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FUTURE OF HAGUE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

A full house of residents and other stakeholders gathered on July 10, 2025, at the Hague Community Center to discuss the future of Hague. Town Supervisor Joshua Patchett welcomed attendees and explained that the meeting was intended to gather public input on long-term planning for the town and on possible improvements, especially to the Hague Town Park and Beach.

Tracey Clothier, CEO of Clothier Planning and Consultants, presented the results of a recent town survey, which had 248 responses out of 660 households, which she described as a strong participation rate. She introduced a proposal for a new Welcome/Visitors Center to replace the current building at the town beach, noting the structure's lack of ADA-compliant bathrooms, limited winter use, and lack of an optimal lake view.

Clothier emphasized that no funding had yet been secured and that her priority would be to apply for grants, including a \$25,000 Smart Growth Grant that would require a \$5,000 match.

She presented architectural renderings from JMP Architects showing a modern Adirondack building with glass facing the lake. She encouraged attendees to share feedback on posters that had been placed around the room.

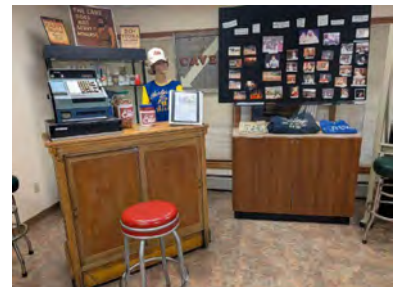
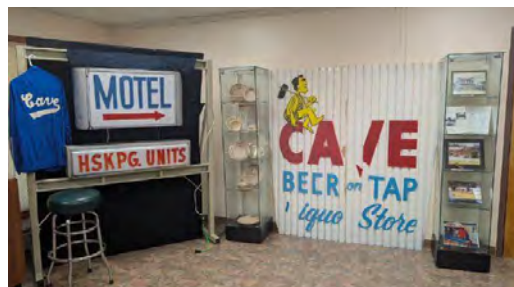
Supervisor Patchett noted the proposed building's estimated cost of
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CAVE EXHIBIT DRAWS CROWD

The Hague Historical Society's (HHS) newest exhibit, "Meet Me at the Cave," opened to an enthusiastic crowd on June 25, 2025 at the Hague Community Center. The event celebrated the much-loved bar that once operated beneath the Beachside Motel, bringing together residents and former patrons for a night of shared memories.

HHS President Ginger Kuenzel began the evening with a presentation tracing the site's history from pre-Revolutionary days to the Cave's run from the 1940s until its demolition in 1991. Staying open until the wee hours of the night, the Cave was a year-round gathering place for the community.

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Photos courtesy of Shaundra Bartlett

HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK

Each **Wednesday in August 2025**, a concert and a variety of food trucks will be in the Hague Town Park. Food service begins at **5:30 pm**. The concerts run from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, except for the show on **August 6th**, which is from **6 to 8 pm**. The schedule is as follows:

- **August 6:** Bob Stump Band
- **August 13:** Fiori Brothers Band
- **August 20:** Storm Windows
- **August 27:** Rich Ortiz

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

On **Thursday, August 7, 2025**, we're going on the Raquette Lake Luncheon Cruise. We'll be meeting at the community center at 9 am.

On **Sunday, August 17th**, we travel to the Old Hudson 17 Building Museum. We'll meet at the community center at 10 am.

Our Senior Picnic will be held on **Monday, August 25th** at noon at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

Please bring a dish to share. ■



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) ended the month of June with six fire calls, ten EMS assists, four training drills and one Marine rescue, for a total of 135 volunteer hours.

The chief thanks his fire department for its dedication to our community. Fireman Michael Nyisalosky passed the basic exterior fire operations class. He is also advancing to pump operations, as is Aaron Walker. We have gained four new members, so we are growing stronger for our community.



EMS was also busy; we had 18 calls of service and three drills for training for a total of 70.5 volunteer and paid hours.

We are in our final phase of billing.

We are excited to be asked back again this year to Music in the Park to help raise money; we are always thankful for the community's support.

We also want to thank Denise Gugumuck, who makes a great effort to make Music in the Park and the food trucks available.

