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STR UPDATE

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

The topic of Short-Term Rentals has been a moving target for everyone in the past few months. *The Hague Chronicle* is doing its best to keep residents informed of the state, county, and local laws and procedures the owners who rent their properties need to know.


Here is the latest information:

New York State (NYS) Sales Tax on STRs is 7% and goes directly to the state. NYS will remit 3% back to Warren County and keep 4% for NYS.

Several platforms, including VRBO, will be charging guests an 11% tax. Seven percent will go to NYS and 4% will go to Warren County for its Occupancy (Bed) Tax.


Airbnb will no longer collect a County Occupancy Tax unless said county has a Voluntary Contract/Agreement (VCA) in place. Warren County does not have such a contract in place.

At the time when an owner who rents out an STR property has the inspection done by a Warren County inspector, a \$75 fee must be paid to that inspector. So, have your checks ready!

Click [HERE](#) to find out the latest information from NYS regarding STRs. 

HAIKU

by dl mattila

tiny cries
from another room
milk moon 

Hague Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 4 West Hague Rd. Hague, NY 12836



April 17, 2025

Dear Town of Hague Residents,

Over the past few months, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) has been meeting with officials on the town board to figure out ways to address the rising costs of emergency medical services. These rising costs are due to new laws and procedures that are now required by New York State (NYS), our dramatically increasing call volumes (which are due to the numbers of residents, vacationers, and tourists), decreasing volunteer ranks, and personnel shortages.

We are working hard to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality Emergency Medical Services (EMS), while easing the future tax burden on town residents.

NYS began allowing fire departments to bill for EMS with the Recovery Cost Reduction Law of 2023.

The HVFD presented an informative and successful meeting on April 7, 2025, featuring Peter Barry, who owns EMR Billing Services, as the speaker. He summarized his EMR billing process and answered questions. Information will be available at the Hague and Silver Bay post offices.

Details are:

1. Taxpayers are responsible for ALL of EMS's availability, readiness, and usage costs.
2. Going forward, all users of the service will share in the cost of EMS, thereby reducing the taxpayer burden.
3. Most of the billing revenue will come from private and public insurance companies. The previous practice of not billing users lets insurance companies "off the hook," unfairly burdening the town and the HVFD with the full cost of expenses.

The HVFD has always been committed to giving all patients the highest level of care and will continue to provide care regardless of the ability to pay. We thank everyone for their continued support.

Donna Trudeau
EMS Captain

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



The Seniors are collecting for the White Elephant Sale and will be putting up tents on **May 23, 2025**, with the rain date on the **24th**. For donations to the sale, contact Luann at 510-503-5498, Maureen at 518-543-6463, or me at 518-543-6502.

The Americade Café will be operating from **May 25th through June 1st**. ❑

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by Jack Bast, Hague SAC Committee Chair

In meetings on April 8 and 25, 2025, the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD) Board of Education (BoE) discussed and approved the budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Details will be available when printed copies of the full document are made available. In the April 15th meeting, the increase in the school tax levy was announced as 1.06%.

The budget schedule is:

- **May 6th** — proposed budget must be released
- **May 13th** — public hearing on budget
- **May 14th** — budget notice mailed to voters
- **May 20th** — budget vote

As of *The Hague Chronicle's* deadline date of April 20th, no response to Josh Patchett's several invitations to the BoE to make a budget presentation in Hague had been received.

Voting on three open BoE positions will occur on May 20th. At press time, we did not know who the candidates would be; the approved list is supposed to be issued by April 22nd. SAC is attempting to get some indication as to the potential candidates' positions regarding Hague-related issues.

The next TCSD BoE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 20th at 6 pm**. Results of the voting will be announced. Strong in-person Hague attendance at all BoE meetings is urged, as the meetings are not streamed.

Dr. Roger Catania has been invited, and will be attending, the **May 1st** Hague SAC meeting. Dr. Catania is the New York State (NYS) Education Department Board of Regents Regent for the 4th Judicial District, which includes both Warren and Essex Counties. He served for eight years as superintendent for the Lake Placid Central School District before his retirement in 2021 and his appointment to the Board of Regents in June of 2022. Dr. Catania has been fully informed about SAC's concerns regarding TCSD's academic performance and the BoE's handling of PILOT agreements. His expert opinion is being sought by SAC.

Reminder: All Hague parents with children in TCSD are strongly urged to promptly return the Parent Survey they received from the SAC! Only five of the 28 surveys have been returned.

Let's all get engaged and advocate for our school and our community! ❑

HAGUE: BOAT LAUNCH, BEACH, MEMORIAL DAY

The Hague Town Boat Launch will open on May 16, 2025, and will be open from 8 am to 8 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The lifeguards will start working on June 27th, so that is when the Hague Town Beach will open.

There WILL be a Memorial Day Parade this year at 2 pm on Saturday, May 24th. Graphite Mountain Road (Rt. 8) will close at 1:30 pm. ❑

PUBLIC NOTICE — TOWN OF HAGUE

The Town of Hague Assessor will be available with the Tentative Tax Roll for public viewing at the Hague Community Center on the following dates:

- **May 5th, 12th, and 19th** from **10 am to 2 pm**
- **May 10th** from **4 to 8 pm**

Please call 518-543-6161 to make an appointment. ❑

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) ended the month of March with five fire calls, five EMS assists, and four drills for a total of 60 volunteer hours.

EMS had six calls of service with 11 volunteer and paid hours.

Fire Chief Snow and First Assistant Chief Scoville attended the Warren County Chiefs and Officers Meeting, which is held every other month. HVFD member Aaron Walker is attending the Interior Firefighting Class.

We are finalizing plans for our annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, **May 24th from 4 to 8 pm**. Dinner will include half a chicken, a baked potato, cole slaw, and a dessert for a \$15 donation. Thank you for supporting us. ❑

COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP

On **June 7, 2025, from 12 to 4 pm**, there will be a Community Clothing Swap at the community center.

Residents can bring gently used clothing, shoes, or hats for women, men, and kids, or they may participate with no donation. It's an opportunity to refresh their wardrobes for free.

Refreshments will be available. Leftover clothing will be donated to a local charity.

Drop-off items with Amanda Peterson on **June 5th and 6th** at the community center.

For more information, email [HERE](#). ❑

LOON CENSUS

The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation is seeking volunteers at Lake George to participate and help with the Annual Loon Census in July. For more information, please reach out to Griffin Archambault [HERE](#). ❑

TOWN BOARD - 4/8/2025

Present were Board Members Maureen Cherubini, Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, Jack Bast, and Supervisor Josh Patchett. Also present were Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, Mr. Holmes from RU Holmes, Anthony DeGregorio from SRA Engineers, and several community members. There were also a number of ZOOM attendees.

Moment of Silence: Joan T. Jacoby, Ryan Lawrence (and Dave Davies, whose name was added later in the meeting)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Local Law #2 of 2025:** Public hearing scheduled for **May 13th** to update "the newspaper designation policy."
- **Local Law #3 of 2025:** Public hearing scheduled for **May 13th** to correct a zoning code grammatical error.
- **Voss Property:** Public hearing remains open pending NYSDOH consultation on multiple wastewater variances.
- **Convery Property:** Public hearing opened and remains open for NYSDOH review.
- **Cole Property:** Public hearing opened, closed, and application approved unanimously.
- **Brady Family Trust:** Public hearing opened, closed, and application approved with conditions of clean water test and grinder pump.
- **Kornhoff Property:** Public hearing opened, closed, and application approved with conditions of disinfection at well and clay barrier.

WARRANT: The April 8th warrant of \$45,872.74 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: Patchett thanked AARP Taxaide and praised Jessica Tuthill.

Buildings and Grounds: They are researching re-staining the community center.

Highway: Dunklee is exploring garage upgrades. Smith is to help replacing flags.

Museum: Kuenzel announced a June exhibit and a **June 25th** storytelling event.

Personnel: Winter's employment ended; Swinton and Vogel were hired. Attorney Silvestri resigned; new counsel is to be retained.

Planning/Zoning: ZEO reports were submitted. Procedures are under review.

Sewer Districts: A generator contract was signed. Grant options were explored for the third district.

Technology: Email updates and .gov website are in progress.

