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TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel and Jack Bast

On May 21, 2024, the Ticonderoga Central School District, which includes the Town of Hague, will hold an election for three school board of education members, as well as a vote on its budget. Hague residents can vote at the Hague Community Center from noon - 8 pm or absentee (see below).

Six candidates are running for the three seats on the school board. We are pleased to report that one of these candidates, Donna Wotton, is from Hague. See the separate article about Donna's qualifications on page 3. The terms are three years and begin on July 1, 2024.

Important points for Hague residents to keep in mind:

1. Registered voters: If you are already registered as a voter in Hague, you can vote in the May 21st balloting.
2. Registering to vote: If you are not currently registered as a voter in Hague, you still have time. Voter registration will be held in the Hague Community Center on May 14th from noon - 4 pm. You must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and show proof that your primary address has been in Hague for at least 30 days prior to the May 21st vote (i.e., since April 20th or earlier). Accepted as proof are a driver's license, utility bill, or another official document showing your address. Note: This registration applies only for the school board vote.
3. Absentee ballots: Registered Hague voters who will not be in Hague on May 21st can request an absentee ballot. To submit an application for an absentee

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MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE

For decades, Hague has celebrated Memorial Day in a big way, thanks to the efforts of Madeline and Bill Pelkey, Mike and Maureen Cherubini, and numerous other dedicated volunteers.

When Maureen retired last year as chair, many wondered if there would ever be another Memorial Day celebration in Hague. Fortunately, our new Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Desiree LaPointe, volunteered to chair the event. Thanks, Desiree!

So, on May 25, 2024, Hague will once again celebrate Memorial Day.

At the Hague Town Park and Beach from 10 am - 4 pm

- Mike's Karaoke Machine - 10 am - 12 pm
- Cambridge Band Live Concert 12:30 pm
- Caricature Artist - 10 am - 1 pm
- Penelope The Clown
- Crafters, jewelry, spices, a White Elephant Sale
- Games for the whole family
- Bouncey House
- Food concession by the Hague Fish & Game Club

At 2 pm: The parade on Route 8 from the community center to the park

- Bands, floats, clowns, classic cars, fire trucks
- Grand Marshal Patricia Hintze
- Senior of the Year Edna Frasier

The Memorial Dedication Service will be at the park after the parade.



There will be prizes for:

Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack, Most Humorous, Best Youth, Honorable Mention Adult and Youth. The winners will be announced at the dedication service.

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



Well, it's that time of year again. May is a busy time for us!

We will be galloping down the road to the Hitching Post on May 2, 2024 for some lunch and a shopping spree. I may also go out and check out "Ride the Rails" for a trip later this season. If anyone wants to join me, they can.

On May 16th, we will be heading north to the Port Henry Iron Center, followed by lunch at a place to be determined.

We'll have our meeting on May 21st to discuss the Memorial Day Parade, the White Elephant Sale, and Americade.

We have a lot of things going on, so we need all hands on board. The White Elephant and Americade are our big fundraisers for the club that allow us to do all the fun trips we enjoy doing.

We'll need to set up tents and tables for the White Elephant and we'll bring things down from the visitors center and the community center.

The Memorial Day Parade and the North Country's Best White Elephant Sale will be on May 25th.

Don't forget the Memorial Service after the parade, followed by the HVFD's Chicken BBQ. We will be opening the Senior View Café on May 26th. Come on out for all the great things we have planned for the weekend! ☑

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



For the month of March, we had four fire calls and four drills, with one mutual EMS assist for a total of 96 volunteer hours. We also had two EMS calls for a total of 54.5 volunteer hours.

Last month, we had our cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class for our members and the public. To learn more about CPR, reach out to the HVFD at 518-543-5059.

We had our open house recruitment weekend. Even though the weather wasn't ideal, we had a few folks stop in, take a tour, get their car washed, and enjoy some great burgers and hot dogs.

Our Annual Chicken BBQ will be on May 25th from 4 pm until we are sold out. ☑

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by Jack Bast, chair

The Hague Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) presentation to the Ticonderoga CSD School Board of Education (BOE) on March 19, 2024 went well.

Supervisor Joshua Patchett presented the MYAA case, and the Town of Hague, in general case, very effectively. Patchett provided indisputable facts to counter misinformation, including that, since our revaluation in 2004, Hague has been paying more than 50% of the school tax levy every single year in spite of a huge decrease in the number of Hague students, now less than 5% of the total Ti Central School District (CSD) student population. Patchett noted that Hague is seeking a degree of recognition and a gesture of fundamental fairness, we being, together with Ticonderoga, one CSD community and entity.

Patchett strongly emphasized that MYAA benefits both towns. And, he clearly identified that MYAA is one place in the entire school tax apportionment process where the BOE has the unique ability within NYS law to choose to use or not to use this MYAA methodology. Hague proposed a joint Work Group comprised of members from both towns to study MYAA and

the assessment processes of both towns. The Work Group would make a recommendation to the BOE regarding MYAA in time to be considered for the 2024 school tax levy.

There was considerable positive discussion by all the BOE members about Patchett's frank and emboldened presentation, most appearing to acknowledge Hague's situation. The board agreed to research and evaluate Patchett's request before making a decision. We are waiting for Ticonderoga to name its members of the Work Group so we can get started.

SAC is thrilled to announce that Donna Wotton has agreed to run for election to the Board of Education (BOE), which has three open slots this year. We believe that Donna is an outstanding, well-qualified, knowledgeable, and action-oriented candidate. We believe we must actively and extensively support Donna's election - Hague needs a representative on the School Board! (See separate article on page 3.) ☑

TI CSD BOE MEETING

The next regular board of education meeting for the Ti Central School District Board of Education will be on May 21, 2024 at 8:30 pm in the Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria. ☑

TI ELECTION, CONTINUED

ballot, contact Erin Hamel, school district clerk, at 518-585-7400, ext. 1135, ehamel@ticonderogak12.org ,or by stopping at her school district office at the high school at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga. Once you receive the ballot application, you must print, sign and return the original via snail mail or by dropping it off at her office. You will then receive an absentee ballot by snail mail. Your ballot must be **received** (not postmarked) in the school district office by May 21st or before. Be sure to allow plenty of time to 1) obtain the application form; 2) return it via snail mail; 3) receive your ballot via snail mail; and 4) mail your ballot so that it is received by May 21st.

4. Candidates: While you are allowed to vote for up to three candidates, you may choose to vote for just one or two.

5. Budget: The proposed budget will be available on the School Board's website HERE, at the Hague Community Center, and at the Black Watch Library in Ticonderoga so that you can review it before you vote. It should be available by May 7th.

If you have questions about the election process, please contact Erin Hamel at the phone number or email address above. ☑

WOTTON IS CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

My name is Donna Wotton and I am honored to be running for the Ticonderoga Central School District School Board. I've always had a passion for helping raise strong, empowered young adults. As part of my work at Ti-Alliance, I've worked closely with Ticonderoga school leaders, teachers, counselors, and students to help develop workforce experiences and career paths for students. This got me interested in gaining a better understanding how New York schools work and how they are funded.

Three years ago, I became the Ticonderoga representative to the CVES BOCES Board (the regional school board) and have been elected for another three-year term. That work has been incredibly informative, rewarding, and eye-opening to the systemic inequities in the quality of education and educational opportunities for our local students. At the same time, our communities are wrestling with legislated school tax inequities that further limit our resources. We deserve a better system.

We need strong advocates for our district at the local, regional, and state levels. I've been actively involved in the NY State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) and Rural Schools Association (RSA), highlighting the needs of rural schools. Many of my colleagues on the BOCES board are also on their local school boards providing an extra level of connection between the local district challenges and the BOCES resources.



I believe:

...that our students are the future of our community and deserve the investment of our time, creativity, and resources.

...that with support from the community, we can provide amazing learning, motivational, and achievement opportunities for every student.

...that the Ticonderoga Schools can be a model of excellence for NY rural schools.

I hope you will vote for me as a candidate for the Ticonderoga School Board.

NOTE: Wotton sent this article to The Hague Chronicle, asking that it be published. Editor/Publisher Bobbi Bryant Taylor then emailed the three incumbents for this office, asking if they wanted for us to publish their platform/resumé/information in this issue. Admittedly, we had a short timeline. None of them submitted any information. ❑

LGA GALA AT THE SAGAMORE

The Lake George Association will hold its annual gala on Friday, July 12, 2024 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing. It will be a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner, music, and dancing as our shared love of Lake George and our united commitment to lake protection is celebrated!



Admiral Sponsors and the first six Captain Sponsors will be eligible to dock their boats at the front docks and will be provided with VIP valet transportation to and from their dock spaces.

The organizers expect this event to sell out quickly, so they recommend that those who are interested secure their tickets soon.

To purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, click [HERE](#).



FLOATING CLASSROOM RECEIVES GRANT

The Lake George Association (LGA) has received a \$5,000 grant from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund to help cover operational costs of the LGA's Floating Classroom.

This is the first grant awarded to the LGA from the Outdoor Fund. The Outdoor Fund seeks to introduce a new generation to the wonders of the natural world. The Floating Classroom is an ideal platform for that. Established in 1991, the program, which runs from spring through fall, educates approximately 1,700 students and 400 adults every year about freshwater protection.

Passengers on the Floating Classroom enjoy a two-hour boat ride on a 40-foot catamaran that accommodates 25 passengers. Participants run water clarity tests and



learn about the geography and geological formation of Lake George, its watershed, food webs, and water clarity, chemistry, and quality issues.

In addition to school groups, the Floating Classroom is open to the general public for cruises. It will pick up passengers in Hague on July 26, departing at 1 pm.

It also leaves from Lake George Village every Wednesday in July and August at 10 am and 1 pm. Reservations are required. To buy tickets, click [HERE](#).

MEMORY TREE TO BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE ISSUE

This year's Memory Tree will be published in the June issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/28/24

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Chris Navitsky, Jon Hanna, Cathy Clark (alternate), and Linda Mury via ZOOM. Also present were ZEO Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Nathan Hall, and Peter Mitchell. Aaron Roberts was also present via ZOOM.

PUBLIC HEARING:

KIREKER (93.16-1-31) 54 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1) VAR 03-24

Kirchberger read a communication from neighbor Steve Graves, expressing concerns about whether the proposed project would be carried out during the summer season. He also read a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers, giving their approval of the project. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LINCOLN (43.13-1-30) 5 Bayberry Lane (TR-1) VAR 16-23 & VAR 01-24

The applicant built a 4' x 15' 8 3/4" addition to a nonconforming house for the purpose of covering the entrance to a crawl space. It has encroached the rear and sideline setbacks and has increased his percentage of lot coverage. He did not obtain a proper permit prior to this construction, and on April 3, 2023 a Stop Work Order was issued.

Zoning Issues: 160-23 A. Rear and sideline setbacks and increase of maximum percentage of lot coverage

Nathan Hall, Esq., representing Lincoln and O'Neill, reiterated that a letter had been submitted to the ZBA, dated March 25, 2024. The letter enumerated the revised plans concerning the project, including removal of the exterior wall that was constructed without a permit and replacement of the bay windows in question with those that are flush with the previously-existing original exterior wall. The homeowners now seek approval for a covered 4' x 12'8" deck, which is currently the existing floor of the enclosure that had been added without a permit. It will include a hatch opening for the crawl space below and structural support for a small utility room, 3' x 4', to be added at the end of the deck, where they plan to house any replacement home vital systems going forward.

Hall says the setbacks will remain the same. They have submitted these revised plans to the Cape Cod Homeowners' Association, but, as yet, have not gotten a response.

Clark informed the board that she will abstain from voting on any proposals that come before the board if she previously signed the applications as Acting ZEO. She will be available to answer questions on the code or procedures and she will clarify anything in the files.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-0 to grant Variance 16-23 and Variance 01-24.

2. KIREKER (93.16-1-31) 54 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1) VAR 03-24

The applicants propose replacing their waterfront seawall and boardwalk that is deteriorating. They propose installing a four-foot-high boulder wall and boardwalk along 240' of shoreline. Installation of native plantings and erosion controls are also proposed.

Zoning Issue: 160-50 B. Shoreline

Roberts, architect/engineer, representing the Kirekers via ZOOM, summarized the proposal. Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded, and carried 4-0 (Clark abstained) that the variance be granted, with the stipulation that no work will be done between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

3. PARLIN (60.17-1-22) 3 DOT & JACK LANE (TR-1) VAR 04-24.

The applicants are requesting a shoreline variance. The existing shoreline of this lot is 251.5 feet and the proposed shoreline would be 68 feet, if approved.

Zoning Issue: 160.50 B (1)(c) [1] Minimum shoreline lot width

The Planning Board's recommendation to the ZBA was to deny the variance as submitted. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-0 (Clark abstained) to table the proposal at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR-1-R) VAR 06-24 and VAR 07-24

The owners of this property would like to subdivide a 1.6-acre lot into two parcels. Lot #1 is proposed to be .66 of an acre and Lot #2 is proposed to be .50 of an acre. Lot #1 is proposed to have 63 feet of shoreline and Lot #2 would have 112 feet of shoreline.

Zoning Issues: 160-24 A. Acreage and 160-50 B (c) [1] Shoreline width

Mitchell spoke regarding the proposal on behalf of himself and his two older siblings, the three of whom co-own the property. He cited the financial burden of taxes as the main reason motivating the proposal to subdivide the property. They have been renting out both houses during the summers to help pay for the taxes out of necessity. They would like to subdivide the property and sell off one property, keeping just one house for the family to continue preserving their Lake George heritage. He is trying to purchase some additional shoreline from the adjoining boat club, but that may not be feasible. Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded, and carried 4-0 (Clark abstained) to deem the application complete and to put this on the agenda for the next month's meeting. A site visit was scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 4 pm.

2. TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT (26.17-2-40) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet) VAR 05-24

The applicant is seeking an after-the-fact variance for a stone paver patio over 100 square feet, raised by 20", and made level by use of a 6' x 6' retaining wall.

ZONING BOARD, CONTINUED

Additionally, two existing decks were resurfaced using Trex and existing fencing was replaced to adhere to the 36" height code regulation. An additional section of 36" high fence was added where there was a drop in elevation between patio areas for safety reasons.

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B. Shoreline

The contractor spoke on behalf of property owner Patchett regarding the proposal. Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to deem the application complete and to include it on next month's agenda. A site visit was scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 4 pm. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 4/9/2024

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Board Members Steve Ramant (via ZOOM), Martin Fitzgerald, Maureen Cherubini, and Jack Bast. Also present were Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, ZOOM Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Matt Coffin, Chris Richards, Bob Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers, Matt Schuette from Marshall and Stearling, Matthew Courtright, Dylan Menke, Pat Hintze, Lindsey and Don Smith, Donna Wotton, Seddon Beaty, Luann Fritzky, Joe Tinnirella, Mike Auerbach, Denise Gugumuck, and several others who did not sign in. There were 25 - 30 attendees, including Richard Kimble, via ZOOM.

Schuette spoke regarding the employee health insurance and benefit options. The town is currently insured under a Consumer Directed Health Plan (CDHP) at the platinum level, where the employee(s) pay a portion of the cost. Schuette explained they also offer a silver plan, which has a deductible, however, the town could pay the deductible on behalf of the employee(s) and still save money as compared to the current platinum plan.

President and CEO of the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Courtright gave an overview of all the services TACC provides to the Town of Hague as part of the town's annual Partnership Program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the annual Partnership Program contract with TACC in the amount of \$5,000.

There was a Moment of Silence for Bruce DeLarm and Mark Frasier.

Public Hearings:

Holmes gave an overview of the upcoming public hearing waste water variance(s) application for Hallie and Alan Cornell at 9651 Lake Shore Drive, Tax map #12.14-1-21. The applicants are seeking six variances, which have been submitted to Cedarwood Engineering for review. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to set a public hearing for these variances for May 14th at 6:15 pm.

Auerbach, property owner at 7947 Lake Shore Drive, tax map #93.12-1-28 reviewed the need for two requested variances. All information has been submitted to Cedarwood Engineering for its review. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set a public hearing for this property for May 14th at 6:15 pm.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to keep the public hearing for the Oxford Cottages/Lee Cunningham at 4 Silver Bay Road, Tax Map #76.20-1-3.2 open and continue it on April 30th at 6 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Property owner Richard Kimble (via ZOOM) addressed the issue of drainage work that is planned by the county near his property. He stated that, although this flooding problem has been going on for decades, the county was told it was an "emergency" and therefore approved a plan that did not include a stormwater filtration system.

Kimble is concerned about the sediment and the quality of the water he and his neighbors get from the nearby Health and Human Services (HHS) line, which is 40 feet from the proposed unprotected inlet.

Meg Haskell, also in attendance via ZOOM, agreed this was an issue during the years she owned the adjoining property and that this is not an emergency.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds/Community

Center/Enhancement (Patchett): The committee wants to get an estimate to stain the handicap ramp at the community center.

Highway (Dunklee): Coffin, Fiallo, and Dunklee will be attending highway school in June. Dunklee is working with a surveyor to survey the highway department's property. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for Dunklee to reach out to the Office of General Services (OGS) to purchase a one-ton truck under state contract.

Museum and Historian (Ramant): The Hague Historical Society will march in the Hague Memorial Day Parade and will then install an historical marker in the Hague Town Park, commemorating the outboard marathons of 1954-64.

Personnel (Bast): Some personnel issues will be addressed during the meeting.

Planning/Zoning/Storm Water (Cherubini): The board has received and reviewed the Zoning Enforcement Officer's report.

Recreation and Promotion and Youth: (Patchett) Silver Camp letters are out and Hague children are encouraged to sign up.

Sewer District # 1 & 2 (Bast): The compressor for the wastewater treatment plant has been ordered.

Town Park and Beautification (Ramant): Work continues on the lighting at the Hague Town Park/Beach. Todd is working to get the visitor center opened. Lifeguard training will be held on June 6th, 7th and 8th.

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Environmental Concerns (Ramant): There have been no updates in regard to the Lake George Park Commission's application for a permit to apply the herbicide ProcettaCOR at two sites in Lake George. There should be a decision in four to six weeks.

Technology and Communications (Patchett): There are currently 200 people signed up for the e-mail database opt-in on the Town of Hague's website.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- School Advisory Committee (SAC) Bast read the content of the article on page 2.
- Patchett stated the proposal for bids went out for the 2024 summer/fall season for landscaping of the community center, the town beach, and Veterans Memorial Park. Tony DeFranco has generously donated his time to maintain Veterans Memorial Park.

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 25th. Persons interested in entering a float, becoming a vendor in the park, or volunteering should contact Desiree at 518-543-6161.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolutions were made, seconded, and unanimously approved to:

1. Reappoint Walter Wells to the Board of Assessment Review, with a term to expire 9/30/2028.
2. Appoint Cathy Clark to Zoning Board of Appeals. Clark will fill Ray Snyder's unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.
3. Appoint Christopher Richards to the Zoning Board of Appeals' alternate position. Richards will fill Clark's unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. It was stipulated that Richards must recuse himself in matters pertaining to his property.
4. Offer Silver Camp's "Child Watch" and "Breakfast Club" to full time/year-round children of Hague. Child Watch is a new half-day program for children ages three and four. Breakfast Club is also a new program offered to children ages five to fifteen. The cost will be shared between the town and Silver Bay.
5. Approve that Beth Barton Navitsky and Linda Fusco attend the Rural Schools Association of NY Conference that will take place July 14th - 16th in Lake Placid. The cost will be \$495 each.
6. Approve that Dunklee, Fiallo, and Coffin of the highway department, attend the NYS Highway School on June 3rd - 5th, at a total cost of \$1,626 plus mileage.
7. Approve that Town Clerk Coffin to attend the NYS Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Seminar on June 9th - 12th, at a cost of \$735.40.
8. Set the amounts to be collected for fiscal year 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 as follows:
 - **Sewer District #1** - User Fees - 318.05 EDUs @ \$ 777.24 for a total of \$247,201.18
 - **Sewer District #2** - User Fees -193.88 EDUs @ \$ 625.12 for a total of \$ 121,198.26

- **Capital Cost** - 120 @ \$458.34 for a total of \$55,000.80
- **Interest Payment**- 120 @ \$89.59 for a total of \$10,750.80
- **TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$ 434,151.04**

The Sewer Collector should receive the above payments between May 1st and June 30th. Bills may also be paid between July 1st and July 31st, *but a ten percent (10%) penalty will be added.*

The last day for payment is July 31, 2024; thereafter all unpaid Sewer District #1 & 2 bills will be sent to the Warren County Treasurer to be levied on the town and county tax bill.

The board went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 4/11/2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Edna Frasier, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell via ZOOM. Also present were Zoning Clerk Denise Gugumuck, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, ZEO Ed Kirchberger, and Aaron Roberts via ZOOM.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Zoning Issue: 160-50 B. Shoreline

Aaron Roberts, representing the Kirekers, gave a brief summary of the project. Peterson reported on the site visit of March 13, 2024. They had found no significant issues with the proposal. Roberts reported the variance was approved at the last ZBA meeting, with the condition that no construction will be done between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to deem the application complete. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to give a positive recommendation to the ZBA.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT (26.17-2-40) 9117 LAKESHORE DRIVE (HAMLET) VAR 05-24

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PLANNING BOARD, CONTINUED

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B. Shoreline

Peterson reported that a site visit was carried out today (4-11-2024), at which time Scott Patchett explained the project. Some board members said there should be some sort of penalty in after-the-fact cases to discourage others from doing projects without initial permit approval. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to send a positive recommendation to the ZBA and to leave the application open until the applicant has discussed a safety issue with the ZEO. Motion carried 4-1 (Powell).

2. MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR-1-R) VAR 06-24, VAR 07-24

The owners would like to subdivide a 1.6-acre lot into two parcels. Lot #1 is proposed to be .66 of an acre, and Lot #2 is proposed to be .50 of an acre. Lot #1 is proposed to have 63 feet of shoreline and Lot #2 would have 112 feet of shoreline.

Zoning Issues: 160-24 A. Acreage. 160-50 B (c) (1) Shoreline Width

Peterson reported that a site visit was made today (4-11-2024). The board met with Peter Mitchell, who explained that the family would like to subdivide the property and then sell one of the houses for financial reasons. He has studied the present character of the area and stated that many of the area properties with waterfront do not meet the minimum lot area and many have less than the minimum lakefront footage. He also reported that he was trying to buy some extra property from the adjacent boat club to add to the lakefront footage for Lot #1.

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to deem the application complete. Motion made, seconded, and carried 4-1 (Gourley) to give a negative recommendation to the ZBA.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about verifying email addresses for board members and resending the contact list, including copies of the ZBA draft minutes. Powell created a new helpful flow sheet. Zoning Clerk Denise Gugumuck will take care of these issues. ▣

STEWARTS DONATES TO TEEN CENTER

The Stewart's Holiday Match Program has selected the Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center as one of its recipients for its 2023 Holiday Match. The program donated \$1,250 to Silver Bay YMCA to use for its Teen Center.

Stewart's Shops has collected and matched donations in their shops from Thanksgiving until Christmas since 1986. The 2023 Holiday Match Program received 1,861 applications requesting over \$5 million in support, while there was just over \$2 million available to donate.



"The Ticonderoga Teen Center is a critical element in how Silver Bay YMCA supports the youth of our community. We are so pleased and grateful that Stewart's sees the importance of Silver Bay's work and our mission to provide area teens with a safe space to grow and develop into community leaders," said Silver Bay YMCA's VP of Development and Government Relations Walt Lender.

Peter Doliber, the CEO of Silver Bay YMCA, added "We are incredibly grateful for the support from Stewart's. They

are an amazing community partner supporting many great organizations and services. We are thankful to be included. This goes a long way in helping us serve the families of Ticonderoga."

To learn more about the Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center follow them on Facebook and Instagram or visit silverbay.org. ▣



April view of the northern basin. Courtesy of Sandy Powell



REMINDER - THERE IS A BURN BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 14!

SOUNDINGS

DIED: George Chapman Singer, 96, of Burlington, VT, and Ticonderoga, on March 9, 2024, after a short illness.

Born on June 23, 1927, George grew up in Yonkers, NY, the son of Virginia Chapman and Albert H. Singer. After graduating from high school in June 1945, he served in the Merchant Marine. He graduated from Dartmouth College and married his high school sweetheart, Gloria, before earning an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.



George began his business career as a registered representative in New York City. In 1971, he and his family moved to Burlington, VT, where he opened a regional office for Dean Witter (now Morgan Stanley). He retired in 1993.

After George's first visit to Lake George in 1941, he spent time "at the lake" every year of his life. Together with his father and Gloria, George established a family camp on Lake George's Heart Bay that has brought together five generations of his family. George was fascinated with the history and stories of Heart Bay and the surrounding area. Over many years, he put together an extensive collection of printed materials, photographs, and oral histories.

For decades, George was an active supporter of Lake George and the Ticonderoga community. He served on the boards of the Lake George Association (LGA), the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC), and Fort Ticonderoga's National Council Advisory. George was deeply committed to the revitalization of Ticonderoga. He believed in the life-changing power of education. Through Ti-Alliance, George established a scholarship fund for area high school graduates to continue their education in skilled trades.

George was predeceased by his wife, Gloria, and is survived by his children: Lauren Waite (Peter), Robert, and Margaret Huffman (Michael). He leaves nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the LGLC/George C. Singer Education Fund, Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance/George C. Singer Skilled Career Scholarship Endowment Fund, or Fort Ticonderoga/Education Programs Fund. ❑

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths.

We will now include a high quality photo for publication in Soundings.

Please send information and photos to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

HAGUE COUPLE PRESENTS LGLC CHALLENGE

Manning and Ginny Rowan Smith of Hague are generously presenting their Challenge for the Future of Lake George again in 2024.

From now until November 30, 2024, the Smiths will give \$5,000 (or a one-to-one match, if the amount is specified), up to a total of \$324,000 to the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) for every new legacy pledge received, regardless of method or amount.

Upon receipt, legacy gifts will be used according to the donor's wishes, as specified at the time of their pledge. The Smith's match will be added to the Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment, which helps the LGLC with current and future capital projects.

This is the third time the Smiths have offered this generous challenge.

Ginny Rowan Smith is a member of the LGLC's Advisory Board, a Director

Emeritus, and a champion of LGLC's Legacy Program.

"Our family has been active in the Lake George Land Conservancy for many years because we want to make sure that what we experienced as children will also be here for our children and all future generations," said Smith. "Estate planning is one of the most powerful ways to do this. The gift can be large or small. And its benefits will continue long after one's lifetime.

"After the great success of our last challenge, Manning and I decided to repeat the offer and encourage even more folks to join the LGLC's Planned Giving Society. When I talk with others who have joined this society, I always sense a feeling of accomplishment and a feeling of pride that no matter what decisions they make going forward in terms of life's priorities, they have created a legacy for Lake George."

By directing your legacy gift to the Lake George Land Conservancy, you will help protect the crystal clean

drinking water and forested mountains of Lake George.

Your gift may also allow you to take advantage

of tax benefits that will protect your family's inheritance. Most traditional donations are in the form of cash, stock or securities, but other options are also available. ❑



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SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

The weather is getting warmer and Silver Bay YMCA is ready to celebrate and have fun!

Silver Bay will be celebrating Mother's Day May 10 – 13, 2024. There is a weekend full of events planned including kid's crafts on Friday, May 10th, open hours at the archery range and boathouse on Saturday, May 11th, and a Mother's Day Brunch and family photo sessions on Sunday, May 12th.

Silver Bay YMCA Assistant VP of Campus and Conference Programs Chet Lastowski said, "We are excited to be hosting a weekend to celebrate mothers! There are activities for the whole family to participate in and then there are activities for moms to pamper themselves."

Silver Bay's Memorial Day Weekend Celebration will be May 24th – 27th. There will be a Trivia Night on Friday, May 24th, a free community concert by the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir followed by free community fireworks donated by the Phinney Design Group on Saturday, May 25th. There will be a Family Field Day and Memorial Day BBQ on Sunday, May 26th and a Memorial Day Remembrance Salute at 6:30 am on Monday, May 27th to remember those who gave all in service to our country. A morning hike to Inspiration Point will follow.

Silver Bay Executive Chef and Kitchen Manager Anthony Basile said, "It is an exciting year for us here at Silver Bay! We are offering multiple different events and extras from the Food Service Department to continue to provide our guests and patrons with fresh, quality meals as well as a different experience.

"Public community events coming soon include a Mother's Day Brunch and a Memorial Day BBQ. For our guests staying on campus this summer, we are planning on different dining options throughout the week like a BBQ on Wednesdays on the patio as well as a lobster boil on Thursdays at the boathouse.

"Our pop-up restaurant, The Mountain View Grille, will be opening back up soon for guests and the community and we will be seating on our screened-in porch and patio during the summer

CHANGING LIVES, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

by Donna Wotton, executive director of Ti-Alliance

Readers might remember a story from 2022 about an art student from Ticonderoga who had never been to an art museum. Michael O'Donnell was just beginning his art studies at SUNY Adirondack with a scholarship from Ti-Alliance when he shared this information. When donors found out, they funded a life-changing trip for Michael to NYC to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT).

Michael was amazed to see many works of art that he was studying in his art courses, but was especially enamored with the FIT. On the way home on the train, Michael said to me, "This trip was genuinely the most fun I've ever had. It was epic and life changing for me. Someday I'm going to go to the FIT!"

Fast forward 18 months. Last week, Michael texted me a photo of his acceptance letter from FIT. In September, he will be joining the Fashion Institute Class of 2026, with a concentration in Photography and Related Media. This is a highly competitive program and we are incredibly proud of Michael and excited for him to be pursuing his dreams. A special thank you to all of the donors who pitched in to fund Michael's life-changing trip to the NYC art world, and all the supporters of the Ti-Alliance Scholarship Program.

The 2024 Ti-Alliance Skilled Careers Training Scholarship application cycle is now open. Applications are due on May 15, 2024 and can be found [HERE](#). Any current student or graduate of Ticonderoga High School is eligible to apply.

Donors wishing to support our students' dreams can send donations to Ti-Alliance Scholarships, P.O. Box 247, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. We expect a record number of applications this year. Help us make dreams come true. ▣



months. Lastly, Bites at the Bay, our to-go restaurant for boaters delivered right to our docks, will be open six days a week this summer. We look forward to serving everyone and really showcasing what we can do."

Both The Mountain View Grille and Bites at the Bay should be open by early to mid-June.

For more information about upcoming events at Silver Bay YMCA, follow Silver Bay on Facebook or Instagram or visit [silverbay.org](#) ▣

WARREN COUNTY WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Warren County will hold a FREE hazardous waste collection day *for its residents only* on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 8 am – 12 pm at the

Queensbury Highway Garage, 742 Bay Road Queensbury, NY.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Register online at [warrencountyny.waste](#), by mail, by fax at 518-623-2772 or by calling 518-761-6556.

They will accept: antifreeze, pesticides, paints, gasoline, corrosive cleaners, and fluorescent bulbs.

They will NOT accept: munitions, automotive oil, batteries, asbestos, pharmaceuticals, infectious waste, or tires.

More information about household hazardous waste storage and disposal can be found at [warrencountyny.gov/residents/waste-info](#). Those with questions can call Warren County DPW at 518-761-6556. ▣

LOOKING BACK

“HAGUE MOTHERS' CLUB”

by Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



The Hague Mothers' Club, which was formed in 1920, was established during the “Women's Club” movement, a significant social movement, which emerged during the “Progressive” era (1896 -1917). It was a social movement establishing the idea that women had a moral duty and responsibility to transform public policy. By being involved, women found that companionship was a way to facilitate change in their communities. They focused on many endeavors including women's suffrage, civil rights, maternal and child health, education, art and music appreciation, the environment and conservation, sanitation, labor, legal and prison reform and the list goes on.

“One-hundred and fifty years ago, Americans believed that a woman's place was in the home. After household care, benevolent work at church and patriotic fundraising for Civil War soldiers were the only outlets that permitted women to contribute to shaping the public world. Education and career opportunities were few. Skill building beyond needlework was deemed unnecessary. Political activism, civic reform, and community involvement were regarded as outside the realm of big-hearted mothers and wives who should focus on loving their families and providing a good example of moral behavior.”

“A few brave women in New York and Boston challenged those constraints in the late 1860's and soon persuaded the general population of middle-class American women to form voluntary organizations in their neighborhoods to defy custom, undertake serious study of intellectual topics and current events, and organize for social reforms at the local, state, and national levels. All this well before they saw the



right to vote to effect change at the ballot box!” (Quotes from “The History of Women's Clubs in America” – Jane Croly, published in 1898)

The Hague Mothers' Club spent a lot of energy making “dressings” for use in cancer treatments and on raising funds for many health and local endeavors.

A supper held in December 1930, at the Town Hall, had an attendance of over 200 persons. In May 1934 a special program was held in honor of Mother's Day. Sixty members and friends attended.

On June 13, 1935, a supper held by this club was deemed a financial success. Music was furnished by Frank Meehan and Clarence Swinyer – violins; Steve Bevins – guitar; Kenneth Blanchard – accordion and Wilford Ross – banjo. Many men were also members of this club. Our town historian, Sally DeLarm Rypkema, remembers visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rollin DeLarm, as a child and watching the club members as they produced cancer dressings from sheets and other materials.

The last meeting we could uncover via newspaper clippings was held November 13, 1969 at the home of Mrs. Rollin DeLarm.

If you or a family member were associated with this club or have any stories, memories or articles to share, the town historian or the Hague Historical Society would be interested to listen and share with you.

We should be proud that our mothers stood by us, male or female, because they struggled to make our world a better place, no matter who they were or where they came from. Bless them for loving us enough to see us through all the trials and tribulations life had to throw at us.

On this “Mother's Day,” let us honor her (or her memory) by being strong, lending a helping hand, and passing those strengths on to our children.

Happy Mother's Day to all. ▣

LGA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Lake George Association (LGA) needs volunteers! Here are several opportunities. You can find out more or register for any of them HERE.

1. Water Assessment by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE)

Help monitor streams throughout the watershed for macroinvertebrate bugs. These bugs can tell us how healthy or polluted a stream is based on the types of bugs found.

July 1 - September 30: Training is Thursday, June 27, 9 - 11 am at Fish307, followed by sampling at LGA Outdoor Classroom at LG Recreation Center.

2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING WEEKEND

Help monitor for new invaders by surveying a section of the shoreline for plant and animal invasives.

August 10-11, 2024: Training is online.

3. ALGAEWATCH

Lake George has experienced a few blooms in the southern basin since

2020, although none have been considered toxic. Typically begins mid-summer, when conditions are favorable for the growth of harmful algal blooms.

4. SALT WATCH

Volunteers sample streams before and after major weather events when road salt is applied to roadways, sidewalks, and driveways. In the Fall 2024.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IN TI

Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm in Downtown Ticonderoga. Anyone interested in volunteering should meet in front of the TACC office at 94 Montcalm Street. Garbage bags, gloves, brooms, shovels, etc. will be provided.

Good Point Recycling from Middlebury, VT, will be in the public parking lot behind the Elk's Lodge at 5 Tower Avenue in Ticonderoga to accept these items at the costs indicated: TVs (\$10 - 20), computer monitors (\$20 - 30), CPUs (\$5), small fax machines (\$5), small printers (\$5), small copiers (\$10 - 20), small scanners (\$5 - 10), stereo equipment (\$5 - 15), radios (\$5), VCRs (\$5), DVD players (\$5) and a/c units (\$20 - 30). The following will be accepted at no cost: keyboards, computer mice, and computer and electronic cords/wires. No large appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, or stoves, or batteries, light bulbs, smoke detectors, or mercury-containing items will be accepted. ❏

TI ARTS GALLERY

Ti Arts received a \$20,000 grant from the New York State Cultural Arts (NYSCA) and will use most of it to help to fund classes, demos, and presentations. Classes will include drawing, painting, photography, printing, felting, music composition, writing, etc. There will be a "Class Page" on its website [HERE](#) where people can look at available classes and sign up. The charge will be \$20 per class.

Programming is made possible by the NYSCA, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

THE GUILD OF ADIRONDACK ARTISTS SHOW will run from May 2nd - May 25th, with the opening reception on Friday, May 3rd from 5 - 7 pm.

The works of Betsy Krebs will be featured from May 29th - June 22. This opening reception will be on Friday, June 1st from 5 - 7 pm.

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



Works by two members of the Guild of Adirondack Artists
TOP: Painting by Sue Beadle BOTTOM: "Needle's Eye" by Ruth Crotty

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LGA VOLUNTEER, CONTINUED

5. LOON CENSUS, hosted by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation.

July 20th from 8 - 9 am

6. FOREST PEST HUNTING, hosted by Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program.

Adopt a trail or forest stand to help monitor for forest pests and pathogens. ❏

KIWANIS TRIVIA NIGHT

On Friday, May 10, 2024, there will be a buffet dinner and a fun night of Trivia at the Hot Biscuit Diner.

At 5 pm, there will be registration and cocktails (bring your own beer/wine).

The dinner starts at 5:30 pm and the Trivia competition will begin at 6:30 pm.

Register as a four-person team. The Trivia fee and a full buffet dinner is \$45/person. The buffet only is \$25/person. Trivia only is \$20/person.

There will be cash prizes.

For more information, call or text Robin Hearburg at 518-339-2647. ❏

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public 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 served Friday, May 24, 2024, from 4:30 - 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ❏

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CALENDAR

May 2024

MAY

1	May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> is published	20	6 pm	Deadline for the June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
2	7 pm	21	noon – 8 pm	Vote in the Ti CSD Election at the Hague Community Center
2 – 25	Guild of ADK Artists Show at Ti Arts Gallery		1:30 pm	Seniors Club Meeting
5	Cinco de Mayo	23	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
10	5 pm	24	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star roast turkey dinner
10 – 13	Mother's Day Weekend at Silver Bay	24 – 27		Memorial Day Weekend at Silver Bay
11	Warren County Hazardous Waste Collection Day	25	10 am – 4 pm	Memorial Day Celebration in Hague
12	Spring Clean-Up Day in Ti	26		Senior View Café opens
	MOTHER'S DAY	27		MEMORIAL DAY
14	noon – 4 pm	29 – June 22		Betsy Krebs Show at the Ti Arts Gallery
	Voter Registration at the Hague Community Center			
	6 pm			
	Town Board Meeting			

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