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Many to the rescue on July 4 but... woman, 21, drowns in Lake George



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By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Jaedyn Shomo, 21, of Menands adjacent to Albany, drowned Friday, the 4th of July, at Harris Bay on the east side of Lake George.

"Five people were out for the day on a pontoon boat that was owned by a relative of one of the occupants," reported the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

"The boat was unanchored and just drifting when three women decided to jump from the boat to swim. Two of the women were able to swim back to the boat, but

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LG drowning deaths, 2010 to 2025 current

At least one person drowns in Lake George nearly every year. In the past 16 years, only in 2019 did none occur. **Lt. Joe Johns,** the Lake George Park Commission's Director of Law Enforcement, tells *The Chronicle*: "According to my records, the **drownings on Lake George since 2010** are as follows:"

2010: 3 drowning deaths	**2018: 1**
2011: 1	**2019: 0**
2012: 2	**2020: 2**
2013: 2	**2021: 2**
2014: 2	**2022: 3**
2015: 1	**2023: 1**
2016: 2	**2024: 1**
2017: 2	**2025: 1 to date**



Chronicle photo/Ben Westcott

SGF man will be NY Yankees' vet of the game 7/26

By Ben Westcott
Chronicle Staff Writer

The New York Yankees will honor **Fred Valastro, 91, of South Glens Falls** as its Veteran of the Game on Saturday, July 26, at Yankee Stadium.

The Whitehall High School grad who has lived in South Glens Falls for 58 years served in the Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan from 1953 to 1956 during the Korean War.

His granddaughter Nicki Valastro was the one who applied to make him the Veteran of the Game.

"Just watching a game I kind of had an epiphany — like why are we not trying to get papa in there for the veteran of the

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'LG Journey': New book aims both for kids & coffee tables

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

Tamara Jacobi and her husband Walter Wright of Silver Bay have published an unusual new Lake George book. Titled *Lake George Journey: An Alpha-*

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Tamara Jacobi & Walter Wright, married co-authors of Lake George Journey: An Adirondack Alphabet, pictured on Lake George with their children.

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