School Advisory Committee: Three new members (Michael Galow, Walt Lender and John Zamrok) were appointed. A parent survey is underway. The March 13th Town Hall addressed school performance and tax equity. The community is encouraged to attend board of education meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- Committee renamed "Comp Plan Update, Grant Application, and Visitor/Community Center Committee." Next meeting: April 16th at 10:30 am
- Hague Fire Department Open House: April 26th, 12 pm – 5 pm
- JMZ planning meeting: May 20th at 6 pm
- A \$1,000 donation was approved for the PTO Playground fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Silvestri's resignation was accepted.
- Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC was appointed as temporary counsel for the town.
- A \$5,000 contract with TACC was approved.
- The EDU adjustment for the Wolfson property was approved.
- The board acknowledged the HVFD's intent to bill for EMS. Continued town support was affirmed.
- The Hague Waterfront Park grant application was approved, with \$100,000 matching funds.
- A \$2,500 contract with Tracey Clothier for grant writing was approved.
- The following landscaping contracts were approved:
 - Town Park: DeFranco Landscape (\$2,250/Veterans Park work donated)
 - Triangle: Adirondack Escapes (\$1,600)
 - Community Center: Adirondack Escapes (\$2,600)
- Don Vogel and Nathan Swinton were hired at the Transfer Station at \$20/hour each.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Hague Town Board. ■

LGA PODCAST WITH NICK ROWELL

In the latest Lake George Association (LGA) podcast, Nick Rowell from Warren County Soil and Water took a deep dive — literally and figuratively — into the hidden wonders beneath the surface of Lake George. Nick shared his unique perspective as a diver, having spent 12 years conducting plant surveys in and around the lake. Click [HERE](#) for the podcast. ■

LGCL ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGCL) 2024 Annual Report has been published online and will be delivered to mailboxes soon.

As a summary of everything the LGCL did in 2024, this document is a testament to the support received from donors, volunteers, event participants, landowners, and partners. Click [HERE](#) to read it online. ■

SOUNDINGS

BORN: Bowen Shoal Darrin to Hannah Darrin and Joseph Frost on April 5, 2025. He was 7 lbs.

14 oz. and 21 inches long. All is well with mom and child in Lander, Wyoming.

Grandparents are Susan Darrin and David Darrin and LeeAnn Mondestino of Hague.



DIED: Ryan Michael Lawrence "Rybee," 41, of Hague, at Albany Medical Center on April 6, 2025, after his Honor Walk as a Hero for donating his organs.



Rybee was born in Ticonderoga and was raised on May Mountain with many of his cousins. He attended Ticonderoga Central School, graduating in 2001.

His first job was working the wood truck at Rogers Rock for Judy Waters. Then, he started a long career at Silver Bay YMCA, starting in the dish room and working up to lead pm cook. In his last years, he worked behind the deli counter at the Hague Market.

Rybee was an avid reader, loved gambling, \$\$, the Beatles, and Johnny Cash.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, George and Ida (Ruth) May, Donald and Phyllis (Havens) Lawrence, and Allen and Ann (Fish) Perkins; and his cousins, Derek May and Caleb Lawrence.

He is survived by his: parents, Peter and Valerie (May) Lawrence; brothers, Nathan Lawrence (Monica), Jake Lawrence (Sarah Ezzo), Aaron Lawrence (Jaimee Kuhl) and Brett Hallenbeck; nephews, Hudson, Wade, and Aden; niece, Addy; and many, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

BORN: Eleanor Star Valdez, "Nori," on April 11, 2025, at 6 lbs. 12 oz. Everybody is happy and healthy,



including proud parents Olivia Summa and Dion Valdez, Nori's two-year-old brother, Henry, and grandparents Amy Summa and Marshal Bryant of Santa Fe, NM, and Hague. ❑

AARP TAXAIDE

Hague AARP TaxAide has finished another successful season preparing federal and state tax returns for over 300 individuals and families who are concentrated in the Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and Schroon Lake areas, but also come from as far away as Glens Falls/Queensbury and Lake Placid/Saranac Lake.

This group has an excellent record for preparing accurate returns. It has discovered that more taxpayers than in past years did not receive their social security statements or had challenges in getting new ones.

Given recent news reports of layoffs at both the Social Security offices and the IRS and the possible need for proof of identity, TaxAide urges taxpayers to be careful to retain important documents.

There is still a Social Security office on Warren Street in Glens Falls (1-877-405-4875) that may be easier to contact than the national number.

If taxpayers have difficulty, they may contact their congressional representatives' constituent services representatives.

The team and taxpayers are thankful to the town of Hague for use of the large room in the community center.

Bob and Jan Whitaker, who have served on and led the team over the past 20 years, plan to step back and need to be replaced to provide the same capability to serve the community.

The TaxAide team is looking for more volunteers to serve as tax preparers, greeters, or administrators for the program.

Please speak with any member of the team, which includes: Bertha Dunsmore, Claire Best, Deb and John Cully, Linda Fusco, Judy Girard, Susan Johnston, Jami Jordan, Tim McCarville, Sandy and Bob Powell, Charlene and Tom Schaffer, Jim Schaffer, Jean Vosburg, and Judy Walker. ❑

LGA LAKE PROTECTOR SUMMIT

The Lake George Association's (LGA) Lake Protector Summit will be held on

Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 1 - 4 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lake George. Attendees will learn about the LGA's Science-to-Solutions approach to lake protection and how everyone can have a direct impact on the health of Lake George.

Dr. Kevin Rose, Acting Director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute and Director of the Jefferson Project, will provide an update on the Jefferson Project.

Then, LGA's Executive Director, Dr. Brendan Wiltse, will discuss ways we can



take individual action to protect Lake George.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be an open bar networking hour immediately following the event. ❑

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events:

- **May 9 through 12, 2025:** Mother's Day Weekend
- **May 11th, 10 am to 1 pm:** Mother's Day Brunch
- **May 23rd through 26th** (Memorial Day Weekend): Silver Bay Council Volunteer Weekend (a.k.a. "Tidy Time")

Silver Bay is currently hiring for the following year-round full-time positions. Apply online at silverbay.org/careers/.

- Lead Cook and Floater at the Ticonderoga Early Learning Center
- Front Desk Night Auditor
- Housekeeper
- Guest Services Supervisor
- Dining Room Team Leaders
- Front Desk Manager
- Associate Director of Spiritual Chaplaincy

Silver Bay's Hepbron Hall has been named to the Preservation League of New York State's 2025–2026 *Seven to Save* list, which highlights significant historic sites at risk. Built around 1900, Hepbron Hall — originally Forest Lodge — once housed workers and later served as affordable guest lodging. It reflects early Adirondack rustic architecture and is part of a rare grouping of 32 historic buildings on the Silver Bay campus. Currently condemned due to failing foundation supports, the building faced possible demolition. Silver Bay hopes to stabilize and repurpose it as affordable family lodging.

The Mountain View Grille opened for the season on Thursday, April 24th. It will be open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with reservations, which are strongly encouraged, accepted from **4:30 to 8 pm**. Call 518-543-8475 or email [HERE](#). The board room will be used until the weather gets nicer and then they will move out to the screened-in porch and patio.

The following free concerts will be on Saturday nights at **8 pm** in the auditorium: **May 24th**, Emma Nissen and **May 31st**, Connor Garvey.

Silver Bay now has a new online system called UltraCamp for membership registration, camp

registration, and activity sign-ups. Click [HERE](#).

Stewart's Holiday Match awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Silver Bay Ticonderoga Teen Center.

To see the current Bay Windows newsletter, click [HERE](#). ❏

MORHOUSE AWARDED HENRY KNOX AWARD

Fort Ticonderoga awarded Sanford W. Morhouse the 2025 Henry Knox Award in recognition of his long-standing leadership, generous support, and deep commitment to its mission. The award was presented at the Ticonderoga Ball on March 21, 2025, at The Union League Club in New York City.



Photo: Trustee Emeritus, Sanford Morhouse and Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth Hill

Morhouse joined the Board of Trustees in 2010 and served as chairman from 2013 to 2024. During his tenure, Fort Ticonderoga advanced major initiatives including the Carillon boat purchase, the pavilion restoration, and Nittolo collections acquisitions.

Morhouse commented, "I am extremely humbled and grateful for this award. It is I who should be giving an award to Fort Ticonderoga." ❏

UV FILTER REMINDER

A friendly reminder for anyone who drinks UV sterilized water from Lake George: regular water sterilization maintenance is crucial!

Homeowners must replace the UV bulb in their UV sterilization systems annually and clean or replace the quartz sleeve every other year.

It has been discovered that the latter is not being done consistently for homes inspected on Lake George. If you have concerns, please reach out to your local plumber or drinking water technician. ❏

STEWART'S OFFERS TCELC SCHOLARSHIPS TO EMPLOYEES

Stewart's Shops has partnered with Silver Bay to offer discounts to its employees. For Stewart's employees who purchase a Silver Bay membership and/or utilize Silver Bay's childcare and day camp services, Stewart's Shops will cover half the cost.

To learn more about the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC) and Silver Bay visit silverbay.org. ❏

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

1st grade — High Honors:

Charleigh McLaughlin

2nd grade — Honors:

Isabella Knight

4th grade — Honors:

Jackson Porter

5th grade — Honors:

Liam Scoville

6th grade — 100 Club:

Noah Mydlarz and

Maddison Smith

— High Honors:

Noah Mydlarz and

Maddison Smith

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDCARE AT TCELC

The Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC), operated by Silver Bay YMCA, now offers scholarships to help families afford childcare — even those who don't qualify for state subsidies.

One option is the New York State (NYS) Child Care Scholarship, part of the Workforce Development Initiative. A family of four earning under \$124,800 annually may receive up to \$1,000/month for childcare. Both full- and part-time care are eligible. To apply, visit wdiny.org and click "Am I Eligible?"

Families not eligible for this program can still receive help through a Silver Bay YMCA donor-funded scholarship, available now for children aged six weeks to five years.

For assistance, call Jackie Palandrani at 518-585-7433 or email [HERE](#). ❏



Children play in the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center

TACC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The 23rd Annual Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will occur on **Friday, June 13, 2025, from 5:30 to 10 pm** at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley. The theme of this year's event is "Our 100th Anniversary: Celebrating Our Past and Shaping the Future."

TACC is now seeking monetary contributions, auction items, or a combination of the two. All sponsors will receive recognition for their level of contribution during and after the event. The following sponsorship levels are available by emailing Erin Mullen [HERE](#).

- Anniversary Sponsor: \$2,000
- Chamber Champion: \$1,000
- Visionary Supporter: \$750
- Pivotal Supporter: \$500
- Distinguished Supporter: \$250
- Sustainable Supporter: \$125
- Community Supporter: Under \$125

TACC asks that all donations and sponsorships be received by **May 30th**.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the TACC office in Downtown Ticonderoga during normal business hours. Arrangements can also be made to have contributions picked up. ❏

LGA GALA

The Lake George Association (LGA) Gala will be held on **Friday, July 11, 2025, at 6 pm** at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing.

The evening will be dedicated to celebrating and safeguarding the clear, clean waters of Lake George. Guests will enjoy cocktails, dinner, music, dancing, and live auction items.

Buffet menu items are: fresh lobster; savory beef, fish, and chicken dishes; vegetarian options; sides, salads, and desserts.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase a sponsorship or tickets. ❏

LGLC ANNUAL GALA

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) Annual Gala raises funds to protect natural lands, safeguard water quality, and ensure future generations can experience the beauty of Lake George.

This year's event will be held at the Fort William Henry Carriage House on **August 1, 2025**.

Honorary Committee tickets are now available. Individual tickets, if available, will go on sale soon. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ❏

LGLC MAY EVENTS

The May 2025 events for the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) are:

Owl Prowl: May 2nd, 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Amy's Park in Bolton Landing. Ornithologist and educator Alan Belford will lead an evening/nighttime hike in search of owls at Amy's Park. Approximately one to two miles round-trip, this is an easy/moderate hike. \$10 fee. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Kentucky Derby Spring Fling: May 3rd, starting at 3 pm at The Gem in Bolton Landing. There will be food, drinks, live music, prizes, and giveaways plus a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the LGLC. Click [HERE](#) for tickets and more information.

Discover Series: Adirondack Geology: May 10th at 8:30 am. This is a three-mile round trip hike up The Pinnacle Trail with a naturalist to learn about the geology of the Adirondacks and the Lake George basin. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

NEXT GEN MEET-UP: Full Moon at The Pinnacle: May 10th from 6:15 to 9:30 pm. This is a hike up The Pinnacle Trail with nature photographer Will Adamczak, who will give a talk on how to capture the moon at night. There will be warm drinks, snacks, and moonlit views of Lake George. Admission is \$15; all proceeds benefit the LGLC. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Spots are limited.

Volunteer Work Day and May Tidy Up at Peggy's Point in Hague: May 20th, 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are needed to help clear the lawn of debris, weed the gardens, and spruce up the trail paths. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ❏

TI ARTS GALLERY

From **May 1 through 24, 2025**, TiArts will be hosting/having a show titled *Astro-Sabian: Wavelengths of Our Physical & Spiritual World* by Palma Brozzetti and Ben Allen. The opening reception will be on **Friday, May 2nd from 5 to 7 pm**.

The art gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am through 4 pm. ❏

LOOKING BACK



by Hague Historical Society Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young

EXCERPTS FROM *THE HAGUE CHRONICLE* MAY 1975 (50 YEARS AGO)

FLOOD INSURANCE

The adoption of a resolution on flood insurance by the Town Board at its meeting on April 15 will qualify residents of potential flood plain areas for subsidized Federal Flood insurance.

While Hague Brook has from time to time overflowed its banks during the early spring, the only really serious flooding occurred on June 3, 1947. A newspaper account of the day began: "Hague Brook, normally a peaceful trout stream running through this resort community, went berserk during the torrential rainstorm Monday night and early Tuesday morning, overflowing its banks and causing damage of many thousands of dollars. Two garages were wrecked, an automobile demolished, tourist cabins flooded and the macadam highway leading over Graphite Mountain ripped and torn. One of the hardest hit by the torrents of water, rushing a foot deep down the highway and over the main bridge on Route 9N, was Cobbs Cabins. The main building at the establishment was also damaged, its foundation partially washed away, and two gasoline pumps ripped out by the force of the raging stream."

One old-time resident said he had lived in Hague for fifty years and never before (and, we might add, never since) has the stream overflowed its banks except very mildly.

This entire account can be read in the June 12, 1947, *Ticonderoga Sentinel* newspaper.

ONE YEAR LATER

Excerpts from the *Ticonderoga Sentinel*, July 14, 1976: (The entire account is available online.)

An "Act of God" wrought havoc on the lakeside village of Hague Sunday night as rains caused extensive flooding of the Hague Brook.

Town and state highways crews worked throughout Monday morning to clear the collected debris and washed-out portions of Route 8, blocking traffic most of the way up the hill from the Route 9N intersection.

The rains came down from about 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Frank Rivers of Forest Bay near Hague measured the rainfall in his rain gauge to be four and 9/10 inches overnight.

Houses were flooded, trailers moved, cars wrecked, and garages moved.

One garage opposite the Hague Supermarket was moved from its foundation down to the bridge over the Hague Brook over the intersection of Route 9N where water spewed out into the road. The macadam there buckled and the By Water Motel and Coffee Shop received excess water and dirt.

The Hague Supermarket also received extensive damage, estimated at \$10,000 by owner Robert Hoyt.

The parsonage of the Hague Wesleyan Church was also extensively damaged.

The Green Acres Campsite near Graphite also received extensive flooding. There, one trailer was moved from its foundation, another completely flooded, and several cars (were) completely inundated with mud and debris.

Water in the brook was estimated 15 feet above normal levels. The road up Graphite Hill was severely eroded in two positions as water rose over the tops of bridges and on to the macadam.

Fred Stone, assistant resident engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation said that repair work will continue over the next few days. He said the road will be closed from the base of the hill up to Green Acres Campsite until it can be repaired.

What more can be said? Never say "never," especially when dealing with Mother Nature! ■

LGA FLOATING CLASSROOM

Floating Classroom tickets are available for summer public and *All About Water Quality* programs.

The Lake George Association (LGA) will be hosting public programs in Bolton, Hague, and Ticonderoga as well.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

For more information or to book a private program, please email Lindsey Kenna [HERE](#). ■



MASON/STAR DINNER

A roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be open to the public on Friday, May 23, 2025, from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and in the Hancock House parking lot. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga has a new lineup of premium programs and tours this summer and fall.

There will be exclusive behind-the-scenes access, before-and-after-hours tours, and in-depth explorations.

A highlight of the NEW offerings is "Ticonderoga's Treasures of 1775," a program featuring original museum artifacts from the dawn of the Revolutionary War. Led by Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle, this tour brings to life the dramatic events and captivating personalities of 1775, showcasing the documents and artifacts that witnessed history unfold, including those associated with Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and Henry Knox.

