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HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND FUNFEST, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

Sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens Club and sanctioned by the Hague Town Board.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 am to 4 pm: FunFest at the Hague Town Park and Beach on Route 9N

- Mike's Karaoke Machine, 10 am to 12:30 pm
- Cambridge Band live concert 12:30 pm
- Upyonda Farms
- Penelope the Clown
- Teresa's Face Painting
- Crafters, jewelry, spices, and white elephant sale
- Games for the whole family
- Bouncy house
- Food concession by local organizations – hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks, and much more



2 pm: Parade — From the Community Center on Route 8 to the Hague Town Beach and Park on Route 9N

- Bands, floats, clowns, classic cars, and more
- Grand Marshall Brigadier General James W. O'Toole
- Prizes for: Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack, Most Humorous, Best Youth, and Honorable Mention Adult and Youth. Winners to be announced at the Memorial Dedication Service.



Scenes from the 2017 Memorial Day Celebration in Hague

AFTER THE PARADE: The Memorial Dedication Service will be held with speakers Mr. McDonald, Sr. and Mr. Hatfield, "Honor Flight" at Veterans Park.

3 pm: The Chicken Barbeque will be held at the Fire Department on West Hague Road. ▣

THE HAGUE MARKET OPENS

The Hague Market opened on April 28, 2018 for the season. Several folks from Hague gathered there to celebrate with owners Sally and Jim Rypkema.



The hours will be Monday-Saturday, 7:30 am – 5 pm and Sunday, 7:30 am – 4 pm until summer starts and then they'll be open longer. Juniper is open now on a limited schedule, but can always be opened if Sally is called. ▣

THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT OPENING

Owners Sheri and Cris Ginn have announced that the Firehouse Restaurant on Route 8 in Hague will open on Thursday, June 7th for the 2018 season. They will serve seven nights a week, from 5 – 10 pm. Their chef, Jennifer Tuccillo, will return for her second year. The staff is very excited about the upcoming season. They hope you will join them for a fun opening night! ▣

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Upcoming events are the Memorial Day Parade, the Senior White Elephant Sale, and then our big fundraiser - the Senior View Café from June 3-10, 2018. Please stop by the Visitors' Center at the Hague Town Beach and Park and have a bite to eat!

On June 9th, we'll be going to Dinner and All that Jazz. We'll be going to Ausable Chasm and lunch on the 21st. Our May meeting is on the 22nd and our Appreciation Luncheon is on June 26th, where we'll play Wheel of Fortune. ■



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE ON MAY 15

There are four candidates running for three, three-year positions on the Ticonderoga School Board.

James Wells, Sr. and Erik Leerkes are running for re-election, along with newcomers Eric Rich and John Bartlett. All of the candidates live in Ticonderoga.

Residents will also be voting on a \$22,416,587 budget, which is an increase of \$100,000, but still meets the tax cap. ■

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of May, we had 24 fire calls and drills using 247 volunteer hours and four EMS calls with 20 volunteer hours.

The department is busy getting ready for the summer season. The fireboat is in the water and ready to go.

We will be having our Annual Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, May 26, 2018, beginning at 3 pm. Come join us for a great meal, good music, and a fun time! ■



SNOWBIRDS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

May has arrived. Time for people who can't fathom life in Hague in the winter to start returning.

Those of us who stay in Hague all year - after all, someone has to be here to roll up the sidewalks each fall - are eagerly anticipating your return. To be honest, we've grown a bit tired of hanging out with the same 13 people all winter. We need more people!

For anyone who wonders what the heck we do in Hague all winter, let me explain. First of all, it takes us about a month to get the sidewalks rolled up and stored. After that, since nothing in town is open, we start partying at each others' homes. But by January, that gets pretty old. We're tired of the same old haunts all the time, so we start thinking about where else we could go. So many of you have such beautiful places and we are certain that you are happy to have us drop by sometimes. After all, it's mutually beneficial. It helps us deal with our dreaded cabin fever and it helps you by giving your place that 'lived in' look. You know, lots of cars in the driveway, lights on all over the the house, music blaring.

