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# Lake is frozen

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

Lake George has frozen. "We marked Feb 3rd as official ice-in date," Brian Mattes replied to a *Chronicle* inquiry.

Mr. Mattes, Senior Research Specialist at RPI's Darrin Freshwater Institute in Bolton and The Jefferson Project, said "small spots will open here and there, but we will track coverage throughout the season."



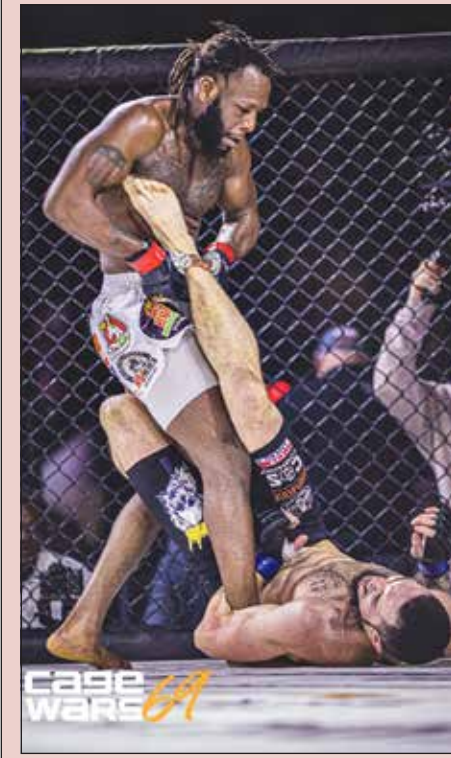
Research Specialist Brian Mattes, seen in this 2015 photo, will take to the ice for further study of Lake George.

He said, "Complete ice cover is defined as a complete freeze from the south end of the lake to the north end. Though there is significant variation from year to year, the average duration of ice cover has decreased over the

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Cage Wars arena photo by Scotty Pflimmon



## The 'Cage Wars' scene at Cool Insuring Arena

Republican Congressional hopeful Anthony Constantino (seen in 3-star cap below) presented a free night of Mixed Martial Arts mixed with some political speeches that drew 3,000 people. See p. 12-14



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# 'How I met my Valentine'

By Mark Frost  
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Valentine's Day is tomorrow. So last week we asked our digital subscribers: How did you meet your Valentine?

I met my Valentine during a summer job as a bank teller at Glens Falls National Bank in Fort Edward (which is no more) when I was in college. He was a customer who came to the drive up window wearing a white motorcycle helmet. I sent a card through the receptacle with his deposit slips inviting him to call me at the bank for my home number.

— Meg Hagerty, Queensbury

I was home on leave from the Marine Corps in 1970. My

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Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

A step forward for the revival of Hickory ▶ 8

## Favors Palmer for GF mayor: Conservative

Mark: First off thank you and your staff for the great journalism you have given us all these years and boy what a way to start the new year off.

People who read my comments know where I stand and I want to tell the GF republican people not to put up a candidate for mayor. We already have a strong one in Diana Palmer who shows strong conservative policies.

I have been reading for the last few years what is happening in Glens Falls where I

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## Reacts to Shepard Park stage plan: Too much wood, make it airier, enlarge stage; likes what's out back

Mark: What is your first impression of the new stage at Lake George? [Feb. 6 *Chronicle*, "Shepard Park amphitheater plan unveiled"] Compared to the stages I have been to around the area I don't like it. Not airy enough for the location. It would be great in Crandall Park but in Shepard Park, too much wood. Too much construction with the

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