Here are the new and popular returning programs:

- **Morning Glory:** Visitors will enjoy a serene stroll and tour through the King's Garden
- **Ramparts or Ruins? A Guided Tour of Fort Ticonderoga's Fortifications:** Guests can explore Ticonderoga after hours and learn about its strategic importance during the revolution and ongoing preservation efforts.
- **Ticonderoga Guns by Night:** Visitors will witness dramatic 18th-century firepower demonstrations under the night sky.
- **History Happy Hour on Lake Champlain:** Guests will enjoy a narrated cruise aboard the Carillon, the fort's 1920s tour boat, with historical tales and classic cocktails.



- **Cannon and Coffee:** Visitors will join Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle for an early-bird tour of Fort Ticonderoga's artillery collection, with fresh coffee and a commemorative mug.
- **Ticonderoga Treasures of 1775:** Guests will discover the stories of the Revolutionary War through original artifacts and documents with Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle.
- **Premium Pavilion Tour:** Visitors will explore the restored 1826 Pell Pavilion, delving into its history and viewing newly exhibited artifacts.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all programs. Some blackout dates may apply.

For more information and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

Fort Ticonderoga brings the past to life through immersive storytelling, trades demonstrations, thrilling weapons programs, and engaging special events. 2025 highlights include:

- **REAL TIME REVOLUTION™** – This new multi-year initiative immerses visitors

in the years 1775 to 1777, portraying the day-to-day development of the Continental Army's Northern Department.

- **NO QUARTER | May 9-11**– This program will commemorate the 250th anniversary of America's first victory with a reenactment of the Green Mountain Boys' capture of Fort Ticonderoga, followed by scenes of planning and preparation.
- **NEW EXHIBITION** – *A Revolutionary Anthology: Subjects, Citizens, Service* opens **May 3rd**. This rotating exhibit features rare artifacts from the Robert Nittolo Collection and explores the people and armies of the American Revolution.
- **GARDENS AND ANIMALS** – Guests can explore historic gardens, a new children's garden, and heritage breed animals like oxen Mick and Mack. Sheep graze the landscape as part of ongoing stewardship.
- **MOUNT DEFIANCE** – Visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the fort from this strategic summit. Guided tours take place Tuesday through Sunday at 4 pm.
- **NORTHERN DEPARTMENT INITIATIVE** – A new website [HERE](#), explores 18 key revolutionary war sites along the Hudson/Lake Champlain Corridor, highlighting this vital region.
- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** – Onsite and online workshops for educators link Ticonderoga's story to classroom standards. Details [HERE](#).

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open **Tuesday through Sunday, May 3rd through October 26th, from 9:30 am through 5 pm.**

Tickets are valid for two consecutive days and can be purchased online or at the gate. ▣

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CALENDAR

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MAY

1		May <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	12	10 am – 2 pm	Assessor available
1 – 24	5 – 7 pm	New Ti Arts Show	13	6 pm	Hague Town Board Mtg.
1	6 pm	Hague Planning Board Mtg.	16	8 am	Hague boat launch opens (season)
1	10 am	SAC Mtg.	19	10 am – 2 pm	Assessor available
2	5 – 7 pm	Ti Arts Opening Reception	20	10 am – 1 pm	LGLC Clean-up at Peggy's Point
	6:30 – 9:30 pm	LGLC Owl Prowl		8:30 pm	BoE Mtg.
3		Fort Ti /Mt. Defiance opens (season)		6 pm	June <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline
3	3 pm	LGLC Kentucky Derby Spring Fling	22	6 pm	Hague Zoning Board Mtg.
5		CINCO DE MAYO	23 – 26		Silver Bay Tidy Time
	10 am – 2 pm	Assessor available	23	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star roast turkey breast
9 – 11		No Quarter! at the fort	24	2 pm	Memorial Day Parade in Hague
9 – 12		Silver Bay Mother's Day Weekend		4 – 8 pm	HVFD Chicken BBQ dinner
10	8:30 am	LGLC ADK Geology		8 pm	Emma Nissan concert
	4 – 8 pm	Assessor available	25 – June 1		Seniors' Americade Café
	6:15 – 9 pm	LGLC NextGen Mtg.	26		MEMORIAL DAY/ HAGUE TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
11		MOTHER'S DAY	31	8 pm	Connor Garvey concert
	10 am – 1 pm	Silver Bay Mother's Day Brunch			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm