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## I HATE MEESES TO PIECES *by Bobbi Bryant Taylor*

The BIG news in Hague this fall is LITTLE CRITTERS...MICE, MICE, and more MICE! They are making their presence known here in Hague in numbers greater than ever before! It's the talk of every gathering around town.

Now, some folks leave for a warmer climate when they hear the mice scratching at their doors, in the attic, and in their walls. But those of us who stay are finding mice everywhere...and several each day, every day! Sally Rypkema recently shared that she found one at their farmhouse at Wintergreen inside a drawer, nestled in a beautiful hydrangea blossom. I didn't ask if it was just sleeping. Yeah, adorable, but...

You see, mice like to be warm. So, as the weather turns cooler, they try to get inside. It turns out they can squeeze their fat bodies through a hole the size of a Ticonderoga pencil! Even the finest, newest house in Hague will have a few holes that size. "Regular" homes easily have several holes of that diameter. And old, rickety camps usually have spaces wide enough to be mouse superhighways!

What's a person to do? Well, some folks just take it all in stride and co-habitate with their furry friends. But, most certainly do not choose that option. Some (you know who you are!) scream when they see a mouse and immediately begin planning a strategy for ridding themselves of the little creatures.

Some of those folks are softies...they use "Have a Heart" traps and relocate the mice they catch to Crown Point (I wonder how the folks there feel about that!). Some use the baited clothespin-type or traditional traps that kill instantly. They claim that's humane. I don't know. Their bait of choice is peanut butter. The latest method I've heard is to put about eight inches of water in a bucket, place a board up to the rim like a ramp, and wait for the mice to march up the ramp and cannonball into the water, only to discover they cannot climb out. It doesn't take long for them to drown, I'm told. Effective? Yes. Humane? I'm not at all sure 'bout that!

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## SEPTIC SYSTEM LAW PROPOSED

The Queensbury Town Board is moving ahead with a proposed protective law that requires septic systems in waterfront residential zones be "functioning properly" before a property transfer or sale takes place, even if no money changes hands.

The proposed law is needed to ensure that Lake George's Class AA-Special water is protected from potential problems like E. coli bacteria and excessive nutrients that can cause algae outbreaks as well as encourage the growth of invasive plants and animals.



*E-coli bacteria*

At first glance, you may think what Queensbury does may not affect us here in Hague, but, rest assured, it does! As Mike Strutz has discussed in previous "Water Quality Matters" columns, what happens in one part of the lake certainly does have the potential to affect the water quality all over the lake!

With the increased attention on the danger of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in state waterways by New York officials, and with the work the Lake George Association and others have done to prevent one from happening in Lake George, the law's passage becomes even more important.

You hear this regularly from your LGA – if you can't remember the last time you had your septic system inspected and pumped, it is time to do so.

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## UPDATE REGARDING BEAR ATTACK IN HAGUE

A Hague man was hospitalized on the night of October 8, 2018 after an ATV accident. He suffered cuts that required 16 stitches and numerous staples, but he was released from the hospital the following morning. While first reported as a bear attack, he later recanted after investigation by the DEC.

For information on bear safety, please see "Naturally Speaking" on page six.

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to the Senior Club, the Peterson Family, and the community for their support and help that made Dolly Kennedy's 100th birthday party a success. Dolly said it was a memory she will never forget and that statement alone made the day a great one.

We have had a busy month with the Adk 102 Dinner, followed by the Snowbird Dinner at Lizzie Keays Restaurant in Warrensburg. Twenty of us got together to send off nine of our club members who are going south for the winter. May you all travel safely and we'll see you next year!

Those of you who didn't come to the regular meeting missed a good one. Six contestants had a good time and won nice prizes playing Wheel of Fortune.



After that, we started up our winter bowling season. We had a good turnout of wonderful folks, delicious food, and a lot of fun and laughs.

Then, we went on a Vermont Bridge Tour, where we saw the foliage and ate lunch, of course!

We would like to send our love and best wishes to Gertrude (Trudy) Raczowski for a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY, as she turned 97 on October 4th.

We'll be bowling on October 19th at noon at Adk Lanes in Ti, so come on out and join the fun and exercise.

Our regular meeting plus Halloween Party will be on October 23rd

at noon at the Community Center. Everyone should bring a dish to share. This year, it will be a western theme. There will be prizes for costumes and more.

November 7th at 6:30 pm will be Game Night at the Cherubini home.

Our Annual Christmas Tree Shop and lunch will be on November 15th. ▣

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell



During the month of September, we had 25 fire calls and drills using 131 volunteer hours and nine EMS calls with 41 volunteer hours. We also had two marine calls.

We held our first annual basket raffle in conjunction with the town wide garage sale and it was quite successful.

As the cold weather approaches, remember to have your chimneys cleaned and your furnaces serviced. Prevention is the key to reducing fire risk. ▣

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On November 10, 2018, there will be a holiday bazaar at the Hague Community Center from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be a variety of vendors and plenty of great gift ideas, just in time for Christmas. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Harley Trudeau at 518-543-8869 or Mara Haskell at 518-543-2015. ▣

## SEPTIC SYSTEM

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If properly designed, constructed and maintained, your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater.

A malfunctioning system can contaminate both our groundwater and our lake water. Both are sources of drinking water.

According to the Lake George Association's Watershed Data Atlas, only 35 percent of the homes on Lake George are on municipal sewer systems. The rest of the systems around the lake treat individual homes or small numbers of homes. And how many of those septic systems were installed in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s? Hundreds of them!

Inspection of your system is an important way to ensure you are doing your part to protect Lake George's water quality. ▣

## I HATE MEESES TO PIECES

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Did you know there's a local contest going on for how many mice folks have caught this season? As of our deadline date (October 8, 2018), I heard that Tom LaPointe had the most with a whopping **112!** Can you top that? If, to the best of your recollection, you had caught more by that date, send an email with your count as of that date and your favorite and most effective methods to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll crown you the "Mouse-Catching King or Queen" in the November issue.

In the meantime, you might want to stock up on mouse-traps, a jar or two of Jif or Skippy, and some buckets! ▣

## PAVING BEGAN

As of October 6, 2018, the paving of Route 9N had begun near Silver Bay. We'll update the progress next month.



Photo courtesy of Steve Ramant

## HALLOWEENFEST

HalloweenFest 2018 will take place Friday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 31, 2018 throughout Ticonderoga. The events are being hosted by an array of businesses and organizations. ▣

## THE HAGUE CHRONICLE DIGITAL PLANS

As we announced in our September issue, as of January 2019, we shall no longer be mailing printed copies of *The Hague Chronicle*. We'll make several copies available in the Hague Community Center. The current issue and all past issues will continue to be on our website. A digital alternative is available so you can receive your monthly issues of *The Hague Chronicle* directly to your email inbox!

To sign up for this digital subscription, just go to [www.thehaguechronicle.org](http://www.thehaguechronicle.org), click on the SUBSCRIBE tab at the top, and follow the prompts. We hope you will use this convenient option to receive your monthly issues. You can even subscribe friends or family members. Simply enter their names and email addresses and click Submit. Even if you are currently reading online, please sign up for this option.

We will continue to need contributions from our readers to cover our digital publishing and limited printing, as well as for our sponsorship of the annual *The Hague Chronicle Dorothy Henry Scholarship*. You may make your annual donation online by going to [www.thehaguechronicle.org](http://www.thehaguechronicle.org), clicking on the DONATE tab at the top, and following the prompts. This option is available now, although you may still mail a check to us through the end of December 2018. As of January 2019, however, all donations must be made online by credit card or PayPal. ❏

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, the Hague Community Center was filled to the brim with members of the Carillon Garden Club and their guests. Delicious homemade soups, salads, and desserts were enjoyed by all.

After a friendly and relaxed lunch, the speaker, internationally-known, award-winning flower arranger and judge Valerie Cleary from Vermont, presented a workshop on flower arranging. Her delightful sense of humor interspersed with her expert tips caused everyone to be riveted to her presentation.



She created six different arrangements, which showed the evolution of flower arranging. First was a simple bouquet, followed by the hand-tied bouquet, which she explained has been very popular with brides. Next, she did two Japanese arrangements called Ikebana, which follows rigid rules for form and results in beautifully simple designs. Last, she did a formal design in a rectangular dish that was balanced and very full of greenery and flowers and then a more free-flowing design using the same materials. She described her strategy as making the "flowers taller than the greenery and caressed by it." After the presentation, the arrangements were raffled off as a fundraiser for the club. ❏

## ROTARY PROGRAM AT SILVER BAY

The Northern Lake George Rotary and the Silver Bay YMCA will host an evening presentation on October 30, 2018 at 7 pm in the new William Boyd Center Conference Room at Silver Bay. The public is invited. Gale Halm, Silver Bay Archivist, will speak about the Silver Bay Archives and the Watts Family. ❏

## SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLY

The Ticonderoga Central Schools and St. Mary's School will dismiss early on November 16, 2018 for staff development. Times of dismissal will be:

Elementary – 11:00 am | Middle – 11:05 am  
St. Mary's – 11:10 am | High School – 11:15 am

## VON WERNE JOINS LGLC BOARD



Robert Von Werne has joined the Board of Directors of the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC).

A long-time visitor to the Bolton

Landing area, Robert lives on Long Island, where he works in law enforcement. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College and has extensive experience with land trusts throughout the country, thanks to his involvement with a philanthropic association devoted to conservation causes.

"Robert really gets what land trusts do and what the LGLC is doing for Lake George," said LGLC Executive Director Jamie Brown. "He brings a great perspective to the organization, along with a heart-felt and sincere love of the lake. He's a strong addition to our board and I look forward to working with him."

"For as long as I can remember," said Von Werne, "Lake George was the highlight of my family's summers. Many of my fondest and most vivid childhood memories were made at the lake. These days, I'm doing my best to create great memories for my own children here. By pitching in at the LGLC, I plan to do my part to care for the lake and the land around it so that future generations can enjoy it just as I have. I am also eager to instill a sense of conservationism and service in my children through my work at the LGLC."

Von Werne continued, "Theodore Roosevelt said that 'the nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value.' It's with this spirit that I look forward to performing my duties at the LGLC." ❏

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/27/2018

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

### **SMAYDA (60.9-1-31) 44 Bobkat Lane (TRI)**

The board approved 6-1 (Navitsky) a variance so the applicant may replace an existing patio, retaining walls, and steps on the condition that a permeable surface be favored.

### **LANGFORD (76.20-1-12) 8116 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)**

The board denied (7-0) a variance request for a six-foot-high fence on a residential property to contain their 95-pound dog. The zoning code allows a four-foot high fence. The board approved 6-1 (Goetsch) a variance for a different four-foot high fence, which is within 50 feet of the lake.

### **LAKESIDE REGIONAL CHURCH (26.17-1-17) Hamlet**

The board approved (7-0) a request from the church to place a 12-foot x 12-foot shed five feet from the rear (brook) property line. It will be anchored to a concrete pad to meet floodplain standards.

### **HALL (76.8-1-17) 231 Silver Bay Road (Hamlet)**

On October 26, 2016, variances for sideline setback and frontline setbacks were granted for a 22-foot x 25-foot x 15-foot garage over an existing foundation. The owner has now submitted new plans for the garage that include a loft with dormers. A modification for a 22-foot x 25-foot x 16.5-foot garage was approved 6-1 (Navitsky) and a one-year extension was approved. ❑

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING- 10/3/2018

All members of the Town Board met to receive the 2019 Tentative Budget, as prepared by the Budget Officer, Edna Frasier, from the Town Clerk. It was announced that the first budget workshops would be held on October 11th and October 15th at 4 pm. Copies of the budget are available through the Town Clerk. ❑

## PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/4/2018

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

### **MITCHELL (59.20-1-6 &7) 16 Watts Hill Road (TR1)**

The board approved, with conditions, a lot line change for two parcels with neither becoming more non-conforming.

### **KIREKER (93.16-1-31) 54 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR1R)**

The board approved replacement of an existing house with a new five-bedroom house with the condition that stormwater and wastewater permits be completed.

At the end of the meeting, Judy Stock, as a reporter for *The Hague Chronicle*, asked Chairman Frasier what the status

was for having the Planning Board vacancy filled. He replied that he had spoken to his wife, Supervisor Edna Frasier and they had decided that with the difficulty of getting volunteers for the board, there should be only five members. (State law allows either five or seven members.) The new size will take effect at the organizational meeting of the Town Board in 2019 and will also be the case for the Zoning Board of Appeals. When the reporter asked who would be leaving the Planning Board, Martin (Blacky) Fitzgerald quickly shot up his hand to volunteer! ❑

## TOWN BOARD - 10/9/2018

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 Alison Craig and the people killed in a traffic accident in Schoharie, NY.

Gina Mintzer, Executive Director of the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation to the board about their promotions to bring visitors to the area.

### **The board heard:**

About repairs on the pathway along the boat launch waterfront and possible installation of two large TVs in the main room of the Community Center.

A report from Councilman Ramant on contacting the DEC about bears with ear tags or collars to find out where they are being relocated.

A report from Councilman Ramant that the bathrooms in the Visitors' Center will be closed on October 31st and repairs will be made.

The board approved a Snow and Ice Control Operational Plan for the Town of Hague.

The board then went into Executive Session for "personnel" reasons and the audience was asked to leave. A lawyer for the board and Pat Hintze, a summer employee at the Visitor Center, remained in the room. ❑

## ONGOING EVENTS

<b>1st Monday:</b>	HVFD, 7 pm
<b>3rd Friday:</b>	Sno Goers, 7 pm
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	Champlain Chorale, 7 pm
<b>3rd Tuesday:</b>	Ti School Board, 7 pm
<b>3rd Tuesday:</b>	Fish & Game Club, 7 pm
<b>1st and 3rd Wednesday:</b>	TiCoustics, 7 pm
<b>4th Wednesday:</b>	Extra Helpings Distribution, noon
<b>3rd Thursday:</b>	Carillion Garden Club, 10 am
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	Rotary Club, 7:30 am
<b>Every Thursday:</b>	Kiwanis, 12 pm
<b>1st Friday:</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am

## SOUNDINGS

**MARRIED:** Parker John Ritzdorf and Brittany Lee Ford on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Morris County Golf Club in Convent Station, NJ. Parker is the son of Russ and Karen Faber North of Hague and New Smyrna Beach, FL, the grandson of Ellie Roos Faber, and the great-grandson of the late John and Eleanor Roos. Following a honeymoon in Greece, the couple will reside in Jersey City, NJ.

**DIED:** Alison Vail Craig, 88, of Hague, on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Elderwood Village of Ticonderoga. Born in Brooklyn, NY, on November 2, 1929, she was the daughter of Maurice E. and Florence Mary (Scott) Vail.

She grew up in Manhasset, NY and was a summer resident of Hague since 1950. She was a graduate of St. Lawrence University, class of 1952. She married Bruce Craig on March 8, 1952.

Alison served on the Hague Planning Board for 12 years. She was concerned about protecting the quality of the lake

so she served as a director of the Lake George Association. She was also a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

She entered the field of real estate in 1983 and opened her office, Alison V. Craig Realty, in Hague in 1987. She and her son, Dean, kept the office open every day, year 'round to serve our community. Her real estate legacy lives on with Dean.

She began work with *The Hague Chronicle* in June 1979 as the treasurer. She suggested the slogan "All the News that Fits We Print," as a takeoff on the slogan of *The New York Times*. In January 1980, she resigned as treasurer to devote more time to reporting and writing. In June 1980, she took on the responsibilities of secretary. She was



still serving on the board in 2002.

In 1984, Mig Broderick wrote the following (unpublished) tribute to Alison Craig: *"Alison is chief political and 'difficult subjects' analyst - a main staff writer for The Hague Chronicle. She is brilliant, feisty, bristles at incompetence, tries to be objective when her honesty calls out for righteous indignation. She presents her subject in a clear, concise, manner and succeeds. She is tireless in attending meetings, (is a) volunteer Planning Board member and can write funny or serious pieces - descriptive Lake (George) phenomenon or some background*

*reforming, making all her articles readable. She cares about Hague. She wants the best of everything for her hometown. Her standards are high - we need more Alison Craigs."*

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Bruce C. Craig; her three children, Kim C. Wintje (Martin) of Farmington, NH, Dean C. Craig of Hague, and Cynthia V. Craig of Sebastopol, CA; one granddaughter, Kerry C. Fugett of Petaluma, CA; one sister, Barbara V. Dyer of Ashby, MA; and eight nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will take place in Hague during the summer of 2019. ▣

*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish the important happenings in the lives of our readers. Please send announcements of births, marriages, graduations, awards, or deaths to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll publish them as space permits. Thank you.

**CORRECTION from September issue:** "The Adirondack and Classic Boat Society" should have read "The Adirondack Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS)." ▣

## LOCAL STUDENT ATHLETE REPRESENTS AT STATE LEVEL

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for 2018-2019 has selected Terrence W. Benedict, Jr. of Ticonderoga for a two-year term as one of two students representing Section Seven.

Benedict is a junior at Ticonderoga Senior High School and is a member of the varsity basketball, baseball, and football teams, and the coach's intramural basketball team. Beyond athletics, he participates in Student Council, Boy Scouts, Key Club, Jazz Band, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He also enjoys volunteering in local community service projects.



When asked why he wanted to be a part of the SAAC, Benedict said, "I am interested in making Ticonderoga and neighboring schools places where athletics are part of a positive experience with schools. Being a part of a large organization like the SAAC will help my community and area, which will allow me to bring fresh ideas to benefit and enhance our section and SAAC."

"Ticonderoga's Athletic Director, Mr. Bob Sutphen, was instrumental in my getting selected for this opportunity," continued Benedict. "I can't thank him enough for leading me to this program and helping me to apply."

Benedict will join 22 other students starting September 16th with regular teleconferences to prepare for a committee meeting over Thanksgiving break at Syracuse University.

He is the son of Terry and Helen Barton Benedict, grandson of Tim Benedict and Sharon Cooke, all of Ticonderoga, and grandson of the late Katherine Barton of Sabbath Day Point. ▣

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

Salt? What's wrong with salt? We season our meat and vegetables with it, gargle with it for a sore throat, spray it in our noses to breathe easier, and even put it on the rim of our margarita glasses. Emeril Lagasse exclaims, "Bam!" as he throws another handful of salt in his pot of soup. We are a society in love with salt.

Unfortunately, salt (sodium chloride) has a downside. Excessive sodium intake contributes to age-related increases in blood pressure, which, in turn, carry an increased risk of developing coronary heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, renal insufficiency, and peripheral vascular diseases. It's a topic to take seriously.

So the fourth annual "Salt Summit" was organized by the Fund for Lake George and was held October 3, 2018 at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George Village.

The summit brought together scientists, local government officials, and road maintenance crews to discuss better ways to manage snow and ice removal during the winter months. Not surprisingly, sodium



“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

levels have tripled in the waters of Lake George over the last thirty years rising from about four ppm (parts per million) to about 12 ppm. The recommended level for human consumption is no higher than 20 ppm for individuals on a very low sodium diet. It is easy to predict that lake water will not be fit for people on this restricted diet within our lifetime or at least the lifetimes of our children. This is a problem that we created ourselves through the excessive use of road salt.

Okay, you may think, I'll just drill a well and get my drinking water from it instead of the lake. Not so fast! Well water was tested at various locations around the Adirondacks, next to roads treated with salt and those not treated. Those next to treated areas show much higher levels of sodium. In fact, of the seven wells tested in the Town of Hague, four were above the recommended levels and several others were borderline. One was a whopping seven to eight times higher than the 20 ppm recommended level!

Fortunately, the problem has been recognized and governments have

been mobilized to better manage snow and ice removal.

In Hague, one plow has already been fitted with a new-segmented blade technology (see picture) that conforms to the road profile to more completely remove snow so that roads require less salt. Another plow in Hague will be fitted with such a blade for the upcoming season.

You will also see new salt brine spray equipment in use. This lays down a precise coating of salt that is applied *before* a storm so ice does not stick and can be removed

more easily. The result is less granular road salt application and the bonus of lower costs.

There is much more information available on the Fund for Lake George website. Look for details on the recent Salt Summit.

Maybe it's time for every person and every road in the Lake George basin to go on a low salt diet!

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. ▣



## NATURALLY SPEAKING

**"Black bear, black bear, what do you see?"**

**"I see a human staring at me!"**

by Connie Smith

These are the slightly altered words of a popular children's book by Bill Martin, Jr. Although black bears tend to avoid human contact, there have been quite a few black bears here in the Hague area recently and they could have spoken those lines.

House guests of the Taylors in Pine Cove heard something very large crashing through the woods late on the night of September 8th. The next



morning, David Taylor found bear scat confirming the bear's presence. Marilyn Turnamian spotted a cub in a tree near Ruah on September 26th. And, Chris and Dick Oliver watched a juvenile lumber down their driveway on Friends Point at 8:32 am on October 2nd. Amanda and Tom Vickerson spotted one in their driveway on October 7th.

In New York State, the black bear (*Ursus americanus*) is the second largest mammal. (The moose is the largest.) A little over half of the state's black bear population is located here in the Adirondacks, which means there are about 6 - 8,000 black bears in areas open to hunting.

The average adult black bear is four



Photo courtesy of Marilyn Turnamian.

and a half to five feet long. If it stands on its hind legs, it could be five to seven feet tall. Male black bears weigh an average of 200 to 600 pounds and females weigh an average of 150 to 200 pounds.

They are powerful creatures and can sprint short distances as fast as 30 mph. Their large claws allow them to

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climb trees and they are strong swimmers too, as one Hague resident can testify, as she recently saw a black bear swim across the lake!

Black bears live between 30 to 40 years in the wild and spend up to five months each winter season hibernating and remaining dormant. Cubs are born at the end of January or in early February.

Bears are omnivores, which means they usually eat plants, grasses, insects, berries, and other fruits, but if given the opportunity, they will eat small reptiles and amphibians, small mammals, fish, and human food, and products such as garbage, bird seed, and pet food.

During a dry season such as we have been experiencing, bear food sources are not as plentiful or have dried up, so black bears wander closer to homes and towns in search of food.

Black bears are active from late spring to late fall. They awaken from hibernation in early April, but they have to wait for their digestive systems to recover after the period of inactivity. Then, around mid-November when food sources truly become scarce, they begin to search for a den in which to stay for winter hibernation.



Photo courtesy of Amanda Vickerson.

If you encounter a black bear, do not approach, surround, or attempt to touch it. Always leave a clear escape route for the bear because it will react aggressively if it feels threatened. If you feel endangered by a bear, slowly back away, but do not run. If the bear keeps coming toward you or will not leave, make loud noises---yell, clap, blow car horns or air horns, or drum on nearby objects.

Call the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to report any black bears you see.

Enjoy the beauty of an Adirondack autumn and maybe you too will see a black bear, but, let's hope it's from a safe distance! ▣

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT NCCC

September 27, 2018 was the 50th anniversary of the installation of Dr. George Hodson as North Country Community College's first president.



Left: Dr. Hodson at the time of his installation: Right: The entrance to Hodson Hall

Hodson retired in 1976 and died in 1985. The following year, the college's main building in Saranac Lake was renamed Hodson Hall in his honor.

Fifty years after Dr. Hodson's installation, North Country has grown to offer 27 degree and certificate programs across three campuses: Saranac Lake, Malone, and Ticonderoga. In the last 20 years alone, 18,000 residents of Essex and Franklin counties have taken credit-bearing classes at the college. ▣

## "VICTORIAN SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY" FULL AGAIN



Bill Dolback with Moses' spirit

The Ticonderoga Historical Society presented its free program, "Victorian Spirit Photography: Beyond the Veil" on Friday, September 21, 2018 at 7 pm at the Hancock House. The turnout for this program was so great that they had to turn folks away, so they scheduled an encore presentation for October 5th. And they filled the house once again!

"As we saw on Friday evening, the Victorians were not the only group with a huge curiosity in the occult," said program presenter Diane O'Connor. This program provided some important historical context, but most of all, it was fun and we were able to introduce some of our own "custom" spirit photography."

The 45-minute program is available free of charge to community groups. Additional information is available by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to: [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com). ▣

## FREE MOVIE NIGHT

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will be showing *Arsenic And Old Lace* at its Free Movie Night on October 26, 2018 at 7 pm at the Hancock House. There will be free popcorn. For more information, call 518-585-7868 or go to <https://www.tihistory.org/events>. ▣

## MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A roast turkey breast 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, October 26, 2018, from 4:30-6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. Take-outs will 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 at the Hancock House. ▣

## LOOKING BACK

by Shelly Gautreau



Welcome to a HISTORY MYSTERY of the fairly recent past (21-22 years ago!) Be assured you are not reading "typos." This was the real deal!

In 1997 I received my issue of the *HAGUE CHRONICAL*. I was amazed at the ability of the anonymous person (or persons) responsible for such a novel and ambitious take on our hometown happenings. In 1998 I also received an issue of the *HAGUE HYSTERY*. I was thoroughly amused and hope you also feel a smile coming on as I share a few excerpts of some of the "topics" with you.

"*Hague Chronical* is a semi-serious publication with a limited distribution. If you enjoy this issue, please share it with friends and help widen our distribution. We accept no money and wish to remain anonymous. A good laugh is reward enough for our efforts."

### "Vote on Renaming Town Okayed by Hague Bored"

(Discussions featuring Town Supervisor Stan Feldon and Councilman Bob Patchwork)

### "Tax Rates Go Higher! De-Annexation Movement Picks up Steam"

Citizens for De-Annexation met at the Hague Community Center in late May to begin a campaign to bring back Hague Central School. The group agreed to form a new committee, Now Un-merge Ticonderoga School (NUTS), to lobby for a de-annexation vote in 1998.

### "Newly Discovered Tribe to Build Casino at Island Harbor"

A newly discovered tribe of Native Americans, the Pla-Bing-Go tribe of the Iroquois Nation, unveiled plans to build a casino at the site of the old Island Harbor House.

### "Friends Point Association Sued by Producers of NBC's Friends"

Claiming retroactive copyright infringement, Warner Bros. Television, the producers of the popular NBC sitcom *Friends*, has filed suit against the Friends Point Association. Warner is demanding that Friends Point change its name by September 1, 1997, or face a civil suit seeking damages of \$1 million dollars for every year the name "Friends Point" has been in use. According to former Town Historian Daddy East, the name was first applied to the point in 1758 during the French and Indian War. That would mean Warner is seeking \$239 million dollars in damages.

### "Sliver Bay Imps to present "Pounds of Music"

The annual musical production at the Sliver Bay Association, presented by the Imps, will be Rodgers and Hammerspoon's epic musical "Pounds of Music."

### "Hague Hysterical Society Meeting"

Lake George Steamboats

The June Meeting of the Hague Hysterical Society was about the Lake George Steamboat Company. Dr. Tad Pole of Sliver Bay gave a hystery of the steamboat company, founded in 1817, using slides and memorabilia. Daddy East, former president of the Hague Hysterical Society, was in attendance and reminisced about the grand old steamers for a time. East holds the distinction of having traveled on every Lake George steamboat except for the John Jay, which burned and sank in 1856. East says he was in school that day.

### "NYS-DEC to Build Highway"

The New York State Department of Environmental Conversion announced plans to build a Memorial

Parkway to the top of Swedes Mountain in Graphite. The project still needs approval from Governor Wa-Wacky, but it meets his privatization plans for state property in the Adirondack Park.

"The Hague Hysterical Society, in cooperation with the *Hague Chronical*,

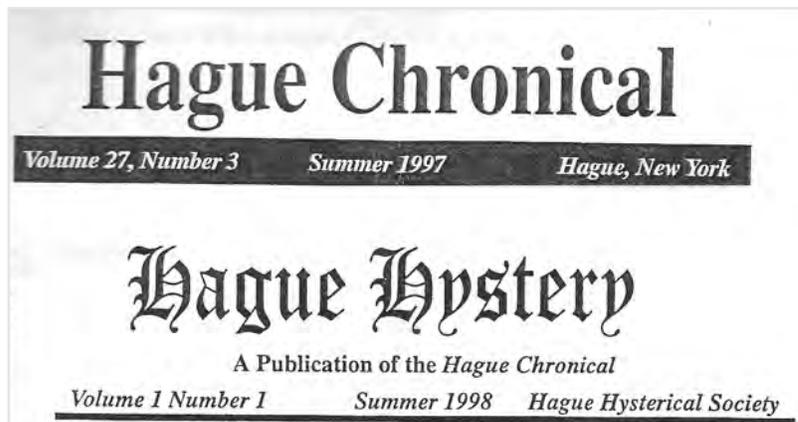
is delighted to introduce its new newsletter, *Hague Hystery*, to the public."

### "Hague: A Hystery"

Written by Hugh Dunnit and Ima Nutshur 1998

Throughout the seventeenth and well into the eighteenth century, Hague found itself in a no-man's land between British and French America. Lac du Saint Sacrement provided a waterway for travelers and invaders headed in either direction. Legend has it that the Marquis de Montcalm, enroute to his siege and capture of Fort William Henry in 1757, got stuck on the sandbar at the mouth of Hague Brook. Alighting from his bateau to help push the boat off the bar, the Marquis reportedly said, "Leau du la lac, c'est manifique!" Another version of the story has Montcalm saying something more like, "Oh nuts! These were my last pair of dry socks!"

To truly enjoy the publications, you must hold them in your hands and read them at your leisure. You, anonymous, created something special! ▣



## CARILLON BOAT CRUISES EXTENDED

Due to popular demand, daily boat cruises on Fort Ticonderoga's Carillon have been extended until October 20, 2018. The 90-minute narrated cruises depart daily at 1 pm and 3:30 pm and provide views of Vermont's Green Mountains and New York's Adirondack Mountains.



In addition, Fort Ticonderoga will offer a season-ending Bon Voyage cruise on October 21st. Visitors will have one last chance to savor the spectacular fall foliage aboard the Carillon. They can sip on bottomless Mimosas and Bloody Marys on this adventure, which includes passage through Lock 12 in Whitehall.

For more information or to make reservations on a daily cruise or the Bon Voyage cruise, call 518-585-2821 or visit [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org).

## FORT TICONDEROGA OPEN

Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth Hill issued the following statement recently to clarify media reports on the seasonal closure of a local ferry operator:

"The ferry may be closed, but Fort Ticonderoga is open, easy to get to, and we are welcoming visitors for the scenic fall season on the shores of Lake Champlain."

## TICOUSTICS

TiCoustics will continue showcasing local musicians from 7 – 9 pm the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All shows will be at the Elks Lodge in Ticonderoga behind Aubuchon Hardware.

For October 17, 2018, the musicians will include Terrina Russell-Cook and Brad Peria; Jessica Stoddard, Mike Donahue and Lance Clark; and Joe Vilardo and Jim Hock.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TI

- October 17, 2018: TiCoustics (Live Music) at 7 pm at Elks Club
- October 26th: Mason/Star Public Dinner from 4:30 to 6 pm at Ti Masonic Temple
- October 26th: *Arsenic and Old Lace* at 7 pm at Ti Historical Society,
- October 26th – 27th: Corn Maze by Moonlight from 7 – 10 pm at Fort Ti
- October 26th- 31st: HalloweenFest
- November 3rd and 4th: St. Mary's School Craft Fair
- November 7th: TiCoustics (Live Music) at 7 pm at Elks Club
- November 10th: "[The Enemy is Refortifying Ticonderoga](#)" at Fort Ti
- November 17th: Craft Fair from 9 am to 2 pm at First United Methodist Church
- November 21st: TiCoustics (Live Music) at 7 pm at Elks Club

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## HALLOWEEN AT NCCC

NCCC has been hosting Classic Horror Movie nights during the month of October, featuring classic horror and thriller films from all decades.

More horror movies will be shown from 4 – 7 pm on Friday, October 19, 2018 and on Monday, October 29th.

NCCC Ticonderoga will also host its first annual "Pumpkin Carving & Painting Workshop" on Friday, October 26th from 4 – 7 pm. On October 31st (Halloween) from 4 – 7 pm, they will hold a "Great Pumpkin Trick or Treat Hallway."

For more information contact NCCC at 518-585-4454 or visit <http://www.nccc.edu>.

## CARL HEILMAN 2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE



The Lake George Association is pleased to offer calendars by Carl Heilman II titled "Lake George 2019" as a fundraiser to support the protection and conservation of Lake George.

They can be purchased for \$15 each (plus shipping) by calling Dannica at 518-668-3558 or by going to <https://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

## MOONLIGHT CORN MAZE

Fort Ticonderoga's "Maze by Moonlight" takes place on Friday, October 26 – Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 7 – 10 pm. The last ticket will be sold at 9 pm.

Visitors will explore the six-acre corn maze using their own flashlights and under the light of the full moon. The cost is \$10 per person and tickets are available at the door.

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**CALENDAR**

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**OCTOBER**

- 17 7-9 am TiCoustics – Elks Club
- 21 Bon Voyage Carillon Cruise
- 23 noon Senior Club Regular Meeting and Halloween Party
- 25 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 26 4:30-6 pm Mason Star Dinner at Ti Masonic Temple
- 26 7 pm *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Hancock House
- 26 – 31 HalloweenFest in Ti
- 27 7 – 10 pm Corn Maze by Moonlight at Fort Ti
- 30 7 pm NLG Rotary presentation at Silver Bay

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 7 pm Planning Board
- 3 and 4 St. Mary’s School Craft Fair

- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 6 **ELECTION DAY – VOTE!**
- 7 7 pm TiCoustics – Elks Club
- 10 “The Enemy is Refortifying Ticonderoga”
- 10 10 am-4 pm Holiday Bazaar at Hague CC
- 11 11 am Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Veterans Park in Hague
- 12 *The Hague Chronicle* deadline
- Veterans Day Holiday
- 13 6 pm Town Board
- 15 Senior Lunch and Christmas Tree Shop
- 16 SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLY
- 17 9 am-2 pm First United Methodist Church Craft Fair
- 20 The November issue of *The Hague Chronicle* mailed and online
- 21 7 – 9 pm TiCoustics – Elks Club

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