Our next fundraiser will be a buffet, cornhole, and entertainment at the firehouse at 4 West Hague Road on **August 16th from 4 to 8 pm.** ■

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

by Jack Bast, SAC Committee Chair

Interestingly, the School Advisory Committee (SAC) Report as presented in the minutes of the July 8, 2025 monthly regular Town Board Meeting, (see page five) was reported in its entirety in the *Glens Falls Post Star* and the *Plattsburgh Press* (both Republican newspapers) and in *Yahoo News*. This coverage is good news for the citizens of the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD.) The SAC has been trying to inform them about our perceived need for academic performance improvement in the TCSD.

Michael Galow, who is a SAC member and a new Rural Schools Association of NY (RSA) member for the SAC, attended the July 2025 RSA Summer Conference in Lake Placid. Mike has filed a complete report of the conference. One of Mike's observations was a sense of "realistic optimism" regarding the deep cuts to federal funding for education, not wariness and dread. Mike also reports that the attendees he spoke with were exemplars of professionally trained and dedicated educators and board members who exude a can-do spirit on behalf of the kids they serve.

In July, the SAC requested a series of meetings to work with the Board of

Education (BoE) and the TCSD community to better understand the District's Pre-K – 12 programs, curriculum, instruction, and assessment protocols developed and implemented in the district. Our request stems from our concerns regarding the NYSED current rankings, which remains the SAC's only available measure of academic performance. Our goal is to support the superintendent, the BoE, and the broader community in fostering a positive, can-do spirit focused on improving student achievement. In response to our request, the SAC has been informed by the superintendent that "The district will not be participating with the SAC group on any of the mentioned meetings that you are requesting per our attorney's directive."

With regard to rankings, the SAC has discovered another rating system of interest from Public School Review. For the 2025 school year, it reports that "This district's average testing ranking is 3/10, which is in the bottom 50% of public schools in New York," further supporting SAC's concerns. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Also in July, Supervisor Patchett requested from the superintendent that the analysis of the 2025–2026 school tax levy apportionment and related rates be provided to the BoE and to the public well in advance of the August 19th BoE meeting.

Inclusion of two scenarios in the analysis was requested, viz., with and without the Full Market Value (FMV) of completed solar projects with PILOT agreements, with particular attention to the assessed values used in the analysis. This analysis affects our shared constituency and should be open to public review and input before any decision is made in the board's setting of the September school tax levy. The superintendent's response to the request had not yet been received as of the *The Hague Chronicle's* July 20th press deadline.

On a side note, in a letter to SAC on July 9th, the superintendent informed the SAC that the TCSD considers that the SAC has created "several months of correspondence, questioning, and unnecessary work for TCSD staff members." The letter says that the TCSD is increasingly concerned with the SAC's "ongoing communications, spreading of misinformation, and attempt to pressure the district into action the committee desires." Therefore, the superintendent has informed the SAC, "in the future, the district will only respond to correspondence which is required by law or policy." The SAC is pondering a response.

The next School Board of Education regularly scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, August 19, at 6 pm**, in the high school cafeteria. The 2025–2026 school tax levy will be set. ■

FUTURE OF HAGUE DISCUSSED AT MEETING, CONT'D

\$3.4 million, which prompted immediate public discussion. Residents raised concerns about redundancy, cost, beach conditions, environmental impact, infrastructure needs, and ongoing maintenance. Suggestions included improving the beach, dredging Hague Brook, addressing the stage direction, and resolving long-standing water and muck issues.

Some speakers expressed skepticism about investing in a new building before solving existing problems. Others proposed volunteer efforts and practical solutions, such as installing screens to prevent debris and creating a dredging schedule. Several residents shared frustrations over delays in pond maintenance and flooding impacts.

After many negative comments, one person said that people might feel differently if we get the grant money. He said, "This forward thinking is good."

Patchett then reiterated that *the project would not move forward without public support and full funding*. He also stated that the presentation would be made available online for further comment.

I think this is just the beginning of a long process. ▣

MUSIC FOR SUMMER EVENINGS AT GRACE CHAPEL

The Englewinds woodwind quintet will appear on **Thursday, August 21, 2025** at Grace Chapel with "The Four Seasons of Grace Chapel" that brings the changing seasons to life with music ranging from Vivaldi to Gershwin in a new work by composer Mark Zaki.

