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HAGUE SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

by Jack Bast, Chair SAC

Hague's two requests for the Ticonderoga CSD School Board of Education (BOE) regarding the apportionment of the 2024-2025 school tax levy between Ticonderoga and Hague have been rejected.

In a surprise meeting on June 27, 2024, the BOE voted down the requests to incorporate multi-year assessment averaging (MYAA) and to include the full value of multiple energy projects underway in Ticonderoga.

As noted in the July issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, Hague planned to deliver a statement by Supervisor Patchett at the July 9th BOE Meeting. The statement sought collaboration between the two towns, emphasizing that MYAA benefits both and that including energy projects is more equitable and has precedence in Ticonderoga. Both methodologies are within NYS Tax Law-authorized BOE jurisdiction.

However, the July 9th BOE meeting, initially reported to be "a very long meeting," ended early. Jack Bast, attending in place of Josh Patchett (who was at Hague's Town Board Meeting), was unable to present the planned Hague statement. Jack reported that three loyal, interested Hague residents attended that meeting – Lari Dhein, Linda Toner, and Annette Wells.

SAC has now reached out to meet with Superintendent Scott Nephew, instead of addressing the entire BOE. SAC encourages Hague residents to attend the August 20th BOE meeting, where the final apportionment of the 2024-2025 school tax levy will be voted on.

Linda Fusco and Beth Barton-Navitsky represented SAC at the Rural Schools Association of NYS (RSA) "The Miracle of Rural Education" Summer Conference held from July 14-16, 2024, at the Olympic Village Conference Center in Lake Placid. RSA represents all rural schools in NYS, including Ticonderoga CSD. The RSA conferences provide a meeting place for school board members and superintendents to collaborate on the many issues facing rural schools.

Linda and Beth, based on their extensive education credentials, are both RSA members for SAC and are developing important insights and contacts to advance SAC objectives. Donna Wotton, Hague's representative on the Ti BOE, is also an RSA member through her Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) assignment. ❑



TOP: Linda Fusco
BOTTOM: Beth Barton-Navitsky

MONITORING THE EFFECTS OF PROCELLACOR

As reported in our July issue, the Lake George Park Commission put ProcellaCOR, a chemical herbicide, into two bays across the lake from Hague in the early morning hours of June 29, 2024, despite objections from all four towns in the north basin (including Hague) and more than 5,000 people. The locations were Blairs Bay in Glenburnie and Sheep Meadow Bay in Huletts Landing, both of which are within the jurisdiction of Hague.

The Lake George Association (LGA) is collaborating with its partners at The Jefferson Project to thoroughly monitor the water and ecosystem in these two bays. Water, plant, and soil samples are being analyzed in an independent lab at the University of Connecticut. The LGA plans to release initial results in early August. To learn more about what the Jefferson Project is monitoring, click [HERE](#).



Water samples collected by the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) have been analyzed by a lab owned by SePRO, the company that manufactures ProcellaCOR. Those findings are posted [HERE](#) on the [LGPC website](#). ❑

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



On August 8, 2024, members will enjoy a ride at Blue Mountain Lake Boat Livery. August 22nd will feature mini golf in Lake George Village followed by lunch. The month will conclude with the Senior Annual Picnic at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department on August 27th. Members should bring a dish to share and hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the club. ❑

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONTINUES IN AUGUST

The Town of Hague will again host Music in the Park in August. The following food trucks begin at 5:30 pm, so come hungry: The Mac Factor, High Noon Foods, Wind Chill, Alaturca Gyros, Hague Volunteer Fire Department, and the Hague Fish & Game Club.

All shows will be two hours long; here's the line-up for August:

- August 7 — 6:30 pm — Willie Playmore
- August 14 — 6 pm — Bob Stump
- American Roots
- August 21 — 6 pm — Ben Rounds Band
- August 28 — 6 pm — Rich Ortiz

Bring your chairs, bug spray, and dancing shoes! Inclement weather location is the Hague Community Center. ❑

HEMLOCK COALITION FORMED

Nine environmental groups and state agencies have joined together under the Lake George Hemlock Coalition umbrella to protect hemlock trees in the Lake George basin from hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect.

In a matter of years, the destructive bug could destroy the hemlock forests that are integral to Lake George water quality. The coalition received a \$108,000 grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to develop a comprehensive approach to protect the trees. Click [HERE](#) to learn more. ❑

JUDY STOCK RETIRES FROM THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

The Hague Chronicle has recently accepted notice of Judy Stock's final retirement from this publication.

While Judy turned over the Editor/Publisher responsibilities to Bobbi Bryant Taylor some time ago, she retained some of the administrative tasks involved with the publication and has provided invaluable help to Bobbi.

Judy's contributions to *The Hague Chronicle* and to our community have been wide ranging and substantial, so it is with a sense of deep appreciation that we wish her well in this new phase of her life.

Time to smell the roses, Judy! ❑



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



June was a busy month for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). We did four drills, helped EMS four times, and responded to eight fire calls, totaling 214 fire volunteer hours. The EMS team had 12 calls and two drills, adding up to 116 hours, for a grand total of 330 hours.

Chief David Snow and I met with LifeNet of NY, a critical care flight team, and we're happy to have two new landing zones in Hague. We will have training to review air methods and set up procedures for these new zones.

We've had a great response to calls and we want you to know we're here for you.

It's very important to follow boat safety rules, including wearing a life vest properly. We've had too many calls about people in trouble while kayaking or boating because they weren't using life vests. Time is critical in emergencies, so please stay safe with your family and friends. ❑

BITES AT THE BAY

Bites at the Bay is a restaurant-style takeout service at Silver Bay YMCA that allows boaters to place their orders online and continue to enjoy the lake as they wait for their food to be prepared. Once a "Your order is ready for pickup" e-mail is received, boaters can head on over to the guest dock at Silver Bay (the outermost north dock in the bay) to pick it up.



The Bites at the Bay menu consists of grill favorites, pizzas, cold sides and salads, ice cream novelties, bags of ice, and cold beverages. There are vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

The schedule is:

- Monday — closed
- Tuesday — Thursday — 12 pm - 7 pm
- Friday — Sunday — 10 am - 8 pm

View their menu [HERE](#). To place an order, click [HERE](#). ❑

SOFIE HUBBARD WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Sofie Hubbard has been awarded the Dorothy Henry/*The Hague Chronicle* Scholarship this year, a testament to her dedication and outstanding accomplishments throughout high school.

Sofie lives in Hague with her parents, Ellen and William Hubbard, and has an older sister, Madalynn, who also graduated from Ticonderoga High School. Sofie made the Honor Roll every year at Ticonderoga High School, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Sofie excelled in history, enjoying courses from Ancient Civilizations to the Space Race. She was an active member of the Jazz Band for all four years, playing the Alto Saxophone, which she will continue to play in college. She also joined the Drama Club and Key Club in her sophomore year, eventually serving as Key Club President in her senior year. Sofie recently took up golf and tennis and enjoys swimming and spending time with friends.

She will attend Bryant University, majoring in Marketing as part of an MBA 3+1 program. She is interested in working for larger businesses, especially in the high fashion industry, but remains open to various opportunities in the business sector. The scholarship funds will support her academic journey during her freshman year.

Sofie expressed immense gratitude to *The Hague Chronicle* for selecting her as this year's scholarship recipient. Her heartfelt thank you note and dedication to her community, including her job at The Hague Market, reflect her appreciation and eagerness to give back.

The Hague Chronicle is proud to support Sofie's academic journey and looks forward to witnessing her future successes. Congratulations, Sofie! ▣



MUSIC FOR SUMMER EVENINGS CONCERTS AT GRACE CHAPEL

On Thursday, August 8, 2024, THE ENGLEWINDS will present their family-friendly "Bees Please!", featuring music of and about bees, including the famous Flight of the Bumblebee and other exciting works. This quintet of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon includes some of New York's finest freelance musicians.

PHIL KATES AND FRIENDS will close this year's series on Thursday, August 15th with a program of works for string trio and flute. Phil is a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Both concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Freewill donations (suggested \$10-20) will be taken at the door.

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. ▣



HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOW AND TELL

Do you have an item in your house that has a story behind it? Bring it to the Hague Historical Society Show and Tell evening on August 6, 2024 at 7 pm. We're looking forward to hearing about your special piece.

Or perhaps you have an item that has historical significance but you're not really sure what it is. Bring it to the event, and perhaps someone in the audience can fill in the blanks for you.

Word has it that we might see some relics that were owned by Colonel Mann and perhaps even an item or two from the legendary Cave. You never know what will turn up!

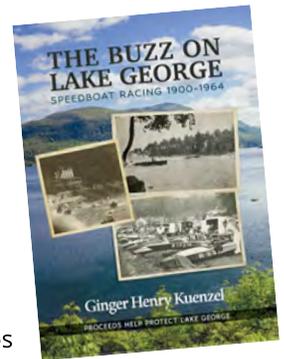
Even if you don't have an item to share, come spend the evening with us, see some Hague history, and hear the stories.

It's guaranteed to be a fun-filled evening with a lot of tall tales! Open to the public, free of charge, and with refreshments served. ▣

CATCH THE BUZZ ON LAKE GEORGE AT HANCOCK HOUSE

In case you've missed the previous presentations about The Buzz on Lake George, a new book about speedboat racing from

1900-1964, there's one more chance to see it. On August 2, 2024, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, author of the book, will be sharing stories, photos and videos of the people and the boats from those exciting days of racing in Hague.



The event will be at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga at 7 pm. It will be hosted by the Lower Adirondack Regional Center for History (LARCH), formerly the Ticonderoga Historical Society. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/27/2024

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, and Jon Hanna. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Chris Navitsky, and Peter Mitchell.

PUBLIC HEARING:

MITCHELL (Continued) (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR1-R) VAR 06-24 & 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 0.66 of an acre and Lot #2 is proposed to be 0.50 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 summarized the status of the project. His neighbors immediately to the north and south of this property have no objections to this project and the APA sent a letter to Kirchberger stating that it would be up to the ZEO and the ZBA to determine if a shoreline lot width variance would be needed as no further development was planned at this time. No one spoke against the proposal and no letters were received. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR1-R) VAR 06-24 & 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 0.66 of an acre and Lot #2 is proposed to be 0.50 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

Kirchberger says he will leave the "gray area" decision to the ZBA as to whether a shoreline lot width variance would be required. Navitsky asked Mitchell if there had been any progress with obtaining additional shoreline acreage from the boat club to the south of his property. Mitchell said they might approach them again, depending on the outcome of this meeting. Goetsch favored requiring both variances, with conditions. Navitsky asked about the need for septic easements, as both houses presently share a common septic system.

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously in favor to grant Variance 06-24, the area variance.

Navitsky recommended including the following conditions:

- 1. That there be no further additions or increase in floor space to either existing structure with this subdivision.
- 2. There will be a septic easement created for the Highlander wastewater to be treated on the Scottage

property, and such easement will remain with the property.

Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to grant the shoreline width variance request 07-24.

Navitsky recommended the following conditions:

- 1. There will be no future expansion or increase in floor space to the existing structures on either property.
- 2. There will be a septic easement created for the Highlander for their wastewater to be treated on the Scottage property, and such easement will remain with the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CUNNINGHAM (OXFORD COTTAGES) (76.20-1-32) 4 Silver Bay Road

The applicants are requesting an after-the-fact variance for a small shed attached to the cottage to house the water system. (Water tank, hot water heater, and sediment and UV filters)

Zoning Issue:160-50 B, (b) Shoreline setback.

Navitsky and Kirchberger discussed the neighbor's foundation, the fact that it's an after-the-fact situation, the need for a retaining wall, and a stop-work order. A motion was made, seconded and passed 4-0 to deem this application complete, to put the project on the agenda for next month, and to wait to see if more information comes in requiring other variances required for this property.

2. ENGLER (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lakeshore Drive (HP) VAR 08-24, (SP) 04-24

Replacement of existing retail single-story building with new two-story mixed-use building with retail on bottom and residence above.

Zoning Issues:160-20A Front yard setback & 160-65 Continuation of non-conforming structure, 25% increase

The question was raised as to whether this application has been significantly changed from other times the applicant has previously presented to the ZBA for this property. Kirchberger said there are only minor changes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-0 to deem the application incomplete and table the project.

3. HARRISON (26.17-2-42.121, 9110 Lakeshore Drive (HP) VAR 11-24

Retaining wall over four feet high. They previously gained after-the-fact permission, but they still require a variance due to the height of the fence.