And now, since we know that many of you will be heading back to Hague very shortly, we thought it would be a good idea to update you on some of the things you might want to take into consideration in terms of your house

here and what you might need to bring with you.

Jane and Brian - We discovered that you moved your key to a new hiding place this year. You rascals! To be honest, it was a bit of a nuisance when we arrived at your place for our party, especially since the mercury was hovering at 10 below. But we found the key pretty quickly, so no worries. In fact, it was a bit too easy. So, we decided to hide it in a far safer place. Good luck finding it!

Susie and Peter - The liquor at your place was really not the best. In fact, we even thought we might have to go out and get some replacements. But, the roads were icy and there aren't any liquor stores anywhere close, so we had to settle for your bottom-shelf stuff. But come on, do you really serve that rock-gut to your guests? We suggest that you stop on the way up and get some better quality booze. You'll need a new supply anyway since we managed to polish it all off. It wasn't easy, but somebody had to do it and we knew that you'd thank us.

Karen and Scott - Did you know that the flue in your fireplace has some issues? Either that or we just couldn't figure it out. Anyway, the house got kind of smoky when we lit the fire. It sure didn't make for a fun evening, but no worries. It's just that the walls got really sooty. We felt bad, so we painted them all black and you probably won't even notice the soot. Of course, if you don't like the idea of black walls, you

might want to bring up another color of paint when you come.

Suzanne and Jim -With all your plants, we found your home to be like a tropical oasis in the frozen tundra of Hague. We knew you'd appreciate us coming by frequently to water, and while there, we of course made ourselves at home. And then, one evening, someone opened a drawer to get a corkscrew and it was completely filled with water. Also, because we, of course, always take off our shoes (we're that kind of guests), we noticed that our socks were getting really wet from walking around on your carpet. That's when we realized that your plants are all fake and our watering was for naught. Now the problem is that your carpeting has taken on a kind of musty smell. You'll be glad to know that we're not partying there anymore since we can't take the odor. By the way, you might want to bring up a bunch of towels when you come. Maybe even some new carpet samples.

If any others of you are worried about what might have been going on in your house over the winter, we'll be happy to stop by and check things out for you. And if all this news isn't enough to make you want to jump in your car and hurry back to Hague, we don't know what is. We'll be glad to see you! And yes, we've gotten the sidewalks out of storage and rolled them back out. ■

MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough



Made in Hague opens on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

The Made in Hague column will continue each month

during the 2018 summer season!

We are pleased to profile Mary Behr in this first column. Mary is a fourth generation Lake George ardent devotee whose artwork reflects her deep and abiding love for the lake. As Mary says, "There isn't a day I don't want to be either in or on the lake!"

Her great-grandparents, George and Mary Ethel "Peter" Coleman, came to Hague as guests of the Henderson clan, who were neighbors on Staten Island. The Colemans fell in love with the lake and eventually bought property south of the Hendersons, naming it "Peter Haven" after Mary Ethel's childhood nickname. Three

generations later, Mary Behr grew up on the shores of Lake George and her hobbies of photography and writing were influenced by being near the lake. In fact, Mary's first published literary offering, a poem, appeared in *The Hague Chronicle* in October 1979. (You can find it in the online archives at www.thehaguechronicle.org.)

Mary is a graduate of George Washington University, where she earned a degree in journalism. Some years later, she went on to get an MFA in new media art from the Parsons School of Design in New York City. Today, she combines her talents - writing, photography, and innovative crafts - and makes her living as an editor of programming books and by marketing her wide range of creative artwork.

It's this artwork that you will find at

Made in Hague this summer. Her offerings take numerous forms, including: 2019 calendars with her photography; whole-cloth quilts that make you want to wrap yourself up in her vision of the lake; de-constructed cashmere sweaters that she turns into eye masks, pillows, fingerless mittens, and scarves; and a new line of "mod" birchbark photo frames to accommodate today's Instagram photographs. How's that for variety?



This is a graphic that Mary created to illustrate how a de-constructed cashmere sweater breaks down into her re-constructed products.

Mary was one of the original contributors at Made in Hague and then she opened a small shop of her own next door for two years to accommodate her large quilts.

In 2017 she came back to Made in Hague and its customers are the beneficiaries of her return. ▣

9N TO BE REPAVED

Hague Town Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant said that on April 30, 2018, New York State announced it has allocated \$100 million for



1,600 line miles of paving this season. The best news is that \$1.9 million is earmarked to resurface Route 9N from Northwest Bay to Dock Road in Hague!

"I'd like to thank Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec for their efforts in helping get this commitment," Ramant stated. He also thanked Hague residents for their letters of support to the governor and to our two state legislators. The exact timeline for the paving has not yet been announced. Thanks, Steve! ▣

HAGUE ANNUAL FREE CLEAN-UP

Hague Town residents may take one standard-sized pickup truckload for free to the Town of Hague Highway Garage on June 8 and 9, 2018 from 7 am to 2:30 pm only. Acceptable items, which must be sorted, may include, but are not limited to, white goods (stoves, washers dryers, etc.), furniture (chairs, TVs, sofas, rugs, etc.), and metal. It is NOT acceptable to include any recyclables, garbage, brush/leaves, construction materials, tires, propane tanks, refrigerators, air conditioners, or dehumidifiers.

Senior citizens (60 or over) or the handicapped may register to have their items picked up by calling 518-543-6161 by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. The items will be picked up between 7 am and 3 pm on Friday and Saturday June 8th

and 9th. Items should not exceed a combined total that will fit into a standard-sized pickup truck and must follow the guidelines above. The items MUST be placed at the roadside prior to 6 pm on Thursday, June 7th. ▣

WARREN COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Household hazardous waste will be collected by Warren County at the Town of Queensbury Highway Department on June 30, 2018 from 9 am to 2 pm. Residents must register and list specific items in order to drop them off. For more information or to register online, see <http://www.warren-county-ny.gov/residents/waste.php>. There are also forms at the Hague Community Center. ▣

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING - 4/19/2018

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Josh Patchett and Mike Cherubini were present, while Steve Ramant and Martin Fitzgerald, II were absent.

The board met to approve the rates for the sewer districts so the bills could be mailed out. There will be an additional fee of 10% if payment is not made by June 30th.

The board discussed having negotiations with Casella Waste Management about the Transfer Station. Also discussed was having a public hearing about the proposals for additional docks located near the present deep-water boat dock. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/26/2018

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

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION (76.12-1-19) 87 Silver Bay Road (Hamlet Sec.)

The applicant is requesting temporary relief from some of the conditions the ZBA placed upon their approval from April 26, 2017. The board members had several questions and concerns, but there were no representatives from Silver Bay present. The board voted to table the requests until the next meeting. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 5/3/2018

Deputy Chair Pam Peterson and Board Members Meg Haskell, Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, and Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. were present. Dick Frasier was absent and there is one vacancy.

WINTERGREEN LAKE, INC. (25-1-3) 213 Summit Drive (OCI & OCII)

The board approved an application for the Commercial Use of their property. The proposed use will include weddings, special events, retreats, and celebrations. They have two glamping tents that are rented on Airbnb.

LEVENSTIEN (43.5-2-12.2) 9840 Graphite Mountain Road (Hamlet)

The board approved a Change of Use of the rear section of the applicant's building.

Currently the U.S. Post Office occupies the front section of the building. The owners propose to open a realty office/art gallery on the first floor and an apartment, with a private entrance on the second floor.

MILLER (26.14-1-8) 11 Birch Point Lane (TRIR)

The board approved construction of an 87 sq. ft. addition of an open deck to an existing non-conforming house.



SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION (76.12-1-19) 87 Silver Bay Road (Hamlet Sec.)

The applicants are requesting a *Conditional* Certificate of Completion from the town for their new dining hall. They are requesting the same from Warren County Fire and Prevention, who will make sure they meet all NYS Safety Standards before any part of the building is occupied. At this time, they would like to use only the first floor (Dining Hall), with the completion of the second story later this summer. The board consensus was that Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark may rule on the request. ❑

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/8/2018

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Michael Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Jill Brown, Doug Cole, Jim Henderson, Bob Dufault, and Patty Jordan.

A public hearing was held on the proposal by Arcady Bay Estates to extend the area in the bay, which is protected by the five mph regulation. It was approved.

Mark Wilson of the Hague Endurance Festival said they have 66 athletes registered and hope to have 100 more for the June 23 - 24 event.

Art Steitz requested that the town try to get properties on the north side of the Hague Brook in the hamlet cleaned up.

Councilman Ramant noted that since the funds are limited, they may have to pave 9N over Tongue Mountain in sections.

Councilman Cherubini reported that the Warren County Council of Chambers will hold a dinner on June 27, 2018 at Martucci's Restaurant.

The public hearing on the proposed docks by the large boat dock will be held on May 17th at 7 pm.

A resolution on a snow and ice control operational plan was tabled to next month to give board members time to read it.

The board:

- Discussed the park, including seeing that the bathrooms are opened and creating an area for the music to be set up for the summer concerts so the audience faces the lake.
- Approved a resolution granting Ragnar Relay Adirondacks permission to use the parking lot across from Sabbath Day Point and the Hague Town Beach parking lot on September 21-22, 2018 from 6 pm - 2 am.
- Adopted the recommendation from the Sewer Committee on the Sewer District Enforcement response plan.
- Approved a request from Town Clerk, Janet Hanna, to use credit cards to pay for taxes and licenses both in her office and online. There will be a fee.

SOUNDINGS

DIED: CDR Thomas B. Azer, 89, of Queensbury, with family by his side, on April 6, 2018.



Thomas graduated from the New York State University Maritime College in 1954, with the rank of Mid-Shipman. He rose to the level of Commander in the U.S. Navy, where he was assigned to the Naval Reserves. He was also a recruiter for the United States Naval Academy.

He started his career working for the New York Telephone Company. In the late sixties, he obtained both his real estate and insurance brokers licenses, working out of Clifton Park. In 1969, he purchased the Leslie M. Orr Agency in Ticonderoga, where he successfully operated several businesses for many years.

Tom had a strong sense of community involvement and served as President of the Moses Ludington Hospital Board, President of the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, and Finance Director for the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, William and James Azer, who sacrificed their lives, six months apart during WWII, leaving Tom as the surviving son. He was also predeceased by his wife of 26 years, Linda Wiltsie. After Linda's passing, he sold his home in Hague and moved to Queensbury.

Thomas is survived by four children: William Azer, of Queensbury, Joan Reardon (Daniel) of Little Falls, John Azer, of Burlington, and Susan Gross, of Saratoga Springs; and four grandchildren.

DIED: James K. Henderson, 71, of Cromwell, CT and Hague on April 18, 2018 after a short illness.



Jim was the beloved husband of Donna Clark Henderson for 37 years. Born and raised in Lansdowne, PA, son of the late Charles Henderson, Jr. and Virginia (Kinsman) Henderson, he went to Rochester Institute of Technology and then to Officer Candidate School before honorably serving his country in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a commander after 25 years.

For many years, Jim was the volunteer layout editor of *The Hague Chronicle* and served on its Board of Directors. He was also an active volunteer for The Hague Historical Society, working on many of the technical computer projects and serving as their dedicated projectionist at programs.

Jim loved woodworking and spending time at Lake George, but above all, he loved his granddaughter, Charlotte. He leaves his son, Scott Henderson, (Elizabeth) of Berlin; and his granddaughters Charlotte and Shelby (who is due in August). He also leaves his brother, Charles Henderson III and his partner Patricia Morgan of New Oxford, PA; several nieces and nephews; and many friends. He was predeceased by his sister Letitia Bingham.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held in Hague during the summer.

DIED: Lt. Col. (Ret.) Thomas M. James, 86, on Monday, April 2, 2018 at CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh, after a short illness.



He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1955 after graduating from the University of Buffalo with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1967, he received his Master of Business Administration degree from George Washington University, Washington, DC.

After serving in Germany and at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, he was assigned to Fort Worth, Texas. Subsequent assignments included a combat flying tour in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and a Pentagon Air Staff assignment in the Research and Development Directorate. His last tour was the AFLC System Manager for the C-141B transport at Warner-Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

His decorations include The Meritorious Service Medal, The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, The Air Force Commendation Medal with an oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three battle stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation with an oak leaf cluster.

Lt. Col. James left the Air Force after serving 22 years to retire in Silver Bay. During his post-retirement years, he owned Prop and Sail Marine Service and the Silver Bay Guideboat and Canoe Company. He was active in local community affairs, serving as the president of the Hague Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals, vice president of the Hague Fish and Game Club and was an active member of the Hague Winter Carnival Committee. He also served on the Steering Committee for the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Fund for over 20 years. He was a driver for the local "Meals on Wheels" program for several years. He was also active as a member of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club, serving as president in 2001-2002. He was the originator and webmaster of the Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce website.

Tom leaves his sister, Elizabeth James McCredie of New Hampshire; a nephew, two nieces, and two grandnieces; and many close friends.

DIED: Jill Burford Brown, 82, on April 7, 2018, at Talbot Hospice in Easton, Maryland.

Jill grew up in Teaneck, New Jersey and then attended Syracuse University. She married Paul Brown in 1957 and they moved to Baltimore, where Jill worked as a commercial artist while Paul attended medical school. After residency years in San Francisco and Baltimore, they settled in Bethesda, Maryland.

She moved to Silver Bay in 1982, where she had spent summers with her family. She both worked and volunteered at Silver Bay YMCA.

Always cheerful and kind, she spent much of the latter part of her life volunteering at animal shelters and delivering meals and medicines to the homebound. She had a gentle spirit that touched many people.

Jill was predeceased by her parents and by her three siblings, Joanne, Judy, and Kendall. She is survived by her three children, Ivor, Lori, and Mal; and two grandchildren.

Her memorial service will be held at a future date this summer in Silver Bay.

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NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



Just like the comedian Rodney Dangerfield, turkey vultures get no respect. But, actually, they should! Let me explain four characteristics of turkey vultures that make them unique and valuable. Caution: What you're about to read may sound just a teeny bit unsavory in places, but I feel certain you'll find it interesting.

BALD HEADS – There is a reason why turkey vultures have no feathers on their heads. Although they prefer eating freshly dead animals, they often have to wait for the skin of the dead animal to become malleable. When it's soft, they rip and tear the skin and plunge their heads inside the carcass to get at a tasty meal. Bloody bits of skin, tissue, and organs, would cling to feathers and promote disease if they had them. But, the bits that cling to their bald heads and necks dry out in the sun and are flung off when they shake their heads. Easy clean-up!

ROTTEN FOOD – Their idea of fine dining does not match ours, but even

turkey vultures won't eat meat that is too rotten. Mother Nature designed them to dine safely on what we won't and can't. Turkey vultures can eat almost anything because their stomachs have the lowest gastric pH in the animal kingdom. Human stomach acid has a pH of two, but the stomach acid of turkey vultures is slightly above zero, which is lower than car battery acid. Plus, they can digest nearly all organisms, including those that cause botulism, anthrax, rabies, hepatitis, polio, and more! By consuming rotten and diseased meat, they help to prevent the spread of disease to humans and animals. Thank you, turkey vultures!



URINATION – When turkey vultures get too hot, they urinate down their legs. This is called urohydrosis. When the fluid evaporates, the blood vessels in their feet are cooled, thereby lowering their overall temperature. It is believed

that because of the high acidity of the urine, the bacteria on their legs is destroyed - tah, dah - germ-free legs!

VOMIT – Turkey vultures use vomit as protection from predators. If they feel threatened (and even vulture chicks do this), they vomit. I know, it's kind of yucky! The smelly food they eat is even worse when it comes back up

and that can stop predators. No kidding!

So, the next time you see a turkey vulture soaring overhead, be thankful. These birds prevent the spread of disease and decrease air and groundwater contamination from

rotting animals.

They even help to locate natural gas leaks because they are attracted to the gas mercaptan, which is put into natural gas for safety reasons and smells like decaying meat.

It's no wonder that the scientific name for the turkey vulture, *Cathartes aura*, is Latin for "cleansing breeze." ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*



"To HAB or not to HAB, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous water quality, or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them." With thanks to William Shakespeare for this modern day version of Hamlet. Just kidding! HAB is short for Harmful Algal Blooms, which have been a recent focus of a new state initiative to "end them."

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

Governor Andrew Cuomo has proposed a \$65 million dollar budget to combat HABs, focusing on 12 lakes, including Lake Champlain, which has experienced HABs in recent years. Champlain's HABs have been attributed to nutrients in agricultural run-off and domestic wastewater. The

green pea soup-like algal blooms contain cyanobacteria, which produce toxins capable of harming the aquatic life and humans.

In Lake George, cyanobacteria are present, but fortunately, nutrients have not yet reached levels to support "blooms". Overall algae levels have been on the increase over the last 30 years, as documented by regular sampling. Clarity of the water has declined as algae levels have increased, as indirectly measured using Chlorophyll A as an indicator. Visual observation has confirmed that areas around docks and boats near the shoreline in select locations have experienced increased growth of algae. More information on this topic can be found on the website of The Fund for Lake George. Pictures and additional information can also be found in the Lake George Algae Watchers group on Facebook. Please join that group and be on the lookout!

As a resident and homeowner on Lake George or its tributaries, there are

things you can do to protect against algae growth and the potential for blooms. Eliminate the use of lawn fertilizers, manage stormwater runoff, properly maintain your septic system, and connect to the town sewer system if you are eligible and have not yet done so.

Town of Hague Sewer Ordinance Update: In March 2018, the Hague Town Board sent letters to the 20 homeowners who had not yet connected to the sewer system, reminding them that town law requires that they connect. The letter stated that they should contact the town staff by March 30th to develop plans. As of now, four of the 20 have not responded.

Visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

SOUNDINGS (continued)

SERVICE – A memorial service will be held for Thomas James on May 19, 2018 at 3 pm at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel, Silver Bay.

SERVICE – There will be a memorial service on May 19, 2018 at 10 am for Frederick Klingler at Lakeside Regional Church, 9803 Graphite Mountain Road (Route 8), Hague. Immediately following will be a graveside service with full military honors at Valley View Cemetery, Route 9N, Ticonderoga.

SERVICE – A service celebrating the life of Dottie Henry will be held at Valley View Cemetery Chapel (Route 9N between Hague and Ticonderoga) at 11 am on Saturday, June 9, 2018. ❑

TACC FUNDRAISER DINNER AND AUCTION

Make your reservations now for The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) 16th Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction, which will be on Friday, June 15, 2018 at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley from 5:30 - 10:30 pm. The theme is "Havana Nights." Business casual attire or theme dress.

Call 518-585-6619 or go to chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com. ❑

ENHANCEMENT BASKETS

Flower baskets, called "Enhancement Baskets", help beautify our hamlet in the summer. They are funded by contributions of \$40. Baskets that are donated in honor or memory of a person or persons will have placards with the names on them. Donations should be sent to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836 and marked "Enhancement Baskets." ❑

DINNER AND JAZZ

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild is sponsoring "Dinner, Dancing and All That Jazz" on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Ticonderoga. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm with the concert at 7 pm. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at Libby's Bakery Café or by calling Judy Walker at 518-984-0088. ❑

NCCC AND TI ALLIANCE WORK ON TRADE SCHOOL PROPOSAL

North Country Community College announced in late April that they are working with the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance on a plan to create a regional trade school in Ticonderoga. They will be scheduling briefings in various North Country communities in the coming months and encourage communities to contribute ideas as the plan develops.

Watch your local paper for announcements. Contact Donna Wotton at donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org for more information or to get involved. There will be a more extensive article about this in the June issue. ❑

HAGUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Pre-construction



Post-construction

Photos from WCSWCD 2017 Annual Report at www.warrenswcd.org.

Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD) has published its 2017 report and one of the improvement projects noted was a culvert on New Hague Road.

According to the report: "A poorly embedded and degraded structure on a Hague Brook tributary was designated by the Warren County DPW to be refitted with a new culvert." The article noted that the culvert was an impediment to "both seasonal high flows and aquatic wildlife passage." The new structure will improve access. ❑

RUDY MEOLA'S HOUSE TAKEN DOWN

by Pat McDonough

On Wednesday, May 3, 2018, we posted photographs on *The Hague Chronicle's* Facebook page of the demolition of Rudy Meola's home at the corner of Routes 8 and 9N. Rudy lived in that house for many years, both while he was superintendent of schools in Hague and during his years on the Hague Town Board.

A number of folks responded to that posting; and in an effort to clarify the plans for the future of the property, we reached out to the Meola family. Wendy Meola graciously responded and shared with us that while they had originally planned to simply renovate the house, it turned out that structural issues precluded them from doing so.

Thus, they are rebuilding on the same footprint. The family hopes to be in residence sometime this summer. ❑



LOOKING BACK

MILITARY HAPPENINGS AT SABBATH DAY POINT



By Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Today Sabbath Day Point is an idyllic point of land jutting out into the lake, offering spectacular views in any direction you look. Homes line the shoreline in a setting that is both peaceful and serene. But this was not always the case. Just picture the sights and sounds of a bloody surprise massacre launched on land and sea at this very place. Or, imagine 15,000 men camped here one summer and 12,000 the next. I don't know about you, but I can't remember the last time we've had anywhere near that many people in Hague!

In the mid-18th century, control of Lake George was fiercely contested by the British and the French in what we know as the French and Indian War. After all, this was a critical military waterway for both empires. In 1757, the French, under the leadership of General Marquis de Montcalm, held Fort Carillon (later to become Fort Ticonderoga), while the British were entrenched at the southern end of Lake George at Fort William Henry, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel George Monro.

In March of 1757, the French had laid siege to Fort William Henry. And although they were not successful in capturing the fort, they did manage to destroy 300 bateaux and other vessels, leaving Monro weakened and cowering inside his fort. With French-allied Native Americans patrolling the region, Monro was unable to send scouting parties up the lake to spy on the French at their end. He was in the dark, so to speak.

In June, when Provincial and militia units arrived at Fort William Henry as reinforcements, Monro wasted little time in sending them out on a surveillance mission. He dispatched 350 New Jersey Blues (Provincial forces from New Jersey), under the command of Colonel John Parker, to paddle up the lake in what was left of his bateaux fleet and report back.

Sabbath Day Point, halfway up the lake, was selected as the best place to camp. On July 20, three boats left Fort William Henry to scout the northern reaches of the lake.

Unfortunately for them, they were detected by French scouts, captured and interrogated. Apparently, they were not good at keeping secrets. Montcalm, upon receiving this intelligence, quickly dispatched approximately 450 French troops and Native Americans to Sabbath Day Point to greet the enemy. The ambush was all set.

When Colonel Parker and his men arrived at Sabbath Day Point on July 23, the Native Americans lay in wait in canoes, hidden on the north side of the point, while the French were positioned on the shore with muskets. The resulting attack was devastating for the British. History reports that of the 350 men, only about 100 escaped, some 160 were killed or drowned, and the remainder taken prisoner. The French had virtually no casualties.

Heartened by the relatively easy rout, Montcalm lost no time in deploying troops to capture the weakened Fort William Henry, a battle immortalized in James Fenimore Cooper's book, The Last of the Mohicans.

But the British were not about to give up the fight. In 1758, British General James Abercrombie camped at Sabbath Day Point, with 15,000 men, on his way from Fort Edward to attack Fort Carillon. Although they vastly outnumbered the French, they suffered a stunning defeat and were forced to retreat. In 1759, the British once again camped at Sabbath Day Point, this time with 12,000

men, led by General Jeffrey Amherst. They succeeded in capturing the fort, renaming it Fort Ticonderoga.

Nearly two decades later, in December of 1775, Colonel Henry Knox stopped at Sabbath Day Point on the first night of his famed expedition from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston, transporting 60 tons of artillery from the fort for General George Washington's troops to use against the British.



Photo from allthingsliberty.com.



NOTES: On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center, the Hague Historical Society will host Matt Keagle, Curator of Collections at Fort Ticonderoga, speaking about the military history of Sabbath Day Point.