On **Thursday, August 28th**, two local groups, The Dons and The Jabez Pond Boys will join forces for an exciting evening of acoustic folk, bluegrass, and great songs in the singer-songwriter tradition.

CAVE EXHIBIT DRAWS CROWD, CONT'D



The exhibit in the museum features original signage, a bar stool, cash register, T-shirts, sports memorabilia, and photographs. Several attendees wore vintage Cave apparel and took the microphone to share stories.

Kuenzel compiled interviews and memories into a binder now at the museum. The exhibit is open weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm, excluding holidays. See more at www.haguehistorical.com. ▣

ALYSSA MYDLARZ RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Alyssa Mydlarz, a 2025 graduate of Ticonderoga High School and a resident of Graphite Mountain Road in Hague, has been awarded the \$1,000 *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a local graduating senior who demonstrates academic excellence, strong character, and community involvement.

The daughter of Mike Mydlarz and Lindsay Frasier Mydlarz, Alyssa was on the honor roll all four years of high school when she was especially drawn to math. She served as president of the Key Club and held leadership roles in the National Honor Society and Class of 2025 Executive Board. Alyssa was also active in the student council, Sweethearts and Heroes, and played on the soccer, softball, and golf teams.

Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with family, traveling, photography, and being on Lake George.

This fall, Alyssa will attend Clemson University in South Carolina, where she plans to major in Biological Sciences. Her goal is to become a NICU nurse and, eventually, a nurse practitioner.

She expressed deep gratitude for receiving the scholarship, especially as she prepares for the financial demands of attending an out-of-state school.

The Hague Chronicle congratulates Alyssa on her achievements and wishes her success in her future endeavors. ▣



All concerts begin at **7:30 pm**.

Freewill donations (suggested \$10 to \$20) will be taken at the door.

Additional information is available HERE and on Facebook HERE.

These concerts are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community

Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/26/2025

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Tina Barth-King, Donald Vogel, and Chris Richards. Absent were Jon Hanna and Chris Navitsky. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Linda Fusco, Bruce MacPherson, and other guests.

Zoning Issues:

FUSCO – 20 Silver Bay Road

Fusco proposed a lot line adjustment to sell a 0.06-acre strip of her 1.13-acre conforming property to neighbor Bruce MacPherson, which would result in a non-conforming lot. The Planning Board had previously expressed concern over the potential creation of a non-conforming lot.

Fusco and MacPherson explained the reasoning for the change, citing ongoing issues with trees, invasive species, and property access. MacPherson said the strip would provide a buffer for his right of way, improve access, and noted no construction was planned. Fusco emphasized that the change would not affect views or result in new structures.

Goetsch and Kirchberger both expressed concern that the variance request was unlikely to be approved due to the reduction of a conforming lot to non-conforming. Alternatives such as a smaller transfer or an easement were discussed. Fusco ultimately withdrew the application and may pursue a lot line adjustment through the Hague Planning Board.

DALEY – 9 Lakeshore Hills Drive

Shawn Daley submitted an application for a 13' x 14', one-bedroom addition and 10' x 14' screened porch on a non-conforming lot. A corner of the porch would be 9'3" from the sideline, which is under the 10' minimum setback.

Daley explained that building in the back was not feasible due to terrain and the existing layout. He has consulted with neighbors and is connected to the town sewer. The board deemed the application complete, and a site visit will be scheduled before the July 3rd planning board meeting. Daley plans to begin construction in the fall.

Other Business:

Chairman Goetsch welcomed Donald Vogel as a new ZBA alternate and reminded attendees of the Planning Board's meeting time change to 2 pm on July 3rd.

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

TOWN BOARD - 7/8/2025

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, Maureen Cherubini and Jack Bast (arrived at 6:48 pm). Also present were Deputy Supervisor Sally DeLarm Rypkema, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, and 20 community members. Additional attendees joined via ZOOM.

A Moment of Silence was held for Sean Winchell and Jon Hanna.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Convery Irrevocable Trust (17 Oneida Drive) and Voss (9665 Lake Shore Drive): Both hearings remain open. A postponement letter was received from neighboring residents requesting the Voss hearing be continued in August. A motion passed to postpone both hearings to the August 12, 2025 meeting.