Zoning Issue:160-52 B, Wall over four feet erected

Water seems to be running through the wall. A motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-0 to deem the application incomplete and table the project.

Additional information required should include wall construction details, an engineer's stamp for the wall (as it is over four feet), and where the property lines are located in relation to the wall placement. ■

TOWN BOARD - 7/9/2024

Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Maureen Cherubini and Chris Richards were present. Board Member Jack Bast joined via ZOOM and Martin Fitzgerald was absent. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, ZOOM Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Bennet Driscoll from Catholic Charities of Warren County, Tracey Clothier, Assessor Dave Martucci, and 21 other community members.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Patchett introduced Driscoll, who discussed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Driscoll highlighted the assistance available to eligible households and offered support for the application process.

Clothier then presented on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and grant opportunities. She explained that the LWRP addresses shoreline erosion, flooding, water quality, and downtown revitalization. Clothier also discussed potential grants from the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) to help fund the improvement of the Town of Hague Visitors' Center and other projects.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVALS

A public hearing for wastewater system variances for Peter and Melba Tacy at 9588 Lake Shore Drive was set for August 13, 2024. The board approved the minutes from June 11, 2024, and authorized payments totaling \$184,909.21 across multiple funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative: Martucci briefed the board on pending litigation involving a property assessment dispute.

Buildings and Grounds: The fish weir bridge has been restored. The community center has seen landscaping and exterior lighting improvements, enhancing aesthetics and safety. Future upgrades to the heating system are being considered to improve energy efficiency and climate control.

Highway: Dunklee discussed the need for a new town truck and the completion of road improvements on Yaw Road, Hollow Road, and Fitzgerald Road.

Museum and Historian: The Hague Historical Society will exhibit on the history of the town's outboard races this summer.

Personnel: The Personnel Committee is reviewing job descriptions for community center employees.

Planning/Zoning: The ZEO report was reviewed by the board.

Recreation and Promotion: Children at Silver Camp are enjoying their activities.

Sewer Districts: Cherubini announced the delivery of a crucial Sludge Tank Compressor.

Environmental Concerns: Knotweed control will begin the week of July 15th.

Technology and Communications: The town's e-mail database is expanding.

School Advisory: Bast reported on the Board of Education's rejection of Hague's tax levy requests.

RESOLUTIONS

The board passed resolutions to apply for grant funding for the development of the Town of Hague Community Welcome Center and the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). Additionally, it approved payments to Clothier for grant preparation and budget amendments for the purchase of a new lawn tractor.

OTHER BUSINESS

A special town board meeting was scheduled for July 16th to discuss the purchase of a new highway truck and potential litigation.

The Sewer Advisory Committee will meet on August 8th. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 7/11/2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Edna Frasier, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

SUBDIVISIONS:

Mitchell (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR1-R) VAR 06-24 VAR 07-24

The owners propose subdividing a 1.6-acre lot into two parcels. Lot #1 is proposed to be 0.66 acre with 63 feet of shoreline, and Lot #2 is proposed to be 0.50 acre with 112 feet of shoreline. A public hearing has been set for August 1st.

REFERRAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):

Oxford Cottages (Cunningham) (76.20-1-32) 4 Silver Bay Road

The applicants are requesting an after-the-fact variance for a small shed attached to the cottage to house the water system. The ZBA had accepted the application but tabled the project for further review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mitchell (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR1-R) VAR 06-24 VAR 07-24

The ZEO reported that the two variances had been approved with conditions by the ZBA. The Planning Board set a date for a public hearing for the subdivision on August 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smith (43.5-1-32) 9104 Lakeshore Drive

The applicant seeks to replace an existing lawful nonconforming single-family residence with a new structure, improving side and frontline setbacks. A site visit was scheduled for July 24, 2024, at 3 pm. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Anne Carol Johns, 94, of Silver Bay, on Friday, November 10, 2023, while under the care of High Peaks Hospice staff of the Champlain Valley Senior Community in Willsboro, NY, where she resided for two years.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Anne graduated from the Horace Mann High School in New York City in 1946 and Wellesley College in 1950 with a sociology major.

She married Allan E. Johns in June 1950, then taught kindergarten for several years before starting a family. After their two children were grown, she worked as an executive administrative

assistant for the legal department of Texas Gulf/Elf Aquitaine before joining her husband, Al, in retirement in Arcady Bay in Hague in 1990. After several years of leisure, Anne rejoined the workforce as the assistant to the Town Assessor of the Town of Hague. She retired again, for good, in 2009.

Anne enjoyed gardening, especially daylilies, tomatoes, green beans, and

herbs. She loved watching birds at feeders on her deck, with a special fondness for hummingbirds.

She was active in the Presbyterian Church in Putnam Station, serving as an Elder, on search committees, volunteering for community dinners, and fundraising.

She loved to sew, especially clothing for her family and making quilts; notably hand-stitching quilts with friends who met monthly in Hague's Community Center.

Anne also enjoyed dining out, attending concerts, and visiting museums with friends in a local retiree's group, "The Poopies." For many years, she relished attending the fall lecture series for seniors hosted by Skidmore College.

Anne became deeply attached to her home in

Arcady Bay, while strengthening her love of Lake George and Silver Bay YMCA.

She is survived by: her two children, Carolyn E. Johns of Waddington, NY and Allan E. Johns, Jr. of Putnam Station; her two grandchildren, Nathanael Johns and Aryn Barreiro; and two great-grandsons, Evan Johns and Zane Barreiro. ▣



LGLC AUGUST EVENTS

Basics of Wildcrafting

Get a brief introduction into how to confidently identify several nutritious, wild-growing plants and fungi commonly found in the northeastern United States. August 7, 2024, 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the LGLC office.

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

LG Battlefield Park History

Follow the history of the site and surrounding properties that played crucial roles during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Plus, learn about current plans for the LG Battlefield Alliance. August 14th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the LGLC Office.

For more information and to RSVP, click [HERE](#). ▣

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING

You can be a citizen scientist and protect Lake George from invasive species by signing up to survey a section of Lake George for aquatic invaders, especially new ones that may get past the boat inspection stations.

To learn more about AIS monitoring and to register click [HERE](#). ▣

TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

The following calendar of the Ticonderoga Central School District was approved by the Board of Education:

First Day for Students — September 5; Last Day for Students — June 27
Parent/Teacher Conferences — November 25 & 26 (no school for students)

Days when school will NOT be in session:

September 2	December 23-31	April 18-25
October 14	January 1, 20, 29	May 26
November 11, 27-29	February 17-21	June 19, 30

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS: Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

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.

CANADIAN FUNDRAISERS STOP IN HAGUE

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

Early on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the fervent request of our five-year-old grandson, my husband and I stopped at the Hague Park and Beach on our way home. While our grandson was making a beeline for the swings (which all of us who grew up in Hague have enjoyed over the years), I spied an unusual “vehicle” pulling into the parking lot. It was a gentleman skating on rollerblades pushing another gentleman in a wheelchair. I strolled over to chat with them.

I discovered they were traveling from Montreal to Times Square in New York City to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy (MD). The gentleman in the wheelchair was François Bernier, 34, who has MD, and the gentleman who was propelling the chair was his friend and caregiver, Jean Philippe DuBois, 32.

They had decided to take a well-deserved break in our beautiful park before they tackled “the wall,” the massive climb over Tongue Mountain. I cannot imagine how anyone could push a wheelchair with a man in it over that mountain propelled simply by legs on roller blades! The rig included a custom wheelchair with handlebars and disc brakes like on a mountain bike. Jean Philippe also had brakes on his rollerblades.

Jean Philippe explained that he had relatives as well as friends with MD, so the need for research and equipment touched his heart and he wanted to do something to help. He and François, along with Jean Philippe’s father, Guy DuBois, who drove their support car, decided to set a goal of traveling the 600 km (372.82 miles) from Montreal to NYC in ten days, averaging 60 km (37.28 miles) per day and hoping to raise \$20,000 (Canadian) in the process. They left Montreal on Saturday, July 13th and, as of our meeting, had raised \$11,000. When asked who was donating to the cause, they said it was some people from home and many people who had seen them on their journey and had clicked on their QR code to donate.

They planned to travel mainly on Route 9N and expected to reach Times Square on July 22nd. When asked what they expect to happen then, François joyfully said, “We’re going to celebrate in a manner to be determined...but there WILL be red wine!”



LGLC IS HIRING

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is currently accepting applications for a full-time Events and Fundraising Coordinator. This person will engage the community through communications, educational programs and events, as well as help foster donor relationships, and support our fundraising efforts.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

LGLC’S MIKE HORN ON LOOKTV

LGLC Executive Director Mike Horn was recently interviewed on LookTV to discuss some of the organization’s latest projects and how they’re protecting the land that protects the lake.



Click [HERE](#) to watch.

HONOR ROLL

The students from Hague on the Honor Roll for the 4th Quarter are:

GRADE 1 — Honors: Isabella Knight and Frankie Rowe

GRADE 2 — Honors: Anniyah May

GRADE 3 — High Honors: Elizabeth Gargan; Honors: Jackson Porter

GRADE 4 — Honors: Liam Scoville

GRADE 5 — High Honors: Noah Mydlarz

GRADE 7 — First Honors: Elena DeFranco

GRADE 8 — First Honors: Wyatt Barnes and James DeFranco

GRADE 9 — First Honors: Zebulon Denno, Bracy Mydlarz, and Miya Savage

GRADE 11 — First Honors: Alyssa Mydlarz; Second Honors: Thalliah Bessette

GRADE 12 — First Honors: Sophie Hubbard

SNUG HARBOR MARINA LAUNCHES FOOD DRIVE

Snug Harbor Marina is stepping up to address a pressing community need by organizing a food drive to support the Ticonderoga Food Pantry, which also serves Hague. Facing a significant increase in demand and a decrease in donations, the food pantry is struggling to provide essential food supplies to local families. Snug Harbor Marina aims to rally the community and to make a substantial impact by matching all donations received.

The pantry, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church on Wicker Street, has been a lifeline for thousands of residents, but the shelves are becoming increasingly bare.

Community members can bring non-perishable food items any day of the week between 9 am and 5 pm to Snug Harbor Marina North at 92 Black Point Road, Ticonderoga or Snug Harbor Marina South at 7968 Lakeshore Drive, Silver Bay. Donations can be dropped off by car or boat, with designated donation bins located in the store or on the gas dock at both marina locations.

For every can of food or box of pasta contributed, the marina will donate an equivalent amount, thus doubling the impact of each contribution, significantly boosting the resources available.

For more information, visit Snug Harbor Marina North or Snug Harbor Marina South or call 518-585-2628 or 518-543-8866.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of many local families. Let's come together and show the strength of our community spirit. ❏



TICONDEROGA AREA FARMERS MARKET

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm through September, offering local products and special events. Located near the LaChute River in Downtown Ticonderoga, the market is a lively spot for residents and visitors alike.

On August 17th, the market will host the Makers Market and Local Authors' Day, featuring live music and activities for kids. This event is perfect for families looking to enjoy a day out.



The market provides fresh produce, homemade goods, and handcrafted items. Each Saturday, live music and children's activities add to the fun. Parking is easy, with two public lots next to the market. Follow the Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market and Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) on Facebook for updates. ❏

A HAIKU BY A SILVER BAY VISITOR

by dl mattila

cascading down
the mountainside
last night's storm ❏

AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR NIGHT SKY



On Monday, August 19, 2024 at 10:30 am, the community is invited to the Ticonderoga High School planetarium's presentation, *An Introduction to Your Night Sky*, which will preview upcoming celestial events for the Adirondacks. Space is limited.

Register at lindafuscophd@gmail.com or call or text 914-380-2130. ❏

TICOUSTICS MUSIC SHOWS IN AUGUST

The Ticoustics music shows will continue on the first and third Thursdays of the month. These shows are free and feature local musicians, mostly on guitar and other stringed instruments.

The show on Thursday, August 1, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm will be at the new Paper and Pencil Restaurant at 117 Burgoyne Road next to the falls in Ticonderoga.

Musicians will include Jim Hock, Gary Knight and Steve Donat and Don Mathews.

The Thursday, August 15th show will feature: Ken McAlpine, Roberta Whiteley and Lance Clark, and Solace (George Parrott and Bree Haydon).

Hope to see you there! ❏

LOOKING BACK

by Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young

The Hague Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Hague Baptist Church Annex on February 20, 1974.



After a brief business meeting, the program was turned over to Clifton West, who outlined the history of West Hague School District #3 from old account books which he had uncovered. Mr. West and a number of those present had attended school in the district and there were many humorous anecdotes to relate.

Apparently, a school district was created whenever there was an apparent number of children, about 30, to fill a one-room schoolhouse. West Hague District #3 came into being in 1812 and covered the geographic area between the West Hague Road and Route 8 and from the road on which the Sanitary Landfill is now located down to a line drawn from the Mays' home on Route 8 to the Leon Wells home on West Hague Road. The first trustees were John Holman, John Hafford, and William Cook, many of whose descendants continue to live in the area. The first record of state aid for education was in 1870 when \$70 was allocated to the district. The records indicate that the assessed valuation of the property in the district in 1889 was \$15,775, an indication that property taxes were now being levied to pay for education.

Generally, there were two terms, one in the winter and one in the summer. In between terms children were needed for work on the farm. In 1900, \$320 was paid in [a] teacher's salary for the entire year.

The eight school districts in the Town of Hague were consolidated into the present central school district in 1926-1928, when the present school building was constructed.

2024 Update – 50 years later

In 1979, Hague Central School was annexed to Ticonderoga Central School District. Many argued that consolidation to the TCSD to the north would reduce taxes in the town of Hague. Ironically, the same segment of seasonal residents that originally pushed for consolidation are now protesting that Hague is taxed disproportionately. (WIKIPEDIA)

Hague taxpayers are now liable for over 50% of the school taxes for the Ticonderoga School District.

State aid in 2024 is estimated at \$8,581,904. Teachers' Salaries for K-6 are \$1,936,248 and for 7-12 are \$1,894,679.

Final assessed value Ticonderoga – \$919,076,649 – uniform 100%.

Final assessed value Hague – \$1,048,887,733 – uniform 97.5%.

School Taxable assessed valuation – Ticonderoga – \$750,164,379.

School Taxable assessed valuation – Hague – \$989,984,752.

Having or not having children is not a viable argument when school taxes are questioned as NYS laws determine school taxes. Hague's population is showing a declining trend since 2010. There were 896 residents

in 2008; 632 residents in 2022 and approximately 528 residents in 2024. We are losing the youth quickly and that is sad. But, that fact will not help us as it pertains to taxes.

New Hampshire raises 60% of their school funding on property taxes, Vermont, very little, and Hawaii none!

NYS touts the "lottery monies" as being used toward funding education as aid. Since 1967, the NYS Lottery has earned \$78.7 billion and has funneled over \$64 billion into helping K-12 public education. Since the "Lottery" is a government body and the prizes are public funds, the NY Constitution requires that all net proceeds from games go towards the support of schools. Yet, for every \$1 spent on the lottery, only approximately 34 cents go toward education. (nylottery.org)

The Hague School Advisory Committee (SAC) is attempting to convince the Ticonderoga School Board

of Education to use Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) to correct the tax levy to benefit both towns. You can study their course of action on the "townofhague.org" website under "Committees."

We believe most of us who attended Hague Central School and remember the community spirit and happier times are thankful we have those days embedded in our hearts. ▣



TI FESTIVAL GUILD OFFERINGS

On August 6, 2024, the LITTLE JACK BAND comes to Ti with a performance of Jimmy Buffet's music. The Knights of Columbus will have margaritas on the drink menu for this concert. Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt (there will be prizes for the best and worst shirts) and be ready for a great time with terrific music!

On August 13th, the BOB AND SARAH AMOS BAND will present a rock-solid rhythmic foundation, stellar harmony vocals, top notch original material, plus creative arrangements of traditional songs and an engaging and entertaining Bluegrass show.

On August 20th, FRIENDS UNION will offer performances of everything from jigs to reels and hornpipes. It plays mostly traditional Celtic, British, and American tunes, with a few originals. Many of its tunes are sing-a-long, foot-tapping, hand-clapping songs that the audiences love.

For more information about Ticonderoga Festival Guild call 518-984-0088 or visit www.tifestivalguild.org. ▣

TI ARTS GALLERY: UPCOMING EXHIBITS

The Ti Arts Gallery is set to host a series of exciting exhibitions and events in August 2024.

First on the calendar is "Living in Abstraction," featuring works by Anne Ackerson, Diane Penfield, and Laurie Sapakoff. This exhibit will be on display from August 7th - 24th, with a reception on Friday, August 9th, from 5 - 7 pm.

Following this, the gallery will present Jack Metzger and Deb Kahler, whose works will be exhibited from August 28th to September 19th. An opening reception will be held on Friday, August 30th, from 5 - 7 pm, offering a chance to meet the artists and discuss their creations.

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

Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the NYS Legislature. ▣



ABOVE paintings by artist Anne Ackerson.

CAR SHOW IN TI

The 30th Annual Ticonderoga Area Car Show is set for Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park, from 9 am to 4 pm. The event features awards such as Fabulous 40, Terrific 25, and Top 10 Tuners, with special awards like Best of Show Car and Fans Choice. Judging begins at 11 am.

Attendees will enjoy food vendors, music, t-shirts, kids' activities, a 50/50 Raffle, a Car Show Raffle, a Piston Toss, a Muffler Wrap, a Hula Hoop Contest, and the Kiwanis Club Duck Race. Spectator admission is free.



Preregister as a participant for \$15 by August 2nd, or for \$20 on the day of the event. The raffle offers a \$2,000 first prize and \$1,000 second prize, with tickets available for a \$10 donation.

For more information, contact the Adirondack Trail Riders at 518-585-6102 or visit the Ticonderoga Area Car Show Facebook page. ▣

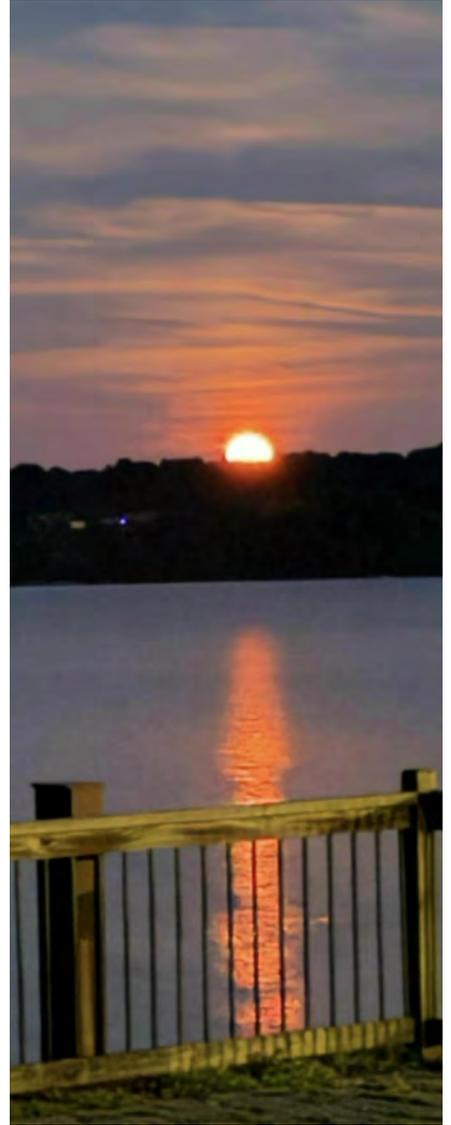
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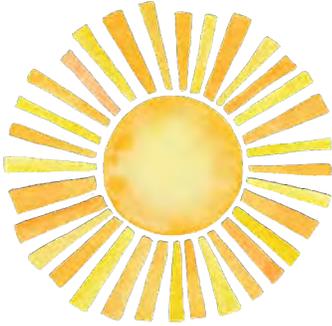


July's full moon over Lake Champlain on July 22nd. Photos courtesy of Mickey Fitzgerald

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

August 2024

AUGUST

1		The August issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> is published	13	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – The BOB AND SARAH AMOS BAND
	7 - 9 pm	Ti'coustics	14	5:30 – 6:30	LGLC – LG Battlefield Park History
	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting	15	7 – 9 pm	Ti'coustics
4	9 – 4 pm	Ti Car Show		7:30 pm	PHIL KATES AND FRIENDS at Grace Chapel
6	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – LITTLE JACK BAND	20	6 pm	Deadline for the September issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
	7 pm	Hague Historical Society Show and Tell	20	6 pm	TCSD BOE Meeting
7	5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC Wildcrafting		7 pm	Ti Festival Guild - Friends Union
8	7:30 pm	ENGLEWINDS at Grace Chapel	22	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
13	6 pm	Town Board Meeting	27	1:30 pm	Seniors Club Meeting

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm