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NORTH COUNTRY RE-OPENS AS PHASE III

The Phase III re-opening process began on June 12, 2020 in the North Country region, which includes Essex County. Warren County, which is in the Capitol Region, is not yet going into Phase III.

Business categories in Phase III include:

1. Public pools and playgrounds (at local discretion)
2. Food Service
3. Personal Care including:
 - Tattoo & Piercing Facilities
 - Appearance Enhancement Practitioners
 - Massage Therapy
 - Spas
 - Tanning
 - Cosmetology
 - Nail Specialty
 - Waxing

All Phase III businesses re-openings must follow state guidelines and have a COVID-19 safety plan available.

Contact the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) or visit the TACC COVID-19 Business Resource & Assistance Center for information. Phase II re-opening was on May 29th. The businesses allowed to re-open under Phase II were:

1. In-store retail operations
2. All business activities in offices
3. Vehicle sales, leases, and rentals
4. Retail rental, repair, and cleaning
5. Real estate activities
6. Commercial, non-residential building management

7. Personal Care including hair salons and barbershops

Starting June 4th, restaurants in Essex and Warren Counties were allowed to begin offering outside dining. Outdoor tables had to be spaced six feet apart, all staff had to wear face coverings, and customers had to wear face coverings when not seated.

A phased re-opening approach focuses on getting people back to work and easing



social isolation. But, it is not back to business as usual. We are all adapting to a new normal.

Please:

- Wear a face mask when in public spaces
- Wash/sanitize hands frequently
- Limit trips and gatherings
- Practice social distancing ■

FOOD TRUCK PARKING LOTS PROJECT

Jodee Keller, a summer resident of Hague, is working to create additional summertime family dining options in our area and to create a positive, community-based activity in the context of a COVID-safe environment. This is not a business for her; she is volunteering her time to help with the revitalization of the area and working with the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance as an advisor.



The plan is to have one location in downtown Ticonderoga and another in Hague. They'll try it out in each location, and if it works, they'll schedule them weekly or every other week, rotating between the two locations. The group is looking for local restaurants who want to have satellite extensions to extend access to their takeout/delivery services, as well as local food trucks interested in providing food at their events. They are hoping to begin this in July.

The group is seeking volunteers to join the parking truck project steering committee to make this idea a reality. They also need monetary donations, equipment such as picnic tables, or help with publicity. For additional information, call Jodee at [914-388-1588](tel:914-388-1588). ■

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

The Senior Club will not meet in June. We are looking forward to our Annual Picnic in August when we can social distance outside.

Please contact Maureen Cherubini (518-543-6463) or me (518-543-6502) with ideas for outings. Check our Facebook page.

We are looking forward to getting together as soon as we can. Please continue to be safe. ▣

SUMMER TOWN EMPLOYEES

The following boat launch attendants have been hired: Bob Gavaletz, Wally Peterson, Jr., Wally Peterson, Sr., Karen Lucas, Pat Hintze, Judy Gourley (sub), and Beth Navitsky (sub). ▣



HAGUE MARKET OFFERS ONLINE ORDERS

The Hague Market is now accepting online orders for sandwiches. This includes a curbside pick-up option. Grocery items will be added soon. Go to: <https://the-new-hague-marketllc.square.site/>

For more information, call 518-543-6555. ▣



FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT NOW OPEN FOR PICK-UP

The Firehouse Restaurant opened for curbside and dockside (at the Hague Beach) pick-up on Monday, June 8, 2020. They will be open seven days/week from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Food, craft beer, liquor, and mixed drinks are all available. Please place orders online at <https://hague-firehouse-restaurant.square.site>.

Although owners Sheri DeLarm and Cris Ginn are sad they won't be seeing folks at their bar or in their dining room this summer, they are pleased to be able to serve food and drink to those who live in and visit Hague and are happy to keep the Firehouse Restaurant going. They wish everyone a Happy Summer! ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of May, we had 13 Fire and EMS calls, using 107 volunteer hours. We expect that as more people arrive in the town this summer, our numbers will increase. Please remember to watch for emergency vehicles and let them pass.

We want to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing our take-out dinners! We do apologize for running out of chicken dinners on Memorial Day Weekend. We will have to cook more next year! But, if you can't wait until then, The Hague Fish & Game Club will be having a chicken dinner on June 20, 2020.

Even though our COVID-19 numbers are down, please continue to practice good hand washing and social distancing. ▣



COVID-19 UPDATE

As of June 12, 2020:

All NY residents need to wear a mask or face covering when in situations where they are unable to socially distance.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	7,481,791	412,048
US	2,023,347	113,820
NYS	381,000	24,442
Warren County	241	27
Essex County	36	0

Sources:

— <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/26/covid-19-tracker>

— Additional source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health – 518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance – 518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance – 518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline – 1-888-364-3065 ▣

LGA SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Lake George Association (LGA) is planning the following programs at its office at 2392 State Route 9N in Bolton Landing at 7 pm. Because of the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, we suggest you call 518-668-3558 to confirm the program will be held.

- July 8: "Loons"
- July 15: "Hemlocks and HWA Invasives"
- July 22: "LG's Sunken Ships" ▣



FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE IN HAGUE

Fishing licenses are available in the office of Town Clerk Melissa Patchett at the Hague Community Center Monday – Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm. Appointments are available upon request. Call 518-543-6161, ext. 13. ▣

MADE IN HAGUE

MADE IN HAGUE: READY FOR SEASON SEVEN

by Donna Wotton

With the Phase II re-opening of Warren County retail, the Made in Hague store opened for its seventh season. With all this time at home, the artists have created many new products and built their inventories.



Of course, shoppers will need to wear masks, use the new hand sanitizer dispenser (it's touchless!), and respect social distancing protocols, but that shouldn't prevent anyone from finding some new treasures to take home. We even have a new remote card reader for extra safety and we'll be selling the cutest masks to upgrade your mask wardrobe.



Face it. Everyone is ready for a little retail therapy. Watch for our OPEN flag and come see all that's new at MIH. It will cheer you up! ▣

June 10, 2020

Dear Readers,

While *The Hague Chronicle* reports mainly on local events, we recognize that sometimes there are national events that are so widespread and so critical that mention should be made, even here in our beautiful Adirondack bubble.

To get an idea of how Hague residents are reacting to the recent protests relating to the death of George Floyd and the reignited Black Lives Matter movement, we sent out a questionnaire to a sampling of Hague voters. Due to the fluidity of current events, we had only a one-day turn-around time, which yielded about a 20% response rate.

When asked what media they relied upon, the respondents mentioned television and radio (NBC, MSNBC, NPR, CNN, and PBS), print (*New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Time*) and digital (Twitter, Facebook, and the Internet) sources.

The words "horrified" and "appalled" were used to describe how the respondents felt about the death of George Floyd. They said they were sad, but not surprised, due to the history of racism in this country. There was support for the peaceful demonstrations, but distress at the looting that took place.

Some said they think it is great to see the broad participation in the protests, but that it is unfortunate and risky that it is occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic. People also wanted to see less excessive force by police, while they still supported the "good police."

Many expressed the opinion that there is a lack of national leadership and a hope that America will have a stable helm after the November 2020 presidential election.

We asked what we in Hague might actively do, if anything, at this time to support the movement. Some of the suggestions were: get folks together who support the movement for discussion and planning, have a car parade to show support, have a unity event with 8:46 minutes of silence (to reflect the length of time Police Officer Derrick Chauvin placed his knee on George Floyd's neck, which resulted in Floyd's death), and to have conversations with government officials. Another suggestion was to encourage the taking down of any confederate flags in our town.

We encourage additional responses; please send your thoughts to haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

~Nelson Mandela

Judy Stock
Publisher, *The Hague Chronicle*

TOWN BOARD - 6/9/2020

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant. Jack Bast was absent. A moment of silence was held for Jan Frasier Tucker, Sue Ann Dunsmore, Richard Stormer, and Frederica Yaw Sharpe.

Frasier stated that the past three months had been challenging because of reduced staff, shorter hours, and COVID-19-related paperwork. Much work went into being ready to re-open the community center. They have done their best to look out for the health and safety of the residents of Hague. She said, "We are all in this together...we are working together for a common goal."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Administrative: Frasier** - Justice Midgley was recently informed that courts will not meet again until August.
- **Buildings/Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett** - Work continues on the town park bathrooms.
- **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett** - ZEO Clark said permits are down, but real estate is popping. She has been answering a lot of questions from people interested in buying property in Hague. Planning Board meetings will resume Tuesday, June 16th in the large room with social distancing. There are real estate transactions pending on Planning Board actions.
- **Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier** - The town park and the boat launch are open. The schedule is posted on-site and online. The playground equipment is roped off until further notice. There are two portable toilets at the park until the bathroom renovations are completed; one for employees and one for visitors. They are being cleaned three times per day. A new trash bucket was put at the steamer dock.
- **Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett** - The knotweed project will continue this year and take a few years to complete. The town received a matching \$7,000 from the LGLC for the project.

The Lake George Association (LGA) will clean out the ponds on West Hague Road and Jenkins Brook this summer.

Via email, the board voted 4-1 that the town park will remain open and the town beach will remain closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LANDFILL - Issues are a change in the traffic pattern, a scale, separated recycling, and new signage. Trash goes out by weight and the town is currently charging by the bag. Bids have been received on scales. Frasier said a scale was not in this year's budget and would need to be budgeted for next year if the board decides to go in that direction.

NEW BUSINESS:

LANDFILL ATTENDANT - The town's contract with Casella Waste Management expired on May 31st. They have agreed to continue to provide the same services through the end of the year. The town wants to take over the attendant position. It is a two-person operation at most transfer stations. It was suggested that the position be offered to a town employee who is currently part-time to make them full-time. Frasier responded that he/she can apply if interested.

DOG ENUMERATION MAILING - Dog enumeration is a census of the canine population of a town. It is suggested that towns conduct one every five years; the Town of Hague is overdue. Town Clerk Melissa Patchett provided the board with an estimate from an enumeration mailing company. She stated that this would be a more cost-efficient method than the traditional method of sending the Dog Control Officer door-to-door. She suggested it be done in Spring 2021. She also suggested the board raise the dog license fees and make the necessary adjustments to the Town Code Book. The board was in agreement and will budget for the dog enumeration mailing for Spring 2021.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND COUNTY REPORT:

Frasier reported the Warren County occupancy tax is down 35.77% and the sales tax is down 33% for the month of May.



THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY *by Seddon Beaty*

The Downtown Gallery will have shows this summer, but we will not have opening receptions or classes, as we have done in the past.

We re-opened on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Even though there was no time to advertise due to the short notice NYS gave us on the Phase II re-opening, the good news is that when we hung out our "Open" flag, quite a few people came in and bought artwork. We had all NYS safety protocols in place and everyone wore a mask, sanitized their hands upon entering, and maintained appropriate social distancing while in the gallery.

Our *Rock Around the Adirondack* show was closed down due to COVID-19, but we left it hanging and when we re-opened, we left it up for three days so people could see the work of the 40 regional guest artists.



Photographic Artist: Mary Ann Eaton

Upcoming shows are:

- Present - June 27th - **Photography Show** featuring Mary Ann Eaton (from Hague), Palma Brozzetti, Jim McLaughlin, Jerry Wein, and Bob Fisher.
- July 2nd - 18th - **Rustic Show** consisting of furniture, frames, jewelry, paintings, and ceramics and featuring Susan Cacici and Al Rider (from Hague) and Laurie Sapakoff (from Silver Bay).
- July 23rd - Aug 8th - **Watercolor Artists of Silver Bay**

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

Further information can be found on Facebook at Tiarts: Downtown Gallery, on Instagram at ti_artsny, or at Ticonderogaarts.org. ■

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Marilyn "Lynn" Patchett, 93, peacefully, at her home on April 30, 2020.

Lynn was born in Massachusetts and married her high school sweetheart, Bob, in 1948. The Patchetts raised their family in Wyckoff, NJ and in 1960, purchased a camp in Pine Cove in Hague, where they spent their summers.

In 1971, Lynn and Bob purchased the Trout House property, which was in ill repair and desperately in need of tender loving care. Over the next forty years, Lynn worked tirelessly by her husband's side, restoring the property to its stately splendor of the era of Lake George's Grand Hotels. Bob passed away in 2013.

Lynn loved people and made fast friends with everyone she met. She was blessed to call Hague her home for 49 years. She was active in the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

She is survived by her three children: Linda, Barbara, and Scott (Alice); ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was "GoGo" to her grandchildren because of her endless energy.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a future date. Donations in her memory may be made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department **HERE**.

DIED: Ellen Winters, 100, peacefully in her sleep, on May 11, 2020 in Sarasota, FL. Family members of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren celebrated with Ellen on her 100th birthday on December 21, 2019 in Florida.

Ellen was born in Brooklyn, NY and lived most of her adult life in Forest Hills, Queens, NY, with summers in Hague. She married Paul Winters in 1940 and they were married for 53 years until his passing in 1993. Ellen outlived her beloved husband by 27 years, surrounded by her devoted family and a community of friends of every age.

Ellen's eleven children all survived her: Ellen, Paul, Barbara, Virginia, Ann, Dick, Joe, Kathryn, Beth, Tricia, and Peter.

She had 24 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Ellen was dedicated to her family and maintained her wits and good cheer right up until her final days. Her faith and trust in God were absolute.

Ellen's remains will be interred this summer with her husband at Valley View Cemetery in Ticonderoga.

DIED: Mary Crosby Earl, 74, of Glenburnie, NY and Taos, NM on May 20, 2020 in Taos. She grew up in Syracuse, attended Emma Willard School, and graduated from Skidmore College with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

Mary lived in Stowe, VT, where she was an accomplished silversmith and an avid skier. After 25 years in Stowe, she fell in love with the slopes, sunshine, and vibrant art community in Taos, NM. There, she began weaving, inspired by Native American traditions. She became an award-winning tapestry artist, creating intricate weavings of landscapes, wildlife, churches, and botanicals. Her passion for skiing led her to become a ski instructor.

She spent summers at her family's home in Glenburnie and was an active member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

Her optimism, wit, loving heart, and respect for everyone she met made her a joy to be around.

Mary is survived by her husband of 24 years, Gary Vogel; his daughters Star and Justyn; her sister, Susan Klebl; and Susan's children, Christopher, Katherine, and Caroline.

A Life Celebration will be held at a date to be announced. Contributions in Mary's memory may be made to Stray Hearts Taos Animal Shelter (strayhearts.org, 575-758-2981) or to the Lake George Land Conservancy (518-644-9673, lgc.org).

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ian Lawrie, son of Lara Smith Ryder, who recently graduated from Princeton University, where he majored in International Political Science. Although there was no graduation ceremony this year due to COVID-19, the president and vice president of the university spoke on television.

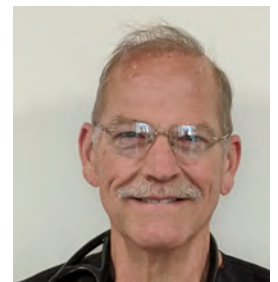
BORN: Hudson David Taylor on June 12, 2020 to Ryan and Abbie Taylor of Chicago, IL and Hague. He is the grandson of Dave and Julie DeVries of Lombard, IL and David and Bobbi Taylor of Pine Cove, Hague. ■

NEW EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS AT HOSPITAL

The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital has welcomed two new emergency medicine physicians to its care team. Dr. David Markowitz and Dr. James Rice joined the medical staff in May and will work full-time between the hospital's Elizabethtown and Ticonderoga campuses.

Before joining the Elizabethtown Community Hospital team, Dr. David Markowitz practiced emergency medicine for twenty-five years in Central New York. He served as Medical Director for 11 Emergency Medical Services agencies and as Chairman of the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Council. He graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and completed an emergency medicine residency at Albany Medical Center.

Dr. James Rice completed his medical training at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University and an emergency medicine residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. He practiced emergency medicine for 14 years in Oneonta, NY. ■



Top: Dr. Markowitz
Bottom: Dr. Rice

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

Ever feel like you just need to do something? With all the news of the coronavirus pandemic, economic uncertainty, police brutality, racial unrest, political division, and okay, I'll add water quality degradation to the list, you just want to scream and do something. Reminds me of the movie "Network," with the classic line "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore." Well, at least in the area of water quality there is something you can do.

The Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) is a lake monitoring program run by the New



“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) and the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. (NYSFOLA). Through a network of 1,500 citizen volunteers throughout the state, bi-weekly water samples are taken and analyzed for Secchi transparency, temperature, conductivity, pH, color, phosphorus, nitrogen, Chlorophyll a, calcium, and chloride. Volunteers may also collect aquatic plant samples, conduct angler surveys, take lake level measurements, or monitor for invasive species.

On Lake George, the program is administered through the Lake George Association (LGA), which is a member of NYSFOLA. Four locations are currently being sampled: Basin Bay and Diamond Island in the South Basin and Gull Bay and Hearts Bay in the North Basin. Reports on

the water quality measurements at these locations can be found by following this link: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/77831.html>.

The data generated for Gull Bay in 2018 showed a decline in water clarity and a rise in temperature.

Information on CSLAP activities and other citizen volunteer opportunities can be found by contacting Kristen Wilde, the LGA Education Director, at 518-668-3558.

For more information on how you can help raise awareness about water quality in our area, please 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, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

Three words that cause all outdoor enthusiasts of the Adirondacks to quake in fear are *black fly season* and that dreaded season is now upon us. From late May through early July, swarms of these pests can turn any fun outing into an unbearable ordeal.

The experts tell us that black flies are most active several hours after sunrise and an hour or two before sunset. Although they do not spread disease to humans, their bites are painful and itchy and can cause a severe allergic reaction in some people.

Unless you want to stay inside until the black fly season is over, you can take some precautions to avoid making their acquaintance. Plan your outdoor activities in the middle of a dry and sunny day. Try to avoid hiking near streams, since black flies lay their eggs there. Windy days make it harder for black flies to find their prey - YOU!



One outdoorsman from the late 1800s recommended "a good, substantial glaze" of pine tar, castor oil, and pennyroyal oil. Under no condition were you to destroy the stink by "any weak leaning to soap and towels." Hmmm...let me know how that glaze works for you!

I am sure we are all too familiar with what some have termed the "Adirondack Wave." This is when you frantically swat at the air around your face and neck over and over again hoping to drive away these vicious pests.

Some other names for the over 1,800 known species of black flies are "buffalo gnats" or "turkey gnats." A black fly bite is actually more of a shallow cut than a bite. After scraping and stretching our skin with their tiny serrated mandibles, these



flies slurp out our blood. The bites usually occur around our ankles and behind our ears.

Only female black flies do the biting since they require nutrient-rich meals of blood in order to lay their eggs.

A Syracuse, NY newspaper once magnified a photo of a black fly 380 times. It described the insect as "a Martian-like creature with a honeycombed head, a snout, and furry feelers." Ahh, a face only another black fly could love! ■

GOINGS-ON AT SILVER BAY

E-WASTE DAY will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 10 am – 2 pm at 8169 Lake Shore Drive, 9N, in Silver Bay. Face coverings must be worn at drop-off.

Accepted Equipment (free): batteries, business machines, cables and IT accessories, cameras, computer peripherals (mice, keyboards, webcams, speakers, microphones), computers, copiers, electronics scrap, fax machines, fluorescent lamps, gaming devices, GPS units, lab and medical electronics, laptops, mobile devices such as cell phones, tablets, PDAs, and MP3 players, monitors, networking gear, phone systems, power supplies, printers and plotters (ink, toner, and cartridges), routers and switches, scanners, scientific equipment, security equipment, servers and server racks, stereo equipment, storage devices (external hard drives, solid state drives, SD cards, memory cards, and card readers), telecommunications equipment, terminals, typewriters, UPS, video and audio equipment, wiring, and cabling.



Accepted Equipment (pay fee):

- Monitors: CRT - \$12.25, LCD - \$3.85
- TVs less than 26 inches, CRT - \$16.45, LCD - \$7
- TVs more than 26 inches, CRT - \$42.70, LCD - \$16.45
- Oversized, wood console, projection - \$50.40

Items NOT Accepted: carbon monoxide detectors, dehumidifiers, devices containing liquid mercury (thermostats, switches, medical devices, thermometers), freon-containing devices/materials (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers), gas-powered equipment, household hazardous waste, large

appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers), liquids, PCB ballasts, propane tanks, radioactive materials, small appliances (toasters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, irons, hair dryers), smoke detectors, and wet cell batteries.

For more information, call 518-543-8400. ■

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVES

In a letter dated June 6, 2020, LGA Executive Director Walt Lender said that a news release from the Adirondack Council in May stated that virtually all of the trailered boats on the Northway passed right by the boat inspection station set up at the rest area south of Exit 18, which was located there to stop the spread of invasive species throughout the Adirondacks.

You can read the full story by clicking [HERE](#).

He said everyone has a part in stopping both the spread and the introduction of invasive species, especially as more boaters and visitors are expected to be traveling now that the state's PAUSE program is winding down.

If you are coming to boat on Lake George, you will be inspected for invasive species – the lake has its own mandatory boat inspection program that developed out of the LGA's Lake Steward program.

For 2020, the LGA again invested \$30,000 to support the inspection program to protect the lake's water quality.

The inspection station locations can be found [HERE](#). ■

LGLC HIKE-A-THON GOES VIRTUAL

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) announced its annual Lake George Hike-A-Thon will take place virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of large groups of volunteer-led hikes, the event will consist of individual outings.

People can choose anywhere they'd like to go to enjoy the great outdoors, even if it means taking a walk around their home neighborhood.

"We are encouraging everyone—registered or not—to participate," said Sarah Hoffman. "We can still make this a great event, while

following guidelines to stay safe. We will continue to encourage people to stay local, avoid crowded trails and waterways, and wear masks if an area is congested."

Guidelines for 2020:

- On July 5th, enjoy an outing in your own backyard, a local park, or other favorite hike or paddle.
- Wear a t-shirt from a past Hike-A-Thon or this year's shirt. Those who registered in April will still receive a free 2020 Hike-A-Thon shirt. The LGLC is working on the logistics of this, and will be in touch when they have more details. This year's shirt, as well as past years', shirts will also be available to purchase via lgcstore.myshopify.com.

- Share a selfie or two on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #LGHikeAThon2020 — be sure to let the LGLC know where you were and who you were with. Follow us @HikeLakeGeorge and @LakeGeorgeHikeAThon. Not on social media? No problem! Email pictures to shoffman@lgc.org.

For information, visit <https://lakegeorgehikeathon.org/>, contact Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673, or email shoffman@lgc.org. For news and updates, follow the Hike-A-Thon on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LakeGeorgeHikeAThon/>. ■

LOOKING BACK

THE SEXTON FAMILY OF HAGUE

by Chris M. Ianson and Ginger Henry Kuenzel



Hiram Sexton and his wife, Harriet Thankful Tuttle, lived with their four children – Theresa, George, Smith, and Flora – on Battle Hill Road, which connects Split Rock Road with Dodd Hill Road. Members of the Sexton family certainly left their mark on our town in the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th. Hiram (1837-1926), a Civil War veteran, stemmed from one of our town's oldest families. His ancestors settled in Horicon (part of Hague until 1839) in 1789.

Theresa (1861-1941) and **Flora** (1877-1953) Sexton's great legacy is their collection of photographs of the people and places of Hague, many of which are in the Hague Historical Society collection. Flora may have learned photography from Theresa, who was 17 years older. From start to finish, producing photographs was a complex process. Setting up a darkroom in a tent on site, the sisters would pour a sticky liquid chemical called collodion onto a glass plate. This glass plate was then dipped into a silver nitrate solution to make the plate light-sensitive. This wet plate was slid into a frame that fit in the camera. The protective plate in the camera that covered this collodion was removed and the camera was ready to take a photo. One sister stood behind the camera with her head under a black cloth. The lens was taken off to expose the glass plate to the light and produce the photo image on the glass.



Theresa Sexton and photography tent, where the present firehouse stands, Hague, NY (Sexton-Hague Historical Society)



The newly built Uncas at the intersection of Routes 9 and 9N, on its way to being launched for Smith Sexton for its first trip on Lake George, Circa 1910. Hague Historical Society Photo

Exposure could be just a few seconds or as much as several minutes. The sisters then returned to the tent to develop the glass plate while it was still wet. Finally, the photo was printed on paper. The Sexton sisters often set up their photography tent in the summer on Route 8, where the firehouse stands today.

Smith Sexton (1862-1960), brother of Theresa and Flora, had a number of businesses. He bought the building next to the Keenan Brothers Store (now The Hague Market) on Route 8. He and his wife lived upstairs, and the lower floor was a restaurant. When Smith got into a squabble with the Keenan brothers, he opened his own grocery store next door as revenge. He was also a hotelier. Around 1896, he built Hotel Uncas, which had its own library, two bowling alleys, and a post office. Today it is the Northern Lake George Resort. Smith's second hotel, the Mohican House, was just a tenth of a mile north of Hotel Uncas. A 1920s brochure boasted "...our professional orchestra and excellent floor make this a center for the entire locality."

Smith owned many canoes and rowboats and at least two motorized launches that his cousin Wildman Sexton and Wildman's son Jessie E. Sexton built for him. Jessie built the launch Uncas (pictured to the left) for Smith in about 1910. Five teams of horses moved it from Jessie's boatbuilding shop, which stood across from the Lakeside Regional Church on Route 8, down to the lake. The Uncas then motored south out of Hague Bay to Hotel Uncas. Hotel guests enjoyed tours up and down the lake in the launch, stopping at other hotels along the way. ▣

NLG ROTARY HELPS THE COMMUNITY

The Northern Lake George Rotary Club held a silk flower fundraiser sale on Memorial Day Weekend at The Hague Market. Diane Dickson purchased, arranged, and donated all of the flowers, vases, and gave an immense amount of her quarantine time to the project. The club raised well over \$400 at the event to donate to local food banks. The club thanks Jim and Sally Rypkema for allowing it to use the area in front of their store for the sale.

To show appreciation to the staff of the Ticonderoga campus of The University of Vermont Health Network, Elizabethtown Community Hospital for the work they have done during the COVID-19 pandemic, the NLG Rotary Club gave a \$500 gift certificate for them to get food at the Hot Biscuit restaurant in Ticonderoga. ■



TOP: Diane Dickson, Bob Whitaker, Carolyn Close and President Gil Engler



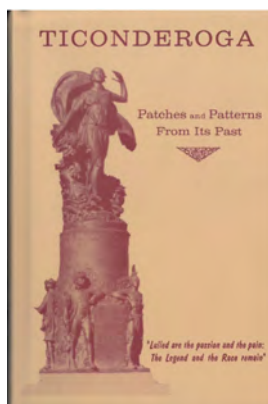
BOTTOM: Gil Engler presents the gift certificate to Hospital Site Operations Director Kristen True

THS OFFERS FREE BOOK TO SENIORS

The Ticonderoga Historical Society (THS) is offering a free local history volume to all 2020 graduating seniors of the Ticonderoga Central School District. *Ticonderoga - Patches and Patterns From Its Past* is a compilation of historical vignettes regarding the town and its heritage.

"We want our young people to appreciate the rich history of our region," said THS President Bill Dolback. "Offering this volume as a graduation gift is one way in which they can carry that history with them forever."

To reserve their free copy, seniors should call 518-585-7868 or send an email to tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. Books may then be picked up at the Hancock House Museum through a contactless delivery system. ■



BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has plans to hold the Best 4th in the North celebration July 1 – 4, 2020 in Ticonderoga, but due to COVID-19, those plans are currently up in the air.

President and CEO Matt Courtright stated, "We are still working through several items and guidelines. I would just suggest people like and follow the Best 4th in the North Facebook, TACC Facebook, and website for announcements." The TACC website is www.ticonderogany.com. ■

NCCC FREE SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

On June 11, 2020, North Country Community College (NCCC) launched a free summer webinar series, *Wellness, Personal Finance, and History*. The presentations are free, but pre-registration is required so invitation details can be sent to participants.

There will be Zoom sessions every Thursday at 7 pm, which will be hosted by NCCC faculty, staff, or special guests with experience in the field. The presentations will last 20-30 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of the host.

This Summer Series will be presented in three blocks. The month of June will focus on wellness and self-help skills with the following sessions still remaining:

- June 18, "Mindfulness and Mental Health," with Angela Brice
- June 25, "Tools to Manage Stress," with Michele Pearsall

In July, the series will pivot to sessions on personal and business finance.

Then in August, the presentations will be on Adirondack history.

To register, visit www.nccc.edu/live. For more information, contact Selina LeMay-Klippel, at sleamay-klippel@nccc.edu. ■

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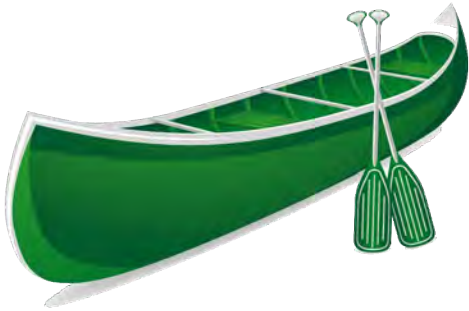
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CALENDAR

June 2020

JUNE

11	10 am – 4 pm	Photography Show opened at the Downtown Gallery	8	7 pm	LGA Program on Loons
18		NCCC Zoom on Mindfulness	9	7 pm	Planning Board
20		Summer Solstice – Start of Summer!	13		The deadline for the June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
21		FATHER'S DAY	14	6 pm	Town Board
25	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	15	7 pm	LGA Program on Hemlocks and HWA Invasives
25		NCCC Zoom on Stress	22	7 pm	LGA Program on LG's Sunken Ships
27	10 am – 2 pm	E-Waste Day at Silver Bay YMCA	23	10 am – 4 pm	Watercolor Artists of Silver Bay Show opens at the Downtown Gallery
			23	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
			24		The June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> will be published

JULY

1 – 4	Best 4th in the North in Ticonderoga
2	10 am – 4 pm Rustic Show opens at the Downtown Gallery
3	TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	LGLC Virtual Hike-A-Thon

These are what is planned at this time. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and phased re-openings, please check with these groups to be certain these events will, in fact, be held.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday and Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED
Check for updates at: <https://townofhague.org/departments/transfer-station>