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## PUBLIC POP-UP PARTY HELD AT THE UPTOWN

On Saturday, September 1, 2018, Ken and Lauren Parlin held their first public "Pop-Up Party" at The Uptown. A large crowd showed up to bid adieu to summer.

Food and drink were provided by The Uptown and Hague's own very talented Loose Monkeys wowed the crowd with their fabulous music. ▣



*Sally Rypkema, Sue Michels, and Ginger Henry Kuenzel*

## SALT CONTAMINATION CONFERENCE

Our Lake George Waterkeeper, Chris Navitsky, attended the Adirondack Lakes Alliance Conference on August 8, 2018 at Paul Smith's College on salt contamination.

He reports that the following are highlights of the information presenters gave regarding the use of road salt:

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## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We'll have our regular meeting on September 25, 2018, when we'll select a Nominations Committee for Officers for 2019.

We'll be playing Wheel of Fortune, so if you would like to be a contestant, please let the board know.

Then, on September 28th, we'll start up our winter activity of bowling at noon at Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga, so come on out and join the fun! ■



## BUSINESS SEASONAL CLOSINGS

The Firehouse Restaurant closed on September 16, 2018 for the season.

The Hague Market will be open Monday - Saturday 7 am - 5 pm and Sunday 7 am - 4 pm until they close sometime later this fall. Juniper will be open Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 4 pm until the end of October.

Made In Hague will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am - 5 pm through Columbus Day.

As far as we know, all of the many other businesses in Hague will remain operational throughout the off season. ■

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a basket raffle on October 6, 2018 from 9 am - 4 pm. The winners will be drawn at 4 pm. They will also be selling food and beverages.

This will coincide with the HVFD's town-wide garage sale.

For more information or to be on the map for the garage sale, contact Linda Mury at 518-543-6550 or me at 518-543-2015. ■



### TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9 AM - 4 PM

To be included in the map, contact Meg Haskell at 518-543-2015 or Linda Mury at 518-543-6550. Maps will be at The Hague Community Center, The Hague Market, and other locations around the area.

## DAVID AND HANNAH DARRIN JOIN BOARD

David and Hannah Darrin, a father and daughter with longstanding ties to conservation efforts in New York and elsewhere, have been named to the board of trustees of The Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Chapter.

They were appointed along with Takeyce Walter, a painter whose work has prominently featured the Adirondacks.

"Hannah, David and Takeyce each bring unique perspectives to the board, and we're fortunate to welcome them," said Peg Olsen, the Adirondack Chapter's director. "At the same time, all three share an understanding that our environment must be as sustainable as our communities - a goal embraced by every one of our projects."

David Darrin has worked with several of the region's leading nonprofit conservation groups. He and his family helped establish Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Margaret A. Darrin and David M. Darrin Freshwater Institute, a multidisciplinary environmental research center dedicated to understanding the ecological consequences of human activities on aquatic, terrestrial, and atmospheric

systems in the Northeast.

In addition, David is a past president of the Lake George Land Conservancy and remains on that organization's advisory board. He is also a trustee at the FUND for Lake George and is active with the Jefferson Project at Lake George, a partnership between RPI, IBM Research, and The FUND for Lake George, which assesses human impact on the lake and seeks ways to mitigate it.

Hannah was drawn to the outdoors as a child in the Adirondacks; since then, she has taken that passion across the globe.

For the past five years, Hannah has been an outdoor educator for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), leading sailing and hiking expeditions in Mexico during the winter and backpacking and canoeing trips in the Adirondacks during the summer. Before that, she worked for three years in Mozambique, where she worked to improve working conditions for fishermen, curtail illegal fishing, and disseminate Mozambican science.



Hannah, who has worked at the Darrin Freshwater Institute and on the Jefferson Project, has also been involved with nonprofits including The FUND for Lake George, the Lake George Land Conservancy and Planned Parenthood Mohawk-Hudson.

The University of Washington graduate will begin working toward her master's degree in environmental management at Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Science this fall. ■

## HUNDREDS CELEBRATE

More than 250 people joined the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) at its 30th Anniversary party, held at Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center in Bolton Landing on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

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## MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough

I popped into the Made in Hague shop over the Labor Day weekend and found they are well stocked with lots of goodies for your last-minute shopping. The year-end holidays are just around the corner, so why not take advantage of buying locally? Need a hostess gift for Thanksgiving? Is there a newlywed in the family?

The shop will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am – 5 pm through Columbus Day.



Donna Wotton reports that they are enjoying another banner year and have recently re-stocked for the fall season. It's quite amazing how many talented people are participating in this successful Hague venture! ▣

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HEALTHY HIGH 5K

North Country Community College will raise awareness about substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery when it hosts the inaugural Healthy High 5k in Ticonderoga on Saturday, September 29, 2018.



Open to all ages, this community walk/run race encourages participants to develop healthy habits to sustain their own recovery or the recovery of an addict in their lives.

“The college and our partner agencies planning this event see this as a priority issue affecting our local and regional community,” said Kim Irland, North Country’s Dean of Student Life. “We recognize that addiction affects families and friends as well as the substance user, and we invite all members of the

## SALT CONTAMINATION

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1. Road salt is impacting the waters of the Adirondack Park (both surface water and ground water), as documented through studies performed by The FUND for Lake George and the Adirondack Watershed Institute, with the greater impact resulting from winter maintenance practices of NYS DOT. A recent study by the AWI that was partially funded by The FUND, 50% of individual residential drinking wells affected by runoff from NYS DOT maintained roads exceed drinking water standards for sodium.

2. The FUND for Lake George has implemented the first watershed-wide

analysis of salt application rates in the country with our Lake George Salt Reduction Initiative. Currently, 20 municipal trucks have GPS data tracking units installed to collect application rates to analyze implementation of better winter maintenance practices and equipment with a goal to reduce road salt use by 50% by 2020. The Town of Hague is a participant.

3. We have presented our Science to Solution model to NYS DOT and we are encouraged that they have committed to implement a salt reduction pilot project for a 17-mile stretch of Route 9N from the Village of Lake George to Tongue Mountain. ▣

## SEWER TOUR

by Linda Toner

This summer, Joe McDowell and John Sheehan, both licensed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, conducted tours of Hague’s wastewater treatment system for interested residents.

I had the opportunity to take part in one of the tours and was impressed with the staff and operations. We learned that there are four staff members, one who is full-time, two who are part-time, and one who works about eight hours per month. They do many tasks (particularly in terms of maintenance) that were previously performed by outside contractors, thereby saving a considerable amount of money.

Most residences in Hague’s two sewer districts have a grinder pump. As the name implies, these grind up the waste coming from the home and pump it to the main sewer line. In the past, failed pumps were sent out for repair. Today, John is able to repair the pumps in-house, resulting in additional cost savings.

community to be part of this event to build healthy habits and celebrate recovery at whatever stage someone might be.”

Check-in is at 9:30 am at NCCC’s Ticonderoga campus at 11 Hawkeye Trail. The race starts at 10 am sharp. The course will wind through Bicentennial Park, along the LaChute

During our tour, John and Joe explained each stage of the treatment process, including the onsite laboratory, where sewage samples are tested daily, seven days a week. These tests are performed to confirm that all required pollutants have been removed. We were able to look through a microscope in the lab to see the microorganisms that are grown to purify the wastewater. We saw the huge tanks where the water is treated, and we also visited the infiltration beds. The treated water flows through these before being released into the ground water. Downhill from these beds are wells where nitrate and phosphorous levels are monitored.

Those of us on the tour felt that it was well-done and informative. We appreciated the opportunity to learn about the plant and how our wastewater is treated.

Note: If you were unable to participate in one of this summer’s tours and would like to visit the plant to learn more, give Joe or John a call to find out when another tour will be scheduled. The number at the plant is 518-543-8862. ▣

River, and through town before returning to the campus.

Registration is \$10 for individuals and \$7 per person for teams. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place in both the men’s and women’s races. In addition to the 5k, an untimed one-mile fun walk/run will also be available. ▣

**PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/6/2018**

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

**BULLOCK (60.5-1-3) Chipwick Lane (TR1)** The wetland determination by Mary Odell, APA biologist, is that this application would be classified as a Class A project and would require an APA permit due to the proximity of the proposed border line to the wetland.

**SMAYDA (60.9-1-31) 44 Bobkat Lane (TRI)** The board recommended to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the variance to replace an existing patio, retaining wall, and steps be approved.

**LANGFORD (76.20-1-12) 8116 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)** The applicants are requesting three after-the-fact variances.

1. The board sent a negative recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the first variance for a 6' high step-down fence along their southern property line. It would terminate 4' 6" from the MHW of the lake, which is too close to the lake.
2. The board sent a negative recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the second variance for a 6' fence 50' to 159' from the lake on the south side of the property. The fence should be 4' high.
3. The board sent a negative recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the third variance for a 4' high fence along the northern property line, which would begin 12' from the MHW and extend to 50' from the lake.

**LAKESIDE REGIONAL CHURCH (26.17-1-17) Hamlet** The board sent a positive recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 12' x 12' shed 5' from the rear (brook) property line. It will be anchored to a concrete pad to meet floodplain standards.

**CASHMAN (43.17-1-1) 8810 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)** The board approved the request to relocate an existing two bedroom cottage, which is located on a on a 5.28 acre parcel and approved a Type One Site Plan Review to construct a new dwelling within 100' of the lake.

**LEVINE (43.17-1-13) Lakeshore Drive (TRI)** The board approved a Type One Site Plan Review to construct a new dwelling within 100' of the lake.

**TONER (26.6-1-17) 4 Forest Bay Road N. (TRI)** The board approved a request to install a half bath (sink and toilet) in a newly constructed accessory structure/office. The property is located within the Town's Sewer District.

**KIREKER (93.16-1-31) 54 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)** The owners would like to replace an existing house with a new five-bedroom house. Demo began without a permit and the ZEO just found out about it. A site visit will be held and a public hearing will be held on October 4, 2018. A stop work order will be issued. ■

**TOWN BOARD - 9/11/2018**

Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Steve Ramant, and Josh Patchett were present and welcomed newly-appointed member Jack Bast, a resident of Arcady Bay Estates in Hague.



Jack Bast

A moment of silence was held in memory of those whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001.

In the committee reports, the board learned:

The new highway truck is in and all workers except one are back on the job.

The town beach and bathrooms are closed and the boat launch will be open through Columbus Day, closing on October 9th.

The state will be paving 15.1 miles of roadway in Hague, costing \$2.8 million.

An open discussion was held on plans for additional docking space in Hague. Councilman Patchett noted that more docking was a number one priority in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. He said it was good for residents and good for the tourists. He felt a floating dock system at the town beach was the best option. Several people spoke for the plan expressing the opinion that it was a better place than the steamer boat dock, which had also been discussed.

Others opposed the idea citing noise, policing, and other problems, including additional garbage and that it may not be beneficial to most of the town residents. The need for the town to match the grant of \$38,000 was also cited.

Linda Mury, President of the HVPFD, noted that she was tired of defending the placement of the fire/rescue boat and being considered the "bad guys." They have had incidents of people not respecting their property.

Councilman Fitzgerald moved that the grant money for the docks be returned to the state and Councilman Ramant seconded it. The motion passed 3-2 with votes opposed from Patchett and Bast. If the board wants to readdress this issue in the future, it will have to start the process over from the beginning.

The board passed a resolution for a five-year extension to National Grid for the street light service and a resolution for an agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for \$300 per year.

The board received a request from Mark Wilson of the Hague Endurance Festival for an additional \$1,400 to meet expenses beyond the original \$7,000 the town approved. Councilman Ramant described a poorly-run event with bills not paid and recommended that they not be allowed to return next year. The board declined to approve the additional money. ■

## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Katherine Ross, 83, of Warrensburg on September 8, 2018 at her home, surrounded by family.

She was born in Hague, the daughter of the late Ernest and Carrie (Dunkley) Conlon. She attended Hague High School and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Katherine was predeceased by her husband Garry Ross and her siblings Roberta Conlon, Ruth Ives, Charles John Conlon, Mabel Remington, Frank Conlon, and William Conlon.

She is survived by her children: Terry Ross and Randy (Kim) Ross of Warrensburg, Nancy Ross of Lake George, and Kelly (Robert) Vaisey of Chestertown; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; siblings Fletcher (Berneice) Conlon, Doris Dunkley, and Richard Conlon; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Donna Cameron Frasier of Hague. ■

## BENEFIT PIANO CONCERT

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will sponsor a benefit piano concert, "The Piano Stylings of George Cantin," at First United Methodist Church, 1045 Wicker Street, on October 7, 2018 at 3 pm. George Cantin is an accomplished pianist who has agreed to play at no cost so all of the donations can go to the Ticonderoga Clergy Association Fund.

The fund provides emergency assistance that is not readily available through Social Services to people in need, which is especially important during the winter, when many disadvantaged people are unable to pay their heating bills.

The concert will be followed by a free community dinner at the church at 4:30 pm. ■

## HUNDREDS CELEBRATE

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The LGLC organized the free, family event to honor all of those who have been a part of its history and to welcome those who wish to be part of its future of protecting Lake George.

Since its incorporation in 1988, the LGLC and its partners have permanently protected 10,867 acres of land and over 6.5 miles of Lake George shoreline through purchased and donated land acquisition, conservation easements and innovative community collaborations. In addition, the LGLC creates and maintains more than 38 miles of trails for year-round recreation and educational opportunities. ■

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/23/2018

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Lindsay Mydlarz, Linda Mury, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, and Maureen Cherubini were all present.

**SISCA (76.20-1-3.1) 8 Silver Bay Road (TRIR)** The board approved a request for a 4' high x 27' long split rail fence to be installed 23' from the lake last month. It received a letter from a neighbor with new information about a covenant in their deed, but any further action is a civil matter.

**SMAYDA (60.9-1-31) 44 Bobkat Lane (TRI)** The owners are applying for a variance so they may replace an existing patio, retaining walls, and steps. A site visit will be held and a public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

**LANGFORD (76.20-1-12) 8116 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)** The applicants are requesting a variance for a 6' high step-down fence along their southern property line, which would end at 4' 6" from the MHW (mean high water) of the lake and a 4' high fence along the northern property line, which would begin 12' from the MHW of the lake to contain their 95 lb. dog. A site visit will be held and a public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

**LAKESIDE REGIONAL CHURCH (26.17-1-17) Hamlet** The church would like to place a 12' x 12' shed 5' from the rear (brook) property line. It will be anchored to a concrete pad to meet floodplain standards. A site visit will be held and a public hearing will be held at the next meeting. ■

## NCCC'S SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Members of an advisory board that will guide the viability study for North Country Community College's proposed School of Applied Technology met for the first time on August 23, 2018.

Representatives of workforce development agencies, chambers of commerce, BOCES programs and local elected officials, along with NCCC faculty, staff, and administration, shared their recommendations and ideas with JMZ Architects and Planners of Glens Falls, the consulting firm the college has hired to complete the trade school study.

JMZ started work in July. It has assembled a team of professionals in community college program feasibility to provide an independent analysis of the viability of a proposed School of Applied Technology in Ticonderoga.

"There is no foregone conclusion," JMZ President Tenée Casaccio told the group. "There's hard work ahead of us. We'll identify the challenges. We'll suggest ways to mitigate those challenges. We'll make recommendations."

The Advisory Board includes four councils with different areas of focus: Curriculum, Recruitment and Employment, Business Plan, and Fundraising.

Donna Wotton, of Hague and Executive Director of the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance, said the study needs to clearly determine what the obstacles to a proposed trade school are.

"I want to know where we can fail, so we can really address those issues and put strategies in place to mitigate those risks," she said. "Don't sugarcoat it. Tell us where the challenges are."

JMZ will conduct its analysis through the fall. The Advisory Board will provide initial feedback to JMZ in October, after which JMZ will release its draft recommendations. The consulting firm's final report and recommendations are expected to be issued by late November. ■

## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



By the time you read this article, my heartbeat *may* be back to normal.

Drying off after snorkeling in the lake, my husband pointed to the water and said, "There's a snake." I looked to where he was pointing and said, "The waves are too rough. You can't see anything."

Just then, I saw the snake! It was comfortably swimming toward our dock, under the dock, under the boat hoist, and then slithered onto land near our house and disappeared. What if I had been one minute later in getting out of the water? The snake and I would have met!

After some investigation, I identified the snake as the Northern Watersnake. The serpent is equally at home in the water or on land. It is described as being "relatively large and heavy bodied." (I can sure attest to that!)

The Northern Watersnake might make one think of a water moccasin or cottonmouth, but those snakes are found in the southern states. Since we live in the Adirondacks, we have an aquatic snake that can give an unforgettable bite but is non-venomous.

Larger than other snakes found in the Adirondacks, the Northern Watersnake can grow as long as four and one-half feet! These reptiles are usually brown or tan with brown or reddish-brown bands. The older the animal, the darker its coloration.

Because the snake is an excellent swimmer, it commonly catches and eats fish and frogs. The rest of its diet



consists of birds, small mammals, and insects.

The female Northern Watersnake gives birth to live young. While gestating, the female will often bask in the sun, warming up her internal offspring to make them develop faster. She gives birth to 15 to 30 babies.

The snake will put up quite a fight if you try to grab it (as if I'd do that!). While striking and biting, it will release bodily substances, like feces and musky secretions. Even though it is a non-venomous snake, its bite will bleed profusely since the reptile's saliva is laced with anticoagulants.

The Northern Watersnake is an interesting animal, but I wish it was interested in another property, not ours! ☑

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*



Somehow the news on aquatic invasive species never gets better.

You may recall an article I did on the Asian clam back in November 2016. A survey conducted that summer found Asian clams in the Cape Cod Village area, Lake Forest Acres beach, and the Rogers Rock State Park beach. A recently published report on the 2018 survey now adds the Hague Brook delta to the growing list of locations where Asian clams have been found. Samples were taken at the south end of the delta near The Hague Motel, the Town of Hague Beach, and at the north end near Trout House Village beach. While the concentrations were very low, it is likely that Asian clams are present throughout the entire delta, which is 20 acres in size.

That brings the total number of locations where clams have been

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found to 24 in the Lake George basin and the total acreage to 120. Details from the survey can be found in the report from the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) entitled *2018 Lake George Asian Clam Lake-Wide Survey: Final Report* published August 28th.

Out of the 24 known sites, the highest densities of clams were found in the southern basin with Million Dollar Beach being the highest, followed by the South Beach Association (Bolton), Cotton Island (Bolton), Shepherd Park (Lake George Village), and the English Brook delta (Lake George Village). These are all large sandy areas, which is the Asian clams' preferred habitat.

Twenty volunteers from the general public waded and took samples over a several day period using round sieves. It was kind of like panning for gold - the sieve was used to separate the tiny grains of sand from the clamshells. Identification of the species was confirmed at Darrin Freshwater Institute.

**The Bad News.** Efforts to eradicate Asian clams using benthic mats to suffocate a known population have proved costly. In one of the larger

applications, mats were placed at the Roger Rock Beach in 2015. The 2016 surveys showed that the population had died. However, by 2017 clams had returned to the same area. At a cost of \$80,000 an acre and doing the math over the current 120-acre basin-wide estimated area, it would take close to \$9.6 million for one application!

Based on the findings that the clams tend to repopulate an area quickly, *further work with benthic mats has been suspended.* Some groups like the South Bay Association and the Lake Stewardship Group of Cleverdale have been hand harvesting their locations for years as a means to reduce Asian clam population.

**The Good News.** There have been *no known recreational or environmental impacts yet from the Asian clams.*

Populations are expanding and the situation will continue to be monitored closely.

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. ☑

## DR. CLAUSS TO HEAD EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

The University of Vermont Health Network-Elizabethtown Community Hospital announced the appointment of David Clauss, MD as the emergency department medical director, which means he will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Emergency Departments in Ticonderoga and Elizabethtown. In addition to his administrative role, Dr. Clauss will treat patients in both locations.



"I am thrilled to join the Elizabethtown Community Hospital community and look forward to working with everyone to continue the outstanding care already being provided to our patients, while identifying and implementing opportunities for improvement," said Dr. Clauss.

"Dr. Clauss is a skilled emergency medicine physician with years of experience working in the region's only level I trauma center," said John Remillard, president of Elizabethtown Community Hospital. "I'm confident that under his leadership, our emergency departments will continue to improve patient care, providing our community with the type of high-quality emergency services found in much larger communities." To learn more about Elizabethtown Community Hospital and its emergency departments, please visit [www.ech.org](http://www.ech.org). ■

## DR. TYRELL STEPPING DOWN

North Country Community College President Dr. Steve Tyrell has announced that he will step down in June 2019, at which point he will have been the college's president for seven years.



"Given the work we have done together that led to strengthening the college on a number of fronts, I feel this is the right time for me to explore my next professional interest," Dr. Tyrell said. He believes announcing his resignation now will give the Board of Trustees and the college community a full year to conduct a successful search for a new president.

Dr. Tyrell has been an especially effective steward of the college's finances and has helped the college grow in enrollment from the smallest of New York's community colleges, to where it surpassed three of its peers.

While the final decision on selecting a new president rests with the Board of Trustees, the search process and the review of the candidates will involve all levels of the college community: administration, faculty, staff, and outside stakeholders, including representatives of the college's sponsoring counties. ■

## NLG ROTARY AND SILVER BAY PRESENTATION

NLG Rotary and the Silver Bay YMCA will host an evening presentation on September 25, 2018 at 7 pm in the new William Boyd Center at Silver Bay.

Todd DeGarmo, Director of the Folklife Center at the Crandall Library, will speak about the Csaplar Lake George and Silver Bay Collections housed at the center in Glens Falls. The public is invited. ■

## 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, September 28, 2018, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and also at the Hancock House parking lot. ■

### THE HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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## TI HISTORICAL SOCIETY FREE PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will kick off the Halloween season with a free program entitled, "Victorian Spirit Photography: Beyond the Veil" on Friday, September 21, 2018 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle.

"The Victorian era (1837-1901) saw a huge curiosity in the occult," said program presenter Diane O'Connor. "This interest in psychic phenomena, séances, spiritualism, ghost photography and other forms of communications beyond the living world were embraced by many prominent people of the time.



*Victorian spiritualist J. Randall Brown. He claims this photo is evidence that he was surrounded by "ghosts."*

Did you know that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert took part in séances? Or that well-known author Arthur Conan Doyle was also a

believer, as was English poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning?

O'Connor will look at this history and create an understanding of why it took place - and how it repeats today in our modern world. She promises a couple of "surprises" during the program and invites both the living and the "otherworldly" to attend.

Reservations are not necessary and refreshments will be served.

Additional information is available by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com). ■

## LOOKING BACK

### 100 YEARS AGO - 1918

by Pat McDonough



Our Looking Back column is about history – usually about Hague history – so you may wonder what prompts us to look back at the year 1918 in this September 2018 column.

Well, I'll tell you. On September 14th, the oldest living person in Hague celebrated her 100th birthday!

On September 15th, the community offered its birthday wishes with a party for Dorothy (known to us all as "Dolly") Kennedy. Imagine! To live for 100 years! To be born in Hague in 1918! To spend time every summer of your long life here!

It got me to thinking, "What was the world like in 1918?" Let's take a peek.

Here in the United States, we were in the second term of our 28th president, Woodrow Wilson (1913 to 1921), and World War I had been raging since 1914. The U.S. was not a member of the Allies in the Great War, but after passage of the Selective Service Act, we were shipping 10,000 soldiers a day to France. Initially, President Wilson had been

lukewarm about woman's suffrage, but then he saw that women played a significant role in World War I. He came to realize that they deserved the right to vote in America. So, in 1918, Wilson finally began to speak out on behalf of women's suffrage.

Less than a month before Dolly's birth, Opha Johnson was the first in line at a Marine Corps recruitment center and became the first woman in the Marine Corps Reserves. More than 300 women enlisted during World War I.

During this time, the Spanish flu was raging across the globe. It is believed that the spread of the flu was partly due to the war and the close quarters that the soldiers shared.

Mabel Smith's family had deep roots in Hague-on-Lake George, she being the daughter of Joseph and Margaret



Barnett, whose homestead was on Split Rock Road. It was amidst the fear of the influenza pandemic that Mabel and her husband Harry decided to return to her family home for the birth of their daughter, Dorothy. The birth was successful and they remained in Hague for the first four months of Dolly's life.

We at *The Hague Chronicle* add our most heartfelt birthday wishes to you, Dolly! We trust you enjoyed a very special celebration with your family, your friends, and

your community. ▣

*Top photo: Dolly, her parents, and her Aunt Louise, en route back to Hague on the steamboat in 1919.*

*Bottom photo: Our Dolly.*

### ROLLY AND KATHE ALLEN RECEIVE AWARD

Fort Ticonderoga recently held its annual Volunteer Reception to thank volunteers and recognize volunteer leadership. Rolly and Kathe Allen of Hague received the "2018 Fort Ticonderoga Volunteers of the Year Award" for their long-time support and advocacy.



*From left to right are: Kathe Allen, Beth Hill, and Rolly Allen  
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"Rolly and Kathe Allen's volunteer support of Fort Ticonderoga has had a substantial impact on our organization," said Beth Hill, President

and CEO. "Their enthusiasm for Fort Ticonderoga's mission and programs is contagious. Rolly and Kathe's willingness to always lend a hand, provide support, and open their home for our many cultivation events has made them an invaluable part of our Fort Ticonderoga family."

New volunteers are welcome to apply to the Volunteers Count! Program. Information and applications are available at [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org) or by calling 518-585-2821. Volunteers who reach ten hours of service receive free annual attendance and other special benefits. ▣

### CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY RENDEZVOUS

The Adirondack and Classic Boat Society held the 45th Annual Lake George Adirondack Chapter Rendezvous on August 24-25, 2018 at the boat pier in Lake George Village. These gentlemen from northern Lake George were in attendance. ▣



*Left to right: Bill McFeely, Dick Barney, Stu Kelley, Ken Engler, John Macionis, and Ed Becker*

## MULLER RECEIVES KNOX AWARD

Dr. H. Nicholas Muller III of Essex, NY, was awarded the 2018 Henry Knox Award at Fort Ticonderoga's Annual Summer Gala held on August 11, 2018.

The award was given in recognition of Dr. Muller's support and leadership as a board member on The Fort Ticonderoga Association and his life-long contributions to the field of history.



*From left to right are: Beth Hill, H. Nicholas Muller, III, Sanford Morhouse, Peter S. Paine, Jr.*

"The Henry Knox Award acknowledges the herculean efforts of Nick in his work on behalf of The Fort Ticonderoga Association," said Beth L. Hill, Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO. "Henry Knox is best known for his role in hauling 60 tons of artillery from Ticonderoga to relieve the siege of Boston over the winter of 1775 to 1776. This feat was justly regarded as a model of fortitude and perseverance. Similarly, Nick has shown that same spirit which motivated Henry Knox on that mission to do the heavy lifting needed to ensure that this institution, like the revolution, would survive and flourish."

"Nick has committed his lifetime to history, museum studies, and academic pursuits," said Sanford Morhouse, The Fort Ticonderoga Association Board Chairman. "It is a great honor to recognize Nick for his leadership over the past several years which fundamentally impacted Fort Ticonderoga for the better. It is a great honor to recognize Nick for his lifetime of accomplishments and thank him for his monumental support." ▣

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?

On September 21-23, 2018, a seminar will focus on the military, political and social history of the American War for Independence. Over 100 people attend this seminar each year.

On October 6, 2018, there will be a Heritage, Harvest, and Horse Festival at Fort Ticonderoga. There will be demonstrations of equestrian sports, working horses, and fun activities throughout the day.

On October 12th, a day-long workshop will be held as part of National History Day, as an encouragement for students grades 6-12 to explore local, state, national and world history. ▣

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TI

**October 3, 2018:** Ti'Coustics (Live Music), Elks Club at 7 pm

**October 13th:** Ticonderoga Area Crop Walk, Ti Heritage Museum at 1 pm

**October 13th and 14th:** Sugar & Spice Country Shoppe Harvest Gathering, Downtown from 10 am – 5 pm

**October 17th:** Ti'Coustics (Live Music), Elks Club at 7 pm ▣

## FALLFEST

The First Annual Fallfest will be held in Ticonderoga on September 29, 2018. There will be fall-themed events for all ages, kids and family activities, business promotions and specials. For a detailed schedule, go to [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com). ▣



*From left to right are: Reid Watrous and Alyssa Courtright*

## FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market continues on Saturdays from 10 am – 1 pm at 114 Wicker Street. The theme for September and October is *Apples! Pumpkins! Maple!* Special events will be:

**September 22, 2018:** Music by "And Sometimes Three," Kids Craft: Fall

**September 29th:** Kids Craft: Apple Stained Glass

**October 6th:** Kids Craft: Cookie Decorating

**October 13th:** Kids Craft Extravaganza ▣

## TI HIGH OPEN HOUSE

Ticonderoga High School will hold its annual open house on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 6 – 8 pm. The evening will begin with a presentation in the auditorium and then proceed to scheduled "periods" so parents can experience their students' daily schedules. ▣

## BOARD OF ED MEETING

The Board of Education of Ticonderoga Central School District will hold its regular meeting September 18, 2018 at 7 pm in the High School cafeteria. ▣

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**CALENDAR**

Sept 2018

**SEPTEMBER**

18	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting-Ti High
19		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> Sept issue mailed and online
21	7 pm	Ti Historical Society Meeting
21-23		Ft. Ti Seminar: War for Independence
22	10 am-1 pm	Farmers' Market
25		Senior Club Meeting
27	6-8 pm	Ti High Open House
27	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
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28		Seniors Bowl at ADK Lanes
28	4:30-6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
29	9:30 am	NCCC Healthy High 5K
29	10 am-1 pm	Farmers' Market
29		Fallfest in Ti

**OCTOBER**

1	1-2 pm	Flu Shots at Community Center
3	7 pm	Ti'Coustics
4	7 pm	Planning Board
6	9 am-4 pm	Hague Town-Wide Garage Sale and HVFD Basket Raffle
6		Ft. Ti Heritage, Harvest, and Horse Festival
7	3 pm	Benefit Piano Concert and Dinner-First United Methodist Church
8		Columbus Day Holiday
8		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline, Oct. issue
9	6 pm	Town Board
12		National History Day at Fort Ti
13	10 am-1 pm	Farmers' Market
13	1 pm	Crop Walk
13-14		Sugar and Spice Country Shoppe Harvest Gathering
17	7 pm	Ti'Coustics
17		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> Oct. issue mailed and online

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS:**

September 2 through June 30: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday: CLOSED