based foundation.

Among the recipients of this year's Adirondack Foundation Generous Acts grants is the Warrensburg-based North Country Ministry, which operates food pantries in Warrensburg and Brant Lake and provides a variety of services to low and middle-income people living within Warren County.

“There are a lot of folks in our community who live paycheck to paycheck. Sometimes these folks fall down, and North Country Ministry is there with a helping hand,” said the president of the organization's Board of Directors, David Riihimaki.

Speaking at North Country Ministry's annual gala, held May 1 at the Carriage House at Fort William Henry, Riihimaki commented that the organization has “doubled its impact in the north country over the past ten years.”

Last year, for example, North Country Ministry extended



Matt Donohue, vice president for philanthropy at Adirondack Foundation, delivers a Generous Acts grant to Kayla Carozzi, executive director, North Country Ministry, Warrensburg. Courtesy photo.

its reach into southern Essex County and the communities of Ticonderoga, Schroon Lake, Moriah, Newcomb and Crown Point, where a caseworker is now embedded.

A 2025 Generous Acts multi-year grant funded the first year's salary and expenses of North Country Ministry's Essex County caseworker; this year's grant will help offset the costs of retaining local caseworkers.

“What makes us unique as an organization, and especially beneficial to the area we serve? Definitely, it's our casework,” said Kayla Carozzi, North Country Ministry's executive director.

According to Carozzi, North Country Ministry's caseworkers “play a crucial role in supporting people in crisis, connecting with clients in the most effective way for each individual.”

The caseworker meets clients “where they are,” often in a church basement or community center on a day a when a food pantry or thrift shop is open.

“If it's a one car-household and a family is out getting food or clothing, we meet then and

there, in a safe, compassionate and non-judgmental setting,” said Carozzi. “It's wraparound support.”

The Lake George PTA, the Lake George Arts Project, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks and the Rotary Club of Chestertown were also among this year's recipients.

The Lake George PTA will use its grant to support a “no-questions-asked” hygiene closet at Lake George Schools. A grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks will enable more middle and high school students to take advantage of the organization's structured group mentoring.

“This funding will create immediate and lasting impact by expanding access to Group Mentoring for youth who face barriers to traditional one-to-one mentoring,” said Andrea Kinderman, development director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks. “Through consistent relationships with trained Group Mentors, youth gain structure, emotional support, and skill-building needed to succeed academically, socially, and behaviorally. Over time, these changes help youth envision positive futures.”

According to Jennifer Russell, many projects addressing basic needs, educational pathways, and economic vitality have been awarded multi-year grants.

“The high demand (for support) is a call for more resilient philanthropy,” said Russell. “By moving to multi-year grants, we are providing the reliable support our partners need to tackle complex, long-term challenges rather than just offering temporary fixes.”

Many of this year's grants were funded in part

by investors in Adirondack Community Foundation: family funds, community funds and foundations.

“Beyond direct grants, ACF acts as a hub for co-giving, where donors and partners pool resources,” the foundation stated.

Among its partners is the Upstream Fund, which is managed by the John Ruge Center for Community Impact at Hudson Headwaters.

“We approach co-funding as a partnership strategy to maximize our support of community-led solutions that address social drivers of health such as housing, transportation and childcare,” said Jessica Rubin, executive vice president and chief impact officer at Hudson Headwaters Health Network. “By leveraging the Generous Acts program to award our Upstream Fund grants, we reduce administrative burden, allowing recipients to focus resources on their projects to improve community health rather than navigating multiple grant applications and reporting requirements.”

As federal funding becomes less consistent and reliable, local philanthropy becomes especially vital, ACF stated, urging members of the community to contribute to the Generous Acts fund in order to ensure that the foundation can continue to meet rising demands.

“The Generous Acts program was established as a perpetual yet flexible resource to drive positive and enduring change in the Adirondack region,” said President and CEO Cali Brooks. “We aim to provide grants to address current and future needs in our communities. Whatever challenges or opportunities our communities will be facing, Generous Acts grants will be there to make a difference.”

Report: Differences in Property Values Create Educational Inequities

By Mirror Staff

School districts across New York rely heavily on local property taxes to fund education, a system that continues to create disparities between wealthy and less affluent communities, according to a new report from the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

The report, released in April, finds that while the state's Foundation Aid formula has reduced funding gaps for most districts, significant differences remain — particularly among the wealthiest districts, which can generate far more revenue with lower tax effort.

In districts outside the state's largest cities, local revenue accounts for about 52 percent of school funding, one of the highest shares in the nation.

That reliance on property wealth creates stark contrasts. Lower-wealth districts often tax at higher rates but still raise

less money per student, while wealthier districts can generate far more with less effort.

For example, the report shows the poorest districts exert nearly double the local tax effort of the wealthiest but raise only a fraction of the revenue per pupil.

Local impact

In Warren County and surrounding areas, several districts fall into the report's middle-to-upper range of property wealth, including Queensbury, Lake George and Bolton.

Queensbury Central School District, with roughly \$2.95 billion in taxable property value, and Bolton Central School, at about \$2.25 billion, are categorized in the state's “high-mid” wealth tier, according to data in the report's appendix.

Lake George Central School District, with more than \$4.4 billion in taxable property value, falls even higher — near the

threshold of the state's top 20 percent of districts by property wealth.

While the report does not analyze individual district budgets or enrollment directly, districts with similar property wealth levels typically fall into the middle or upper deciles used in the study's comparisons. In those groups, per-pupil spending tends to cluster around \$32,000 to \$39,000, though the highest-wealth districts can exceed \$50,000 per pupil.

Districts like Queensbury, Lake George and Bolton benefit from relatively strong tax bases compared to lower-wealth rural districts, even if they are not among the state's wealthiest.

North Warren and Ticonderoga fall on the less-wealthy side of the spectrum—not the very poorest districts, but clearly below the higher-wealth lake-area districts. Thus they have less capacity to raise local tax revenue and spend

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The Lake George Park Commission Wants to Know: How Many Wake Boats are Coming to Lake George?



By Anthony F. Hall

The Adirondack Park-wide debate about wake boats and their impacts on shorelines, lake beds and wildlife has reached Lake George.

This summer, the Lake George Park Commission's boat inspectors will start counting the number of wake or surf boats trailed by visitors to the lake, Justin Luyk told the Commissioners at their March 24 meeting.

"It seems we are seeing more wake boats coming to the lake, but as of now, that's anecdotal. We don't have the information necessary to quantify that," said Luyk, who manages the Park Commission's program inspecting boats for invasive species. "So, starting this summer, our boat inspectors will be collecting data that will give us a baseline for assessing how many wake boats are coming year over year."

Across the Adirondack Park, the popularity of wake or surf boats - vessels designed specifically to generate large,

surfable waves for wakeboarding and wake surfing - has reportedly surged in in recent years, growing by roughly 20% annually, according to some estimates.

As interest in wake boats grow, environmental groups are becoming more vocal about risks which they say the boats pose to water quality and wildlife.

"These are not just bigger waves - they carry more energy and travel farther," Scott Ireland of the Adirondack Lakes Alliance said during a January 14, 2026 webinar titled "Wake Sports in the Adirondacks: The Hidden Impacts and Dangers to Our Ecosystems."

A coalition that includes the Adirondack Lakes Alliance, the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation and Protect the Adirondacks has urged municipalities to adopt local laws regulating the use of wake boats.

Among the proposals: limiting wake surfing to deeper areas of lakes - generally in waters at least 30 feet deep and 1,000 feet from shore.

Advocates say measures such as these are necessary if lake

Data collected this summer about the numbers of wake boats brought to the lake will enable the Lake George Park Commission to start assessing their impacts.

ecosystems are to be protected, arguing that the boats' larger wakes churn up lake bottoms and release nutrients that degrade water quality and might contribute to the development of harmful algal blooms. They say the larger wakes can also accelerate shoreline erosion and disturb loons' nesting sites.

Opponents of the proposed regulations argue there is no evidence that wake boats have caused loon populations to decline or have degraded the environment.

The Lake George Park Commission's Justin Luyk said the data to be collected this

summer on the numbers of wake boats brought to the lake will enable the Park Commission to start assessing their impacts.

Dealers: Education, Not Regulation

Although little or no attention has yet been paid to the impacts of wake boats on Lake George, Lake George is actually one of the most dense wake boat markets in the northeastern U.S.

Three Lake George dealers currently sell wake boats not only on Lake George but throughout the region: Boats By George; Yankee Boating Center; and Adirondack Marine.

Dealers argue that wake boats occupy a tiny percentage of the recreational boating market and that wake surfing can coexist with other lake uses if conducted responsibly. They say education and enforcement of existing boating laws, rather than outright restrictions, can address many concerns and note that wake sports represent a small share of overall lake traffic - perhaps as little as one half of one percent.

According to Andrew Brodie, owner of Yankee Boating Center, the manufacturers of wake boats are well aware of the proliferation of local restrictions across the

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SPEAKING OF THE LAKE **LGA** Lake George Association

Everyone Can Help Protect LG

By Ginger Henry Kuenzel
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Editor's Note: "Speaking of the Lake" is written and sponsored by the Lake George Association (LGA) to keep everyone who cares about Lake George informed and engaged in protecting its water quality and clarity. Questions or article topic suggestions should be submitted to info@lakegeorgeassociation.org. With her own family history of more than 150 years on the Lake, LGA Board Member and watershed resident Ginger Henry Kuenzel reflects on the LGA's storied past, and its continued importance today

The Lake George community was ahead of the national conservation movement.

As early as 1878, discussions began about forming a group dedicated to protecting the Lake by stocking fish, preserving natural resources and even guiding responsible

development.

Seven years later, the "Lake George Association for the Protection of Fish and Game" was founded. Soon after, its mission evolved to focus more directly on water quality, following the first study of wastewater and its impact on the Lake.

Much has changed around the Lake since that time. But the LGA's mission remains constant.

As visitation has increased and new threats have emerged, the LGA has continued to address challenges through science-based solutions, community education, partnerships and policy advocacy to secure lasting protections. This long-standing approach has led to many meaningful results.

After the first sanitation study, the LGA hired watershed-wide sanitation inspectors in 1909 on behalf of municipalities to encourage pollution control. More recently, in 2023, the LGA and Lake George waterkeeper worked with partners to



The author's grandparents, canoeing past Island Harbor House.

develop a Mandatory Septic Inspection Program, ensuring long-term protection of water quality.

When aquatic invasive species emerged as a major threat when Eurasian Watermilfoil was discovered in 1985, the LGA helped build a basin-wide partnership that ultimately led to the Mandatory Boat Inspection Program, implemented in 2014 by the Lake George Park Commission. Since then, nearly 400,000 boats have been inspected, and no new aquatic invasive species have been detected in Lake George.

Decades of research

through the Jefferson Project – a science partnership between RPI, IBM and LGA – also revealed road salt as a growing water quality threat. In response, the LGA, Lake George Waterkeeper and their partners launched the now nationally recognized Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative, helping some municipalities reduce salt use by up to 50 percent, protecting clean water while saving taxpayer dollars.

I am grateful to those who founded the LGA in 1885 and to the generations of dedicated Lake lovers who have sustained its work.

Their commitment has preserved the clear waters that Thomas Jefferson once called "the Queen of American Lakes." I'm proud to do my part so that future generations can experience the same clarity for years to come.

Since 1885, the Lake George Association GA has protected the Lake's water quality and clarity through science, solutions, community engagement, partnerships and advocacy. Anyone can join the LGA, and everyone has a role in keeping Lake George clear and clean. Learn more at lakegeorgeassociation.org

Happy End

Brecht and Weill's 1929 Musical Comedy about Surplus Value to be presented by Opera Saratoga at UPH May 28 & 30

By Anthony F. Hall

Opera Saratoga will present "Happy End," the 1929 "play with music" by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, at the Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs on May 28 and 30.

A collaboration with Glimmerglass Festival, Finger Lakes Opera and the Seagle Festival, Opera Saratoga's "Happy End" is on a road trip, a summer-long, upstate and Berkshires tour. It disembarked at the Tannery Pond Community Center in North Creek on May 16.

Harkening back to the days when artists from Green Mansions – a group that included Clifford Odets, Elia Kazan, songwriters Sheld Harnick and Charles Strouse and actors Stella Adler, Jack Gilford and Carol Burnett – staged plays and musicals in the Warrensburg Central School auditorium to benefit the volunteer fire company, or when every small town had its own opera house, the performance in North Creek by the emerging stars drew a warm, appreciative

response from the local audience.

"This is 'opera in a van,'" said Rob Ainsley, the artistic and general director of Glimmerglass Festival. "The actors loaded and unloaded the set on the same day."

Officially, the show in North Creek was sponsored by the Seagle Festival, but in the absence of a year-round theater of its own, "Tannery Pond jumped in and volunteered to host us," said Darren Woods, the Artistic Director of the Seagle Festival.

"Our mission has always been about serving the community even as we foster the next generation of talent," said Tony Kostecki, Seagle Festival's General Director. "Collaborating with our upstate New York colleagues allowed us to bring a provocative, world-class production such as 'Happy End' directly to the Adirondacks."

The production includes singers who trained with the participating companies and their directors, or who have performed with them in the past. The Glimmerglass Festival's

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Scenes from "Happy End." Photos courtesy Glimmerglass Festival.

By Mirror Staff

Classic Lake George Camp to be Disassembled, Replaced with Mansion

A log camp opposite Three Brothers Island, whose original core was built in 1928 for a niece of George Foster Peabody, will be disassembled, removed and replaced by a contemporary mansion.

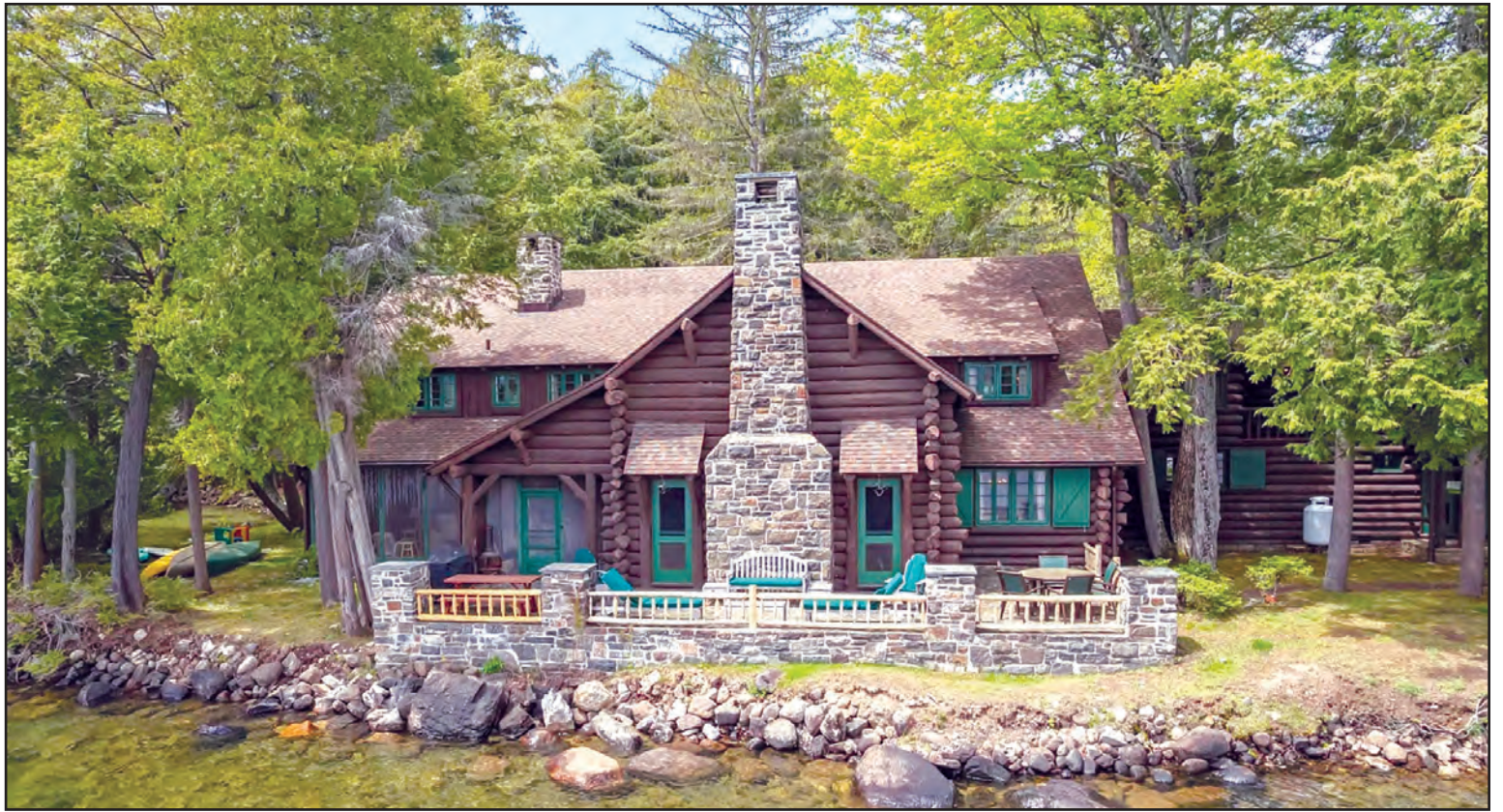
The Town of Bolton's Planning Board approved the new owner's request to replace the camp at its March 19, 2026 meeting.

The owner, Capital District developer and luxury home builder Peter Belmonte, told the Planning Board that "We're working very diligently to find a good home for the part of the existing structure that is a true log home. We're not seeking compensation. We just want the house to go to a good family."

Belmonte told the Board that later additions to the log camp "had no great value" and would be demolished. He purchased the 2.73-acre lot and house in October, 2025 for \$6.5 million.

According to a history of the property written by Phil Defliese, Jr., whose family owned it for nearly sixty years, the lot was known for decades as "the Triuna Boat House lot." With a boat house and docks, it was the mainland base for Triuna – the island home of Spencer and Katrina Trask and, after Spencer Trask's death in 1909, of Katrina Trask and her second husband, George Foster Peabody.

(An investment banker and partner of Spencer Trask's, Peabody is best known on Lake George for donating the land for Shepard Park to Lake George Village, for helping to create



The original core of this classic Lake George camp will be disassembled and moved, according to the land's new owner. The rest of the house will be demolished. A mansion is to be built on the property.

the working womens' retreat at Wiawaka and for reserving Prospect Mountain, Hearthstone Park, Diamond Island and French Point for the use of the public.)

In 1928, Everett Bacon, a onetime partner of Peabody's and the husband of his niece, Eva Peabody, acquired the parcel and built the log camp, which he

named Spruce Lodge.

Belmonte told the board that the contemporary mansion will be screened by vegetation and its windows made from non-reflective glass to reduce its impact on the lake.

"We're trying to create a very organic look," Belmonte said, explaining that the house will be

situated on a portion of the newly subdivided 2.73-acre lot.

As it happens, Planning Board member Henry Caldwell's great-grandfather, W.K. Bixby sold the lot to the Trasks in 1906. Although traveling and absent from the Board's March meeting, Caldwell said he favored a public hearing on Belmonte's plans to

remove the camp because of its possible historic significance.

Although sympathetic, Board member John Gaddy said the house is not listed on any register of historic places. He added that he could find no evidence in any published source that it had unusual architectural, historical or social value.

"John Gaddy is very thorough. If he looked into the issue and found nothing, then nothing is there," said Board Chair Herb Koster, affirming the board's conclusion that no public hearing was warranted.

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Church Nominated for Historical Registers

By Mirror Staff

A small stone church overlooking Lake George has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the New York State Register, recognition supporters say highlights its architectural significance and long role in the history of the Bolton Landing community.

Bolton Landing's Episcopal Church, the Church of Saint Sacrament, has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the New York State Register.

The state's recognition of the mid-19th-century Gothic Revival church highlights its architectural significance and its significant place in the history of Bolton.

Constructed of locally quarried granite fieldstone with a slate roof and wood steeple, the church was designed by the Rev. Robert Fulton Crary, an Episcopal minister who also helped design other churches in

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By Anthony F. Hall

When Seagle Festival presented Bizet's "Carmen" for the first time in roughly thirty years last summer, its cast was supplemented by a chorus of ten local school children, members of the Seagle's inaugural youth opera workshop.

The workshop was led by Josh Cook, Seagle Festival's Company Manager, and Michael Tracy, the music teacher at Schroon Lake Central School, with funding awarded by Adirondack Community Foundation's Generous Acts program.

This year, the Youth Opera Workshop will span fifteen weeks and include sessions that meet twice a week in preparation for performances in two shows rather than one: the contemporary opera Dead Man Walking and the musical The Sound of Music

"While cast requirements for these shows differ, the Youth Opera Workshop serves as the common thread, training students to meet the high standards of the Seagle Festival mainstage," a Seagle Festival press release stated.

The second year the Youth Opera Workshop is funded by Adirondack Community Foundation through a Generous Acts Grant/Allison Family Fund grant, bolstered by new support from the Cloudsplitter Foundation

Cook and Tracy launched the workshop in May, 2025 at Schroon Lake Central School. The group met in classrooms through the end of the school year, after which it moved to the Seagle campus, rehearsing and preparing for the performances later that summer.

According to Josh Cook, "the program utilizes music and theater games to integrate Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) into every rehearsal. This creates a

Kids in the Chorus: Seagle Festival's New Youth Opera Workshop Returns for Second Year



Josh Cook instructs Youth Opera Workshop students in French pronunciation for their parts in last year's production of Carmen.

rare and vital hub for Adirondack children who are passionate about the arts—a community where they can find their peers,

build resilience, and develop a professional sense of belonging."

A press release from the Youth Opera Workshop notes, "the

workshop is often the first time their children have found a group that truly shares their interests."

Obviously, Cook and Tracy are

not interested only, or merely, in introducing kids to opera, which may well be one reason why the Adirondack Community Foundation and the Cloudsplitter Foundation are so enthusiastic about the project.

"For kids, the performing arts are about telling a story with your friends and learning what it means," said Cook. "Music and drama are social, emotional. They're about the group dynamic, having fun, learning together."

In addition to learning to sing the chorus parts and participating in the experience of staging a live performance, the kids "enjoy a healthy snack at each after-school meeting," according to a press release.

That part of the workshop was not as incidental as it may sound. The healthy snacks ensure that students' physical and mental stamina are sustained and fueled for the work at hand.

Moreover, as Josh Cook states, "Rural communities deal with food scarcity, and although we can't solve the problem, we thought, perhaps we can help."

Cook said he was aided and inspired by his brother, a registered dietician in Ohio, who, he explained, "has done a lot of work in rural communities, developing food programs, finding healthier options than what is normally available."

As a press release emphasizes, the workshop "prioritizes the holistic well-being of the performer."

"This program is about giving our North Country kids tools they need to thrive. By investing in them today, we aren't just putting on a show—we're making sure that the next generation of musicians, actors, and art-lovers has a home right here in our own backyard," Cook stated.

MODEL OF FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR SLOOP COMMISSIONED FOR BATTLEFIELD PARK VISITORS CENTER

By Anthony F. Hall

A scale model of a 70' sloop which was built on Lake George and which sailed in Lord Jeffrey Amherst's 1759 invasion of Canada will be displayed in the Lake George Battlefield Park Visitors Center this summer.

"Three types of boats were built by the British during the French and Indian War on Lake George. We have models of two of them – the bateau and the radeau. The sloop was the third and the largest type," said Lake George Battlefield Alliance president John DiNuzzo. "With this model, we will close the loop, as it were, and have on exhibit models of every boat type larger than a canoe launched from Fort George during the wars of the 18th century."

According to a 1933 biography of Amherst, the sloop, named for the second Earl of Halifax, took up the rear in Amherst's homegrown armada in July, 1759 – "bristling with the black muzzles of 24, eighteen-pound cannons" – as the van's

four columns sailed down Lake George toward Carillon, or Fort Ticonderoga.

"This sloop was of a massive size for Lake George and even for the much larger Lake Champlain" said DiNuzzo.

Construction of the sloop began in 1758 and according to Hague resident Russell Bellico, author of "Sails and Steam in the Mountains: a Maritime History of Lake George and Lake Champlain," sailed from the Military Dock at the foot of the lake on several reconnaissance missions over the course of that summer.

Throughout the winter, it lay at the bottom of the lake, deliberately scuttled, protected from the enemy by the ice, to be retrieved the following spring.

According to Bellico, the first to propose commissioning a model of the sloop Earl of Halifax for the Visitors Center, "it is not known what happened (to her)" once the peace treaty of 1763 brought the French and Indian War to a close.

However, he surmises that

a vessel mentioned in a 1778 British document as being "lay'd up and decay'd" might be the Earl of Halifax,

Or, as John DiNuzzo suggests, "its remains may still be in the lake, but if so, we don't know precisely where. Its status is legendary."

According to DiNuzzo, the model will be constructed by a ship model-making firm recommended by Bellico at a cost of \$7,500 to \$10,000 – a figure that includes an exhibit case and display table.

Funds to build the model, case and table have been provided by the Lake George Park Commission. At their March 24 meeting, the Commissioners voted unanimously to contribute the funds to the non-profit Alliance, a designated "Friend" of the Park which operates the Battlefield Park Visitors Center in the state-owned building that also houses the Park Commission.

According to the Park Commission, the agency is empowered by state law not



A portrait of Lord Jeffrey Amherst, based on one painted by Joshua Reynolds in 1765.

only to protect Lake George's water quality and recreational assets, but also, to "promote the

study of history, science and lore," enabling it "to partner on this important project."

Firehouse Hosts Memorial Celebration of Firefighter Jim White

By Anthony F. Hall

Jim White, a longtime member of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department who retired to Colorado in 2013, was celebrated at a gathering at the firehouse on May 16.

White died in March, 2026. His wife Melitta, son Scott and daughter Debra Lindblom travelled back to Bolton to see old friends and former compatriots of Jim's and to participate in the celebration of his memory.

A DEC Forest Ranger, Jim moved to Bolton Landing with Melitta in 1968, where their two children were born and raised. After retiring from the DEC, Jim worked as Bolton's police officer and a Marine Patrol officer with the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

He was a member of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department for 45 years and chief for many of them.

"Jim joined the fire department as soon as he was eligible," said Melitta. "He was oriented toward community service, and he was familiar with volunteer fire companies because his father was a volunteer fireman. He liked the work and the activities of a volunteer fire company and he



Above: Jim White as a DEC Forest Ranger. Photo provided. Right: Scott White, Melitta White and Debra Lindblom, Jim's son, wife and daughter at the memorial celebration on May 16.



enjoyed the camaraderie." "Jim gave nearly 50 years to the fire department, and when you spend that much time here, it becomes a second home and a second family," said Steve Delorenzo, president of the fire department. "He was a source

of inspiration for much of what we do here – much of which he started and much of which we continue to do. We have fire trucks that he helped choose. We still have many members

who served with him. We do not forget people like Jim."

Longtime Bolton EMS volunteer Peter French noted that Jim White also played a significant role in the rescue squad.

"He was always willing to sit on any committee or help with fundraisers – whatever was needed," said French. "He also taught us a lot."

In honor of Jim, the Bolton Fire Department presented his family with the Fire Department flag and grave markers commemorating his service as a firefighter.

"Jim would be so pleased," said Melitta. "And it is gratifying for his family to know how many people knew him and cared enough to come and remember him."

Jim's son Scott, who became a professional firefighter in Cobb County, Georgia, said, "The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department was a fantastic organization to grow up in. It was a large part of our lives. My dad would have wanted us to celebrate his life, not mourn his passing, and to have a good time and to enjoy one another. And that's what we're doing here today."

Don Volkmann Honored for Fifty Years of Service

By Mirror Staff

Don Volkmann was honored for more than fifty years of service to the community by the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department at a banquet at the Sagamore on May 2.

Volkmann, who first joined the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department as an 18-year-old, was presented with awards, trophies and proclamations not only from the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department but from the Hudson Valley Firefighters Association, the Firefighters Association State of NY (FASNY) and the Town of Bolton.

Volkmann said he was encouraged to volunteer by members of his family – his grandfather James

Smith and his uncles.

"The Bolton Fire Department is like family; it's very special and it means a lot to me," said Volkmann, who spent his career in the marine trades, starting at the marina owned by his family at the time, F.R. Smith and Sons.

The time he devoted to the Fire Department was worth it, he said, "because some of the greatest people you will ever meet become friends and co-workers."

Asked why he would encourage young people to volunteer for the fire department, Volkmann said, "You're going to meet people like the late Ross French and Arnold French – people who I followed. And you will be helping people."



Don Volkmann. Photo provided.

Happy End

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Rob Ainsley is Happy End's musical director. Glimmerglass' dramaturg, Kelley Rourke, crafted a new book based on Elizabeth Hauptmann's script.

(Hauptmann was also responsible for the script for Brecht and Weill's "Threepenny Opera;" she translated John Gay's "Beggars Opera" from the English original into German for Brecht.) The songs written for Happy End – which are among Brecht and Weill's most famous – have been translated from the German and are sung in English.

Opera Saratoga artistic and general director Mary Birnbaum directed "Happy End," one of the few times – if not the first time – the "play with music," as it was originally billed - has been presented by an opera company.

"I love musical theater and I've always been interested in how theater and opera, music and text, can be brought together to transport an audience to another place," said Birnbaum, who has staged critically acclaimed operas throughout the US and beyond. She replaced Larry Edelson as the director of Opera Saratoga (originally known as the Lake George Opera Festival) in 2023 after a nationwide search.

"Happy End" was viewed in the Germany of the Weimar Republic – familiar to many today

through the movie and Broadway revival of "Cabaret," the short stories of Christopher Isherwood and the television series "Babylon Berlin" – as a satirical critique of religion, politics and capitalism.

"Surplus value," as Frederick Engels called profits taken from the labor of others, is regarded, by Brecht at least, as a criminal undertaking.

(In a brief coda to the show delivered by The Fly, the petty thefts of desperate people are weighed against the looting, on a global scale, by industrialists and bankers, and judged relatively innocuous. It could have been written by Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren.)

"Happy End is set during the collapse of a system, or at

the very least, during a time of upheaval or big change, when people are trying to figure out how to survive," said Birnbaum. "It could be set any place where a major industry has moved away. It could be set in upstate New York."

Birnbaum, who specializes in teaching singers the art and craft of acting as a member of the Julliard faculty, added, "I think audiences will be shocked to learn that 'Happy End' was written a century ago. We are in the same position as these characters, in so many ways. It's a very moving work."

But however relevant or resonant the story may be, "the narrative is secondary to the music," said Birnbaum.

In fact, it was Kurt Weill's music, Birnbaum said, that originally drew her to Happy End and motivated her to stage the piece.

"Every song is a portal to another world," said Birnbaum. "We all try to access a time when life was better. That is what these characters are doing - trying to conjure up another time or place."

The production features Ana Karneza, who won the Kurt Weill Foundation's Lotte Lenya

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By Mirror Staff

A public art project launched in Ticonderoga in 2025 is expanding to include more outdoor murals not only in Ticonderoga but in Ausable Forks, a community in the northeastern Adirondacks.

Titled “Walls Between Waters,” the project is sponsored by the Essex County Land Bank and the North Country Rural Development Coalition (NRDC).

“Walls Between Waters is about more than beautiful murals. It is about using public art as a tool for redevelopment, community pride, and renewed investment in the places we care about,” said Nicole Justice Green, President and CEO of the Essex County Land Bank and North Country Rural Development Coalition. “In Ticonderoga, buildings we have worked on are already seeing new life. One has a new owner and is receiving exciting improvements, and another is no longer vacant with a full gut



Above: A project organizer photographs a work in progress in Ticonderoga in 2025. Top Left: Muralist Erica Rosendale is completing a piece in Ausable Forks.

rehabilitation completed and a thriving small business. That is exactly the kind of momentum this work is meant to support.”

Last weekend, Oregon-based muralist Erica Rosendale began work on “Water Wonder,” which will occupy a massive blank wall

on the south side of the Ausable Theater on Ausable Forks’ Main Street.

The official mural dedication and community mural celebration will take place at the mural site at the Ausable Theater on Friday, June 5, from 6 to 8 pm.

The celebration will include live music, food trucks and kid-friendly activities.

Five new murals will be added to Ticonderoga’s collection.

They will be celebrated during Ticonderoga’s second annual Walls Between Waters mural festival, to be held Saturday, June 6.

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the Lake George area. Its steeply pitched rooflines, Gothic-arched windows and exposed timber trusses reflect design principles influenced by prominent Gothic Revival architect Richard Upjohn and the ecclesiological movement that reshaped Episcopal church design in the mid-1800s.

The building’s elevated location on a rocky ledge near entrance to Bolton Landing made it a landmark for travelers entering the hamlet along what is now Route 9N. When constructed, the site offered panoramic views of Lake George and the surrounding farmland.

Beyond its architecture, preservation officials note the building retains a high level of historic integrity. The stone church has remained in continuous religious use since its completion and has undergone only limited changes, including a sacristy addition in 1904 and a furnace room added in 1936.

If approved, listing on the state and national registers would formally recognize the church as an important historic resource representing the architectural and cultural development of Bolton Landing in the late 19th century and help ensure the continued stewardship of the landmark, which has served the community for more than 150 years.

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1958: Excursion Vessels on Lake Used for Training Navy Personnel

By Joseph W. Zarzynski
SPECIAL TO THE LAKE GEORGE MIRROR

It was June 1958, the Cold War raged, and Dwight D. Eisenhower was well into his second term as our nation's president. Nevertheless, it was a bit unusual that a former World War II troop carrier, retired and moved to Lake George to be an excursion watercraft, would serve as a training vessel for the U.S. Navy.

During the latter part of the Second World War (1941-1945), the M/V Ticonderoga, then known as LCI (L) 1085, was a Navy craft. According to William Preston Gates' 2003 book, *Lake George Boats and Steamboats*, after the war, the

LCI (L) 1085 was sold to the McCallister Brothers tugboat firm.

In 1949, the Lake George Steamboat Company, owned by William E. Dow Jr., acquired the watercraft for \$11,000. It was brought up the Hudson River, onto the Champlain Canal, and at Ticonderoga was cut into four sections. Those pieces were transported overland for five miles to the northern end of Lake George. In 1950, after being reassembled, the vessel was christened M/V Ticonderoga. The 165 ft. x 25 1/2 ft. watercraft soon became a popular excursion vessel for the steamboat company.

After several years cruising the lake, on June 8, 1958, the diesel-powered M/V Ticonderoga reverted to its original role, to serve as a training ship for the U.S. Navy.

Moreover, three days earlier, on June 5, 1958, another steamboat company excursion vessel, the M/V Mohican, helped train 20 prospective Navy recruits in a variety of tasks.



The M/V Ticonderoga, an excursion vessel of the Lake George Steamboat Company, was one of two crafts used on the lake in 1958 during training of U.S. Navy reservists (Photo: R. K. Dean).

During those two days, 68 years ago, over 100 Navy reservists used the two excursion vessels to hone their skills in ship handling, man overboard, navigation, firefighting, and more.

During the June 8 cruise, the M/V Ticonderoga motored along with the M/V Mohican nearby. Some Navy reservists, with a contingent of area civic leaders, family members of the naval personnel, and newscasters were also aboard the M/V Mohican.

The military reservists were from the Glens Falls Naval Training Center.

The M/V Ticonderoga's June 8, 1958 cruise also included a flotilla of lake cruisers. Among those, a patrol boat of the Warren County Sheriff's Dept., crafts owned by Lake George Power Boat Squadron members, and recreational powerboats.

On June 8, 1958, Fort William Henry Museum provided free tours of the

replica French & Indian War garrison to the navy crew and their families. Additionally, the tourist attraction's historical interpreters fired a cannon salute for the naval personnel aboard the M/V Ticonderoga and M/V Mohican.

In 1993, after a long career, the aged M/V Ticonderoga was cut up for scrap. It had a distinguished career, first as a naval landing craft and later as a popular Lake George sightseeing ship.

“Local Matters:” New Fund to Support News Reporting in the Lake George Watershed

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purchased the newspaper in 1998, they expanded the paper's coverage to include issues such as environmental conservation, the arts and the Lake George region's rich history. They also extended its publication schedule – from eight weeks a summer to 27 weeks a year, with monthly editions in the off-season.

With the Mirror's limited staff and limited budget, however, even those efforts could not keep pace with the decline in local news coverage in the Lake George region, where the numbers of newspaper subscribers and advertisers have dwindled and reporting staffs have been slashed and budgets

cut to the bare minimum.

The “Local Matters” project of the *Lake George Mirror* and Adirondack Community Foundation hopes to remedy that deficit. With support from donors, the Mirror's coverage of municipal boards, churches and synagogues, schools, libraries, first responders and civic organizations within the Lake George watershed will replicate that of a full service, traditional community newspaper.

If successful, the project will not only place reporters in every public meeting and civic gathering in the Lake George watershed, it will extend the Mirror's publication schedule even further.

Every news article published

with support from the *Lake George Mirror* Journalism Initiative Fund will be available to readers at no cost from the website of the *Lake George Mirror*.

“We are grateful to Adirondack Community Foundation for its support of the *Lake George Mirror* in particular and for local journalism in general. Its board and staff recognize that journalism, which is a hub of information, keeping the public informed about the matters closest to their concerns, is vital to sustaining the ties that knit a community together,” said *Lake George Mirror* editor Tony Hall.

“Everyone should have ready access to trusted news sources that provide high-quality and reliable information and coverage of news at the local, state, and national levels,” said President & CEO of ACF Cali Brooks. “For close to thirty years, the community foundation has been a source of funding to our community partners like the *Lake George Mirror* and we look forward to working with more donors in the Lake George basin to build a stronger base into the future.”

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Dedication of Revolutionary War Memorial Set for May 22

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house colonial troops who had contracted smallpox during the invasion of Canada.

Gates wrote George Washington that the Northern Army was “infected with pestilence...To put this evil from us, a General Hospital is established at Fort George... where every infected person is immediately sent.”

By August of that year, roughly 2,000 patients were being treated at the new hospital, with twenty to thirty dying every day. The graves discovered in Lake George Village in 2019 are among the hundreds dug to bury those who died from smallpox and other diseases at the hospital, said DiNuzzo.

Lisa Anderson, the New York State Museum curator and

archaeologist who supervised the recovery of the remains in 2019, said many were not only young men but teenaged boys. The remains of two children between the ages of six and ten were also discovered.

According to Anderson, the sick were cared for by women from Fort Ticonderoga, dispatched to Fort George to serve as nurses.

“There may have been women among those whose graves were destroyed,” she said. “As our work continues, we hope to be able to tell their story: who they were, how they lived, how they died. We hope to give recognition to their place in the American Revolution, right here in Lake George.”

The remains of others who died from smallpox at the hospital are, in all likelihood, lying underneath

the ground throughout Battlefield Park, “where they will never be disturbed,” said DiNuzzo.

The plan to construct the memorial plaza in Battlefield Park required the support of New York State, which has owned the grounds since 1898 and whose Department of Environmental Conservation manages it as a historic site and public park. In April, 2024, the project was approved by the Adirondack Park Agency, which must approve any alterations to state-owned lands within the Adirondack Park, as prescribed by the State Land Master Plan, which the New York State legislature approved in 1972.

Lake George’s representatives in the state legislature, Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Matt Simpson, sponsored resolutions supporting the reinterment of

the remains. The Boards of both the Village and the Town of Lake George have approved resolutions supporting “respectful reburials” of the remains found at the construction site inside Lake George Battlefield Park.

Writing to state officials, Senator Schumer contrasted Lake George’s appearance today with what it must have looked like in 1775-1776.

“There would have been no Minne-Ha-Ha, no ‘Round the World’ miniature golf, no soft ice cream stands. Yet none of these undeniable expressions of modern American life would be possible without the audacious sacrifices of these brave individuals. There’s a poignant symmetry in how this project coincides with the approaching 250th anniversary of America. These soldiers will be properly laid to

rest and memorialized in that important milestone anniversary year,” stated Schumer.

“Repose of the Fallen” will be dedicated on Friday, May 22, following the return of the remains from the New York State Museum in Albany, where they were scrutinized by the state’s bioarchaeologists, scientists

“We have spent the past seven years painstakingly working to piece together the story of the individuals whose unmarked graves were destroyed,” said the museum’s Lisa Anderson. “As we close this chapter, it’s hard to put into words the gratitude my team and I have for being part of this project. It has been a privilege to help uncover the story of these veterans and to see the dignified burial they deserve.”

County ‘Envirothon’ Promotes Scientific Literacy in Local Schools

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Hamilton-Essex BOCES – competed to see who has learned the most about environment-related topics in the hands-on, single-day event. The studying occurs outside, in the woods, at the Fish Hatchery visitor center and along hatchery trout ponds.

The teams compete against one another on five core Environmental Science topics – wildlife, forestry, aquatic ecology, soil and a “current issue” that changes annually. This year’s issue focused on non-point source pollution, and how homeowners can make a difference on their properties.

Envirothon teams prepare for the competition by reviewing core study topics ahead of the event, and having review sessions with Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff. The SWCD staff partners with state and local professionals to write and administer exams taken by students during Envirothon.

For the second year in a row, a team from North Warren Central School won the event and will represent Warren County at the NY State Competition May 27-28, 2026 at SUNY Cortland. Teams from Warrensburg High

finished second and third.

Warren County Workforce Development Director Liza Ochsendorf and staff were on hand to offer information about free career services and employment assistance for those considering science and environmental careers. The Workforce Development department also donated \$700 worth of prizes for students that included gift certificates from Fort William Henry Hotel, Revolution Rail Co. and Adirondack Extreme.

Participants also enjoyed a barbecue lunch prepared by SWCD staff and heard presentations from Mike Federice and Joe Rupe from SUNY ESF Adirondack Forest Properties and Clint McCarthy,

Associate Professor of Outdoor and Physical Education at SUNY Adirondack.

Said Jim Lieberum, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Manager: “We would like to thank the school districts, teachers, Warren County Fish Hatchery staff, sponsors and the volunteers who helped us make this a great day of outdoor education and camaraderie among local schools. It is always uplifting to see students work together to focus on science. We are excited for Envirothon 2027 next April!”

Warren County Envirothon is held each spring, and all Warren County school districts are invited and encouraged to participate.

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By Mirror Staff

Here's how Memorial Day is being celebrated around Lake George this year.

Silver Bay YMCA Memorial Day Weekend Celebration

Silver Bay's Memorial Day Weekend Celebration will take place May 22 through Monday, May 25 with a variety of events and activities. For information, visit silverbay.org.

Hague, Lake George Village, to Host Celebrations May 23

The 23rd annual Hague Memorial Day Celebration, which includes a day-long family FunFest in the Town Park, starts at noon. If you like fried Oreos and funnel cake, as well as hot dogs and burgers, that's the place for you. Also on hand: Penelope the Clown, crafters, jewelry, spices, a White Elephant sale and games for children and families. The Hague Fire Department's Chicken BBQ will take place after the big parade, which starts at 2 pm. Floats will be awarded prizes and winners will be announced at the Memorial Dedication Service, which takes place in the Town Park at parade's end. The Lake George Legion Post 374 annual parade starts at 11:30 am and

AROUND AND ABOUT LAKE GEORGE: Memorial Day Weekend on the Lake

proceeds along Beach Road and Canada Street to Shepard Park, where ceremonies start at noon.

Memorial Day Weekend at Fort Ti

On May 23 and 24, Fort Ticonderoga will pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the American Revolution with continuous living history programs and demonstrations that tell the story of how the American citizen-soldiers lived, worked and drilled as they prepared to assert their independence. visitors will step inside the Continental Army of May 1776 — experiencing their weapons, rations, music, and daily struggle — and witness firsthand what those soldiers believed they were fighting and dying for. Living history programs and immersive demonstrations run throughout Saturday and Sunday, May 23–24, 2026, 9:30am–5pm. Admission: \$30/adult, \$28/senior; \$14/child.

Bolton Landing to Hold Parade May 25

Veterans Kim and Paul



The annual Remembrance Ceremony in Lake George Battlefield Park, at the burial site of four soldiers who were killed during the Battle of Lake George in 1755, will be held this year in September on the anniversary of the French and Indian War battle. In 2027, the ceremony will be held on Memorial Day.

Terpening will serve as Grand Marshalls for Bolton Landing's Memorial Day parade, to be held Monday, May 26, starting at 10 am. Starting in Rogers Park, the

parade will proceed up Main Street and pause at the Bolton Veterans Memorial for the laying of a wreath and Taps. The parade concludes at Veterans Park. Taps

will be played by BCS students Lance Corey and Mailee Kelley. Mailee has also been chosen to be this year's guest speaker.

Who Will be Reinterred in the Repose of the Fallen?

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produced in collaboration with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The reconstruction depicted a teenage soldier whose face had

been lost to history for nearly two and a half centuries, transforming fragmented remains into the image of a recognizable young person.

The Courtland Street project

has also reshaped public understanding of Lake George's role in the Revolutionary War. While the region is often remembered for the French and Indian War, the cemetery revealed another chapter: a humanitarian crisis created by disease, retreat, and military collapse

during the Revolution. The investigation further highlighted the vulnerability of unmarked historic burial grounds and contributed to calls for stronger preservation laws in New York State.

The final phase of the effort has focused on dignity and

remembrance. Following years of consultation among local, state, and federal officials — supported in part by the office of Charles Schumer — plans were developed to reinter the remains at Lake George Battlefield Park. A consecration ceremony for the burial ground was held in June 2024, and a formal public reinterment ceremony is scheduled for May 22, 2026.

For Anderson and her colleagues, the work remains unfinished. Each recovered fragment contributes another piece to the story of soldiers and camp followers whose suffering had largely vanished from the historical record. Through bioarchaeology, forensic reconstruction, and archival research, the dead of Fort George are no longer anonymous casualties buried beneath modern development. Instead, they are emerging once again as individuals — young soldiers, children, and camp followers caught in the hardships of war, disease, and revolution nearly 250 years ago.

“Welcome to Lake George: Vacation Paradise of the 50s and 60s,” returns for a second year with new and enhanced displays to the Bolton Museum on May 23. In honor of the popular show's return, we've featured this 1968 photo of waterskiers Steve McCauly, Debbie Nolan, Ken Beckley, Denise Nolan, Skip Lower on this week's cover. The photo was first published in 1969, as the cover of the Lake George Chamber of Commerce's "Lake George Vacationists' Directory." The show will remain on view through October 13. Located at 4924 Lakeshore Drive, with an entrance in Rogers Park, the Bolton Museum will be open 10 am to 4 pm daily, through Labor Day.

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ADIRONDACK BOOKSHELF

“The First Adirondackers”

by Curt Stager and David Kanietakeron Fadden

By Anthony F. Hall

There were people living in the Adirondacks even before the forests that we now classify as “wilderness” emerged from the soil.

That is the story that Curt Stager and David Kanietakeron Fadden tell in “The First Adirondackers: 12,000 Years of Indigenous Peoples in the Adirondack Uplands.”

Utilizing natural science, archaeology, anthropology and local traditions, while building upon the work of scholars such as Melissa Otis, author of the groundbreaking “Rural Indigenous: a History of Iroquoian and Algonquian Peoples of the Adirondacks,” Stager and Fadden refute the conventional notion that the Adirondacks were uninhabited before the arrival of the French, the Dutch and the British.

According to Stager, a professor of science at Paul Smith’s College and the author of several books about humans, the environment and the interaction between the two, the purported absence of Native Americans from the Adirondacks was a convenient fiction.

“The Old Military Tract, which encompasses Lake Placid, for instance, was taken from the Mohawks to be divided into lots and given to veterans of the American Revolution in lieu of payment. Since the land was deemed ‘uninhabited,’ the new government could just take it,” Stager said at the annual meeting of the Adirondack Research

Consortium, held in Lake Placid April 15-16.

As recently as 2004, a scientist as distinguished and as highly regarded as Jerry Jenkins could assert, without evidence, that the region was too inhospitable for habitation.

“Indigenous people live in the Arctic today and have done so for centuries. If they can live up there, why in the world could they not live here? Presumably, they invented snowshoes for a reason,” said Stager.

Common sense will dispose of the argument that the Adirondack climate was too brutal to be livable. But archaeological evidence indicating that the Adirondacks were occupied by indigenous peoples – for thousands of years – is available, too.

A large heavy ancient clay pot discovered by a hunter below a cliff ledge in the 1940s, for instance, is a sign that indigenous peoples did not merely pass through the Adirondacks – another common misconception – but made use of them as a home base or range.

“If you were just passing through, why would you carry a fragile clay pot, one certainly made in this area, on a journey across the mountains?” Stager asked at the ARC conference. “Moreover, tradition holds that the women made the pottery. So this was not something left behind by a couple of hunting buddies. The site where the pot was found was a family seat.”

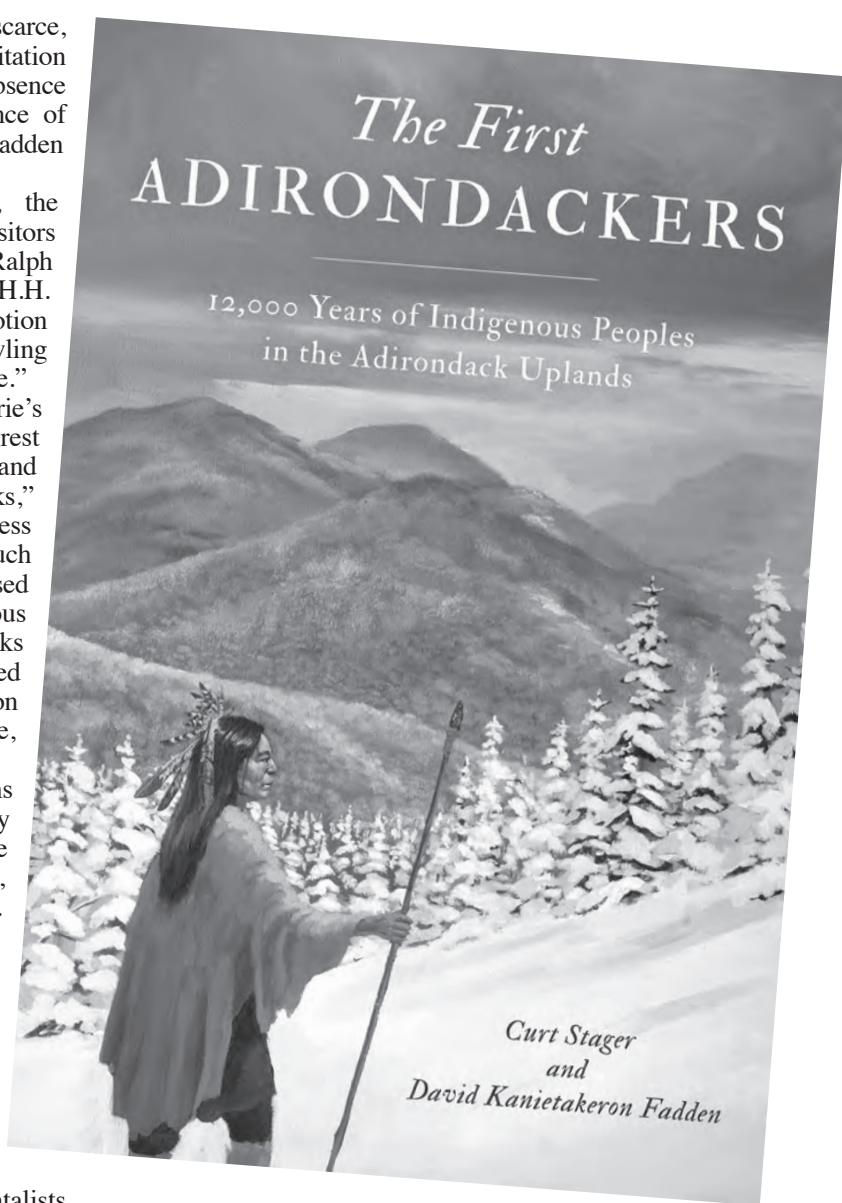
Where ceramics, stone tools, projectile points and other traces

of human presence are scarce, inductive proxies for habitation may be identified. “Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence,” Stager and Fadden write.

As the authors note, the writings of 19th century visitors to the Adirondacks, from Ralph Waldo Emerson to W.H.H. Murray, popularized the notion that the region “was a howling wilderness devoid of people.”

According to Phil Terrie’s 2025 book, “Wild Forest Lands: Finding History and Meaning in the Adirondacks,” founders of the wilderness preservation movement, such as Robert Marshall, erased the presence of indigenous peoples from the Adirondacks and other sparsely settled regions to satisfy “a fixation with the idea” of pristine, unpeopled wilderness.

Today, that “idea” informs – implicitly and explicitly – federal and state land use management classifications, policies and regulations. One can’t help but suspect that the bureaucratic usage of the term “wilderness,” freighted as it is with emotional and literary associations, perpetuates the myth of uninhabited – and uninhabitable – landscapes. Small wonder, then, that environmentalists from the New England states who hope to replicate the Adirondack experiment of permanently protecting land from development, prefer the term “wildlands” to “wilderness.” Whatever their present use or lack thereof, and to whatever degree natural processes are allowed to unfold there, these lands bear witness to the lives of multiple generations of peoples. From time immemorial. As do the Adirondacks.



Report: Differences in Property Values Create Educational Inequities

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per pupil compared to those higher-property-value districts.

Statewide trends

The report concludes that state aid successfully narrows funding gaps for about 80 percent of districts. However, the wealthiest 10 to 20 percent still maintain a significant advantage because of their ability to raise local revenue.

Those disparities are tied directly to property values. The top 20 percent of districts account

for nearly 60 percent of the state’s taxable property wealth, while the bottom 20 percent hold just 2.5 percent.

Researchers say that imbalance allows wealthier districts — often including suburban or resort-area communities — to support higher spending levels even after accounting for state aid.

Policy questions

The report outlines several possible reforms, including adjusting the Foundation Aid formula, limiting benefits that disproportionately flow

to wealthier districts, and redistributing excess local revenue.

More sweeping changes, such as pooling property tax revenue or restructuring district boundaries, have been used in other states but would require significant legislative action in New York.

The authors conclude that while New York’s funding system is among the most progressive in the country, disparities tied to local wealth persist — an issue that could affect educational opportunities across communities.

Americade Block Party May 28-29

Americade will return to the Lake George region May 27-30, bringing what organizers describe as the nation’s largest collection of motorcycle factory demo rides and a revamped Canada Street block party.

The annual motorcycle touring rally, founded in 1983, is expected to feature live music, stunt performances and riding competitions during weekend festivities on Canada Street near

Shepard Park.

The Canada Street Block Party will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, from 4 pm to 10 pm. Canada Street will be closed to traffic for the party.

The expanded celebration will feature: a mobile stage at the north end with live music throughout the evening; a stunt show; a slow riding competition; and a police cone competition.

Hikers’ Bridge Out, Under Construction

The bridge at the outlet of Shelving Rock Brook, near Shelving Rock Bay, on the east side of Lake George, is out and will be under construction throughout the month of June, the Department of Environmental Conservation has announced.

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How Many Wake Boats are Coming to LG?

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country and have responded with recommendations for enjoying the sport responsibly. Among them: remain at least 200 feet from shore, minimize repetitive passes, turn the music down.

“There is room for compromise between those who want to eliminate wake boats altogether and those who want no restrictions at all,” said Brodie.

Castaway Marina recently ceased selling wake boats and other dealers appear reluctant to enter the market.

“We are concerned about the wakes they put out and we think restrictions on the use of wake boats are a distinct possibility,” said Fran Sisca, owner of Mountain Motors.

Andrew Brodie acknowledged that he has concerns that local restrictions on the use of wake boats within towns with smaller lakes could affect Yankee Boating Center’s sales.

Charter Operator Adds Wake Boat to Fleet

As of 2025, only one Lake George charter boat company – Adk Boat Tours, operating from the Flamingo resort in Diamond Point – offered wake boarding as an option. This summer, another operator – Lake George Village’s True North Boat Tours – will add a 22’ Mastercraft wake boat to its fleet.

A wake boat will allow the company to “better meet the

expectations of modern visitors to Lake George... it represents the next step in delivering a premium memorable experience for visitors to Lake George,” said True North owner Vito Caselnova. “Wake surfing is an activity that I value. When controlled, it enhances the charter experience.”

Caselnova and his attorney, Greg Teresi, said wake surfing will only take place 500 feet or more from shore and in waters at least 20 feet deep.

By abiding by those restrictions – which regulate wakeboarding on Vermont lakes – “we can minimize impacts while providing the experience that tourists are looking for,” Caselnova told the Lake George Park Commission.

The permit issued by the Lake George Park Commission to True North Boat Tours prohibits the operation of the wake boat within the congested waters below Tea Island, off the waters of Lake George Village.

Decontaminating Ballast Tanks

The Lake George Association has taken no formal position on the environmental impacts of wake boats or the need for new regulations governing their use, said the organization’s vice-president for communications, Tim Behuniak.

However, the LGA has concerns about the boats’ ballast tanks, which may become vectors for the introduction of invasive species to the lake, Behuniak said. According to the Lake George

Park Commission’s Justin Luyk, it is difficult to thoroughly wash a wake boat’s ballasts without additional time and effort.

Decontaminating wake boats not only requires more time, but more hot water – more than 75% of all the hot water available to one decontamination station for one day, said Luyk.

The Park Commission’s inspection program may seek equipment better suited to cleaning the wake boats’ ballast tanks and changes in its inspection and decontamination protocols, said Luyk.

“We have been in talks with program managers from western states, which are ahead of us in modifying decontamination equipment and setups. As our equipment starts to reach the end of its service life, we’re starting to plan for what we will need when the day comes to replace it,” said Luyk.”

LGPC: No Plans for New Regulations

The Lake George Park Commission has no plans to promulgate new regulations governing the use of wake boats on Lake George, said its chairman, Ken Parker, and its deputy director, Joe Thouin.

“We’re looking for people to follow best management practices, but we’ll continue to collect the data on wake boats to determine if and when something else is appropriate for Lake George,” said Thouin.

Happy End

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vocal Competition in 2024 – the same year she earned her Masters degree from Julliard – and with whom Birnbaum worked as a mentor and professor.

“As an actor, Ana was nothing like my opera singing students, as she would be the first to acknowledge. She’s an untrained singer. For her, the words are the point,” said Birnbaum. “I wish more people would think of opera singing this way.”

According to Birnbaum, Karneza’s approach to singing could not be better suited to the material, as it recalls Lotte Lenya’s own delivery when she revived “Happy End” in the 1950s.

“I thought, what a cool project it would be to bring that kind of sound back to an opera stage, so in many ways, the whole project started around Ana.

Christine Taylor Price, who plays “Hallelujah Lil” or “Lt. Lillian Holiday,” a role performed by a young Meryl Streep on Broadway in 1977, will star in Opera Saratoga’s production of “My Fair Lady” in June.

By joining forces, Birnbaum hopes that Opera Saratoga, Glimmerglass Festival, Finger Lakes Opera and the Seagle Festival “can make a really powerful statement about the power of music.”

And, at the same time, she adds, help each company develop new audiences in a time of vast changes across the entire

landscape of the arts, which are vulnerable to the rising costs of live performances, a declining interest in the arts in general and in opera, dance and theater in particular, and to demographics – aging populations, aging out of theater-going.

“Glimmerglass Festival’s Rob Ainsley and I were talking and we wondered: would it be possible if we could collaborate on a production and take it on tour, a production whose sum is greater than its parts?” said Birnbaum. “We decided it was not only possible, it definitely could be done, and we wanted to demonstrate how it could be done.”

“Among other things, we want to show everyone in New York City and beyond just what amazing cultural resources we have here in upstate New York, especially in the summer,” said Ainsley.

Birnbaum hopes the opportunity to see “Happy End” on tour, in local theaters like Tannery Pond, will draw people who may never have seen an opera performed live on stage and perhaps encourage many to attend another opera in the future – wherever it may be performed – the Finger Lakes, Cooperstown, Saratoga, Schroon Lake.

“My other hope is that this tour will encourage more opera companies to collaborate with one another; theater companies do it, but opera companies, for a variety of reasons, have avoided it. Collaboration and consolidation is in our future. Collaboration is the superpower of the arts,” said Mary Birnbaum.

The Science: The Lake’s Road to Recovery is Neither Simple nor Straight

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fuel emissions peaked in the late 1970s. Following the passage of the Clean Air Act of 1970 and Clean Air Act Amendments in 1990, the cuts in emissions mandated by Congress – as measured and monitored by scientists from the Darrin Freshwater Institute, among other organizations – led to a partial recovery from the effects of acidification across regions like the Adirondacks.

Road Salt

On Lake George and across the northeast, acid rain and the heavy use of road salt elided into one another.

“As acid deposition responded to the Clean Air Act and the Clean Air Act amendments, acid rain became less of an issue. Road salt became more of one,” said Sutherland, explaining that the use of road salt slowed the lake’s recovery from acidification and, in some cases, may have reversed gains.

“Road salting further depleted soil calcium, magnesium and potassium, slowing recovery,” the authors state in the January, 2026 paper.

According to the study, sodium chloride accumulates in soils and displaces naturally occurring nutrients, such as calcium, which are released into groundwater and then flushed into streams and the

lake.

Researchers observed that concentrations of these nutrients in the lake’s tributaries rose for decades as they were leached from soils.

“After an especially snowy winter, when salt was used more heavily, the streams responded with higher concentrations of calcium,” said Chris Navitsky.

The calcium released into the tributaries and outfalls may contribute to the creation of micro-environments for Zebra mussels and Asian clams, Sutherland and Navitsky said at a March 27 interview at the LGA’s office in Lake George.

From 1980 until 2010, roughly 15,000 tons of salt – or the equivalent of three railroad carloads – were spread across the Lake George basin’s roadways every year, said Navitsky.

Since 2015, the year the Lake George Waterkeeper launched the annual Salt Summits, the governments’ use of road salt has begun to shrink and the contamination of groundwater, tributaries and ultimately of the lake itself has slowed, thanks in part to tactics introduced at the annual Salt Summit – among them: applying the salty, liquid solution known as brine, which acts as an anti-icing agent in advance of a storm; using live edge plows that conform to a road’s erratic surfaces; tracking salt application rates; calibrating salt spreading equipment; monitoring salt use during storms

and performing post-storm evaluations.

Concentrations of sodium and chloride in the lake’s tributaries began to decline around 2016.

Climate Change and other Stresses

During the winter of 2016-17, Dr. Sutherland himself noticed that much less road salt was deposited in a brook that flows through Bolton Landing to Lake George. And that was not simply because highway crews were becoming more strategic in their use of salt to keep roads clear of snow and ice.

“There was not much snowpack that winter, and because there wasn’t much snow on the roads to be melted, there was not much road salt in the runoff. Since then, we have not really had a typical winter for the Lake George Basin, with several feet of snow. But that winter was the turning point,” said Sutherland.

Climate change, in other words, was playing a role in shrinking the load of road salt deposited into Lake George’s tributaries and, ultimately, the lake itself.

In the course of compiling his data about the impacts of acid rain and road salt on Lake George’s tributaries, Sutherland was able to document something else: the climate of Lake George is changing.

Since 1970, temperatures in winters and summers have

increased “by a significant amount,” said Sutherland. And less snow falls to the ground every winter and more rain falls every summer.

“Overall, there has been a 2.5-degree temperature change within the Lake George Basin during the past 55 years. Summer temperatures have increased by 1.5 degrees, winter temperatures by nearly 3.5 degrees,” said Sutherland.

Precipitation also trends along discernible lines, Sutherland said.

“The annual mean precipitation in this area has increased by six tenths of an inch. Summer mean precipitation has increased by two inches. Winter mean precipitation has decreased by roughly an inch,” he said.

Sutherland and his co-authors say these changes could have significant implications for water quality.

Changing weather patterns, for example, may affect runoff. Heavier rain events and seasonal shifts can flush accumulated pollutants – including sodium and chloride from road salt – into tributaries and the lake.

Temperature also plays a role in how tributary waters enter the lake. Previous research cited in the study found that about 90% of the depth at which incoming streams settle is controlled by temperature, with salinity accounting for the rest.

Warming waters, in other words, could change how pollutants are distributed within

the lake, potentially affecting deep-water oxygen levels and nutrient release.

The study suggests Lake George may already be experiencing incomplete seasonal mixing, a condition that can trap low-oxygen water at depth and alter chemical balances.

Monitoring is Key to Protecting Lake George

Climate-driven changes could also interact with other stressors – particularly legacy pollution from road salt and acid rain – in ways that have yet to be fully understood.

Despite these concerns, the researchers said there are reasons for cautious optimism.

“If we continue to use of best management practices, it is likely that we will continue to see reductions in concentrations of contaminants,” said Sutherland.

However, recovery will be decades long, given the residual contaminants in the soils, in the streams and in Lake George itself.

Moreover, the researchers warn that climate change could continue to interrupt or complicate the lake’s recovery.

As temperatures continue to rise and precipitation patterns shift, monitoring and measuring the climate’s interactions with legacy pollutants will, the researchers argue, be required if Lake George is to be protected.



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