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MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE



The Hague Memorial Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016. We are honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country. This year, the theme for the parade is "Honoring All Military." Come out and enjoy the Family Funfest at the beach at 10 am, the parade, including a variety of floats, bands, fire trucks, old cars and more at 2 pm and the Memorial Service immediately following the parade. If anyone wishes to have a float in the parade or to be a vendor, please contact Mike or Maureen Cherubini at 543-6463.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

We are asking that ALL military veterans from our town and surrounding towns come march or ride in the parade along with Hague's Memorial Unit. Uniforms would be great but are not necessary. Just give Mike a call at 543-6463.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION DONATIONS

Our tough economic times are having a negative effect on the donations we've received for the parade so far. If you would like to contribute to help the Parade Committee with their efforts on behalf of the town, it would be greatly appreciated; no amount is too small. Checks should be made out to "Hague Senior Citizens Club-Parade Account" and mailed to: Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. We thank you. ...mdc

HAGUE MARKET TO RE-OPEN

The Hague Market will re-open for business on Thursday, April 28, 2016. This year's offerings include an improved, expedited take-out service, with a dedicated staff member available to take phone orders and have them ready to go when you arrive. The grab-and-go section will also be expanded, with a greater variety of prepared salads and sandwiches on hand. Hours will be 7 am – 5 pm Monday – Saturday and 7 am – 4 pm on Sunday. Call 543-6555.

Upstairs, Juniper on 2 will be open by appointment only until Memorial Day, after which it will be open regular hours. This year's offerings include a larger selection of baby items and a splendid array of new jewelry in addition to home furnishings, books, clothing, shoes, handbags, gift items and more. New this year is Sally's Bargain Room with items you'll have to see to believe! Call or email Sally DeLarm Rypkema for an appointment at 543-6807 or email her at <juniperon2@yahoo.com>.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



Household hazardous waste is any household product that contains corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients and that require special care to dispose of it.

Warren County will be accepting household hazardous waste items on May 21, 2016 at the County Department of Public Works Complex at 4028 Main Street (Route 9) in Warrensburg (across from Braley and Noxon Hardware) and on a second collection day on June 18th at the Queensbury Highway Department off Bay and Haviland Roads (742 Bay Road behind the Town Hall). This program is only for residents of Warren County, so seasonal residents might want to take proof of their Hague residence (such as a tax bill) when dropping off their items.

You must pre-register. There are information sheets and pre-registration forms at the Hague Community Center. You can call 518-761-6556 and ask to have a registration packet mailed to you or view and download the needed forms online at <<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/residents/waste.php>>.

You must fill-in the checklist of all the items you will be taking for disposal. (Examples: 15 aerosol cans, 11 gallons of pesticides, 12 lbs. of corrosive solids, etc.) You must label the items and have chemicals sealed in their original containers. After you pre-register, you will be notified of the specific drop-off time, which will be between 9 am and 2 pm.

FLY ME TO THE MOON



One of three planes circling the Lord Howe Valley during the afternoon of Thursday, April 14, 2016. More on our Facebook page.

SENIOR NEWS

The annual St. Patty's Day Party at the Community Center was well attended and all who came had a good time. Hats off to those people who helped with preparations and to the cooks who stepped up--the food was delicious! Thank you to Wini Conant for accompanying the sing-along of old Irish tunes, which was a wonderful way to close out the dinner.

The regular meeting was held on March 22nd, 2016. Thanks to Maureen Cherubini for running the meeting and to Judy Stock for creating the Hague Trivia, which resulted in a close competition. Congratulations to all of you for joining in the fun and making it a good time for all who were there.

Game Night was at the Hintze home. We played while Pat sat back and relaxed her knee in her recliner. As always, there were a lot of laughs and when Pat did say something from her chair, Gladdie quipped, "We didn't ask to hear from the peanut gallery!" Good one, Gladdie!

We will be heading out to Nettle Meadows Farm on April 16th to see the sheep, goats and the Dairy and Cheese Company where we can pick up some good Artisan Cheese to take home with us. We will be going to lunch at Buttino's in Chestertown afterward.

The last of our bowling outings will be on April 22nd at noon at Adirondack Lanes. Hope to see you there for some fun, pizza and soda!

Our next regular meeting will be held on April 26th at 1:30 pm. We will be playing Bingo, so bring a small gift to share as a prize, if you can.

On May 13th, we will be heading out to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, so if you want to go, be sure to sign up at the next meeting.

We are now collecting things for the Seniors' White Elephant Sale. If you would like to donate, please contact Pat at 543-6502 or Maureen at 543-6463. Please do not leave things at the Visitors' Center. Thank you. ... Pat Hintze

DID YOU KNOW?

As of April 10, the Postal Service eliminated many surcharges. In addition to lower prices for registered mail, COD, certified mail and other services, the cost of first-class stamps was reduced from 49 cents to 47 cents.

You can enjoy any size cup of coffee at McDonald's in Ticonderoga for just 27 cents throughout the month of April. The reduced pricing is being offered to promote their new coffee flavor shots, which include French vanilla, hazelnut, caramel, chocolate, cinnamon, blueberry and more.

WITH THE HVFD

For the month of March, Hague Fire had a total of 11 calls/drills for a total of 79 volunteer hours. Hague Emergency had four calls for a total of 25.5 volunteer hours. Marine Rescue 3 has been launched and is docked in its normal spot at the Hague Beach.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) will be hosting its annual open house for "Recruit NY Week" on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be free car washes and blood pressure checks. From 12 pm to 2 pm there will be free chair massages. There will be fun things for the kids to do and food and drinks will be available. We would like to encourage everyone to stop in and take a tour of the building and the trucks. ... Mara Haskell

HVFD MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

A brunch will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, 2016 from 9 am - 1 pm at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). The menu includes French Toast Casserole, Eggs Benedict, an omelet station, bacon, ham and turkey carving stations, home fries, assorted breads and pastries, fresh fruit, coffee and a juice bar. There will even be a flower for Mom! The cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

MEET AND GREET



Lindsey Smith of Adirondack Escapes

Adirondack Escapes, a landscaping business based in Hague, will be holding a meet and greet event at the Hague Community Center on May 21 from 10 am - 1pm to showcase the services they offer. Lindsey Smith, owner, says, "No matter what your budget, we can work with you on your landscaping. So stop by to say hello, enjoy some snacks and see what we have to offer."

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JUST FOOLIN' AROUND

by Ginger Kuenzel



April Fool's Day has come and gone once again. Although it's unclear where the tradition originated, some believe that it may have started in the 16th century, when the French moved the start of the new year from late March to January 1. Those individuals who couldn't get with the program of New Year's Day being in January were the subject of jokes and ridicule. I have a lot of sympathy for those people. I'm convinced that they simply preferred to leave the date in March because they were always hung over on January 1st and hated the idea of starting off the new year with a hangover. March, when they tended to be living the straight and narrow life since it was Lent, was a far better choice.

Whatever the origin, April Fool's Day has become firmly rooted today. The creativity that goes into the hoaxes is amazing – and very entertaining. Here are a few of my favorites from past years:

In 1996, Taco Bell announced that they had purchased the Liberty Bell and would rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. One can well imagine the outrage of many Americans upon hearing that it would now bear the name of a fast-food chain – and one selling Mexican food, no less. Someone in the White House is reported to have quipped that the naming rights for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington had been sold to a car company and would be renamed the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

Another fast-food chain, Burger King, pulled off a hoax in 1998, when they published a newspaper ad announcing that they were going to start selling a whopper for left-handed customers. On this whopper, the condiments – catsup, mustard, pickles – would be rotated 180 degrees to make it easier for left-handed consumers to enjoy. This may be just the kind of thing that people mean when they refer to a sleight of hand.

A radio report in 2004 announced that the US Post Office was introducing portable zip codes. This, they said, would enable people to take their zip code with them when they move, much the same way that individuals can keep their cell phone number (including area code), even if they settle in a new city. Although some people might be opposed, the report explained, "A modern, mobile society can no longer afford to remain grounded in locale-specific zip codes."

One year, Google took advantage of April Fool's Day to unveil Gmail Autopilot, designed for those who have too little time to read and respond to all the e-mail they receive. This program, Google announced, does it all automatically. In fact, if two users have both activated their Gmail Autopilot program, their accounts can communicate with each other, without either user having to do anything at all. Based on some of the e-mails I receive, I believe that many people I deal with are still using this program.

As for me, I tried Gmail Autopilot recently just to see how it works. After all, I pride myself on carefully researching all topics that I write about. When, after several days, I checked in on the autopilot e-mail conversation I was having, I found that I am going to be hosting a wedding reception for 500 guests on April 1 of 2017!

Get ready, folks! After a very successful 2015 season, Made in Hague (MIH) will re-open this spring. As they posted on their Facebook page: "Thanks to everyone that helped make MADE IN HAGUE's 2nd season a great one. We sold lots of exceptional and unique hand crafted wares and loved meeting our neighbors and those passing through Hague. As we prepare for 2016, we invite the community to use those cold winter days and nights to create remarkable new things for us to sell in the store next year. We wish you all a short and safe winter and look forward to seeing you on Memorial Day Weekend 2016 when we open for a brand new season." You can be sure the shop will be chockablock full of finely crafted items from the Hague artisans who participate in this community project.

It's good to see this charming little cupola-topped building, owned by Randy Engler but graciously made available to MIH, re-vitalizing that corner of our hamlet. In the past, it was part of a gas station and convenience store (Cobb's), then Polino's, and then the Steitz's Village Center. Later it was used by the Martin Real Estate agency and, after an idle period, was purchased by Randy for the North Country Triathlon.

Donna Wotton and Mary Keefer, along with a whole team of volunteers, were the movers and shakers behind the idea for the shop. It had been anticipated that they would open in 2013. However, there were some issues to be resolved and when all was settled with the Town of Hague, their opening occurred in June of 2014. They started with about a dozen artisans and they were up and running!

Since none of the items sold at Made in Hague is mass-produced, it's a good idea to stop in early and often in the season; you'll be sure to find something special. Over the next few months, keep an eye out in *The Hague Chronicle* for profiles on some of the local artists participating in Made in Hague.
... Pat McDonough

VENDORS WANTED FOR OKTOBERFEST

Vendors of crafts and Adirondack goods are invited to participate in the Town of Hague's award-winning Oktoberfest being held on Friday and Saturday, September 16 - 17, 2016 in the Hague Town Park. The popular vendor fair portion of the event is being expanded for 2016 and prime locations have been added.

Vendors at the fair will receive the added exposure from Hague's extensive pre-Oktoberfest promotional program. Included are listings and links on the event webpage, advertising in area papers and on websites from Troy to Plattsburgh, to Burlington and to Middlebury areas. In addition, Oktoberfest ads are included in all the statewide and regional seasonal guides and in more than 20 online listings.

Vendors should reserve choice locations early by providing the following to Event Chairman Graham Bailey (518-543-6811 or <gbailey6@nycap.rr.com>): Vendor name, address, phone number, type of product, special needs or questions. Once vendors have been selected, they will be required to send in a \$50 deposit, but it will be refunded when the vendor arrives.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/24/2016

Chairman Robert Goetsch and board members Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky and Maureen Cherubini were present. Lindsay Mydlarz and Linda Mury were absent.

RACANELLI (60.9-1-49) 10 Bobkat Ln (TR1)

The owner is requesting a variance to replace and reconfigure existing shoreline patios and a wood retaining wall within 50 feet of the shoreline. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD – 4/7/2016

Vice-Chairman Pam Peterson, Dan Belden, Martin Fitzgerald, Bob Whitaker, Judy Gourley and Janet Hanna were all present. Chairman Dick Frasier was absent.

RACANELLI (60.9-1-49) 10 Bobkat Ln. (TR1)

The owner would like to replace and reconfigure existing shoreline patios, walkway and steps. They also would like to replace existing wood retaining walls with a new retaining wall. According to their engineer, the existing impermeable area is 438.5 sq. ft. and the proposed area will be 531.5 sq. ft., if approved. Three white pine trees are planned to be removed and will be replaced with extensive vegetative planting.

The board will have a site visit and will decide afterward on a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION (76.12-1-19) 87 Silver Bay Rd. (TR1/HS)

The association is applying for a Marina Permit (with the Lake George Park Commission) for their legal pre-existing docks. Planning Board approval for a marina will be required from the Town of Hague. A public hearing will be held at the May 5th meeting.