WELCOME GUESTS / PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Concerns were raised about the removal from the community center of a donated coyote mount. The board explained it had been removed due to complaints of it being scary and the pending redesign of the display area. A motion passed to restore the coyote until a new display is proposed and approved by the board.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative (Patchett): The town is phasing out the @townofhague.org email addresses and transitioning to @HagueNY.gov by year's-end.

Buildings & Grounds/Community Center

(Frasier/Patchett): A second coat of stain was applied to the community center. Patchett repaired the historian's door. Storage quotes for dog control equipment are forthcoming.

Highway (Frasier/Dunklee): Paving was completed on Robin Hood, Lake Shore Terrace, and Overbrook. The new blower has arrived. The state will be funneling water under Hague Brook Bridge over the next two weeks.

Museum & Historian (Smith): "The Cave" program on June 25th drew such a large crowd that a second presentation will be held July 30th at the community center.

Personnel (Cherubini): A number of staffing changes were reported, including:

- Jessica Tuthill is leaving due to health issues.
- Emily Gould is stepping in as Confidential Secretary, bookkeeper, and office manager following the resignation of Desiree LaPointe. Desiree is taking up a new job as a legal assistant in her hometown of Glens Falls. We'll miss her and wish her great success!
- Oum Hilliard is expected to return in August.

New hires include:

- Jennifer Masiello as the Temporary Receptionist
- Traci Aloï on the Visitor Center staff.
- Craig Bateman on the Transfer Station staff.
- Pat Hintze was appointed Manager of the Visitor Center and Hague Town Beach and Park.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Cherubini): As of July 8, 2025, 57 Short-Term Rental permits have been issued.

Town Park & Beautification: Hintze raised concerns about vehicles blocking the stairs to the beach. The highway department was notified. Markers are in place correctly.

Environmental Concerns (Patchett): The knotweed treatment program is ending soon. Residents may still request treatment.

Technology and Communications (Patchett): All essential computers are now protected under shared services with Warren County.

School Advisory Committee (SAC) (Patchett read a report by Bast):

Ticonderoga ranked 596th in ELA and 548th in Math statewide. The fact that there are fewer teachers at Ticonderoga compared to other districts may be a factor. The SAC continues to press for improvements in academic performance and curriculum. The next school board meeting is August 19th, when the tax levy will be discussed. Residents of Hague are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Patchett):

- Public meeting on Comprehensive Plan: July 10th at 6 pm
- Ticonderoga School Board meeting: July 8th at 6 pm
- FEMA funds received: \$763,039.95
- Knotweed applications still being accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rypkema EDU appeal recommendations approved
- Resignation of Desiree Diskin accepted
- Appointments approved:
 - Pat Hintze (Visitor Center and Lifeguard Manager)
 - Traci Aloï (Visitor Center)
 - Craig Bateman (Transfer Station)

- Resolution 81: Authorized application for salt shed grant with 25% local match.
- Resolution 82: Authorized application to study Hague Brook outlet with 10% local match.
- Resolution 83: Supported Warren County culvert grant; the town will contribute up to \$6,250.
- Resolution 84: Approved a \$3,000 contract with Tracey Clothier to submit NY BRICKS and LWRP grants.
- Wel-Dun Inc. will install new UV system at Town Beach for \$4,577.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Internet protection for remote employees will be investigated.
- A service for Judy Gourley will be held July 12th at 3 pm at the United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga
- Concerns were raised about knotweed along the Hague Brook and silt accumulation on the shoreline due to bridge work.
- Community members praised the July 3rd fireworks, music, and food trucks and expressed appreciation for the return of Music in the Park.

The next town board meeting will be held on **August 12, 2025**.

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4TH QUARTER HAGUE HONOR ROLL

High Honors:

Grade 1: Charleigh McLaughlin
Grade 3: Anniyah May
Grade 4: Jackson Porter
Grade 6: Noah Mydlarz and Maddison Smith

Honors:

Grade 1: Marlee Diskin
Grade 2: Isabella Knight
Grade 3: Jace Diskin
Grade 5: Liam Scoville

First Honors:

Grade 7: Marcello Maltese
Grade 8: Elena DeFranco
Grade 9: James DeFranco
Grade 10: Zebulon Denno and Brady Mydlarz
Grade 12: Alyssa Mydlarz

Second Honors:

Grade 8: Maleena Savage
Grade 9: Wyatt Barnes
Grade 10: Kaiden Smith

THE LGPC SURVEY ON RECREATION

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has invited all who live on or visit Lake George to participate in a brief survey, which is designed to help the agency improve its services to Lake George recreationalists. The results will help guide the park commission in its decisions on public safety, resource protection, and regulatory programs in the Lake George Park.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete. The results will be reported in the 2025 Lake George Recreational Use Study to be completed by the commission at the end of 2025.

Click [HERE](#) to take the survey. ▣

HAIKU

by dl mattila

a big toe
 offers second thoughts
 morning dip ▣

LGA PODCAST: BOAT INSPECTION PROGRAM

In the latest in its series of podcasts, the Lake George Association (LGA) sat down with Ben Marshall of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to talk about the Boat Inspection Program. Ben discussed the origins of the program and how it's grown to become a crucial tool in the fight against invasives.

With five strategically located inspection stations, the program ensures that boats, trailers, and equipment arriving at Lake George are free of harmful species like Eurasian watermilfoil.

Click [HERE](#) for this and past podcasts.



HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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WRIGHT FAMILY TO PRESENT BOOK AT SILVER BAY

As part of the Silver Bay YMCA's summer lecture series, author Tamara Jacobi and the Wright family will present their new book, *Lake George Journey*, on **Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 2 pm** in Morse Hall at Silver Bay. This special multi-generational event features all 11 Wright family members — from the grandkids to grandparents Forrest and Nancy Wright, who are longtime members of the Silver Bay community.



Each family member will share a story from their favorite letter of the Lake George alphabet such as "H is for Historic Hotels of Huletts and Hague," "L is for Loon Love," or "Y is for Yacht Clubs and YMCAs." Local artists Kathy Becker, Chris Quinn, Wendy Soliday, Andrew Thompson, Shay DeRusso, and Shaundra Bartlett will share their accompanying I-spy illustrations.

Author Tamara Jacobi married into the Wright family in 2019. "I had so much to learn about the lake and wanted my kiddos to learn alongside me," she says. "This book blends family storytelling, colorful I-spy artwork from seven local artists, and education together into one. It's a journey through nature, history and community that is designed to be enjoyed by all ages — kids, parents, grandparents, and anyone who loves Lake George."

Co-authored by Jacobi and husband Walter Wright, *Lake George Journey* is the result of a deeply local, collaborative effort. The book was created in partnership with the Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC), and includes contributions from the Waterkeeper Alliance, the Darrin Freshwater Institute, and The Arts Project.

It was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC).

A percentage of proceeds will support local conservation and education efforts. 

NEW LGA VIDEO SHOWCASES SCIENCE-TO-SOLUTIONS APPROACH

A new video from the Lake George Association (LGA) focuses on the organization's science-to-solutions approach to protecting Lake George. From reducing road salt and preventing harmful algal blooms to upgrading wastewater systems and restoring natural stream corridors, the LGA uses science, not just to study the lake, but to actively protect it.

The Jefferson Project, a world-renowned collaboration between the LGA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), and IBM, is at the core of this approach. Through the deployment of roughly 500 high-tech sensors, real-time lake monitoring, and advanced data modeling, the Jefferson Project has made Lake George the "Smartest Lake in the World."

Using the data collected, the LGA develops and implements the solutions that will protect our lake for generations to come.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video. 

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Silver Bay's Evenings of Dance returns on **Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 7:30 pm** with a vibrant performance series open to the community. Admission is free, but advanced ticket reservations are required.

VIP Access tickets are also available and include preferred seating, a cocktail hour, and a reception following Saturday's performance.


Reserve your tickets [HERE](#). 

LGA LAUNCHES NEW INTERACTIVE PROJECT MAP

The Lake George Association (LGA), founded in 1885 as the country's first lake conservation organization, has been working to protect and preserve our lake's legendary water quality for 140 years. This is a worthy cause, but what *specifically* is the organization doing to achieve that goal?

Now, thanks to its recently launched interactive project map, you can learn about the more than 50 current LGA initiatives across the watershed, ranging from invasive species prevention and stream restoration to education programs, infrastructure upgrades, and policy advocacy.

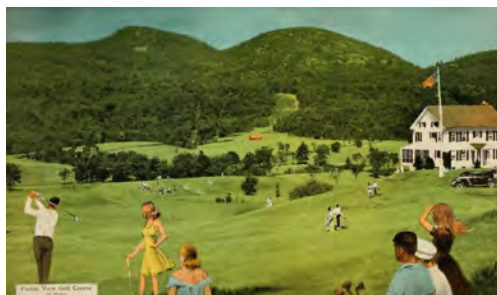
The map allows users to filter by category and to view projects in specific locations. Zeroing in on Hague, for instance, you can click on the "storm" icon and read how a grant from the LGA is enabling Hague to capture rainwater from the highway department's roof and use it to make brine for winter road treatment. This win-win project helps reduce stormwater runoff while also supporting the town's road salt reduction efforts.

Dr. Brendan Wiltse, executive director of the LGA, describes the maps as "a living, visual record of how and where we're turning science into solutions for the protection of Lake George, every day." To view the map, click [HERE](#). 

TI GOLF COURSE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The Ticonderoga Golf Course is marking its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration Weekend on **Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025.**

Events include a 100-yard par 3 tournament on Friday and the annual 1925 Golf Tournament on Saturday, along with family activities at Five Nations Golf and golf-themed events throughout the weekend. A centennial dinner with live music at Seymour's has already sold out.



Founded in 1925 by Scottish golf architect Seymour Dunn, the course opened with nine holes in 1926 and expanded to 18 in 1932. Recent renovations have included new greens, tee boxes, redesigned holes, and a new clubhouse. As part of its ongoing improvements, the club is currently focused on a capital campaign to replace its septic system to protect health and the environment.

The golf course board, staff, and members hope the centennial serves as both a tribute to the past and a commitment to the future. ▣

SEYMOUR DUNN LAYS OUT GOLF COURSE

Noted Expert Expresses Approval of Location; 18 Hole Course Planned

Seymour Dunn, the noted golf expert, of Lake Placid, accompanied by an assistant, spent Tuesday here laying out the golf course of the Ticonderoga Country Club on what was formerly the Fred S. DeLano farm, on the Hague road.

Mr. Dunn, in a talk with local officials of the club, seemed greatly pleased with the natural contour of the land and was of the opinion that the location is ideal for an eighteen-hole course, which the club contemplates having ultimately.

RE-DEDICATION OF SCOUTING'S FIRST ENCAMPMENT SITE

A special ceremony marking a milestone in Scouting history will take place on **Friday, August 8, 2025 at 3 pm** with the re-dedication of the Council Ring at Silver Bay.

This historic site was home to the First Encampment in 1910, an experimental camp that helped shape the Boy Scouts of America Program. The event will celebrate 115 years of leadership, tradition, and the enduring spirit of scouting.

All are welcome to attend this commemorative gathering, which honors scouting's roots and encourages future generations to carry its legacy forward. ▣

LGLC AUGUST EVENTS

These are the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) events for August 2025:

Discovery Series:

Saturday, August 9th, 8:30 - 10:30 am at The Pinnacle, Edgecomb Pond Road, Bolton Landing. "Trees of the Lake George Watershed" is a walk to Bradley's Lookout with an Up Yonda Naturalist. It's a 1.2-mile round-trip. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Next Gen Trivia Night:

Monday, August 25th, 6 - 8 pm at Bolton Landing Brewing Company, 4933 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

All articles must be submitted by 6 pm the 20th of each month, for inclusion in the following month's issue. Send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LOOKING BACK

by HHS Board Members Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young

July 1973 – Hague Chronicle Newsletter

"THE CAVEDWELLERS"

Sponsored by Burgey's Beachside Hotel, the Hague Cavedwellers are staging their first invitational basketball tournament at the Hague School on April 3-4-7 and 8. Eight teams from the area have been invited to participate. Proceeds will go to the Hague Scholarship Fund.

All of the Cavedwellers either live or work in Hague and most of them played on Hague highschool teams in years gone by. Members of the team are: Daniel Belden, who is also the manager, Terry Bianchini, Loring Carpenter, Ray Bevins, Douglas Cash, Pete Plass, Al Perkins, Dave May, Mike Laundree, Phil Frasier, Al Jordon and Tom Stull.

During the season, the team played on the Tri-County (Warren, Essex and Hamilton) League. Hague won the league championship with a 121-111 overtime win over Speculator on March 4. The contest was forced into overtime when Phil Frasier scored with five seconds to play. In overtime, Hague overscored its opponent 18 to 8. After the season ended, the first four teams played a round-robin tournament. Hague won the first game, beating Speculator and in the finals beat Newcomb in a game played in (not legible in preserved Chronicle.)

The Cavedwellers also played in the Adirondack League with Crown Point, Glens Falls, Schroon Lake, Queensbury, ()ville and Lake George. They finished fourth. The team also played in the Knights of Columbus tournament at Glens Falls and in the Crown Point invitational tournament.*



The team does a good job to publicize our town and should have your support.

August 2025 – 53 Years Later

Try as we might, tracking down members of the Cavedwellers team has been very challenging. Looking back in New York archival newspapers did not help at all. One past member, Dave May, who is still with us, gave us a bit of information. He remembers playing three to four years, but after two years, two members, Al Perkins and Al Jordon, left to join the Dock and Dine team. They were replaced with youngsters whom Dave can't remember. He told of Charley Burgey providing bats, balls, and beer. The uniforms were t-shirts that the members had to supply. Dave gave kudos to Dan Belden and Pete Plass, saying Pete was a great player.

At some point, another team sponsored by Burgey's was called the Hague Nighthawks. The member we contacted was Jim Braisted. He only remembers two other members of the Nighthawks: Dan Belden and Al Jordon.

Another team, softball, which one of us writers was on, was the Cave Girls. I can only remember Deb Denno, Mary Braisted, Gladys Fuller, and myself as members. Verne Rockwell was our coach, and a great one at that. We even played against the Hague High School boys and only lost by one point! After our games, a stop at the Cave garnered free beer.

We would love any information about these or any other Hague teams. This information should be part of the history of Hague, and perhaps many humorous tales could be included in a future issue. Please contact either writer with any information you would like to share. And do visit the Hague Museum to enjoy the Cave Exhibit. ▣

TICONDEROGA AREA FARMERS MARKET

The 2025 Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market will run through **September 6th** in Downtown Ticonderoga on **Saturdays from 9 am to noon**. It takes place behind Arrow Bank, just off Montcalm Street at the intersection of McCormick Street and Champlain Avenue. There are two parking areas located near the market.

Several special events remain for the 2025 season, including the following:

- **August 9th:** Local Artisans & Authors Day
- **August 23rd:** Community Non-Profit Day
- **September 6th:** History Speaks Event

If you are interested in participating in one of these events, contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC).

In addition to the events planned, free local food activity guides for kids provided by Adirondack Harvest and free weekly recipes from the TACC will be available.

A 50/50 raffle will also take place all season to support the market activities, events, music, etc. ▣

HELP STOP INVASIVES BEFORE THEY START

The Lake George Association (LGA) is calling on the community to take part in its annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring Weekend, which is taking place **Friday, August 8 through Sunday, August 10, 2025**. This community science initiative invites participants of all ages to help scan Lake George for early signs of aquatic invasive species.

Whether residents, seasonal visitors, or lake enthusiasts, volunteers are encouraged to search for potential threats at any location on or around the lake. The LGA will provide training, identification materials, and ongoing staff support to ensure participants are equipped for the task.

By joining this effort, community members play a direct role in protecting the lake's natural ecosystem. Early detection is key to preventing the spread of invasive species, and local involvement is critical to preserving the health of Lake George.

For more information, visit www.lakegeorgeassociation.org. ▣

FLOATING CLASSROOM TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the Lake George Association's (LGA) Floating Classroom are still available for the 2025 season.

The program *All About Water Quality* is a 90-minute experience in which participants are immersed in information about Lake George water quality and return to shore with a whole new understanding of what it takes to keep Lake George clear and clean.

In collaboration with the Jefferson Project, participants get an in-depth look at a Jefferson Project profiler. Through hands-on experiments, participants will mimic a profiler from the deck of the Floating Classroom and learn about the remarkable ecology and health of our lake.

Participants must pre-register as no tickets are sold at the dock. To register, click [HERE](#). ▣

TICONDEROGA 2025 FESTIVAL GUILD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesday, August 5th: Across the Pond – *Beatles Tribute Band*.

Tuesday, August 12th: Warden & Co. – *Rock, folk, & Americana Converge*.

Tuesday, August 19th: Those Guys Entertainment – *Top 40 Hits, Funk & Classic Blues*. ▣

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

YouTube Video on the Northern Department

There is a new video on YouTube that highlights how the Northern Department shaped the Revolutionary War — from early battles in New York and Vermont to the decisive American victory at Saratoga.

Formed in June 1775, the Northern Department was one of the first military departments of the Continental Army, responsible for northern New York State and nearby regions. As part of America's 250th anniversary commemoration, the legacy of this critical Revolutionary War theatre is being honored through a new heritage tourism trail.

The Northern Department Trail connects 18 historic sites and museums across New York, Vermont, Québec, and tribal nations. The project introduces new generations to the pivotal events and places that defined one of North America's most concentrated regions of Revolutionary history.

To learn more or watch the video, visit YouTube – Northern Department Video [HERE](#).



Heroic Corn Maze

Visitors to the fort can now use their knowledge of Fort Ticonderoga's history to navigate through towering corn stalks. The maze is divided into two phases for customized self-exploration and is open **Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am – 5 pm through October 26**.

George Singer Scholarship

Fort Ticonderoga has announced the first recipients of the George C. Singer Junior Fifes & Drums Scholarship, a new initiative made possible by a generous \$100,000 gift from the Singer family in memory of George C. Singer. The scholarship honors Singer's legacy of community involvement and commitment to youth education by providing local students with year-round, paid apprenticeships in Fort Ticonderoga's Junior Fifes & Drums program. Through the program, scholarship recipients gain training in historical trades, public speaking, and museum education while performing 18th-century military music.

This inaugural award went to Jedediah Visser of Port Henry and Finn Henty of Cornwall, Vermont, recognizing their musical skill and dedication.



George Singer's legacy will live on through this meaningful investment in local youth, fostering both historical understanding and life skills for future generations. ▣

TAI CHI IN TI

There is still time to participate in Tai Chi /Qigong at the Black Watch Library in Ticonderoga.

They are offered by Mae Pagan at 1 pm on the following Thursdays in **2025: August 7th, August 21st, and September 11th**

There is no charge for these classes. ▣

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CALENDAR

August 2025

AUGUST

2	9 am – noon	Farmers Mkt.	16	9 – noon	Farmers Mkt.
3	2 pm	Wright family presents <i>Lake George Journey</i>		4 – 8 pm	HVFD fundraiser
6	5:30 pm	Music in the Park: Bob Stump Band	17	10 am	Seniors to Old Hudson 17 Bldg. Museum
7	9 am	Seniors to Raquette Lake	19	6 pm	TCSD BoE meeting
	1 pm	Tai Chi	20	5:30 pm	Music in the Park: Storm Windows
8 – 10		LGA Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring	21	1 pm	Tai Chi
8	3 pm	Scouting Re-Dedication at SB		7:30 pm	Englewinds at Grace Chapel
9	8:30 – 10:30 am	LGLC “Trees of the LG Watershed”	23	9 am – noon	Farmers Mkt.
13	5:30 pm	Music in the Park: Fiori Brothers Band	25	Noon	Seniors Picnic
15 and 16	7:30 pm	Evenings of Dance at SB Ti Golf Course 100 Years		6 – 8 pm	LGLC Next Gen Trivia Night
			27	5:30 pm	Music in the Park – Rich Ortiz
			28	7:30 pm	The Dons and The Jabez Pond Boys at Grace Chapel
			30	9 – noon	Farmers Mkt.

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