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Lake George Mayor Bob Blais (left) especially credited the village's Plant Operator Tim Shudt, for the seven-year effort that brought the new wastewater treatment plant to fruition.

Lake George photo op a story op

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Mayor Bob Blais organized a "photo op" Tuesday for Lake George Village's new \$24.6-million wastewater treatment plant.

It turned into a substantial talk about the project and lake protection generally.

Mayor Blais told the half-dozen media members, "The purpose of this today, we wanted to let people know that the plant, even though everything is not done from the exterior if you go by on the Northway, the plant is operational, working well and protecting our gorgeous lake."

"Sometime in July we'll have

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Hartford woman's Ukraine orphanage



Hartford Central School graduate Barbara Klaiber (at the right, in white, in this photo) and Jane Hyatt (in the blue) co-founded in 1998 and co-operate Father's Care orphanage in Kyiv, Ukraine. Normally it's housed in a building they call the Ark. It's situated in a bomb shelter for now.

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Hartford Supervisor Dana Haff alerted *The Chronicle* to Barbara Klaiber, his friend and classmate (Hartford Central School Class of 1978) who in 1998 with Jane Hyatt founded and operates an orphanage in Kyiv, Ukraine. As of Monday, Ms. Klaiber reported

In a Kiev bomb shelter now

that the she was situated in a bomb shelter with the children and staff of the orphanage. Tuesday morning Ms. Klaiber posted on Facebook, "just letting you know we are ok and still have cell service. Keep praying! It's not over yet, but it is already decided in the heaven-lies! **We're on the winning side! Emmanuel!**"

Co-founder Ms. Hyatt, who travelled to Atlanta for a pre-planned trip about

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Masks off, war on

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

The pace and intensity of news right now is almost too much to absorb. Two more huge things came in the past week:

Sunday, New York Governor Kathy Hochul ended, as of Wednesday, March 2, the mask mandate in schools. Individuals can

still choose to mask, but no one will be forced to.

Russia invaded Ukraine, launching a war to try and take over its democratic former satellite country.

Characteristically for our times, both stories are limitlessly complicated.

The unmasking of the schools pleases many but is not a triumph for anybody.

Mask defenders see it as a reckless step during a Covid ebb they expect to turn at any time. A superintendent told our Zander Frost that, yes, he hears from parents wanting the masks off, but he also hears from parents who want them on. He suggested he might hear from more of them if the mask mandate ended, as it now has.

Foes of forced masking argue Gov. Hochul's move is way late. "For too long, our officials have been making COVID-related decisions based on political science, instead of the actual

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