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING - 3/15/2016

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Cherubini, Fitzgerald, Kuenzel and Ramant were all present.

The board rescinded a motion made on March 8, 2016 to contract with Northeast Petroleum Technologies to deal with the fuel tank. They then passed a new motion to contract with MCES to clean and close the underground fuel oil tank.

The board voted to allow Benchmark Land Management to use the Town of Hague property for logging at the Sabbath Day Point sand pit under the condition that they return the roads to their prior condition.

The board went into Executive Session, but no decisions were made.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/12/2016

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Michael Cherubini and Ginger Kuenzel were present. Steve Ramant was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Stuart Harmon and June Howe.

Cathy Clark, ZEO, requested that the board add caller ID (about \$200 per year) to the new phone system at the communi-

ty center, which would be helpful for the town staff. Supervisor Frasier said they would check on it.

From the committee reports:

Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that his department has swept the roads and is working on the launch area. He will see that the banners get put back up.

Interviews have been held for a part-time maintenance person for the community center.

ZEO Cathy Clark has been working with Silver Bay on the applications for their many projects.

Councilman Cherubini attended the Warren County Youth Commission meeting.

Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the town website will soon have a new design and be compatible with mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. She thanked Janet Hanna, Seddon Beaty and Councilman Cherubini who are working on this project with her.

Supervisor Frasier reported that they receive a report on the sewer operations each month and that the asset management committee has continued to meet. She thanked Councilman Kuenzel for writing a letter that will go out to residents with the sewer bills.

Councilman Kuenzel reported that playground equipment, benches and picnic tables will be painted.

Under other business, the board:

Set the day for “Clean up Day” to be Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11, 2016.

Decided to wait to see if a service contract is needed for the new phone system.

Approved use of the dock in the Town Park by the LGA for a public floating classroom on August 8, 2016 from 1 - 3 pm.

Noted that a Rabies Clinic will be held on May 7, 2016 from 10 am to noon at the HVFD.

Authorized the supervisor to sign an agreement with Warren County, which will give the town an additional \$15,000 in occupancy tax funds.

Accepted the lower bid for electrical work for the WWTP mixer motor feeds from Brownell.

Approved \$8,357 for replacement window treatment in the community center from Tassels and Trim.

Approved Nate McLaughlin and Joe Gonyeau, from Ticonderoga, as new lifeguards.

Approved the lower bid of \$4,875 from Shed Shop to replace the launch booth at the park. Occupancy tax funds will be used for the 8’ x 12’ structure, which is finished inside.

Approved a temporary right-of-way agreement to Benchmark at the Sabbath Day Point sand pit (which is owned by the town) for access to the adjoining Carney/Bloomer Mtn. site. Benchmark Forest and Land Management has contracted with Cersosimo Lumber Company to harvest the logs from both the Carney/Bloomer Mtn. site and the town land.

Discussed the health insurance options to offer to town personnel.

Learned that the solar property has been purchased by Solar Project Solutions and that they are waiting for National Grid for the next step in the solar plan, which may come next fall.

Learned that ZEO Clark and Supervisor Frasier will be meeting with the LA group next week to discuss the proposed forums.

Several representatives from the Board of the Hague Historical Society (HHS) were present as a follow-up to their letter on Veterans' Park. Historian Sally Rypkema has researched veterans and found many names missing in addition to names that are spelled incorrectly. The HHS urged the town to wait and make all corrections and additions at the same time. Supervisor Frasier explained that they have already talked to the company that does the work on the walls about adding the missing names now. Councilman Fitzgerald concurred that they should add the names that they have now.

TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after May 2, 2016 at the Hague Community Center, Mon-Thurs. from 10 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll on the following dates, by appointment only: Tuesday, May 3rd, Monday, May 9th, and 16th, from to 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, May 14th, from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP-524) are available at the Community Center or online at: <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp524_fill_in.pdf>.

A TASTE OF TI

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum invites the public to "A Taste of Ti," their annual evening of food prepared by area restaurants. This year the event will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Best Western Plus in Ticonderoga. Appetizers will begin at 6 pm and a cash bar will be available. Tickets for the event are \$17.50 per person and may be purchased at the TACC office, Libby's Bakery or by calling Jane Bassett at 585-6178. There will be door prizes and raffles. Proceeds from this event benefit the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum.

SHOPPING AND DINING NIGHT

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has announced that a Spring Shopping and Dining Night, with the theme "Growing a Positive Community", will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016. A number of area businesses are offering promotions and specials in coordination with the event. Most participating businesses will stay open until 9 pm.

TACC will also be doing a special giveaway in addition to the promotions and specials. Community members and visitors can take photos of five of the special "Positive Quotes" at participating businesses, upload them to the TACC Facebook page and let them know where they found them. You will be entered for a chance to win a number of prizes and giveaways.

The event is part of the National Small Business Week and patrons are encouraged to "Think Local!" Spring Shopping and Dining Guides with an array of specials and promotions are available at the TACC Office. For more information on this promotion and many others, visit the TACC website at <www.ticonderogany.com> or go to the TACC Facebook page.

HIKE LAKE GEORGE

The Glens Falls Foundation was launched in 2015 in order to promote the parks, preserves and trails managed by the LGLC. The foundation awarded the LGLC a \$3,000 grant in support of its "Hike Lake George" campaign. "We are exceedingly grateful for this support," said LGLC Executive Director Jamie Brown. "The campaign is a huge project that benefits everyone who is looking for opportunities to get out and enjoy the peace and beauty of Lake George."

In order to promote "Hike Lake George", the LGLC created a Pocket Guide to LGLC Parks and Preserves that will be updated each spring and widely distributed at hospitality businesses, tourism and visitor centers and at all LGLC trailheads. This summer, the guide and its message to "Hike Lake George" will also reach a broader audience, thanks in large part to the foundation's support, in the form of full-page advertisements in regional newspapers and other media outlets.

The Lake George Hike-A-Thon is a one-day event held each July 5th, created to showcase the LGLC's parks and preserves around Lake George as free public resources to promote a healthy, active lifestyle and appreciation for the outdoors.

Just three weeks since the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) opened registration for its annual Hike-A-Thon, more than 200 people have signed up to join in the lake-wide event set for July 5, 2016. The LGLC anticipates a total participation of nearly 600 hikers, paddlers and volunteers.

Of the 14 available sites, two have already filled to capacity, including a new site for 2016, Rogers' Rock/Little Slide in Ticonderoga. Other new sites include Pole Hill Pond Preserve in Bolton and a paddle to Northwest Bay, also in Bolton.

For more information on the Hike-a-Thon or other LGLC events see the events page at <<http://www.lglc.org>> or email <shoffman@lglc.org>.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Silver Bay YMCA invites the public to their monthly dinner, followed by a movie on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 6 pm at the Brookside Community House. The movie this month is "Aloha" (2015), a PG-13 film lasting 105 minutes. It stars Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone, Rachel McAdams, Bill Murray, John Krasinski, Danny McBride and Alec Baldwin.

The description is: "Returning to Hawaii to coordinate the launch of a revolutionary weapons satellite, defense contractor Brian Gilcrest reconnects with an old flame. Before long, however, he's distracted by the alluring Air Force officer assigned to be his escort."

A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected for a dinner of soup or pizza. Reservations should be made by contacting Carolyn Close at 543-8833, ext. 211 or <cclose@silverbay.org>.

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast beef 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 on Friday, April 29, 2016, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.



**“A day without laughter is a day wasted”
~Charlie Chaplin.**

I was reminded of that sentiment when I was reading over a Hague High Herald from 1972. This badly-faded document, lovingly produced on a ditto machine, had a “Sports and Humor” section that got me chuckling, so I’d like to share a couple of the students’ jokes with you. ... Pat McDonough

Larry J: “What is the hardest thing about skating when you are learning?”
Paula: “The ice.”

Coach Cash: “How does your uniform fit?”
Janet Snow: “The shirt is not bad, but the shorts are a little loose around the arm pits.”

Martha DeLarm: “My goodness, Donna, what have you done with your hair – it looks almost like a wig.”

Donna Cameron: “It is a wig.”
Martha: “Well, you would never know it!”

Doug Laundree: “I saw you running to school along side your bike.”

Steve Bolton: “Yes, I was late and did not have time to get on.”

