



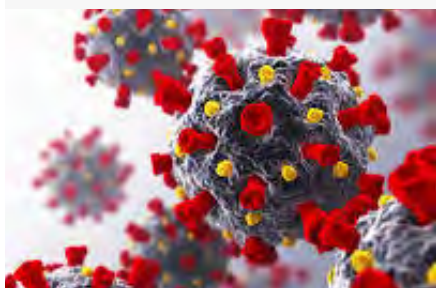
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of June 12, 2021:



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 | 174,125,055 | 3,750,198 |
| US | 33,397,397 | 598,503 |
| NYS | 2,106,852 | 53,483 |
| Warren County | 3,656 | 57 |
| Essex County | 1,591 | 26 |

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

MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE *by Gabrielle Keller*

White Elephant Sale

For several years, the Hague Senior Club has organized the Memorial Day activities. This year, the parade and Funfest could not be held due to COVID-19. However, the White Elephant Sale, under the direction of Pat Hintze, president of the Senior Club, took place at the Hague Town Beach on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Maureen Cherubini, usually the chairman of the parade committee, arranged for booths to be set up under tents, each selling very different items. There was a booth with a caricature artist, who sketched pictures of people. Town residents and visitors gathered on the beach to shop for items and to chat with one another as music played through loudspeakers. It was a wonderfully cheerful event.

The largest tent was run by Pat Hintze and her volunteer committee. The merchandise sold was all donated to the Senior Club by residents of Hague. The goal of their shop was to raise money for Senior Club trips. They were selling books, fabrics, paintings, and many other items. Pat said, "This is the best White Elephant in the North Country! There is something for everyone!"

Chalk Couture, a booth run by Heather Gordon, showcased hand-painted items and home décor. Each design was made by using reusable silk screen stencils and Chalk Couture paint. She was selling her designs as well as kits that contained the materials needed to make your own. An avid crafter herself, Heather was inspired to get involved with Chalk Couture because of how easy, beautiful, and professional the designs turn out.

Another shop, Adirondack Country Store and More, run by mother,



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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We're on the go again!

We'll be headed to the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville, NY on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

On Thursday, the 15th of July at 9 am, we'll be leaving for The Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington, VT.

On Thursday, July 29th, we're going to the Hildene, which was the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln and his wife, Mary Harlan Lincoln, in Manchester Center, VT. ▣



SERVICES AT GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Hague community can "keep the sabbath" by attending the 10 am services at Grace Memorial Chapel during this summer of 2021. These are the preachers who will conduct the services:

July 4th - Mr. Sean McFeely, Christian Camp Director

July 11th - The Rev. Deadra Ashton, Chaplain at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

July 18th - The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay Association

July 25th - The Rev. Robert Johnson, Retired, ELCA

August 1st - The Rev. Dr. James Calvin Davis, Professor of Religion, Middlebury College ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of May, we had 14 fire calls and drills and seven EMS calls, using 155 volunteer hours.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Chicken Barbecue! It was a great success.

We are getting ready for a busy summer season and want to remind everyone that in the event of an emergency or fire, please **call 911**, not the firehouse.

The Dispatch Center can quickly assess your emergency and dispatch the appropriate responders. ▣



MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough

Made in Hague opened its artists collective shop on Memorial Day Weekend – the beginning of their eighth season!

On a recent visit there, I found lots to catch my eye and tempt my wallet. The wares included Mike Strutz's gyotaku fish prints, Donna Wotton's jams and a new line of salts and spices, beach glass jewelry by Sandy Swanson, signs by Amanda Vickerson, and lots more. Be sure to stop in frequently as their stock is always changing. ▣



2021 HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK

JULY 3RD:

6 pm BARKEATER - TOM DENNO AND FRIENDS
9:30 pm FIREWORKS

JULY 7TH:

7 pm RICK BOLTON AND FRIENDS
Hague's hometown favorites!

JULY 14TH:

7 pm WILLIE PLAYMORE BAND
The music of ZZ Top, Bon Jovi, The Allman Brothers, and more

JULY 21ST:

7 pm RUNNING THE RIVER
Classic Rock, country, folk, and Irish tunes

The inclement weather site will be the Hague Community Center. ▣

FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT

The Firehouse Restaurant in Hague will open for the season on Thursday, June 17, 2021. The hours will be from 5 - 11 pm, Thursdays through Sundays.

Starting July 1st, it will be open five nights per week, Thursdays - Mondays.

Sheri and Cris are happy to welcome Chef Rob back into their kitchen. ▣



PEGGY'S POINT

Things at Peggy's Point are sprouting again . . . the grass is cut . . . the gardens and pathways are being mulched and dead-headed. It's spring!



Mary Lou Doulin, the crew from the Lake George Land Conservancy, and a few volunteers are working their magic.

As you probably read here last month, Peggy's Point may be closed for awhile as restoration work is underway; but when it's open, don't hesitate to stop in and enjoy the beautiful blooms.

If you've got a green thumb, you can always volunteer by calling Mary Lou Doulin at 518-543-6554!

She'll be grateful! ▣

MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE, CONTINUED

Lisa, and her two daughters, Chelsie and Macie, showcased beautiful handmade home décor and knick knacks. Lisa began crafting decorations for weddings and selling items at craft fairs around two years ago. Now, her small gig has become a business that she hopes to grow. You can find Adirondack Country Store on Facebook! Lisa's daughter, Chelsie, also displayed her handmade stone jewelry, which she sells on Etsy. She hopes to turn her shop into a large business.

Memorial Service

At 2 pm, a small memorial service was held at the Hague Town Beach. It was a meaningful ceremony, during which the speakers stood on the steps of the visitor center and the audience listened from the grass. Maureen Cherubini organized the ceremony. Edna Frasier read a Memorial Day poem. Steve Ramant led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke a few words about Memorial Day.

Art Hatfield, a veteran of the Korean War, shared a few words about his story. Art graduated from a military prep school with his twin brother, Sam. He and his brother were later drafted to Korea, but served in Panama to keep the canal safe. The two of them were discharged seven years later to New York.



We thank Veterans like Art Hatfield for their courageous service to keep our country safe.

HVFD Memorial Day Barbeque

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department held their annual barbeque from 4 to 6 pm to raise money for the fire department. It is one of their biggest fundraisers, as they sell around 200 dinners to residents of Hague and the surrounding area. For years, the barbeque was a large gathering, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HVFD created a drive-through event. Cars lined up and drove through the firehouse, where a committee quickly handed packaged meals to the customers. The meals were ten dollars each and consisted of half a chicken, a potato, coleslaw, a roll, and a dessert item.

The barbeque fundraiser typically requires about five to ten volunteers. This year, Jon Hanna collected the money from the customers while Linda Mury supplied the food items to the packagers, who were Meg Haskell, Donna Trudeau, and Harley Trudeau, seen in the photo to the right.

The fundraiser is always well organized and eagerly anticipated by customers. This year, the barbeque was heavily advertised throughout Hague and the meals sold out very quickly.

Incidentally, I purchased one of the meals and it was absolutely delicious! ▣



PLANNING BOARD - 5/6/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, and Pam Peterson were present. The meeting will remain open until June 16th to allow board actions immediately following the scheduled site visits.

LEUDEKE (10-2-25.1) 164 New Hague Road OCII

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 60.98-acre parcel into two lots of 52.98 acres and eight acres. The public hearing was rescheduled to the July Planning Board Meeting due to lack of timely public notification. A site visit was completed. This was tabled until a site survey is received.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25%. The project is subject to site plan review due to its proximity to the MHW. A public meeting was held with no one speaking for or against. The town board, acting as the Local Board of Health, is reviewing an application for an upgraded on-site waste water treatment system and will be meeting on June 8, 2021. No additional actions were taken pending the town board waste water treatment system review.

BOSI (93.12-1-4) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

A variance is requested to construct a retaining wall ten feet back from the MHW. This is an "After the Fact" variance for the construction of retaining walls and stairs to a waterfront parcel. This application was previously approved by the ZBA, but was reversed by the APA. The revised application is being reviewed by the ZBA.

BROWN (43.13-1-4 23-29) Abenakis Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace two existing legal, non-conforming residential structures with a proposed two-story residence and patio within the 50-foot shoreline setback. See the ZBA notes for details. A site visit was scheduled.

GLADING-DILORENZO (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing to renovate an existing summer camp used seasonally. Improvements include renovation of the first floor and construction of a second story to increase living space and to move one bedroom of the existing three bedrooms to the second level. A site visit was scheduled.

LUKEVENTURES LLC (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lakeshore Drive (HP) (Previously listed as ENGLER)

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing legal non-conforming commercial structure with a mixed-use commercial/residential structure. Variance requests for expansion in excess of 25% of a lawful non-conforming structure and for a frontline set back were both denied by the ZBA at their May 27, 2021, meeting. The Site Plan Review for mixed use structure in the hamlet was tabled until the application is withdrawn or modified.

LEWKE (76.20-1-26) 8127 Lake Shore Drive

The applicant is seeking to convert its existing two-bedroom 800 sq. ft. cabin into an accessory structure (detached home office) by removing the kitchen and shower. The proposed plan leaves a half-bath in place. The applicant has plans to construct a new 1,400 sq. ft. four-season home on their 3.4-acre lot. The reclassification of the existing structure is an attempt to salvage the building. A public hearing was held. An attorney for a neighbor cited town code and challenged that by definition, an accessory structure in no case may have living accommodations or associated plumbing. A neighbor expressed concern that if the accessory structure is allowed to remain, it will reduce the impervious ground area, set precedence for multiple dwellings on one lot and, on a personal note, potentially allow a repeat of last summer's renters water access abuse. One neighbor spoke for the proposal and felt it was consistent with previous planning board decisions. The accessory structure was unanimously approved with the conditions that the applicants totally disconnect and remove all kitchen and shower plumbing and associated fixtures, (with one toilet and one sink remaining), and allow town inspections during the two-year permit period with 48 hours' notice.

DROPPO (26.18-1-9) 9221 Lakeshore Drive (formerly Ruah)

The applicant is seeking to build a one-car garage with an office and half-bath on the second floor. Construction would require minimal blasting. The site visit raised concerns about storm water runoff and blasting. Project representatives reviewed new details on storm water management plans and requirements for blasting. Rock excavation blasting will be minimized wherever possible such as by using expanding grout instead of explosives. Any explosives used will require notification of neighbors, monitoring of surrounding properties and the following of prescribed safety guidelines. Rock removal would not be done during the summer months. The public hearing was rescheduled for the July Planning Board Meeting due to a lack of timely public notification.

JACKSON (43.5-2-21) 24 Holman Hill Road (Hamlet)

At the request of the Jacksons, this previously acted-upon subdivision proposal is being revisited. Issues include access through lots, easements, gradients, etc. One lot abuts Holman Hill Road and the other abuts 9N. Town Attorney John Silvestri is contacting the applicants to confirm aspects of their previous subdivision proposal. This has been tabled until July.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/27/2021

Deputy Chairperson Jon Hanna and Board Members Maureen Cherubini, Linda Mury, Ray Snyder, and alternate Cathy Clark were present. Chairman Robert Goetsch was absent.

LUKEVENTURES LLC (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lakeshore Drive (HP) (Previously listed as ENGLER)

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing legal, non-conforming commercial structure (currently occupied

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, CONTINUED

by Made in Hague) with a two-story mixed-use commercial/residential structure. Variances are requested for expansion (in excess of 25%) of a lawful non-conforming structure and expansion of the area within the existing frontline setback. A public hearing was held. Joseph Vilardo, the applicant's architect, provided details of the project. The applicant had Tom Jarrett of Jarrett Engineers provide a written report of his review of the sightlines of the intersection of Overbrook Road and 9N, taking into consideration the proposed structure and his assessment that the site distances both north and south were adequate. A number of residents spoke for the project as an improvement to the town and did not feel there was a safety issue with the intersection. A number of Overbrook Road residents expressed concern for public safety related to traffic visibility being inhibited by the building extension combined with parking on 9N and the blind driveway behind the structure on Overbrook Road. The board had provided the DOT with the proposed plans and had the DOT response dated May 19, 2021 in hand, stating they would deny access to 9N and indicated ADA curbing in front of the new building would be required. The 2017 Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan noted that the intersection of 9N and Overbrook Road was unsafe. Additionally, the Planning Board had recommended denying this application. The board reviewed the Considerations for Variance Determinations for the expansion and sideline setback and unanimously denied the application.

BOSI (93.12-1-4) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR 1)

At the September 24, 2020 ZBA meeting, the board unanimously approved the applicant's variance to construct a retaining wall along their lakefront ten feet back from the MHWM. See *The Hague Chronicle* (October 2020) for details. The APA reversed the previously-granted variance due to insufficient information, requiring a resubmission. The updated application was deemed complete. An additional site visit is not required. A public hearing will be held at the ZBA meeting on June 24th.

BROWN (43.13-1-4) 23-29 Abenakis Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace two existing legal, non-conforming residential structures with a proposed two-story residence and patio within the 50-foot shoreline setback. The two existing structures are within eight feet and 30 feet of the shoreline. The proposed new structure setback would be 25 feet. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the ZBA meeting on June 24th.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand an existing lakefront home. The project includes an upgraded waste water system and the demolition and reconstruction of an accessory structure with plumbing. The project is subject to Site Plan Review due to its proximity to the MHWM of the lake. The new structure would stay within the existing footprint and the proposed setback from the MHWM would

increase slightly from 12.4 feet to 13.9 feet. The ZBA is waiting for a response from the town board on the replacement waste water treatment system approval. A site visit was scheduled. The public hearing will remain open.

GLADING-DILORENZO (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is proposing to renovate an existing summer camp. Improvements include renovation of the first floor, construction of a second story to increase living space, and to move one bedroom of the existing three bedrooms to the second level. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on June 24th. ■

TOWN BOARD - 6/8/2021

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Ramant, Bast, and Patchett were present. Fitzgerald was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Marc Warren, Fred Thompson, and Kevin Swayne.

A request was made for approval from the town to move and realign two buoys in Gull Bay to discourage boaters from anchoring too close to the beach and docks, which creates a safety hazard to swimmers. The board approved the request, and Ramant agreed to follow up with DEC to have the buoys moved.

PUBLIC HEARING: McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road

A public hearing was held for a requested septic variance to upgrade an on-site waste water treatment system. A presentation was made by Cedarwood Engineering, the town's engineer. Concerns were voiced about maintenance for the system, which is on a steep hillside close to the brook. It was agreed a maintenance requirement would be deeded in the property, so that present and future owners would maintain the system. Board members voted to approved the variance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Insurance: Frasier – A \$30,000 insurance bill has been paid and the insurance renewed.

Highway: Ramant/Bast – Surface repair was completed on the access road to Jabe Pond. The committee is working on getting funding from FEMA for a self-sustaining salt shed.

Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald – The town is seeking a candidate for the Town Clerk position to take over for Melissa Patchett who resigned. No candidates who meet the requirement to be a town resident have applied.

Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier – Two candidates for staffing of the Visitor Center and one lifeguard were nominated and approved by the board. Plans are in place to open the Visitor Center, beach, and boat launch for weekend and weekday use on June 26th.

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Environmental Concerns:

Ramant/Patchett: Ramant received a quote for \$12,000 for knotweed control and is working with the LGLC for a grant to help with funding of the expense.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Private Home Short-Term Rentals:

The board agreed that the ordinance will not be put in place for 2021, citing problems with enforcement and acknowledging that renter noise complaints are not frequent. The board agreed that further discussion should take place, so that a system may be devised to inform residents of what actions they may take if a problem were to occur.

Zoom: The board agreed to acquire microphone equipment and to continue to provide board meeting access to residents online via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution was put forth to sign a contract with Liz Tedford to write a grant for a salt storage facility. The resolution was passed.

A list of individual requests for adjustments to EDU assignments reported by the Sewer EDU Appeals Committee was reviewed and approved. ▣

SOUNDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Gabrielle Keller, the intern for *The Hague Chronicle*, on her acceptance into the Summer Journalism Academy at Boston University.

This is a two-week program to provide high school students with hands-on training in news reporting, writing, and photography.

Proud of you Gabby! ▣

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

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE BOARD MET

by Judy Stock

The six members of *The Hague Chronicle* Board of Directors met on June 3, 2021 for their annual meeting. All officers will continue in their current positions: Judy Stock as publisher; Bobbi Bryant Taylor as editor; Bob Whitaker as treasurer; and Pat McDonough as secretary. They are joined on the board by Layout Editor Chris Quinn and Jan Whitaker.

The balance in the checking account at the end of May, 2021 was \$6,919. The savings account balance was \$5,263.

Every year, we give a \$1,000 scholarship to a Hague student at Ticonderoga High School in honor of the late Dorothy Henry, former editor/publisher of *The Hague Chronicle*. This year's winner will be announced in our July issue.

The board had a lengthy discussion about the topics that we cover in our issues. There may be some resulting modifications in future issues.

We have always reported on the Hague Town Board meetings, but we need a volunteer to cover these meetings in order to continue this service. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

Consideration is being given to a way to celebrate our 50th anniversary. With the quarantine, we were not able to plan any events as we did for our 40th. ▣

E-WASTE DROP-OFF DAY AT SILVER BAY

Silver Bay will hold another E-waste Drop-off Day on June 19, 2021 from 9 am until 2 pm. The drop-off location is 8169 Lake Shore Drive (9N) in Silver Bay, near the South Fire Station. FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN.

Click **HERE** for a list of what equipment can be dropped off for free, information on televisions and monitors accepted for a fee, and items not accepted.

For more information, call: 518-543-8400. ▣



HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Hague Historical Society (HHS) would love to have a written copy of your COVID experience so that they'll have first-person records for future historians. If you've been cleaning out your house during COVID or writing your family's Hague story, please send the HHS your Hague memorabilia or your story.

Their next exhibit will be about the Hague Central School. They have great items to start with, but they'd love for students to bring their high school items to add to the exhibit.



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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TAX SEASON FOR HAGUE AARP TAX-AIDE

by Jan Whitaker

The Hague AARP Tax-Aide team successfully helped Hague and area taxpayers prepare 2020 tax returns.

Our team of 20 of your friends and neighbors prepared and e-filed over 300 federal and state returns before the May 17, 2021 deadline. With considerable support and encouragement from the Town of Hague, we prepared returns in person, conscious of COVID-19 safety concerns and requirements. We masked, sanitized, and social-distanced in the very large community room, and our taxpayers loved using that room!

About one-third of our taxpayers were married and filing jointly; the rest filed as single. About 30 of our taxpayers received the Earned Income Tax Credit which is a great benefit for those who receive W2s from their employers. About two-thirds of our taxpayers were aged 60 or over. ▣

VIDEO PROVIDING TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

This is a link to a seven-minute video from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) that provides tips and tricks for identifying what are Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and what are not: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nL_s77FV-o. ▣

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague was a miser
Who spouted off just like a geyser.
Sweet talked you like honey
Then asked you for money
And no one was ever the wiser.*

THE INVASION OF THE GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLARS

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

Ask anyone in Hague what's going on these days and you'll probably get the same answer, "Nasty, disgusting gypsy moth caterpillars are everywhere!" It's like we're caught in an Alfred Hitchcock or a Stephen King-type movie – "The Invasion of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillars." They are covering the sides of our houses and hanging on filaments from our eaves as if they're rappelling off our roofs. I've counted over 25 of them on one filament alone!

When we walk near trees or buildings, these dreadful furry creatures, which are now well over an inch in length, bombard our faces, crawl up our necks and legs, and cling to our clothes. If we squish them, they leave us with a mass of glowing green gunk. Yuck!

Last week, I reshingled the roof of a small shed. I was constantly whisking caterpillars off my face and body and off the surface of the roof onto which I was nailing cedar shakes. When I stained the shakes, the caterpillars crawled into the wet stain and I had to whisk them away before they stuck in place. The whole process admittedly made me very cranky! That night, I tossed and turned, slapped and scratched, certain they were still crawling all over me. Maybe you've had the same experience. No, not fun at all.

They poop everywhere, making everything filthy and causing hilly asphalt roads and driveways to be as slick as if covered in tiny ball bearings. Our driveways and yards look, as one friend commented, "Like tossed salad." I would add, "With gunky glue for dressing." And our cars are covered in sticky goo, leaf parts, and tiny black poop. Eeeewww!

But, the worst part is that these creepy creatures are devouring the leaves off our trees, especially our beautiful, stately oaks. This IS a serious problem!

Click **HERE** to read an informative and fascinating article about gypsy moth caterpillars by Paul Hetzler, an ISA-Certified Arborist and a former Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator. ▣



STREETFEST 2021

The 12th Annual StreetFest will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm on Montcalm Street in the heart of historic Downtown Ticonderoga.

StreetFest is a day-long celebration with sidewalk sales, shopping, a variety of food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, kid's activities, and more. Admission is free and open to the public.

Megan Bambara from Ti Auto and Foraging Bear is this year's chairperson.

The StreetFest committee is now registering merchants and vendors for 2021. Applications have been mailed or emailed to all 2019 participants. Vendors including downtown merchants, area businesses, retail stores, restaurants, food vendors, non-profits, artisans, farmers, arts and craft vendors, and vendors with local hand-crafted products are encouraged to participate. Vendors, non-profits and organizations looking to participate must offer something that will enhance the event (item for sale, kid's activity, etc.). The activity must be approved by the



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NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



You're almost asleep and without warning there is a "bzzzzz" in your ear. You brush your hand across the side of your face and the sound disappears only to return in a second or two. Or, you and your family and friends are enjoying a warm summer evening on the lawn when the "bzzzzz" of insects descends upon each of you. Mosquitoes.

Although these blood-sucking insects are usually most active at dusk, they can be active at any time during periods of high humidity. Their piercing mouthparts are designed to feed on blood. Typically, only the females feed on our blood, which they need to produce their eggs.

Mosquitoes use carbon dioxide and other organic substances to locate prey which makes a do-it-yourself mosquito trap, which I saw on social media, such a good idea. All you need is hot water, sugar, yeast, and a two-liter plastic bottle.

Cut the bottle in half around its middle. Heat a cup of water and then add ¼ cup of sugar and stir until the sugar dissolves. Let the sweet solution cool and then add the mixture into the bottom half of the bottle. Add a gram of yeast (about ¼ teaspoon) and stir. This will produce the carbon dioxide reaction.

Remove the cap from the bottle and flip the top upside down. Push it into the bottom half of the bottle to create a funnel. Tape the bottle pieces together. To increase the trap's effectiveness, secure a black sock or piece of cloth around the outside of



the bottle. Set the bottle in a shaded area away from sitting areas. If you put the mosquito trap near you, you'll become the bait! Change the solution every two weeks.

Summer is full of sun and joy. Revel in the outdoors at your home without the worry of biting mosquitoes. I'm trying the homemade trap and maybe you will too. Good luck to us all. ▣

STREETFEST, CONTINUED

StreetFest Committee. Information only, raffles, and political vendors are not allowed. Merchants are asked to create exciting displays and have products for sale in front of their businesses that will attract customers.

To participate, you must complete a Merchant/Vendor Form and be approved. Applications and information are available at www.timainstreet.org, www.ticonderogany.com, tmisp@timainstreet.org, or by calling 518-585-6619. There is no fee for Montcalm Street merchants/businesses, partners, and sponsors, but they must fill out a registration form. The fee for all other vendors is now \$50. Checks should be made payable to Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP). Completed applications should be mailed to TMSP, PO Box 379, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or to the TMSP Coordinator at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Office at 94 Montcalm Street, Suite 1, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

The deadline to register is **July 16th, 2021**. Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no refunds.

All NYS COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and enforced; all information is subject to change. Stay up-to-date by liking and following the TMSP and the TACC Facebook pages. ▣

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTINUED

The HHS annual meeting is June 22, 2021 at 7 pm. This will only take about five minutes and then Tim Gautreau will talk about the Hacker Boat Company and his experience working there for 40 years.

On July 20th at 7 pm, Diane O'Connor from the Ticonderoga Historical Society will speak on "How Women Won the Civil War," which will look at the roles women played as soldiers, spies, nurses, and leaders. ▣

LOVE LETTER TO THE LAKE

by Gabrielle Keller



You gave me my first sip of
adolescence
The world had become so spotty
You comforted me in its scary essence
As I dove into your cool July body

At night, I swam in your embrace
The moon bounced off of you
beautifully
A kaleidoscope of stars danced
in space
To the sound of our splashes coupled
musically

Even on the days you were callous
I felt solace
I knew
There was kindness hiding behind
your ferocious boom

With thunder blast
The world heard your cries
We locked our doors 'til your
anger passed
Your tears were wiped by the
murky skies ▣

SILVER BAY GOINGS-ON

by Steve Tamm

In late May 2021, we sent out a “Shoot the Breeze with Steve” e-newsletter. Later that same day, New York State (NYS) released various new directives including the summer 2021 guidelines for day camps and overnight camps, more than three months after NYS announced that camps could open this year. Over the next seven days, NYS released three more updates to those day camp/overnight regulations. There are various and often-conflicting regulations for the many things we offer at Silver Bay, all of which we need to go through and vet. While it seems to many that we are in a post-covid environment, there are still many restrictions that remain in place.

Taking the aforementioned into consideration and combined with the fact that we have been greatly constrained on the labor side with the inability of hiring our normal cadre of domestic and international students, we have quite an operational hurdle. The labor challenges are not unique to Silver Bay or even the Lake George region, as it has been widely reported recently that the US Chamber of Commerce called the current labor shortage a “national crisis.”

Those are the operating realities we are attempting to work through and we will do all that we can to open more and more things. Those updates will be shared in real time via our online calendar, e-Breezes and “Shoot the Breeze with Steve” e-newsletters. We encourage all our guests and members to check regularly as things will continue to evolve and change.

Lastly, and as a reminder, the protocols we have and are creating represent our best effort to create a safe environment that works for our entire Silver Bay community — inevitably some will feel they are too loose and others will feel they are too tight. It is our sincere hope that the protocols in place this summer are, in fact, just right for a community that values inclusivity and includes people of all ages, immune systems, experiences, and needs. ▣



UPCOMING LGLC EVENTS

Naturalist-Guided Hike at Gull Bay:

June 19, 2021 - Join the Up Yonda Farm naturalists for an adventure at Gull Bay! Take in a view of Lake George and visit the great blue heron rookery while the nests are still active.



Leave No Trace: June 30th - This year's Living Lands Series (LLS) is launching with the Adirondack Mountain Club providing a review of Leave No Trace principles. The LLS will be virtual again this year; registration is not required. Videos will go live at 5:30 pm on the event date. ▣

SILVER BAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Silver Bay volunteers give their time and talents at the rate of nearly 5,000 hours a year! Silver Bay thanks you in advance for considering how you can help it thrive in 2021!

Current areas of need include:

- **Housekeeping** – assist in room turnovers, cottage preparation, and sanitation efforts
- **Food Service** – greet and assist guests, fill orders at the buffet line and other tasks
- **Gardening** - weed, water and tend gardens across campus
- **Spiritual Life Program Greeter** - greet and seat guests
- **Slim Point Support** - welcome and sign guests in and check badges at the beach
- **Tennis Court Maintenance** - weed, sweep the courts, and other light-to-medium duty physical tasks
- **Trail Maintenance** - clear and maintain Silver Bay's network of trails
- **Library at The Inn** - check-in/ check-out books, re-shelve books, and greet guests
- **Fisher Fitness Center** - check-in guests, sanitize equipment, and monitor space

To learn more about volunteer opportunities this summer, contact Martha Petteys at mpetteys@silverbay.org. To review and complete the 2021 Volunteer Application, click **HERE**. ▣

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD PROGRAMS 2021

Arts Trek Free Children's Summer Programs

- Wednesdays, 10:15 am, July 7th- August 11th, Knights of Columbus Pavilion (behind Knights of Columbus Hall on Montcalm Street)

Summer In The Park Concert Series

- Tuesdays, 7 pm, July 6th - August 10th, Ticonderoga Community Building, 132 Montcalm Street

Weareinstrumental Program

- Summer-long musical instrument drive to benefit elementary students in the North Country. Gently used band and string instruments accepted. Local drop offs are at Silver Bay YMCA, Blackwatch Memorial Library, and First United Methodist Church.

For more information, go to <http://www.tifestivalguild.com>. ▣

LOOKING BACK

Fourteen years ago, in August 2007, as Hague celebrated its bicentennial, alumni of the Hague Central School gathered for its All-School Reunion. Among those Hague High School graduates was Judy Waters Kenna, Class of 1962. Born and raised in Hague, Judy, like so many others, returned for the festivities and was deeply moved by her experience here that weekend. What follows are her thoughts on the last day of the reunion. Our thanks to Judy for sharing her remembrances of that splendid reunion/bicentennial weekend.

HAGUE CENTRAL ALL-CLASS REUNION IN 2007

by Judy Waters Kenna

Echoes from the past are still wafting on the gentle breezes as they blew in off beautiful Lake George. Here, time stood still for a moment, for nearly two hundred alumni of the Hague High School's All-Class Reunion. Both tears and laughter graced faces from old and bent – to young and spry, as each tried to recall faces – familiar and known, yet somehow strange, altered by the years. Still, they were kindred recollections from the distant past. We learned how the years have made their indents on us all, as we sat in reminiscent awe. In our minds and memories, we were youths again, reliving the glorious adventure in a kindlier time.

Does not everyone feel as I? Those precious days in our small town, which incidentally celebrated its 200th anniversary, coinciding with our All-School Reunion. Once having left the place of their birth, do they not feel an unquenchable draw back to their home place? Remembering the crisp beauty of the hills, mountains and lake, and the crystal-clear singing brooks. All these compelling us to once again walk on the lighter side of life as we did so many years ago. Do they feel the tender affections for those class and school mates? Those that were so much a part of their lives during the time our destinies were being formed, there in that picturesque small-town America?

As I entered the beach area, reunion grounds were decked with huge tent and tables, balloons fluttering and the soft

chatter of those already gathered. Hesitating a moment, I gazed across these folks of my youth, there in small clusters. Some who had arrived early, sought out or recognized someone special. Then my heart began to pound. Thoughts raced through my mind. Would anyone recognize me? Would they be glad to see me? Will they think I look too old or worn from these many years? Those anxious moments were soon quelled as someone called out my name. Shortly, hugs, tears of joy, and laughter were mine! Reliving for a few moments, sweet yesteryear. Time had stood still if only for three short, glorious days.

There were those older and those younger. Those that hadn't been much, if any part, in my life back then, but suddenly none of that mattered as familiar names rang in my ears and they graced my path. There were those who had been part of my brother's or sister's classes, school activities and lives. Suddenly, they were as long-lost friends as we relived mutually known and new anecdotes. We learned of some who have gone on before us to a better place, but will always be dearly missed. Others that for some reason couldn't attend this phenomenal gala. Also, those I hoped and longed to see from best friend to first beau. However, in the scheme of things, the good and uplifting outweighed the sad of heart, as this seemingly huge family of Hague descended on its beautiful shores for a magnificent homecoming.

However, as all good things must, too soon, it came to an end, a physical end, to live only in the recesses of my mind's eye. I turned for one last, long, heart-wrenching look. I needed to drink in the wonder of the lake, hear the waves lap upon the shore, smell the fragrance of the air and water, listen to the whirring of the boats, hear

and see the swooping gulls searching for a small morsel.

Now, it stands empty and desolate. The tables are bare, the chairs empty. No resounding murmurs to be found. I somberly retreated for my departure, with quivering lip and tear-filled eyes. The gaiety and festivities of only a few short hours ago, now written in the annals of Hague history. Never again to be, but so thankful that, if only for a few short hours in the span of a lifetime, we were able to reunite and recapture those marvelous feelings of eternal youth, during a time that is no more! ▣



Judy Waters Kenna, Class of 1962, Hague Central School

HANCOCK HOUSE MUSEUM OPEN

The Hancock House Museum in Ticonderoga is now open Wednesdays through Saturdays. The four-story museum and research library, located at 6 Moses Circle, will be open from 10 am until 4 pm during the month of June and will move to daily operations for the months of July and August.

A schedule of more than 13 programs and events is planned for the summer months. "History, Race and Gender in the Adirondacks" is the overarching theme of this year's activities and exhibits.

"For the past four years, the Ticonderoga Historical Society (THS) has made a conscious effort to present exhibits and programs focusing on the Women's Suffrage Centennial," said THS President Bill Dolback. "In addition, the historical society has developed a very popular program on "Jews in the Adirondacks," which has already been presented to several hundred individuals in programs from Plattsburgh to Albany.

"Building on these themes of racial and gender equality, we are presenting a series of conversations, programs and exhibits around topics such as racial inequality in the Adirondacks, notable persons of color in our regional history, and the region's role in the abolitionist and civil rights movement," he noted.

Additional program offerings will feature a look at regional baseball teams of long ago, Adirondack Regiments in the Civil War, The WWII Homefront, the Irish in Musical Theater, Landscape Painters of the Adirondacks and others. Several musical performances will also take place. A full schedule is available at www.tihistory.org.



FORT TICONDEROGA EXHIBITION ON THE ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF AMERICA'S MILITIA

Fort Ticonderoga has unveiled a major new exhibition, "A Well-Regulated Militia: Citizen, Soldier, and State," which was drawn from the museum's collection of over 100 rare artifacts from across the US and beyond. This new exhibit explores the critical institution of the militia in early American history, from colonization through nationhood, and the unique system that developed in the US that relied on citizens to bear the burden of the national defense.



This exhibition is in the ground floor exhibition gallery in the Mars Education Center.

Fort Ticonderoga is open from 9:30 am - 5 pm Tuesday - Sunday through October 31, 2021. ■

TACC'S UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) events that are coming up are:

Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market: Saturdays: July through September 2021
Best 4th in the North: July 1st - 4th

A full calendar of events with details, as well as a printable 2021 "Save-the-Date" flyer can be found online at www.ticonderogany.com. Printed versions are available at the TACC Office.

All events and information are subject to change. ■

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Ti'COUSTICS

Ti'Coustics is starting up again! All shows will be outdoors and in locations in Ticonderoga and Hague.

They will be on the second and fourth Thursdays (a change from previous years) from 7 to 9 pm. The shows are free, with donations going to charitable causes.

Locations for upcoming shows are:

June 24th: Eddie's Restaurant, 68 Route 9N, Ticonderoga, on the deck

July 8th: The Hague Beach (in case of rain, the Hague Community Center)

July 22nd: The Ticonderoga Community Building, front steps (In case of rain, Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus) ■

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

June 2021

JUNE

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|----|-------------|---|----|----------|---|
| 17 | 5 pm | Firehouse Restaurant opens for the season | 5 | | INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED/ Town offices closed |
| 19 | | JUNETEENTH | 7 | 7 pm | HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK – Rick Bolton and Friends |
| | 9 am – 2 pm | Silver Bay E-Waste Drop-off Day | 8 | 7 – 9 pm | Ti'Coustics at the Hague Beach |
| 20 | | LGLC Naturalist Hike at Gull Bay | 12 | | Deadline for the July issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> |
| | | FATHER'S DAY | | | |
| | | SUMMER SOLSTICE - Start of summer! | | | |
| 24 | 7 pm | Zoning Board of Appeals | 13 | 6 pm | Town Board |
| | 7 – 9 pm | Ti'Coustics at Eddie's Restaurant | 14 | 7 pm | HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK – Willie Playmore Band |
| 30 | | LGLC Leave No Trace virtual program | | | Latest the July issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> will be published |

JULY

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| 1 | 7 pm | Planning Board | | 7 pm | HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK – Running the River |
| 1 – 4 | | Best 4th in the North in Ticonderoga | | | |
| 3 | 6 pm | HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK – Barkeater | 22 | 7 pm | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| | 9:30 pm | FIREWORKS | | 7 – 9 pm | Ti'Coustics at the Ticonderoga Community Building |
| 4 | | INDEPENDENCE DAY/Town offices closed | | | |

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm