



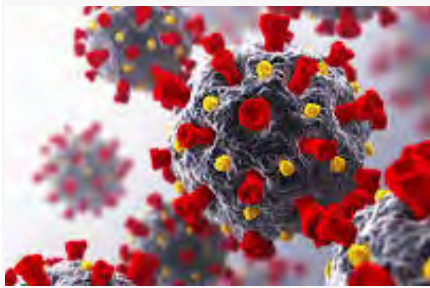
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of July 17, 2020:



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

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	13,795,238	579,857
US	3,592,316	138,543
NYS	409,000	32,133
Warren County	285	31
Essex County	59	0

Sources:

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

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

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

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

NORTH COUNTRY INTO PHASE FOUR REOPENING

North Country moved into PHASE FOUR REOPENING on Friday, June 26, 2020.

Phase Four makes a limited set of additional categories of activities eligible for reopening:

- Higher Education
- Low-Risk Outdoor Arts and Entertainment
- Low-Risk Indoor Arts and Entertainment
- Media Production

Also, social gatherings can now include 50 people and indoor religious gatherings can be at 33% capacity.

Some businesses originally thought to be included in phase four have been left out for the time being including movie theaters and gyms. ▣

HOSPITAL EASES VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

The University of Vermont Heath Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital has eased its visitor policies at its Elizabethtown and Ticonderoga campuses in accordance with NYS Department of Health guidelines.

The Ticonderoga campus does not have an inpatient unit. Support persons may accompany patients in the Emergency Department and our outpatient specialty clinics when medically necessary (e.g., pediatric patients, patients with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, and patients with cognitive impairments including dementia). All support persons:

- will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms
- must have their temperature taken.
- will not be permitted to enter the facility if they have COVID-like symptoms or a fever of 100.0 degrees.
- will be provided a mask and must wear it for the duration of the visit.
- must wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering a patient's room.
- are asked to limit time in common areas and maintain social distancing.
- must be 18 years of age. ▣



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

At this time, the only event we are hoping to hold is our picnic in August, if things are better by then. In the meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and well. ▣



GOINGS ON AT SILVER BAY

In order to keep guests and staff safe this summer during the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Bay is only allowing registered guests and program pass holders on the campus and they must display their badges at all times.

If you are interested in purchasing a pass, go to: https://issuu.com/lizhilpp/docs/weekly_breeze_2 and find the 2020 information for guest passes on the first page of the "Weekly Breeze." Additional information can be found in that document regarding the activities available at Silver Bay this summer.

The gift shop is now open for registered guests, staff, and program pass holders. Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, the general public may not visit the gift shop, however, Silver Bay has put the merchandise in its shop online and you can order items by clicking **HERE**.

Silver Bay held their annual electronic waste recycle event on June 27th. Chief Executive Officer Steve Tamm announced, "We collected over 2,000 pounds of electronic waste, which is the largest in the history of this event."



A community blood drive will be held at Silver Bay on August 5th from 12:30-6:30 pm in the William Boyd

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HAGUE TRANSFER STATION

The Hague Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am until 4 pm and is now staffed by residents of Hague.

According to Town Board Member Steve Ramant, if residents separate those bottles that can be returned for deposits and hand them directly to the attendant, the bottles will be redeemed and the money that is received will be donated to the Hague Food Pantry. ▣

MADE IN HAGUE OPENS

Made in Hague, the shop at the corner of Route 8 and Route 9N in Hague, where local artists sell their craft items, will be open from 10 am - 2 pm, Friday through Sunday this summer.

Masks and social distancing are required. There will be no-touch checkout and a plastic barrier between the customers and the clerk. ▣

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH NOMINATED FOR STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Hague Baptist Church has been nominated for inclusion on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. It is one of just 28 properties the NYS Board for Historic Preservation has recommended be added at this time. The State and National Registers are the official lists of buildings, structures, districts, landscapes, objects, and sites significant in the history, architecture, archaeology, and culture of the state and the nation.

The Hague Baptist Church was built in 1912 and is an excellent example of Adirondack Gothic architecture. Also included in the nomination is the church's rectory, a 1920's arts and crafts-style bungalow. Both are wood-framed buildings faced with cobblestones gathered from the Hague Brook, which is across the street from the church and rectory.



Last year, the congregation completed the repair of the bell tower, which was damaged in an April 2017 storm. The money needed to do that was secured by local fundraising events, donors from the area, and a grant. The Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) helped the congregation locate an engineer to assess the damage and propose a solution. AARCH also wrote the successful \$25,000 application to the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Fund and they prepared the National Register nomination.

Once the recommendations are approved by the State Historic Preservation Officer, the properties are listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places and then nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, where they are reviewed and, once approved, entered on the National Register.

Being on the State and National Registers makes sites eligible for various public preservation programs and services, such as matching state grants and state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits, which owners can use to revitalize the properties. ▣

GYPSY MOTH, AN UNWELCOME NEIGHBOR

by Steve Miller

We all have experienced unwelcome neighbors and visitors. They are often rude, noisy, eat our food, and can be quite unkempt. It's not your long-lost cousin coming for a visit, but one whose ancestors originally made it here from France in 1869. One whose name reveals its nature to travel, the gypsy moth. Many of our Warren and Essex county residents have recently experienced these hitchhiking guests. That's how this story began — with a phone call from a couple of Hague friends, Kathi and Steve Ramant. They had some of these guests and wanted them gone. Other residents noticed the disappearing leaves, which were being replaced by a constant rain of caterpillar droppings on everything.

I say they are hitchhikers because the adult female moth is so overburdened with eggs, she cannot fly. She does have a strategy, though, to get around and that is to lay her creamy white egg masses on almost any object, usually on rough tree bark. However, some of the objects tend to move. No, not deer or raccoons, but cars, outdoor grills, and even kayaks — literally anywhere they crawl to.

Gypsy moths prefer oak leaves but they will eat most anything including evergreens if they cannot find oaks. We have a lot of oaks, a tree family that can withstand some difficult soil conditions, around Lake George. The caterpillars have been busy eating and growing since they hatched this spring. They seem to grow exponentially, at first being unnoticed. If you were to use an insecticide to try to lower the population, it would have been best in June to use Bt, which is a safe bacterial pesticide that will not harm fish or birds, only certain caterpillars. In our area, with all of the woods, this is not practical or even economically feasible, besides the fact that it is too late to do so this year. Soon the caterpillars will be pupating, taking that rest from gorging themselves on oak leaves, and will then emerge as adult male and female moths, ready to get down to the business of perpetuating the species.



Photos courtesy of www.forestryimages.org, Cornell University website

There are some important things we can do to reduce the spread and damage from gypsy moths. During heavy rains and windstorms the caterpillars fall from the trees in great numbers and attempt to climb back up to their food source. There are some sticky barriers that can be placed on the trunks of selected specimen trees. Cornell has a number of fact sheets online that you may access and there is one on gypsy moths. Try this one: <http://idl.entomology.cornell.edu/wp-content/uploads/Gypsy-Moth.pdf>. It will help give you ideas on reducing damage and controlling the spread as well. You can be your own "gypsy moth inspector."

NYS DEC also has a great fact sheet on how the gypsy moth affects our forest environment and natural enemies that can reduce their threat at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html>.

Gypsy moths are not all over the U.S. at this time and it is up to us to curb their spread. You can see a current map of known gypsy moth locales at: <https://www.eddmaps.org/distribution/usstate.cfm?sub=165>.

Gypsy moth caterpillars can defoliate trees, but generally the trees survive one defoliation. Twenty years ago, when they were first spreading to the oak forests of the Catskills in the eastern Adirondacks, there were some heavy defoliations. Since then, natural enemies, birds, parasitic wasps, and even fungi have reduced the populations to something less dramatic, making it easier for us to deal with this pest.

Steve Miller is a SUNY ESF alum, former Cornell Cooperative Extension specialist and recent transplant to Ticonderoga.

LGLC LIVING LANDS SERIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will once again offer its Wednesday evening Living Lands Series. To keep everyone safe, this year's presentations will be provided as video recordings. Links to each video will be posted at 5:30 pm on their website **HERE**. When possible, presenters will watch the pre-recorded videos along with the audience and answer questions posted in the comments section. All videos will be available afterward for future viewing.

August 5, 2020: What We Know (and don't know) About Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases - Holly Ahern MS, MT(ASCP), Associate Professor of Microbiology at SUNY Adirondack and Vice President of the [Lyme Action Network](#)

August 12th: The Cortland St. Revolutionary War site in Lake George Village - Charles Vendrei, DEC Historic Preservation Officer

August 19th: The Bolton Hub - Paul Cummings, LGLC board member and planner with the Chazen Companies, along with LGLC staff

For questions, call 518-644-9673 or email Sarah Hoffman at shoffman@lgc.org. ■

PLANNING BOARD (PB) - 6/16/20

Chairman Dick Frasier, Vice-Chair Pam Peterson, and Board Members Judy Gourley and Meg Haskell were present. Dan Belden was absent. The town board reduced the number of members of the PB from seven to five.

Due to a request from an applicant to change the date of the July meeting, the board unanimously approved that it will be held on July 2nd.

COOMBE (42-1-18 & 42.12-1-52) Pine Orchard Road (TRI & OCI)

The owner's revised proposal is to take 3.79 acres from tax map # 42-1-18, accessed from Holman Hill Road, and merge it with tax map # 42.12-1-52 (= 5.04 acres), accessed from Pine Orchard Road. Comments supporting the proposal with and without conditions were expressed at the public hearing. The application was deemed complete. The application was unanimously approved with the condition that any future subdivisions of this parcel will require PB approval.

ROCKWELL (42-1-4.1) 6 Sno Pappy (OCII) The applicant is requesting a two-lot subdivision of a 10.64-acre lot. If approved, Lot One will consist of eight acres and Lot Two will consist of 2.64 acres. Both lots are currently improved by single family dwellings. In 1997, a variance was granted from the ZBA for a second dwelling on less than a 16-acre lot. A site visit was deemed unnecessary. Sketch Plan Approval was given to the applicant from the PB on December 6, 2012. A public hearing will be held at the next PB meeting on July 2nd.

FRASIER (25.2-1-2 & 13) 2 Whispering Pine (OCI) Dick Frasier recused himself. The applicants are requesting a two-lot subdivision. They would like to take 1.75 acres of their 59.4-acre parcel and merge it with a 1.15 acre abutting lot, which is owned by their children. If approved, the 1.15-acre parcel would become a legally-conforming 2.9-acre parcel. A site visit was deemed unnecessary. A public hearing will be held at the next PB meeting on July 2nd.

LUSIGNAN (93.12-1-14) 128 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

The owners want to install a rock revetment stabilization above the mean high water line to protect their shoreline from erosion. The board gave a unanimous positive recommendation to the ZBA.

DORN (12.18-1-3) 9610 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The owner is requesting a variance for an approximately 110 sq. ft. deck addition, which will be connected to a proposed 936 sq. ft. house addition to a legal non-conforming house. A site visit is scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next PB meeting on July 2nd.

MILLER-FAYOLLE (26.14-1-8) 11 Birch Point Drive (TRIR)

The PB approved the extension to an existing deck and relocation of its stairs on May 3, 2018. The owners have not been able to complete this project and are now requesting a two-year extension of their Site Plan Approval. The board unanimously approved the extension. ■

present. The town board reduced the number of members on the ZBA from seven to five.

MACPHERSON (76.16-1-12 & 13) 24 Silver Bay Road (TRI)

The owners would like to construct a three-story addition to their legal, non-conforming house and remodel the existing structure. Applicants are requesting a variance for side yard setback and sq. ft. increase of more than a 25%. A public hearing was held at this meeting with no discussions for or against. The board unanimously approved the variance.

FISCHER (93.16-1-35) Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

The owners would like to reconfigure an existing deck and exterior staircase. Through Site Plan Review, they are asking for approval to add a screened porch and covered deck. A public hearing was held at this meeting with no discussions for or against. The board unanimously approved the variance.

LUSIGNAN (93.12-1-14) 128 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

For background, see PB on 6/16/2020. At this meeting, the application was deemed complete and a site visit will be scheduled.

DORN (12.18-1-3) 9610 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

For background, see PB on 6/16/2020. The ZBA had questions, but no one representing the owner was present to answer them. The board deemed the application incomplete.

RIZZA (42.20-1-6.3) near 8833 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The applicant is requesting relief of a front line setback to ten feet. The building envelope of this undeveloped two-acre lot is small due to its severe slope. If approved, a 560 sq. ft. shed would be placed ten feet from the front line. This would allow an area in which to construct a future 1400 sq. ft. primary structure that would meet all of the required setbacks. The application was deemed complete and a site visit will be scheduled.

LEACH (43.5-1-34) 9094 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

The applicants are applying for two use variances, one for Contractual Access for a private Social and Athletic Club with deeded dock spaces and membership including a bath house and Pickleball court, and a Permitted Use variance for a marina, which is not permitted in the hamlet. Bob Levenstien explained that he and other prospective investors are looking for clarification and information regarding the former Lake Shore Garage lot. They propose creating a "Private Park" for 16 prospective buyers. If a classification of "Private Park" is not feasible, they would be looking for a variance for a Class A Marina and Contractual Access. Levenstien said that with 156 feet of lakefront, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) would allow two "U" shaped docks up to 100 feet out from the high-water mark that would have space for 16 boats to dock and would require a Class A Marina permit from the LGPC. Each owner would have a dock space. The site would include a 600 sq. ft. bath house, a Pickleball court, and 18 parking spaces for vehicles, all of which would cover less than 80% of the property. The board will research the Private Park designation and come back with questions. The ZEO has deemed that variance approvals would be required. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) - 6/25/20

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Maureen Cherubini, Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, and Ray Snyder were

PLANNING BOARD (PB) - 7/02/20

Chairman Dick Frasier, Vice-Chair Pam Peterson, and Board Members Dan Belden and Meg Haskell were present. Judy Gourley was absent.

ROCKWELL (42-1-4.1) 6 Sno Pappy (OCII)

For background, see PB on 6/16/2020. At this meeting, a public hearing was held, with one person (Kathi Ramant) in favor and none against. The application was deemed complete and was unanimously approved with no conditions.

FRASIER (25.2-1-2 & 13) 2 Whispering Pine (OCI)

For background, see PB on 6/16/2020. At this meeting, a public hearing was held with no one speaking in favor or against. The application was deemed complete and was unanimously approved with no conditions.

DORN (12.18-1-3) 9610 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

For background, see PB on 6/16/2020 and ZBA on 6/25/2020. Since then, a site review was completed. The board made a unanimous positive recommendation to the ZBA.

RIZZA (42.20-1-6.3) near 8833 Lakeshore Dr. (TRI)

For background, see ZBA on 6/25/2020. At this meeting, it was reported that the lot is accessed via a 40-foot right-of-way off Lake Shore Drive across from Cape Cod Village. The board made a unanimous positive recommendation to the ZBA.

LEACH 43.5-1-34 9094 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

For background, see ZBA on 6/25/2020. Applicants believe shared owners would be a "Private Social and Athletic Club" who would have deeded rights, parking spaces and membership with a bathhouse and Pickleball court. The applicants are appealing the Zoning Enforcement Officer's (ZEO) decision that this falls under Contractual Access. Additionally, the hamlet is not zoned for marinas. The board made a unanimous negative recommendation for both use variance requests.

FISCHER (93.16-1-35) 48 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

For background, see ZBA on 6/25/2020. The board unanimously approved the application. ■

TOWN BOARD (TB) - 7/14/20

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant. A moment of silence was held for Dominic Viscardi.

INTRODUCTORY DISCUSSIONS

Alice Patchett expressed concerns regarding the condition of the town park. She said the public bathroom repairs are not done, the grounds and beach have not been properly maintained, the playground is still roped off, and the porta-potties and excessive "beach closed" signs are unsightly. She thinks visitors to the town should feel welcome and the park should be made safe during the pandemic. A lengthy discussion followed. Richard Sandman offered to get a team of volunteers together to rake the beach. Frasier and Ramant planned to meet Wednesday morning to come up with ideas. J. Patchett will meet with town maintenance worker Kramer regarding the bathrooms.

Sheri DeLarm read a letter to the board, which stated she believes there has been an overcharge on the sewer bill for The Firehouse Restaurant for the past 15 years. The question centers around how many EDUs a restaurant and a bar are charged and if the office upstairs should be an additional .5 EDUs. Richard Sandman, who said he would represent Ms. DeLarm if necessary, stated that the town should acknowledge the mistake and remedy it. Frasier will discuss this with the town attorney, DeLarm will meet with Town Clerk M. Patchett to find old records, and it will be discussed at the August meeting.

Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Clark said there was a recent kayak boating incident near Silver Bay. She said it is the safest for kayakers and canoers to stay close to shore rather than to paddle out into the deeper waters, especially on the choppy days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett—Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Clark reports there have been several difficult planning and zoning applications and an increase in real estate calls and sales.

Sewer District #1 and #2: Bast/Frasier—

Background: In February 2019, there were twenty-two (22) property owners who had not yet connected as required. First notices of non-compliance were issued requiring connection by 12/31/2019. In the 10/8/2019 TB meeting, the board recognized the 12/19/2019 mandate had created certain hardships and extended the deadline to connect to 12/31/2020.

As of July 14, 2020, the enforcement status is: An additional property has been connected; ten (10) properties are now done and in connection compliance. Four (4) properties have appealed and have been granted extensions due to physical land considerations. Seven (7) properties were issued a Second Notice on 05/23/2020 by the ZEO officially, legally informing them of their continuing non-compliance and the 12/31/2020 deadline. One (1) property is expected by the ZEO to connect shortly. Three (3) of the remaining eight (8) non-compliant properties at issue are, in fact, vacant and drained or not occupied; they are not an immediate concern. Progress is being made toward achieving 100% compliance.

Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett – The Knotweed Project will be done at the end of July. The town is investing in its own brining system.

Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald – Pat Hintze, Walter Peterson, and Nate Swinton have been hired to work at the transfer station.

NEW BUSINESS

The town posted the position for a new ZEO and three candidates applied. ZEO Clark, PB Chairperson Richard Frasier, ZBA Chairperson Robert Goetsch, Town Supervisor Frasier, and Councilperson Bast participated in the interviews. It was resolved that Rion Marcy will be the Town of Hague's new ZEO with a starting salary of \$28,000 for 24 hours per week beginning July 22, 2020. ■

MCKENZIE HARRINGTON WINS SCHOLARSHIP

by Gabrielle Keller

Mckenzie Harrington has won *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for 2020. The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* established *The Hague*



Chronicle/Dorothy Henry Scholarship in 2007 in honor of Dorothy Henry ("Dottie"), whose long-time volunteer commitment made the continued publication possible.

It is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School who is a resident of Hague.

Mckenzie is the daughter of Jamie Tyrell and Brad Harrington.

During her time at Ticonderoga High School, she discovered that she has a love for business. Her favorite classes were in this field including: accounting, business math, sports marketing, and career and financial management. She has participated in the Royal Winter Pageant for many years, which allowed her to take part in many fundraising events for different organizations and charities. Mckenzie is a member of the AV club, the executive board for her class, and the National Honor Society. She took dance classes with Marge Cross starting when she was six-years-old. Outside of school, Mckenzie loves to ride and train horses, and even owns three of her own! She created a business called Rustic Equine Rhythms, which sells beautiful handmade equine jewelry. She loves the outdoors and exploring nature.

Throughout her entire high school career, Mckenzie has maintained excellent grades and has always been on the Honor Roll. She is proud to have taken accelerated courses such as AP

classes or college courses since the eighth grade. Her favorite teachers were Mr. Rick McClintock, Ms. Lynne Lenhart, and Ms. Britney Shaw for their wonderful teaching methods, and welcoming class environments. Mckenzie says their classes were incredibly fun and something she always looked forward to.

For her senior project, she planned to study the behavioral issues of her horse, Dudley. She wanted to discover whether or not his behavior was actually due to health problems. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, her senior project was unable to take place.

She will miss being able to see her childhood friends every day, and all of the amazing memories she has made with them. Mckenzie plans to attend SUNY Adirondack in the fall to study business. She is excited to begin building her future and to accomplish the goals she has set for herself for so long. We at *The Hague Chronicle* are proud of her and wish her continued success! ▣

FARMERS' MARKET OPEN

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market's season began on Saturday, July 11, 2020 and will run through September 26th. The market will operate on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm at Wicker Wood (1114 Wicker Street) near the Walmart entrance and across from Christopher Chevrolet Buick. Parking is available in the back of the property.

"Fortunately, our Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market is open-air, vendor booths are widespread over a large grassy area and our consumers are not crowded in space. Our market will follow the guidance of the NYS Agriculture and Markets, which introduced new regulations. Consumers are required to wear face masks, respect physical distancing, and refrain from handling produce/products. Our staff members will wear gloves and masks, maintain distancing, and disinfect surfaces frequently," stated Matt Courtright, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) CEO.

The market is now recruiting farmers and vendors who produce a quality food product that is locally grown or farm raised. Farmers are required to grow 50



percent of the fruits and vegetables they offer. All products must be produced within a 100-mile radius of Ticonderoga, including Vermont. Flexible schedules are available.

Kelly Carey from TACC is the market manager. For information, call 518-585-6619 or email chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com. ▣

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE BOARD MEETS

by Judy Stock

The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* held its annual meeting on July 8, 2020 via Zoom, due to COVID-19.

Board members Judy Stock (publisher), Bobbi Taylor (editor), Chris Quinn

(layout editor), Bob Whitaker (treasurer), Pat McDonough (secretary), and Jan Whitaker were each re-elected for another one-year term. Treasurer Bob Whitaker reported a current checking account balance around \$5,000 and another \$5,000 in savings.

Each year since 2007, we have proudly sponsored *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for a Hague resident who is a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School. This year's recipient was Mckenzie Harrington.

Chris reported that 490 emails are sent out to alert readers when a new issue is on the website. During 2019, more than four times that number actually accessed our website. In addition, we print about 100 copies, which are available at the Hague Community Center and we have over 2,200 followers of our Facebook page.

Our new intern, Gabrielle Keller was introduced to the board and shared information about herself, her ideas for how she will contribute to *The Hague Chronicle*, and her obvious enthusiasm for her position. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: The Honorable (ret.) Dominick J. Viscardi, 96, of Ticonderoga and Hague, peacefully in Glens Falls on June 15, 2020.



Judge Viscardi received his B.A. from Lafayette College his J.D. from Cornell Law School. He began his legal career in Ticonderoga in 1950, following his discharge from the U.S. Army, where he served on the U.S. Army Signal Corps' legal staff. He conducted an active trial practice for 28 years before being elected to the New York State Supreme Court.

Judge Viscardi was first elected to the court in 1978 and was re-elected in 1992, serving until 2000. During his tenure as a NYS Supreme Court Justice, he served in each of the counties of the 4th Judicial District and he served 28 terms in New York City.

He was the Town Attorney for the Town of Hague from 2003 until 2016.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ticonderoga, past Grand Knight and most senior member of the Knights of Columbus Council 333 (having been a member for 70 years), a trustee of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ticonderoga (for 22 years), and was awarded the St. Mary's Centennial Award in 1992. He was a past president of the Essex County Bar and the Federation of Bar Associations, 4th Judicial District.

He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Dominick J. Viscardi, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Rose Marie Coveney Viscardi, and beloved children Michael, Mary Kathleen, John, Rose Marie, Theresa and Patrick; grandchildren James, Margaret, Joseph, Theresa, Benjamin, Kathleen, Erin, Amanda, and Dominick; and great-grandchildren Aliza, Asher, Julia, Grace, and Evelyn.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School in Ticonderoga by clicking [HERE](#). ■

TEEN SCENE



by Gabrielle Keller

Generation Z is unlike any previous generation. Teen culture has developed into a mix of virtual and personal communication that is evolving as we are. We can access the entire planet easily, allowing us to connect with nearly anyone at any time. I once read that Gen Z may end up being the most influential population because of the resources we have been fortunate enough to grow up with and utilize. Teens have platforms on social media and infinite information at our fingertips. I believe the copious opportunities we have is the reason more and more of my peers and I are putting such an

emphasis on trying to change the world. I can understand how difficult it might be for others to relate to or understand a group as unique as we are. We have a strange language, humor, and ways of interaction that make it hard for others to know what we are really about.

On that note, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Gabrielle Keller and I am sixteen years old. Writing is my means of trying to make an impact. From observation and introspection, I learn where I belong in the world. I share my discoveries through blog posts and storytelling. I think my generation has a hard time figuring out where we fit in and what matters most to us. By writing what I learn, I hope to help my peers and myself to answer these ever-present questions.

I have recently accepted the position of intern at *The Hague Chronicle*. As part of that job, I will represent Hague teens by writing a monthly column called "Teen Scene," which I am extremely excited to do! My goal in this column will be to describe Gen Z's perspective of the world and to report on what the Hague teen scene is all about. Even though there are fewer teens in the town of Hague than there were in the past, some still spend summers here. What do we do with our time and where do we do it? How are our lives different from those of our parent's generation?

As it is July and I am spending my third summer here in Hague, for my first column, I will explain what this lake means to me.

In October of 2017, my parents finally ended their long search for a house on Lake George by buying a small camp in Hague. When they brought our family to Pine Cove for the first time and showed us our new home, I wondered what it would signify for my summers. How often would I be in Hague? Would my summers be as busy as they had been? Would I have a social life up here? As a teenage girl, spending time with friends is very important to me.

During our first summer at the lake, we were here mainly on weekends. We brought friends and family up with us, taking them on boat tours and to nearby islands. I got to know the lake and the nearby towns. I realized how happy I was in our cabin and that I wanted to spend more time here.

Last year, I did. My mom, my sister, and I began to spend weekdays here and I worked as an intern at the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. I began to meet more kids my age. My second summer allowed me to dip my toes into what life could be like on the lake. And I loved it!

Due to COVID-19, the yacht club is not operating this summer. Some of the kids I met last year are spending time here, but have jobs working elsewhere. Still, we are making plans and trying to create another wonderful summer. I am still discovering places to go, things to do, and people to meet. I am learning how to juggle my social life here with school, friends from home, and family. I've worked to create balance, which has caused me to mature. I've already made countless memories. Skills I've acquired during my summers on Lake George have already followed me into the school year.

It's only the beginning of my interesting and amazing journey as a teen on Lake George. I have so many things to share and am so excited to take you along with me!



NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

“Invasive species” conjures up images of sneaky green blobs silently moving across our lawns and across the Adirondacks. I would never have imagined that *Hemerocallis fulva*, the common daylily, is a dastardly invasive species, but it is!

Introduced in the 19th century from Asia as an ornamental and valued for being adaptable and low maintenance, daylilies are able to thrive in a variety of habitats. They can be found in human-dominated sites and will also invade forests and meadows. Daylilies spread rapidly by producing clones through rhizomes. They form mats of tubers below the ground and also have dense foliage, which prevents any native plants from sprouting within a daylily patch.

To rid an area of daylilies, one must dig them out of the ground. All tubers must be removed and disposed of.



Native alternatives are Canada Lily, Wood Lily, and Blue Flag Iris.

Daylilies are edible. They are a popular staple in Asian cuisine and are used both fresh and dried. Every part of a daylily plant can be used. One can: eat the young shoots, boil the tubers like potatoes, or spruce up a salad with the orange petals. I have read that the daylily bud tastes like a cross between asparagus and green peas. Just sauté the buds in a little garlic and butter or dip them in a light batter, deep fry, and, presto, you have a crispy summer treat!

Hmmm, who is the adventurous person who is going to try this? I might have tried some fried buds until I read that daylilies should not be confused with tiger lilies or commercial lily varieties because those may be toxic. The warning I read came with the advice to always eat just a small amount of a foraged plant in case it has an “adverse” effect on you. The possibility of toxic is adverse enough for me. I think I’ll forego the daylily culinary experience!



Invasive though daylilies are, they are colorful additions to the green summer landscape of the Adirondacks. One vibrant flower bed in any yard provides a bright enjoyment for the eye and soul.



WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

BREAKING NEWS!

The Jefferson Project, a cooperative effort between IBM, The FUND for Lake George, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), has released a new digital dashboard containing some of the thousands of pieces of information on weather and water quality.

“The Jefferson Project at Lake George has been gathering and analyzing data on the health of the Lake in order to identify existing and future threats, and develop science-guided solutions and best practices. Now we’re making much of that data available to the public, including our weather forecasting tool, which is powered by IBM’s world-leading targeted weather

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”



forecasting technology, Deep Thunder™. The dashboard also provides Lake Lovers with real-time data from five weather stations on the Lake and four sensor stations in Lake tributaries, as well as four decades of water quality monitoring data,” according to The FUND for Lake George.

What does this mean for you and me? One handy practical tool for everyone is the weather forecast. The forecasts are the most accurate you can find, with predictions available within six-tenths of a mile for any location on the lake. Simply put your location on the map, and hourly information on wind speed and direction, and precipitation for the upcoming 72 hours is provided. Great for planning your day on the water. I don’t know how many times I have driven past a flat calm Brant Lake only to find Lake George full of whitecaps — something about the mountains and orientation of the lake that just generates wind. The dashboard also provides real-time

data from weather stations around the lake. The closest one to us that provides wind speed is at Whale Rock near Huletts Landing.

The dashboard also provides data on water quality that has been generated over the last 37 years at 14 deep water sites around the lake. This includes measurements of water clarity, temperature, salt, phosphorus, nitrogen, and algae (by measuring chlorophyll a in the water). The most dramatic trend has been the increase in salt content and this has become the focal point for remediation measures in the basin.

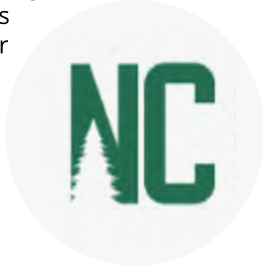
Access to all of this information can be found online at jeffersonproject.live. Apps for your smartphone are also available. For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

NCCC PLANS FOR ONLINE CLASSES IN FALL

State University of New York (SUNY) has certified North Country Community College's (NCCC) Campus Restart Plan for the Fall 2020 semester. When the semester begins on August 31, 2020, classes will take place mostly online, with a few exceptions.

There are classes where program/course-level learning outcomes are best supported by face-to-face instruction and will be permitted to run via an in-person format. These include select nursing, radiologic technology, and massage therapy classes.

The college's full Campus Restart Plan can be viewed at www.nccc.edu/fall-2020. ▣



THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY

Ti Arts' Downtown Gallery at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga is open Thursday - Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, except holidays. Those visiting the gallery and volunteers must wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

Hand sanitizer is available for people to use as they enter.

WATERCOLOR ARTISTS OF SILVER BAY - July 23th - August 8th

10 x 10 SHOW - Entries Open to the Public August 13 - 22, 2020

GEORGE VAN HOOK - August 27th- September 26th

CARILLION GARDEN CLUB AND GALLERY ARTISTS - "Petals and Paintings" - September 10th - 12th

ADIRONDACK HARVEST PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL - September 26th - October 31st

For the latest news and information and images of artists' works, visit [Ti Arts HERE](#) and [Ti Arts: Downtown Gallery HERE](#) on Facebook. ▣

GOINGS ON AT SILVER BAY *(Continued from page 2)*

Center. The Red Cross and the Northern Lake George Rotary are sponsoring the event. The community is encouraged to come to Silver Bay to donate. Although it is not required, donors may sign up ahead of time at redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code SILVERBAYROTARYN.

The virtual annual meeting of Silver Bay YMCA will be held on Saturday, August 8th at 8 am. For information on how to join the meeting and to submit questions beforehand, email Martha Petteys at mpetteys@silverbay.org or call 518-543-8505. ▣

OUTPATIENT CARDIOLOGY CLINIC COMING TO TICONDEROGA



The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital has announced that a new monthly cardiology clinic will be offered in Ticonderoga. Dr. Gavin Noble, cardiologist at the UVM Health Network Porter Medical Center, will see patients in the recently-renovated outpatient clinic space at the Ticonderoga campus.

"Dr. Noble will provide a range of services, including cardiology consults, EKGs, echocardiograms, and Holter monitors, as well as access to advanced care with the UVM Health Network," said Julie Tromblee, vice president and chief nursing officer. Primary care physicians can refer patients to Dr. Noble by calling 518-585-3727.

Dr. Noble completed his training at the State University of New York at Syracuse, College of Medicine and specializes in cardiovascular disease, general and consultative cardiology, and non-invasive cardiac testing. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology, The American Society of Echocardiography, and The American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. ▣

THE ROUND THE LAKE CHALLENGE

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) Round the Lake (RTL) Challenge offers participants a patch and certificate once completed. But, it also opens the door to many new experiences and destinations that may be missed otherwise. A bit more robust than other regional challenges (the goal is to complete at least 20 of the 30+ missions), what makes this list unique is the addition of historical and educational sites, along with a variety of hikes and paddles that appeal to most ages and abilities.

Marta Quilliam has been working through the RTL Challenge with her grandchildren, Braiden and Caitlyn Rivers. Their favorite mission to date was the LaChute River Walk and having a picnic outside of the Ticonderoga Museum.



Quilliam/Rivers family along the LaChute River

To get started on the RTL Challenge, [click HERE](#) to download the mission checklist and details. Please note some museums and other destinations may have changed their hours during this pandemic, so call or go to their websites for the most up-to-date information before heading out. ▣

LOOKING BACK

THE BIG BOAT RACE

by Pete Engler



August 23, 1953 was the date of the Great Boys Boat Race at Bob Henry's classic boathouse just south of Hague on Lake George.

Gathered there, in the ninety-degree early afternoon, were about twenty outboard boats of all sizes and shapes. At their helms were crew-cut boys excited at the prospect of winning a coveted silver cup.

Pete Engler and his fellow nine-year-old crew, Randy "Mouse" Morse, nervously fiddled with the unreliable Evinrude three-and-a-half horsepower outboard engine mounted on a twelve-foot Old Town rowboat named Green Hornet. The engine was noted for "cutting out" at inopportune moments, particularly when pretty girls were watching or critical friends were observing.

The other boats cruised around the starting line located between the large brown-shingled boathouse's pier and a flag buoy a hundred feet out into the beautiful lake waters. This race had been the sole subject among the lake kids for days. Nut-brown and barefoot on this late day in August, each boy thought he could win.

This expectation was heightened by the fact that the race would follow the rules of a handicap system based upon their individual boat speed measured at time trials that morning. As a result, the smaller and slower boats like Pete and Randy's, would start well ahead of the faster boats.

"Got it," Pete exalted as the tiny Evinrude smoked into life. "We gotta move up to the line, quick," Randy yelled, almost unheard over the noise of twenty outboard engines, lusting to start the race.

The two nine-year-old boys, suddenly a unified racing team, scanned the competition with unbridled concern mixed with optimism. Checking the mixture control to prevent another engine failure, Pete guided the boat from the rear seat.

"Green Hornet, Ha! Get a horse or maybe twenty of them, kids. You haven't a chance in that rig," "Big George" Turner yelled from his bright white, twenty-five horsepower speedboat, as his crewman laughed along. "Go home to your Mommies."

George, at a muscular sixteen years of age was favored to win among his buddies. His boat was very fast and George was particularly aggressive in everything he did. Stung by the criticism at a critical point just before the start, Pete let the

engine die again.

"Get it started, quick," called Randy. "The gun goes off in less than a minute!"

"Tryin' to, tryin'," Pete agonized.

Several pulls on the starter cord and the engine coughed to life, relieved grimaces shared by the two.

Moving to the starting line, the boys heard the crowd cheering, waving to their sons, brothers, and boyfriends as the boats maneuvered carefully.

BANG! The cannon fired, and Pete twisted the throttle forward as Randy hunkered down in the bow. As the slowest entry, they had the earliest start. Their boat felt like a cork as it bounced in the waves, knocking them off course and slowing them unmercifully.

In the distance, they heard the starter's whistle shrilly launching the other boats in timed succession. Right now, they looked small to Pete, but as he glanced back several times, they quickly grew.

"Wow, they'll catch us in seconds!"

"Keep driving, we're almost at the mark!"

The Evinrude began to cough, but Pete quelled the problem with a quick adjustment to the choke and the Green Hornet forged on as the boys held as still as possible despite the increasing tension and fear that one of the faster boats would sweep past them.

The field of boats seemed to bear down faster and faster. Suddenly, breaking away from his position behind a few boats, George Turner's rocket seemed to almost take flight, spewing spray from his engine and bow as he flew down upon them.

"Juice it, Pete!" Randy yelled "We can make it if we..." his voice was lost in the racket of George's speedboat which was practically on top of them.

Willing speed from the tired Evinrude's limited power reserves, Pete held the tiller as straight as he could. The gun suddenly sounded their win over the powerful Turner boat which swept past them having barely lost the race to a rowboat, soaking the two laughing boys with its transom spray. Randy stumbled back to slap Pete's back as they laughed at their improbable win. Soon, they were handed the silver cup and ice-cold Cokes. And the girls were smiling at them!

A memorable ending to two boys' ninth summer spent on the "Queen of the American Lakes." Sixty-six years later, that cup still brings a grin and a yearning for an ice-cold Coke to me.



TICONDEROGA BEAUTIFICATION

Community members are asked to volunteer to work on beautification projects in Ticonderoga on July 23, 2020 and August 27th from 6 – 7:30 pm. Folks will gather at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) where bags, gloves, and tools will be provided. Volunteers may choose to bring their own work gloves. Many hands make light work! ■

TACC FUNDRAISER DINNER AND AUCTION

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) 18th Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction is planned for Friday, August 14, 2020, overlooking the historic Lord Howe Valley at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley.

The theme of this year's event is "Roaring 20's – Celebrating 95 Years." There will be delicious food, a wonderful atmosphere, and beautiful views while money is raised to fund the efforts, programs, services, and events of the chamber. The support of the members of the chamber, area businesses, and the community allows TACC to achieve its mission and realize its vision. TACC hopes the community will give what it can during this difficult time.

If TACC is unable to have the annual fundraiser due to NYS COVID-19 regulations, a virtual event and auction will take place. A special event will be held at a later date for those who purchased tickets. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga's 2020 opening was delayed due to COVID-19 and "New York on Pause," but it did open for the season on June 30, 2020. Hours are Tuesday - Sunday from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm).

Numerous measures are in place to ensure staff and visitor safety and reflect guidance from appropriate government agencies and health authorities, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). They include required physical distancing, new signage to manage visitor flow and expectations, and required face coverings when physical distancing is not possible. Until otherwise announced, general admission capacity will be capped at 400 and advance on-line ticketing is required by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org. During the initial open phase, only exterior spaces will be open to visitors.

The fort is continuing its 2020 Digital Campaign, a virtual experience featuring interactive programming, engaging lectures series, and creative at-home educational activities and resources, in addition to onsite visitation.

The Heroic Corn Maze will be open Tuesday - Sunday August 8th – 23rd from 10 am until 5 pm (last entry 4:30 pm).

Fort Ticonderoga has been awarded a highly competitive grant from the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) CARES Act in the amount of \$285,358. The funding will enable the development and expansion of a project entitled "From Fort to Screen: Ticonderoga's Virtual Public Programming." ■

CORRECTIONS to the Looking Back article in the June 2020 issue: The caption we put under the first photo was, "Theresa Sexton and photography tent, where the present firehouse stands, Hague, NY," which is what was actually printed on that photo. To clarify for today, since the firehouse from back then is now the Firehouse Restaurant, we should have changed the caption to "where the present Firehouse Restaurant stands."

In the caption under the second photo, we wrote, "The newly built Uncas at the intersection of Routes 9 and 9N..." That should have been "the intersection of Routes 8 and 9N..."

CORRECTION : In the June issue, we reported that there were Wednesday evening programs being presented by the Lake George Association (LGA) at 7 pm at their office. Actually, the programs were being presented by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) at 5:30 pm and they were virtual because of continued concern about social distancing. We regret any inconvenience our error may have caused. ■

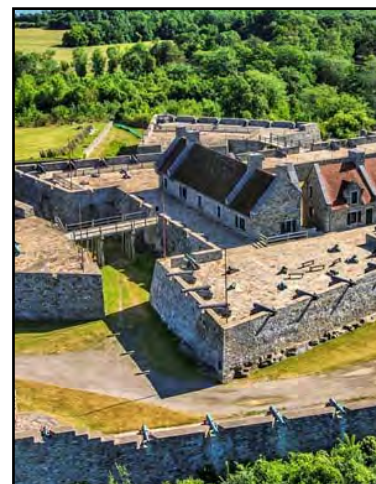


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CALENDAR

July 2020

JULY

23 6 – 7:30 pm Ticonderoga Beautification at TACC
7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

AUGUST

5 12:30–6:30 pm Community Blood Drive at Silver Bay
5:30 pm LGLC Virtual Program –
Lyme and Ticks
6 7 pm Planning Board of Appeals
8 8 am Silver Bay Virtual Annual Meeting
10 am Heroic Corn Maze opens at Fort
Ticonderoga

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Deadline for August issue of
The Hague Chronicle

11 6 pm

Town Board

12 5:30 pm

LGLC Virtual Program – Courtland St.
Revolutionary War Site in LGV

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10 x 10 Show Opens at the Downtown
Gallery in Ticonderoga

14 5:30 pm

TACC Fundraiser at The Barn at
Lord Howe Valley

19 5:30 pm

LGLC Virtual Program – The Bolton Hub

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