Mr. Aalto: “How do you spell Mississippi?”
David Fortune: “Which one – the river or the state?”

First teenager: “I spent hours in front of the mirror admiring my beauty. Is that called vanity?”
Second teenager: “No, imagination!”

Tim: “That conductor sure is mean.”
Tom: “Why?”
Tim: “He just punched a ticket.”

Miss Finley: “Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?”
Ernie Waters: “Sure, did you think it would go through?”

Q: “Why should you never tell secrets in a stable?”
A: “Because horses carry tails.”

“A sense of humor is good for you. Have you ever heard of a laughing hyena with heartburn?” ... Bob Hope



You may recall that *The Post Star* recently published a book of historical photos of Warren County. Hague was wonderfully represented in that book, due to the efforts of Sally Rypkema, Mary Behr and Ginger Kuenzel. *The Post Star* has now asked Pediment Publishing to follow-up on the success of “Warren County Memories” and they are preparing to publish a second volume dealing with the 1940s through the 1960s in Warren County.

Hague’s contributions should include photographs of the old motels and hotels, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, Silver Bay YMCA, the flood of 1947, the Outboard Marathons, the Hague Central School, World War II, etc. We are most eager to gather pictures of this era. To that end, you may bring photos to the Community Center to be scanned on Mondays between noon and 4 pm. There will also be a public scanning session on Thursday, May 19, 2016, from 4 -7 pm at the Richards Library at 36 Elm Street in Warrensburg. Digital copies of photos can be accepted, as long as they have been scanned at 300 dpi.



So, please help us to once again “put Hague on the map” by sharing your photos of this era. Pull out your old albums, get into those cubbies where you keep old pictures and bring them in on a Monday afternoon or call Pat McDonough at 543-6725. We’re up against a deadline and need everything in by May 16! Thank you!
... Pat McDonough

FORT TICONDEROGA OPENS FOR 2016



Fort Ticonderoga opens to the public for the year on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Check their website for what is new in 2016

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Douglas F. Edwards, 68, of Valley Stream, NY, on January 23, 2016.

Mr. Edwards served in the US Navy as a communications technician from 1970 to 1972 and advanced to the rank of Third Class Petty Officer in Electro-Magnetic Research. He graduated from C.W. Post College of Long Island University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and History and later worked in the banking industry until 1990. He joined the Nassau County Department of Public Works as an assistant supervisor in 1990, then worked for the Nassau County Board of Elections as a budget manager until his retirement in 2012.

Edwards was a member of the Valley Stream Knights of Columbus, Head Usher at Holy Name of Mary Church and an honored member of the Valley Stream Republican Committee. He enjoyed spending time swimming and boating at the family cottage on Lake George.

Edwards is survived by his wife, Zenaida Mata-Edwards; his sister, Margaret Cronin of PA; his niece, Elizabeth of NJ; his nephew, John of NY; and their children, Katie, Caroline and Anna Victoria.

DIED: Francis Stuart "Stu" Harmon Jr., 83, at the Village at Summerville, SC, on April 2, 2016.

Following an education at Horace Mann School and Princeton University, Mr. Harmon served in the Navy on the Air Craft Carrier USS Hancock in the Pacific from 1955-1957 and later as an instructor at the Naval Academy from 1957-1959. He earned a Master's Degree in Science at the University of Illinois in 1960 and taught chemistry.

Survivors include two sons, Kendall S. Harmon of Summerville, SC and Randall H. Harmon of Gaithersburg, MD; three grandchildren; a nephew and a niece. He was predeceased by his sister and his wife of 46 years, Mary Ann.

As a boy, Stu fell in love with Silver Bay. He and his wife became permanent residents of Silver Bay in 1995 after spending many summers in the area with his own family. He served the Silver Bay Association in many capacities, including as a member of the Board of Trustees. A service to give thanks for Stu's life will take place in the summer of 2016 at the Silver Bay Chapel on a date to be announced.

WITH THE LGA

According to Executive Director Walt Lender, the Lake George Association (LGA) is geared up for another busy season. He noted that the LGA strongly endorsed the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) boat inspection program, which the LGPC voted to make permanent as of May 1, 2016. Like in the LGA's Lake Steward Program that preceded the mandatory inspection program, the LGPC inspectors have the opportunity to discuss with boaters the concerns of lake-to-lake invasive species transport as the inspectors are checking the vessels in a process that takes about five minutes. There is no cost to the boater for this service nor for the decontamination if invasives are found to be present.

The LGA will be celebrating Earth Day again this year by giving away native plants that can go into local gardens. On April 22, beginning at 8 am, the plants will be given on a first-come, first-served basis at the Hague Community Center.

WITH THE TICONDEROGA SCHOOLS

The Ticonderoga Board of Education is going to purchase a tract of land in Ticonderoga for a solar farm. A vote was held on the question of allowing the purchase and the total results were: 214 "yes" to 151 "no". The Hague votes were 26 "yes" to 23 "no", while Ticonderoga voted 188 "yes" to 128 "no".

The Ticonderoga School District received a designation by the NAMM Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in 2015. There were only 476 school districts across the United States and Ticonderoga was the only New York school district north of Queensbury to receive this honor.

There will be NO school for Ticonderoga Central School District and St. Mary's School on Friday, April 22, 2016 due to the fact that there are unused snow/emergency days. School will resume on Monday, May 2, 2016, after Spring Break.

BESTE STEERING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AWARD POLICY CHANGES

At their annual meeting, held on March 28, 2016, the Beste Steering Committee reviewed the changing student demographic of the Hague community and voted to revise its awards policy to better serve the students who continue on to higher education after graduating from Ticonderoga High School.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2016, qualifying Hague students may apply for a Beste Scholarship Award for a total of up to four consecutive years following THS graduation. Previously, a student was only eligible to receive one award in their first year of post-high school study. The process of verification of completion of first semester and proof of registration for second semester will remain the same for all four years. The amount of each full-time award will remain the same (\$350), but the student will now have the opportunity to receive a total of \$1,400 after completing four years of higher education. The part-time award was increased to \$200, but will only be given once per student.

Also, beginning with the THS graduating class of 2016, a qualifying Beste Scholarship candidate will also have the option of a one-year deferment. Candidates who want the deferment should fill out the initial application form, indicate he/she is choosing the deferment option and return the application to the committee by the May 31st deadline before graduation. Then, the candidate will have until May 1st of the following year to resume the application process.

The Beste Scholarship Program is funded through community donations and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Donations may be made out to "The Beste Scholarship Fund" c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836. We thank all those who have continued to support this fund throughout the years.
... Kathy Santaniello

HITS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The HITS Hague Triathlon is looking for volunteers for the event on June 18 - 19, 2016. If you or your organization would like to volunteer, contact Sarah Hanaburgh at <sarah@hitsendurance.com> or by phone at 845-247-7275. Sarah can provide details about the types of volunteer activities that are needed and how your organization can receive a donation from HITS for your efforts.

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HAGUE CALENDAR

APRIL

- 20 7 pm Ti School Board meets in Hague
- 22 School Easter break begins
- 23 10 am - 2 pm HVFD Open House
- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET IN HAGUE

The Ticonderoga Board of Education will hold a hearing on the proposed 2016-17 budget and adopt that budget on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. They will also hold a regular Board of Education meeting that night. The public is welcome to attend.

MAY

- 2 Students return to school
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 7 10 am - noon Rabies Clinic at HVFD
- 7 10 am - 1 pm Farmers' Market in Ti
- 8 Mothers Day
- 8 9 am - 1 pm Brunch at HVFD
- 10 6 pm Town Board
- 11 News deadline for May issue
- 12 6 pm Taste of Ti
- 15 Residential brush burning allowed with permit
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and online
- 21 Warren County Hazardous Waste Day
- 21 11 am - 2 pm Silver Bay Healthy Kids Day

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
September 2 thru June 30
Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

SAVE THE DATE
The annual Hague free "Clean-Up Day" is scheduled for Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11, 2016.

TICONDEROGA AREA FARMERS' MARKET

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market will take place again this summer at 1114 Wicker Street (across from Christopher Chevrolet Buick). A Mini/Preview Market will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 as part of National Small Business Week. The proceeds of a bake sale held that day will go toward presenting live music during the summer. The market committee is currently recruiting farmers and vendors. For more information, contact TACC at 585-6619.