An historical marker will be erected soon in Sabbath Day Point on Route 9N with a brief description of the military history that played out at that site. ▣

SHATNER AT STAR TREK SET

William Shatner came to Ticonderoga on May 4th and 5th, 2018 to visit the replica of the original Star Trek set that Ticonderoga native and Elvis impersonator James Cawley has built. Cawley has spent more than \$200,000 building this officially-licensed Star Trek set in an old grocery store on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

He brought Shatner to Ticonderoga for a weekend of mingling with fans. Most of the 1,400 people who bought advance tickets to meet Shatner paid \$80 for an autograph and a quick chat. Some, however, spent up to \$1,500 to spend time with the actor.

When the 87-year-old Shatner arrived, the crowd of Trekkies cheered enthusiastically. People from all over the country and as far as England, many of them dressed in their Star Fleet uniforms, had come to Ticonderoga to meet their idol, "Captain Kirk", and tell him how important Star Trek is to them.

"Never in a million years, literally worshipping that guy, did I ever think I would see him in that chair, in my building," Cawley said.

"The first time when I saw the bridge and got to be in the center seat," Shatner said of Captain Kirk's chair, "it brought tears to my eyes."

Shatner described Cawley's creation saying, "It's brilliant. Absolutely incredible work of art. Completely authentic replica. They've done extraordinary work. I don't know how they did it."

"This set is exactly the way it was," he reminisced. "It's like coming back to a house that you might have been born in and go, 'Wow, that's bigger and smaller than I remember.'"

Businesses in this area hope that many other Star Trek fans come to visit the Star Trek Original Set Tour this summer and thus bring tourist money to our area. ▣



TI DOWNTOWN GALLERY

The following shows will be opening in the next three weeks at the Downtown Gallery, 119 Montcalm Street:

Friday, May 18, 2018 at 5 pm - "Aces of Hope" by Merribeth Elling

Friday, June 8, 2018 at 5 pm - "Oils, Photos, and More" by Gary Tobler ▣

MASON/STAR DINNER

A 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 Friday, May 25, 2018, from 4:30-6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. ▣

HAPPENINGS AT THE FORT

On the weekend of May 26-28, 2018, Fort Ticonderoga will remember the members of the armed forces of the United States on the ground where many American soldiers fought and sacrificed.

Discover your Scottish connections by visiting clan tents and vendors and enjoying the sounds of Scottish music on June 16, 2018 during Scots Day at Fort Ticonderoga.

For more information, go to <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/events/fort-events/scots-day/detail> ▣

TI HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to these Hague students:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 6, First Honors: Sofie Hubbard and Lily McNulty

Grade 8, First Honors: Madalynn Hubbard and Nevaeh Trudeau

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9, Second Honors: Madison Fish

Grade 10, First Honors: Mckenzie Harrington

Grade 12, First Honors: Fallon Kennedy

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CALENDAR

May 2018

MAY

15	12 noon-8 pm	School Board Election and Budget Vote
15	7 pm	High School Spring Concert
18	5 pm	Elling exhibit at Ti Downtown Gallery
22		Senior Meeting, Wheel of Fortune
24	7 pm	Town Board
25 - 28		No school at Ticonderoga and St. Mary's
25	4:30-6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
26		Made in Hague opens for the season
26	10 am	Daylong Memorial Day Celebration and Parade in Hague
26 - 28		Memorial Day programs at Fort Ticonderoga
31	7 pm	Middle School Concert

JUNE

5	7 pm	Rotary Club talk on "Adirondack Women" by Pat McDonough
7	5 pm	Firehouse Restaurant opens for the season
7	7 pm	Planning Board
8 - 9		Hague Free Clean-Up Days
8	5 pm	Tobler exhibit at Ti Downtown Gallery
9	5:30 pm	All That Jazz
11		News Deadline for <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
14		Flag Day
15	5:30-10:30 pm	TACC Fundraiser
16		Scots Day at Fort Ticonderoga
17		Father's Day
20		The June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> is online and mailed out
21		Ausable Chasm senior trip

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: September 2 - June 30

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED