



Published Monthly Since 1972
Volume 47 Number 11

www.thehaguechronicle.org

Hague, New York 12836
Nov 2018

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Veterans Memorial Service, led again by Jim O'Toole, was held at the Hague Veterans Park on Monday, November 12, 2018. In addition to remembering the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the service honored three deceased veterans – Grant Van Patten, Tom James, and Michael Cherubini. They were represented by Christine Van Patten and Julie O'Toole, daughters of Grant Van Patten and Grant's wife, Martha Van Patten; Kathy Santaniello, close friend of Tom James; and Michael Cherubini's sister Pat Hintze and his wife, Maureen Cherubini.



Ticonderoga Cub Scout Tony Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance and Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier gave a welcome. The American Legion 224 of Ticonderoga was present and Lyle Scuderi played taps.



Hague's oldest veteran, Bruce Craig, a World War II veteran, was in attendance with several other veterans from Vietnam and other conflicts who were all given a round of applause and thanks.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department hosted a delicious luncheon buffet at the firehouse after the ceremony. ▣

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department hosted a delicious luncheon buffet at the firehouse after the ceremony. ▣

HOLIDAY IN HAGUE

This year's Holiday in Hague will be on December 1, 2018. As usual, there will be a tree-decorating contest. If you want to decorate a tree, call Katy Wells 543-3020 or Meg Haskell 543-2015. Trees will need to be up by November 28, 2018 and judging will be at 12 pm on December 1st. Prizes will be awarded at 6 pm at the HVFD.

The parade will begin at 2 pm at the Hague Town Park with the Doggy Parade. All floats are welcome in the parade. There will be a Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus following the parade at the Hague Community Center with games and crafts for the kids.

The day will conclude with a Firehouse Pizza/Wing Party at 5 pm at HVFD. There will be order-in or take-out and delivery available by calling 518-543-6059. Music and beverages will be provided. ▣

2018 ELECTION RESULTS

In a midterm contest, which saw activism from all the candidates and their supporters, at least 325 people voted in Hague (compared to 222 in 2017 and 376 in the 2016 presidential election).

The vote count as of our deadline from the Warren County Board of Elections lists the following principal results for Hague:

Governor:

Cuomo and Hochul - 128
Molinaro and Killian - 180

Comptroller

DiNapoli - 159, Trichter - 135

Attorney General

James - 130, Wofford - 154

US Senator

Gillibrand - 169, Farley - 138

CD-21 Representative

Cobb - 159, Stefanik - 163

NYS-45 Senate

Martz - 105, Little - 209

NYS-114 Assembly

Stec - 218, Wilson - 44

Hague Town Board

Jack Bast - 217

For additional results see: warrencountyny.gov/boe/election/2018/results.php ▣

HAGUE MEMORY TREE

Each year, Diane Trudeau and Bertha Dunsmore continue the tradition of putting up the Hague Memory Tree at the Community Center. The tradition was started by Diane's

continued on page 3

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had a wonderful Halloween Party where we all dressed in costumes!

The next big event will be our annual Senior Christmas Party on December 4, 2018 at noon at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. This is one of our club's favorite events. It kicks off the holiday season and is filled with great food, gifts for club members, money tree prizes, grab bags, and the announcement of the Senior of the Year. This is a catered event, so you must call a board member or me to sign up.

We have game night on December 5th at Pat Hintze's home at 6:30 pm. ▣



Winners: 1st - Flor Kunnas - bull
2nd - Pat Hintze- gun-slinging cowgirl
3rd - Kathi Ramant - western apparel

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

In October, we had 19 fire calls and drills using 120 volunteer hours and nine EMS calls with 43 volunteer hours.

The fire boat is out of the water and all tucked in for a long winter's nap.

We will participate in the Parade of Lights in Ticonderoga on Friday, November 30th.

We also want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! ▣

Ti'COUSTICS

Ti'coustics will continue to showcase local musicians the first and third Wednesday of each month. The shows are from 7 – 9 pm at Ti's Elks Lodge.

The November 21st show will include Ken McAlpine, Dan Kirsner, Larry Patch, and Joe Phillips. There will be shows also on December 5th, and December 19th, which will feature Christmas songs. No cover - all donations go to the historical sculptures that we will be placing in the Bicentennial Park. ▣

HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

The University of Vermont - Elizabethtown Community Hospital hosted an open house on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 to celebrate the completion of the \$9.1 million project to transform the former Moses Ludington Hospital facility, now the hospital's Ticonderoga Campus.

The state-of-the-art facility now includes completely renovated radiology and physical therapy departments, as well as dedicated specialty clinic space so patients no longer have to travel as far or as often to receive routine and advanced specialty services. Earlier this year, the hospital completed renovations to its emergency, pharmacy and laboratory departments.

Representatives from The Charles R. Wood Foundation and the Moses Ludington Auxiliary were recognized at the event for their generous donations enabling the hospital to purchase a state-of-art 3D mammography unit and improved ultrasound equipment for the radiology department. ▣

ALL-DIGITAL ISSUES COMING

REMINDER: As of January 2019, we will no longer be mailing hard copies of the monthly issue of *The Hague Chronicle* to your mailing address.

However, you can have copies emailed right to your email inbox automatically if you simply click on "Subscribe" at www.thehaguechronicle.org and follow the prompts. Even if you are currently reading online, please sign up for the email digital option so that you will know when the issue is available.

There will be several hard copies available at the Hague Community Center on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you don't have a computer or a printer and you prefer holding the paper in your hands, you might try asking one of these to print it for you:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. A relative, neighbor, or friend | 4. A staff person in your local library |
| 2. Someone in your local Senior Center | 5. A member or staff person of your church |
| 3. A staff person in your local town hall | |

If you have access to a computer (for example, through a friend, relative, or a local library) and decide to read it online, you will find it is in dazzling color AND you can zoom in to make the text easier to read. Also, think of all the trees you'll be saving!

DONATIONS WILL BE DIGITAL, TOO

As of January, we will only be accepting online donations through a credit card or PayPal. This change is necessary to streamline our financial system. We can accept online donations at any time of the year, but will make an annual appeal each spring to remind readers who want to donate at one specific time. If you have made a recent donation, you could make a small donation this spring or wait until the following year. ▣

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH UPDATE

by Maureen D. Cherubini

The Hague Baptist Church got its permits to start rebuilding the Bell Tower. We also got an award of \$25,000.00 from The New York Landmarks Conservancy – Sacred Sites Program.

The members of the church want to thank all of you for your support and donations. Because of you, we are able to put the Bell Tower back to its original height and looks.

We are still collecting money for the bell tower because, as you know, problems always arise in an old building! Thank you again and God Bless. ▣

OUR FAMILY, HAGUE, AND PEGGY'S POINT

by Scott and Elizabeth Eidman

We have been visiting Lake George on and off all our lives. When Betsy's dad, Jim Nutt, bought a campground in Hague, we decided to buy a camper and leave it here all season. Our family loved coming to Hague and soon a second camper was needed for all the kids and friends!

When my brother-in-law, Jeffery, died, we decided to plant a bush in his honor at Peggy's Point. Marylou Doulin, who does a wonderful job maintaining the park, recommended a mountain laurel. With her care, it is still flourishing.

We then got the okay to donate a bluebird house to Peggy's Point in honor of my dad, Roy Eidman. When Betsy's father died, we gave a second

bluebird house. We are pleased to see additional honorary birdhouses, now occupied by bluebirds, that contribute to the ecosystem of the park.

The many families who have donated plants, trees, and birdhouses honoring loved ones and beloved pets make Peggy's Point emotionally special to numerous past and present residents of Hague.

My father-in-law's favorite restaurant was Emerald's at the Ticonderoga Country Club. The owners graciously allowed us to add a memorial bench at the entrance to honor him. When the fire destroyed the restaurant this past spring, we were heartbroken for the family, members, and community they served. We also figured that bench was gone.

The next day, however, a friend

informed us that the bench had survived the fire! A brave firefighter or a daring citizen possessed the wherewithal and the heartfelt caring during the chaos of the fire to move it out of harm's way. We were thrilled the bench survived! We retrieved it and now it, too, overlooks the lake at Peggy's Point.

Peggy's Point has brought comfort and joy to so many families with ties to Hague! Our family is particularly grateful to Peggy Darrin and her family for donating the land to make Peggy's Point possible and to the volunteers who keep it so beautiful.

If you haven't already, we suggest you enjoy a peaceful stroll there someday. You never know what beautiful plants and birds you'll see and we think you'll feel even more connected to our special town of Hague. ▣

NEW OFFICERS OF LGA BOARD ELECTED

Carla Burhoe has been elected president of the Lake George Association (LGA) Board and Peter Menzies was elected executive vice president for 2018-19.

Carla and her husband, Tom, own Canoe Island Lodge in Diamond Point, a resort that was founded by Carla's mother and father, Jane and Bill Busch in 1946. Carla and Tom took the property over in 1997.

"I am honored to have been elected to lead the Board of Directors for the Lake George Association for this year," said Carla Burhoe.

"I am looking forward to working with the LGA staff and our partners around the lake – businesses, homeowners, schools, other non-profits and local governments – to ensure our critical work and joint protection projects continue," she said.

"Carla has been involved for many years in the community and the LGA," said Walt Lender, Executive Director of

the Lake George Association. "Her leadership and her ability to bring people together will be a tremendous asset to all of us working to protect the lake's water quality."



Also elected was LGA Board Executive Vice President Peter Menzies. He and his wife, Gretchen, own The Reading Room in Katonah, NY.

Menzies, of Bedford and Bolton Landing, first got involved with the LGA while in college and has held board positions and leadership positions in the LGA and the Lake George Land Conservancy.



"We all have the responsibility to protect the well-being of the lake," Menzies said. "My sisters, my parents – all of us take stewardship of the places we live very seriously."

"What I really admire and embrace about the Lake

George Association is that it is a community effort. Membership dollars go to tangible, effective programs that protect the lake's water quality now and also in the future." ▣

HAGUE MEMORY TREE

continued from page 1

mother, Imogene Frasier, in memory of her son, Dale.

Proceeds go to the HVFD. The names of those in whose memory donations were given will be published in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. To include someone on the Memory Tree, send a \$1 donation per name. Checks should be made payable directly to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) and mailed to: Town of Hague Memory Tree, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. Donations can also be given directly to Diane or Bertha at the Community Center. ▣

SWIMMING CRITTERS

Did you know that squirrels, deer, and even bears have been spotted swimming across the lake this fall? ▣



PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 11/1/2018

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

MCCARVILLE (26.10-1-3) 43 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

The board approved removal of an existing house and the replacement of it with a new four-bedroom house.

BECK (93.16-1-5) 96 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

The board approved a 168 sq. ft. addition to an existing house.

BULLOCK (60.5-1-3) Chipwick Lane (TRI)

The board prepared comments on a Class A, two-lot subdivision for the Adirondack Park Agency. ▣

in review by consulting groups and are now being considered by the stakeholders. Donna said that Hague residents are invited to contact her with suggestions or interest in volunteering. The website is <https://ticonderoga-alliance.org>.

There were few reports from the committees. Councilman Bast commended the town, Jim O’Toole, the Ti American Legion, and the HVFD for the excellent Veterans Day event.

In the ZEO report to the board, Cathy Clark noted that a variance that had been approved by the ZBA was overturned by the APA. This was the first Town of Hague approval for a variance in the past 15 years in which the APA overturned the decision. The variance would have allowed a four-foot high fence to be within 50 feet of the lake.

It was reported that three properties have hooked up to the sewer as required.

At the December 11th regular meeting, the board will hold a public hearing on the condemnation of the structure at 7795 Lakeshore Drive so it can be demolished. The building is in total disrepair and the new owner plans to take it down and build a new structure. This property was at one time called Hiawatha House and later Camp Beacon.

The board discussed proposals to convert lights in the Community Center, Highway Department, and Wastewater Treatment Plant to LED lights. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 11/13/2018

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

A moment of silence was held for Bill Grogan.

Executive Director of the Ticonderoga Alliance Donna Wotton gave an update on the Trade School project. Plans have been

TOWN BUDGET

The Hague Town Board met on October 11, 15, 18, and 20, 2018 to discuss the 2019 budget. The board approved the town budget for 2019 with no town-wide town tax again. The town

expects to receive \$1,340,000 in Warren County sales tax, which, along with mortgage tax and occupancy tax, helps offset expenses. The town is leaving \$300,000 of that sales tax income with the county to help offset county taxes. ▣

SUMMARY OF FUNDS AND LEVY DETERMINATION FOR THE TOWN OF HAGUE FOR 2019

CODE	FUND	APPROPRIATIONS & PROVISIONS FOR OTHER USES	LESS ESTIMATED REVENUE	LESS UNEXPENDED BALANCE	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX
A00	GENERAL FUND	\$ 882,568	\$ 732,895	\$ 149,673	\$ -
DA0	HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 842,035	\$ 798,236	\$ 43,799	\$ -
CM0	OCCUPANCY TAX	\$ 51,504	\$ 50,004	\$ 1,500	\$ -
	subtotals	\$ 1,776,107	\$ 1,581,135	\$ 194,972	\$ -
SPECIAL DISTRICTS					
SL1	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 9,100	\$ 1	\$ 600	\$ 8,499
SF0	FIRE/AMBULANCE	\$ 349,661	\$ 80,010	\$ -	\$ 269,651
G01	SEWER DISTRICT #1	\$ 228,110	\$ 228,110	\$ -	\$ -
G02	SEWER DISTRICT #2	\$ 192,495	\$ 192,495	\$ -	\$ -
	subtotals	\$ 779,366	\$ 500,616	\$ 600	\$ 278,150
	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	\$ 2,555,473	\$ 2,081,751	\$ 195,572	\$ 278,150

2019 PROPOSED TAX RATE

	TENTATIVE ASSESSED VALUE	2019 LEVY	TENTATIVE 2019 TAX RATE	2018 PRIOR YR RATE	% CHANGE FROM 2018
TOWN-WIDE	\$ 453,786,843	\$ -	0	0	
STREETLIGHT	\$ 41,452,943	\$ 8,499	0.205027662	0.204767702	.13%
FIRE AND AMBU	\$ 459,405,385	\$ 269,651	0.58695655	0.574680661	2.14%
TOTALS		\$ 278,150	0.791984212	0.779448363	1.61%

SOUNDINGS

ENGAGED: On October 6, 2018, in Hague, Suzanne Ritzdorf and Kenny Finch. An October 2019 wedding is planned in New York City. Suzanne is the daughter of Russ and Karen Faber North of Hague and New Smyrna Beach, FL, the granddaughter of Ellie Roos Faber, and the great-granddaughter of the late John and Eleanor Roos of Forest Bay.

DIED: On October 10, 2018, George P. Denton, 78, formerly of Hague.



He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy SeaBee Reserves, retiring as steelworker chief. Mr. Denton was employed as a welder for International Paper Company of Ticonderoga for over 37 years and was a member of the Company's Quarter Century Club. He was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #1494 and the American Legion, both of Ticonderoga, and the Knights of

Columbus of Port Henry. He was a past member of the Hague Fire Department and Hague Fire E.M.S.

Mr. Denton was predeceased by his wife, Martha J. (Cutting) Denton. Survivors include his daughter, Donna Clarke (Randy) of Crown Point; one son, Daniel Denton (Julie) of Ticonderoga; three grandsons, Jeffrey Clarke (Taylor), Bryce Clarke, and Jacob Denton; one great-grandson, Cameron Blankenship; three sisters, Muriel Berube of Myrtle Beach, SC, Susan Woods of Fort Plain, and Sharon Miller (Robert Moore) of Holland Patent; one brother, David Denton, of Hudson Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Cheryl Alexander, of Forest Bay, on October 12, 2018.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; her children, Liz, Christopher, and Matthew; and her father, Rod Geer. A service was held in their hometown of Wayland, MA and the burial was at Lake George.

DIED: William Jay Grogan, 81, of Hague on November 2, 2018, at Glens Falls Hospital.



Mr. Grogan was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the NYS National Guard. He was employed by R.P.I. of Troy for many years. He had been a resident of Hague since 1993.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Pamela J. (Perkins) Grogan; three children, Steven Grogan of Troy, Brad May (Tasia Osier) of Hague, and Jamie May (Shannon Olcott) of Hague; four sisters, Esther M. Grogan, Mary B. Grogan, Margaret Grogan, and Jayne Pascarelli; and one brother, Richard H. Grogan. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by three brothers, Kenneth Lee Grogan, Harold P. Grogan, and David J. Grogan. ▣

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, awards, or deaths. Please send to editor @thehaguechronicle.org.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union is participating in the New York Credit Union Association's statewide scholarship program, which offers credit union members a chance to win college scholarships. In 2018, scholarships awarded ranged from \$500 to \$1,500.

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors attending two- or four-year accredited educational institutions for the first time in the fall of 2019 and be members of the Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union.

Students/applicants will compete against other credit union members from across the state. Applicants will be judged based upon academic achievements, extracurricular, community activities, and essays.

- [Memo to Applicants](#)
- [Electronic Application](#) or [Printable Application](#)

For more information, contact Pamela Nolan at 518-585-6725 ext. 2212 or email pnolan@tfcunow.com. ▣

TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE FIRST TO EARN CERTIFICATION

The Town of Lake George has become the first municipality in North America to earn the Sustainable Winter Management (SWiM™) Program certification for employing best practices in maintaining safe winter driving conditions while reducing the use of road salt.

The FUND for Lake George has identified road salt runoff as one of the greatest threats to the water quality of Lake George and other area waterways, and is coordinating a multi-year salt-reduction effort among the municipalities in the Lake George basin — the most advanced effort in North America — with a goal of reducing road salt usage by 50% by 2020. ▣



L to R: Town of Lake George Councilman Vincent Crocitto; Highway Department crew members Chip Dodson, Chad Cleveland, and Rob Vopleus; Town Supervisor Dennis Dickinson; Highway Superintendent Dan Davis; WIT Advisers Founder and CEO Phill Sexton; and Highway Department crew member Paul Livingston.

Guess who is this month's Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce TACC Member highlight? Why, it's us, *The Hague Chronicle*. Thanks, TACC!

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

Dogs are amazing. You have probably heard of a dog’s talent for sniffing out drugs in airports, roadside bombs in military operations, unexploded mines in former war zones, and in finding missing persons or criminals on the run. But did you know that they have also been trained to sniff for human sewage? And just imagine, they like to do it! In case you missed the August 17, 2018 article in *The Post Star*, it was titled “Dogs and more helped keep lake clean this year.” It talked about the use of dogs to detect sewage in storm drains along Beach Road in the Town of Lake George. As you may remember, they have had to close the Million Dollar Beach due to high coliform bacteria counts.

It turns out that a company called Environmental Canine Services



“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

(www.ecsk9s.com) combined a love for dogs and for environmental science to train rescue dogs for a special purpose. They are based in Maine and have other locations across America. By using sewage treatment plant effluent and septic tank effluent as samples, and with a year for training, their dogs have become very proficient at detecting human sewage in very low concentrations. By walking them near storm drains, along a lake front, or even from a boat, they will indicate the presence of pollution by barking or just sitting down. They can even smell samples in bottles sent to the company in their “ship and sniff” program. Once a location has received a positive indication from the dogs, further specific testing for fecal coliform or other pollutants can be performed. Of the 19 samples taken during the first session with the dogs in Lake George Village, 18 tested positive for human pollution.

There are several reasons why dogs are better than humans at detecting odors. First, their noses have 300 million olfactory receptors vs. our six million. They also devote 40% more of their brain for olfactory purposes. Their nostrils are separated, which

allows them to smell “in stereo.” Not only can they detect the odor but also the direction from which it came. Dogs have a separate chamber in the nose dedicated to their sense of smell and they breathe in continuously and exhale through a flap on the side of their nostrils. For a fascinating look at the wonders of a dog’s sense of smell I recommend the PBS show NOVA entitled “Dogs’ Dazzling Sense of Smell” (www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/dogs-sense-of-smell/).

Dogs are amazing. Scientists have even found they can detect various forms of cancer. Who knows? Someday when you go for your annual physical it might be a dog doing the tests!

In the meantime, we can use dogs to help keep The Queen of Lakes clean! Further work is being planned.

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

Long before radar and satellite photos, the woolly bear caterpillar predicted the winter weather.

Thanks to Dr. C. H. Curran, curator of insects at American Museum of Natural History in New York City, the woolly bear became the most recognizable caterpillar in North America. Dr. Curran attempted to prove scientifically that the woolly bear could predict the winter weather. From 1948 to 1956, he collected woolly bears and measured their bands. Readers of *The New York Herald Tribune* followed his work.

Unfortunately, Curran’s data samples were too small to establish absolute scientific proof, but his results have



become widespread popular folklore. The woolly bear has 13 distinct segments of either rusty brown or black. According to Curran, if the caterpillar has more wide rusty brown bands, the winter will be mild, but if the black bands dominate, the winter will be severe.

The woolly bear is also called the black-ended bear and the woolly worm. Entomologists know the woolly bear is the larval form of *Pyrrharctia Isabella*, the Isabella tiger moth. The woolly bear seems to be misnamed since it is covered with short stiff bristles of hair.

Like other caterpillars, woolly bears hatch during warm weather from eggs



laid by female moths. Mature woolly bears search for overwintering sites under bark or inside cavities of rocks or logs. That’s why we see them now as they search for winter

homes. When spring arrives, they spin fuzzy cocoons and transform inside them into moths with yellowish-orange and cream-colored wings spotted with black. These moths are common from northern Mexico through the United States and into the southern third of Canada.

Personally, I’m looking for lots of rusty brown on all the caterpillars I see. Why? Because I don’t want to see Jim Cantore at my door this winter! ■

NORTH COUNTRY CLIMATE REALITY CONFERENCE

by Conference Chair Linda Fusco

The North Country Climate Reality's (NCCR) conference, "Adirondack Communities: Preparing for and Responding to Climate Change," was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center.

The intent of the conference was to bring ADK communities together to learn about the impact climate change is having on local municipalities, neighborhoods, aquatic systems, and farmlands. Participants could turnkey the information (climate change impact, future of the ADKS, and disaster preparedness) to their families, local politicians, businesses, volunteer organizations, etc.

Each presentation related facts about how climate change impacts the ADK communities. Examples were: increased flooding from microbursts,

inconsistent snowfall, and invasive species. But, some pros to climate change were also mentioned such as a 20-day extended growing season. Not only did the conference address this warming trend, but it also provided solutions to adapt to and mitigate to a warmer climate (e.g., "floating islands could fight algae in lakes and ponds," *Post Star*, October 30, 2018).

Presentations will be archived on the www.northcountryclimate.org website.



Photo of floating island courtesy of Steve Ramant

In her article on the front page of the Sunday, October 28, 2018 *Post Star*: "Adirondacks Face Impacts of Global Warming," Gwendolyn Craig highlights the risks of a warming Adirondacks climate (which will be more than twice the global average). Climate fluctuations impact the safety of our communities with repercussions to local industries, such as winter and summer tourism. An additional concern is the potential for the ADKs to be identified as a safe haven for people who have been displaced by climate change in the decades to come.

Mark Lowery, a climate policy analyst for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, said that the state will have a three to 12 percent increase in precipitation by the 2050s, and is expecting a 26 percent increase by 2100. "New York State will likely be the Saudi Arabia of water," Lowery said. "We're going to have to think about how we accept the increased population. I don't know if you want to call them 'climate refugees,' but it does demand the need to start thinking about a reversal of the population migration."

We were happy to hear that in the event of the failure of the electric grid, the emergency crews will be assisted by RACES, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services, which can provide communication around the world without Internet or cell phones.

Linda Kasal Fusco, Ph.D. is the author of Navigating MathLand, a Math and Science Consultant in NYC, works for Generation Ready, and is a resident of Silver Bay. ■

CAPITAL PROJECT TO REPAIR SCHOOLS

Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) BOCES is a regional educational service agency serving 13,750 students in 17 component school districts and communities in Clinton, Essex, Warren, and Washington Counties.

Residents will vote on a \$29.85 million capital project on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 that will provide repairs and upgrades to facilities including roofing, HVAC, and window and door repair or replacement.

The net cost to the Ticonderoga Central School District will be \$1,658,291. There has not been a major capital project since 1985.

If this passes, the additional tax will be \$10.11 per \$100,000 of assessed value with STAR. For a home with Enhanced STAR, the tax will be \$4.79 per \$100,000.

Dr. Mark Davey, CVES district superintendent said, "We want to be good stewards and take care of our facilities so we can take care of our students." ■

OFF-SEASON PROGRAMS AT SILVER BAY

The following programs are open to anyone. Non-guests pay a small drop-in fee at each activity attended. Winter programs include:

- **Pickleball** - Monday and Wednesday 10 am – noon, Fisher Gymnasium (\$5 non-guest charge)
- **Yoga** (all levels) – Saturdays, 9 – 10 am, Fisher Gym Dance Studio (\$5 non-guest charge)
- **Trails Hiking Club** - Tuesdays 1 pm (Weather permitting), leave from inn porch (\$5 non-guest charge)
- **Adult (age 18+) Pick-up Basketball** - Wednesdays – 7 pm, Ticonderoga Armory – 123 Champlain Avenue (\$5 non-guest charge)
- **Dinner and a Movie** – 2nd Thursday each month, includes dinner (\$10 suggested donation)
- **Spiritual Life** - Department programs, classes, monthly prayer breakfast, and worship services
- **Community fitness** – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning December 2, 2018, 8 – 10 am, Fisher Gymnasium - FREE



For information on programs at Silver Bay YMCA, see the activity calendar on their website at www.silverbay.org or contact Zac Smalley at zsmalley@silverbay.org or call 518-543-8419.

LOOKING BACK

Meat, Meat, and More Meat

by Sally De Larm Rypkema



The downtown portion of Graphite Mountain Road was first known as Church Street, thanks to the three houses of worship that still stand today and the first church built in Hague on land next to the cemetery. Beginning in the early 1800s, this street was where you would purchase any kind of provisions needed.

The very first market in town was opened by Thomas Gage in 1818. It was located a bit further west on Church Street, just past the old Hague cemetery.

The second market came in 1827. Located on the corner of Church Street and Lake Road(9N), it was owned by Charles Harris, who later sold to Calvin Barnard, and then to Alvah Bevins. We don't know the name of this market. In 1855, Henry Newton bought "stock and good will" from Alvah and continued operating the business until Lewis Burgess bought him out in 1865. By that point, it was called the Corner Cupboard. Burgess ran the store with his brother-in-law John McClanathan. In 1927, Edith McClanathan inherited the store and opened a tearoom (restaurant). A few years later, the building was torn down to make way for the new state road, 9N, to be built.

In 1895, Melvin Barton built what is now the Uptown. It was a grocery and meat market. In 1917, he expanded his offerings to include hay and grain, which was sold next door and was co-owned and operated by Will Keenan.

Across the street in what was recently the Juniper Shop, George Newton and Albert Dolbeck opened a confection and fruit market in 1899. In 1912, the Waters girls from Graphite added a restaurant, the name of which is lost to time.

In 1899, another meat market owned by Henry Clemons operated on the property where the community center's driveway is located. Over the years, Alfred Strong, Melvin Barton, and Francis Waters ran this business at different times.

In deeds dating back before 1880, Clifton West's house was used for storage for meat and ice. Perhaps it was a meat market as well because the back portion was insulated with sawdust and had a very wide doorframe. On the same property, a survey map showed a large meat scale on the lawn, the type used for weighing animal carcasses before they went to market.

A *Ticonderoga Sentinel* article from the era said, "Hague will be well supplied with the best meat this season for, there will be four markets and the Silver Bay House will bring in Western Beef direct from Chicago."

Across the brook down from Scott's house (now Steitz's) was a foot bridge called "Fitzgerald Bridge." In 1899, a meat market and icehouse was located there. It was built and operated by Charles Fish. In 1904, Mrs. W.H. Stanley & Co. leased the store to sell "meat, vegetables, fruit, and everything else." Later, Lilly Fitzgerald, daughter of Charles Fish, had a bakery and telegraph office there. She made and sold desserts to the hotels in town.

The Hague Market was built in 1901 by Ellis Bolton. After a short time, Bolton brought in Melvin Barton. In 1906, Bolton died of typhoid. John Keenan came in as a

partner of Barton. Eventually Barton moved on to one of his many other businesses and Will Keenan, John's brother, took his place as partner. It was called Keenan Brothers. They sold groceries, produce, and you guessed it...meat!

In 1910, according to *The Ticonderoga Sentinel*, the Sturtevant's came to Hague for the summer, leasing John Jenkin's meat market (not sure where this is).

In 1916, Francis Waters purchased a meat market from Stephen Hoyt and WJ Smith just above the waterfalls in the home now owned by the Greeleys.

1918 brought yet another market to Hague. Smith Sexton and his son remodeled the Burgess barn to a restaurant and store with an apartment upstairs. (That later became De Larm's Dairy and is now Alison V. Craig Realty.) At some point, he got in a disagreement with the Keenans next door and decided to sell groceries in competition with them just for spite. According to Clifton West, it was a "booze joint" during prohibition. Teele Wheeler leased the space from 1935-43, called The Village Cash Market. He offered fresh killed chickens delivered on Fridays throughout town. He also carried other grocery items.

My father bought the building in 1948 from the Sextons and leased it to John Fitzgerald. His sign read...WAIT FOR IT... "HARDWARE and MEAT."

You may be shocked to learn that there was one business on Church Street that did not sell meat: Frank Marr's Barber Shop. What he did offer was candy, gum, newspapers, magazines, fishing supplies, and fireworks, along with haircuts and shaves. ▣

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will hold its 27th Annual Festival of Trees at the Hancock House from November 28 through December 29, 2018.

The Historical Society hopes to play host to more than 40 trees and displays this year. These will be featured around the stately historic house, each featuring a unique theme or decorative motif.

The highlight of the Festival of Trees will be the Champagne Reception, on Sunday, December 2nd from 1 until 3 pm.

For additional information, contact the staff at the Hancock House at 518-585-7868. ▣



PAINT & SNACK NIGHTS

Ticonderoga Elementary School is hosting four "Paint & Snack Nights" for parents and students in the community this year. Funding was through the Culture Arts Initiative (CAI) Award with funds from the Town of Ticonderoga and a grant from DonorsChoose.org.

Two Paint & Snack Nights have already occurred on September 27, 2018 and November 7th. There will be two more, one on January 24, 2019 and the last one on June 5th. ▣

ADIRONDACK JEWISH COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present the free program “Adirondack Jews – Community and Contribution” at 7 pm on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle in Ticonderoga.

“We had discussed this program as a possibility for next year,” said Historical Society Managing Director Diane O’Connor. “However, in light of recent events, we felt it important to move forward as soon as possible. The Adirondacks are rich with accomplishments and contributions by individuals of Jewish heritage.



Louis Marshall, an attorney and conservationist, helped draft the “Forever Wild” clause for the protection of the Adirondacks and his son, Bob Marshall, was a founder of the Adirondack 46ers and The Wilderness Society.”

Reservations are not necessary and refreshments will include a latke bar, the traditional Jewish potato pancake, served with an array of toppings.

For information, call 518-585-7868 or e-mail: tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ❏

FT. TI PRESERVES EAST FACE OF MOUNT DEFIANCE



The Fort Ticonderoga Association has acquired 47 acres on the east face of Mount Defiance, ensuring the entire historically significant mountain will forever be protected. The acquisition was made possible through partnership with the Open Space Institute (OSI), which provided a \$46,000 grant for the purchase and related expenses.

Mount Defiance is one of the fort's most important historic features and provides more than 75,000 annual visitors the opportunity to visualize and understand why Ticonderoga was the key to the continent in the 18th century. ❏

MASON/STAR DINNER

A roast pork loin dinner will be served Friday, November 16, 2018 from 4:30-6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple. Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and under. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ❏

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out monthly by volunteers. The news deadline and the date of publication for the next month are listed on the calendar at the end of each issue. Please send all news items to Editor, Bobbi Bryant Taylor, at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org. Please send address corrections or account questions to the Publisher, Judy Stock, at publisher@thehaguechronicle.org.

The Hague Chronicle is supported by its readers; you may donate online or send your yearly check as a tax deductible contribution made out to *The Hague Chronicle*, at: **THE HAGUE CHRONICLE, PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836-0748**

Publisher: Judy Stock **Editorial Staff:** Ginger Kuenzel, Pat McDonough, Tina King
Editor: Bobbi Bryant Taylor **Treasurer:** Bob Whitaker
Layout Editor: Chris Quinn **Database Manager:** Jan Whitaker

TACC NORTH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is sponsoring a North Country Christmas Celebration, which will run from Friday, November 23 - Sunday, December 2, 2018 with events happening every day.

The celebration will include Small Business Saturday, which is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country; this year, it is on November 24th. It's the busiest shopping day of the year for small businesses. To receive the promotions, you must have the Small Business Saturday Specials & Promotions flyer, which is available from TACC, at the participating businesses, at www.ticonderoga.ny.com, or if you mention Small Business Saturday.

Friday, November 30th is Holiday Shopping and Dining Night, which encourages people to shop and dine locally from 4 - 8 pm. Participating businesses will have a Shopping & Dining Night Snowflake displayed and will be listed in the Holiday Shopping & Dining Guide.

TACC will also be a Tiny Tim Program and Local Food Pantry drop-off location until Friday, December 7th. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 am - 3 pm.

For detailed information, a printed schedule of events, a list of participating businesses, a Ticonderoga Area Business Directory, or a calendar of events, visit www.ticonderogany.com, call 518-585-6619, or visit the Ticonderoga Area Chamber Commerce Facebook page. ❏

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

The Heritage Museum's Christmas Shoppe will be held at the Ticonderoga Art Gallery at 119 Montcalm Street on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 10 am – 8 pm and on Saturday, December 1st from 10 am until 2 pm. For Information, call Mary at 518-585-6830 or email tiheritagemuseum@gmail.com. ❏

FT. TI LIVING HISTORY EVENT

“Riot! Yankees vs. Buckskins” will be presented at Fort Ticonderoga on December 15, 2018. Visitors will see how the cold and lonely existence on this forward post would lead soldiers to fighting, nearly erupting in riot at the end of 1776. ❏

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

PO Box 748

Hague, New York 12836-0748



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

Nov 2018

NOVEMBER

16	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason/Star Roast Pork Loin Dinner
21	7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at Elk's Club in Ti
23 – December 2		North Country Christmas
24		Small Business Saturday
28 – December 29		Festival of Trees – Hancock House
29	7 pm	Adirondack Jews Program – Hancock House
30	4 – 8 pm	Holiday Shopping and Dining Night
30	10 – 8 pm	Heritage Museum's Christmas Shoppe

DECEMBER

1		HOLIDAY IN HAGUE
1	10 – 2 pm	Heritage Museum's Christmas Shoppe
2	1 – 3 pm	Champagne Reception – Hancock House
4	noon	Seniors Christmas Party
5	7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at Elk's Club in Ti
6	7 pm	Planning Board
10		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline for December
11		Vote on CVES
11	6 pm	Town Board
15		"Riot! Yankees vs. Buckskins" at Ft. Ti
18	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
19		The Hague Chronicle mailed and online
19	7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at Elk's Club in Ti

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

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