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OCTOBER 18 DEADLINE FOR LGPC PROPOSAL

The close of the public comment period on the LGPC Proposed Rule for Mandatory Boat Inspections is October 18, 2013. The proposed rule requires "all trailered vessels to be inspected, and decontaminated if necessary, prior to launching in Lake George. Trailered vessels bearing positive verification of having last launched within the Lake George Park shall be exempted from the aforementioned inspection and decontamination."

The final Public Hearing was held at the Best Western in Ticonderoga on October 10, 2013 with Hague residents making up the largest percentage of the audience.

In addition to questions about specific details, which are not yet in place (especially for local boat launches such as we have in Hague), a major topic concerned the financing of the project. Bruce Young, Chairman of the LGPC, said that the hope is to get funding from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund and the rest from the S.A.V.E. coalition, which is made up of local municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Ginger Henry Kuenzel, of Hague, and Hague Councilman Steve Ramant both pointed out that, under this plan, local residents will be paying the lion's share of the program costs, while visitors from out-of-state will not contribute anything to the nearly \$700,000 projected costs of the program.

Ramant further noted that boats coming in from outside of the Lake George Park are the ones that may have been in the Hudson River, Lake Champlain or any other "soiled" body of water and introduced Aquatic Invasive Species into "Our Lake." He presented a plan which would make these visitors have "skin in the game." His suggestion included a 100% increase of visitor boat registration fees and keeping the Lake George Park resident fees the same as last season.

Hague resident Bruce Clark read letters from both himself and his wife, Hague ZEO Cathy Clark. In her letter she pointed out the local boat launch problem:

"As you know our Town Beach and Launch are in essence owned by our taxpayers. The Launch is currently staffed only in the summer months and for only eight hours a day. Many of our residents who are boat owners are working-class people who cannot afford the high fees for dock rentals, but who enjoy using the lake after work and on weekends."

"It is not fiscally responsible for the Town of Hague to extend their Boat Launch attendant program from ice-in to ice-out or to cover our launch for twelve hours per day throughout the summer season."

Mrs. Clark continued to suggest a Shared Services agreement with the State of New York, DEC and the Town of Hague

for the fee free use of the Rogers Rock facility for launching of boats when the Town launch is not available.

At the end of the meeting Chairman Young thanked the Hague contingent and noted "if there is one thing to take away from this meeting, it's the fact that the residents of Hague do not want to pay for this program without the 'visitors' paying the majority of the cost." ... js

HAGUE CANDIDATES NIGHT

On Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7 pm, there will be a Candidates Night at the Hague Community Center hosted by *The Hague Chronicle*.

All candidates for office in the Hague November 2013 election will be introduced. Running unopposed are Edna Frasier for Supervisor and Leslie Midgley for Town Justice. Vying for two positions on the Town Board are Mary Ann Eaton, Martin Fitzgerald II, Alvin Frasier and Ginger Henry Kuenzel.

The Town Board candidates will make statements and answer questions which will be moderated by Anne McDonald of Ticonderoga. The public is invited to offer suggestions for format, topics and questions. They can be dropped off at the Suggestion Box in the Community Center, made online on the Facebook page for *The Hague Chronicle* or emailed to <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>. The final format will be announced on the Facebook page and be known to the candidates in advance.

Please come out for this informative evening. Light refreshments will be available after the discussion and there will be time to meet the individual candidates.

See Town Board candidate statements on pages 4 and 5.

TI - CP SCHOOL MERGER PRESENTATION

The work of the Ticonderoga – Crown Point School Merger Study Committee has concluded. Mike Cherubini, representative from Hague, has arranged for a presentation on the final committee report to be given in Hague on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center.

VETERANS DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Town of Hague will conduct its Third Annual Veterans Day Observance and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 beginning at 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremonies will recognize our Korean War Veterans on this 60th Anniversary of the end of that war. All our veterans and prior service members as well as everyone in the community are asked to join us at the Memorial and help honor our veterans.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Hague Seniors had a nice outing to Gore Mountain for the Harvest Festival. The colors were great and there sure was enough to keep you busy so we all had a good time.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013 we will be going to Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga at 12 noon to bowl 2 games and also have pizza and soda. After that the next bowling event will be on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Our regular meeting this month will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 starting at 12 noon for our Western Halloween Party theme. All are to bring a dish to share of your favorite Western recipe. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Food and prizes for Costumes and Best Dance Partners. So be sure to come on out and join in the Old Country Hoedown.

The next game night will be held at the Cherubini's home on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

We will be on the road again on Thursday, November 14, 2013 to the Christmas Tree Shop in VT. When we are all done finding our treasures we will head back toward Hague and stop for some lunch on the way.

We hope to see you all soon. If you would like to join the Senior Club, you have to be at least 50 years old. ... Pat Hintze

STEPS TO WINTERIZE SEWER PUMP

Paul Belden at the Wastewater Treatment Plant offers a few simple steps to follow for those of you with a sewer pump who are winterizing your homes.

Winterize all plumbing fixtures, but leave water supply on to one sink temporarily. Purge the system by running clean water down the drain of that sink until the pump activates. Immediately turn off the water and allow the pump to shut off automatically. Pour antifreeze into the sink. Now turn on the water until the pump activates. Immediately shut off water. Leave pump power on – this keeps the heating resistor in the control compartment energized so that any condensation will be dissipated.

For any questions or concerns, contact Paul Belden at 543-8862, Monday-Friday 7 am - 3 pm. Emergency pager: 1-877-730-2749. ... gk

Please "Like" Hague Fire & EMS on Facebook

HVFD NEWS

October is fire prevention month. The theme for this year is *Kitchen Safety*. Public awareness about kitchen fires is very important because it is a different type of fire that needs a different approach of extinguishment. From October 6 - 12, we're spreading the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home—and we're teaching people how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place. Volunteers from our department will join other local groups to promote fire safety at Ticonderoga Elementary School. Remember to change the batteries in your CO2 and smoke detectors; a good reminder is when you change the clocks, change the batteries.

In September there were 17 Fire drills and calls demanding 106.5 volunteer hours, and 5 EMS calls demanding 240 volunteer hours. The Hague community has a very dedicated team of volunteer members who make these calls. Thank You!

Maureen Cherubini and Paul Belden have been appointed as the nominating committee for the election of next year's officers, and that process is underway. We thank all those who helped make this year's Hague Oktoberfest such a success.

On Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 6 pm the Hague Fire & EMS department will host the Performance Arts Connection. This show features a pro style wrestling with a Halloween theme. Admission will be by donation and everyone is encouraged to dress for the occasion! Come dressed as a Zombie, a Ghost or favorite PAC wrestler. There will be an adult and children's costume contest with unique prizes for the best 3 costumes in each category. There will be food and refreshments for sale as well as the 50/50 raffle. This event will help raise money for the HVFD for equipment and training to better help the dedicated volunteers who serve the people of our community in times of health and disaster emergencies. Come by and see some great wrestling action and help support a great department!

We need volunteers - fire fighters, EMTs, fire police, and other supportive positions. Young adults, 16 or older, are encouraged to join. Our paid EMS service, E5, is offering an incentive program to encourage our community to volunteer. They will pay our volunteer drivers \$1 an hour, in the form of a refillable Stewart's gas card, paid monthly. This is for any and all hours you volunteer to drive our Ambulance between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday thru Friday. Training is provided. Also, New York State Fire Association offers college tuition reimbursement funds. For more details on this fantastic program, visit the FASNY website at <<https://www.fasny.com/>>. ... SJ Santaniello

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SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 10/7/13

All members of the Town Board were present for the first 2014 Budget Workshop where they went through the general fund expenditures line-by-line. The budget analysis will continue on October 14, 2013. A public hearing must be held on or before November 7, 2013 (with notice to the public five days prior).

The proposed salaries for Town employees remained the same as in the 2013 Budget while elected official salaries remained the same except for an increase for the Town Clerk who has served for 19 years.

Although changes may be made before the public hearing, as of publication the following were the summary statistics:

Appropriations for General Fund, \$818,326; Highway Fund, \$665,873 and for Occupancy Tax Funds, \$33,600. These amounts were reduced by estimated revenue (General, \$612,035; Highway, \$604,111 and Occupancy, \$33,600) and by unexpended balance (General, \$203,291 and Highway, \$61,262) leading to \$0 needed to be raised by Town tax for these categories. In addition there was \$326,760 budgeted in reserve for capital fund improvements and streetscape.

Tax will be assessed for those in the street light district (with an increase of 2.11%) and for Fire and Ambulance. The appropriation for F & A is \$337,305 less \$85,000 in estimated revenue leaving a balance of \$252,305 to be raised by taxes which is a slight decrease from 2013 of 0.17%. Those in the sewer districts will pay sewer rents to cover budgets of \$152,295 for Sewer District #1 and \$153,673 for Sewer District #2.

Copies of the complete budget are available at the Community Center. ...js

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 10/8/13

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Alvin Frasier, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Lucille Bennett, Jeanette Fitzgerald Gordon and Lura Bennett Hunter.

In the Committee reports it was mentioned that the Highway Department will be paving in Forest Bay after Columbus Day.

ZEO Cathy Clark reported that all property maintenance violations but one have been taken care of and she continues to work on the outstanding violation. Councilman Meola expressed appreciation for the work Cathy is doing. He also expressed appreciation to Graham Bailey and his committee for a successful Oktoberfest.

Supervisor Frasier reported that the Sewer Committee is continuing to get compliance with the sewer law. The Town has had to work on several pumps. The Board approved \$57,500 for work to be done by John Sheehan on the Streeter Hill sewer engineering project. Cathy Clark questioned the assessment to Sewer District #1 of the expenses to fix the problems. She noted that these issues were known from the beginning but the Town Board at that time signed off on the project.

A report was given to the Board by the Personnel Committee relative to attendance at meetings of the Association of Towns in New York City. There was much discussion but no decision was made. The issue actually was about how much reimbursement should be given to those attending and doing a better job of decision making by the Board when requests are made.

Supervisor Frasier appointed a committee of Councilmen Fitzgerald and Ramant, Ralph Denno and Sally DeLarm Rypkema, Town Historian, to work with Consultants Eric & Eric on the Community Center Expansion project.

The Board approved a resolution to advertise for sealed bids by November 11, 2013 for Item 4, sifted sand and bank run gravel per yard.

Councilman Ramant reported that his initial contact at Verizon is no longer working on the project, but he continues to work with Verizon who understands the issues with lack of service in the New Hague Road part of Town. ... js

[Ed note: Complete minutes of past meetings are posted on the Town of Hague website at <<http://www.townofhague.org/TownofHague/Town%20Board/Board-Minutes.htm>>.]

ZONING AND PLANNING

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of September 26, 2013 and the Planning Board meeting of October 3, 2013 were each cancelled due to lack of applications.

In her written Zoning Report to the Town Board, ZEO Cathy Clark reported on the work of two committees as follows:

The Code Committee met on September 12, 2013 and reviewed modifications to Chapter 85 docks & Chapter 124 Parks and approved them as written. If the LGPC Invasive Species Prevention Plan is adopted by the Governor, Chapters 85 & 124 will need to be amended to reflect the mandates as written in the LGPC Plan. They then worked on suggestions for the revision of Section 160-58 Travel Trailers.

The Comprehensive Plan revision committee met on September 26, 2013 with six members present. The discussion of the committee included development on steep slopes, again speed limit reduction and home occupations. They also started to review the goals set from the 2004 document and decided if the item had been achieved or found unfeasible, still needed to be included in this update or if the item was no longer pertinent to the Town. At their next meeting the committee will continue in their review of this document. They will also discuss what questions they feel would be appropriate to be included in a one page Town survey. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013 at 6:30 pm.



BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2013

The election will take place from 6 am to 9 pm at the Hague Community Center. The local ballot looks like this:

OFFICE	JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT 4TH DISTRICT (Vote for TWO)	COUNTY JUDGE & SURROGATE (Vote for ONE)	DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)	COUNTY CORONER (Vote for ONE)	SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)	TOWN JUSTICE (Vote for ONE)	TOWN BOARD MEMBER (Vote for THREE)
DEMOCRATIC A	Mark L Powers <input type="radio"/>	John S Hall Jr <input type="radio"/>				Leslie R Midgley <input type="radio"/>	Mary Ann Eaton <input type="radio"/> Henry Kuenzel <input type="radio"/> Ginger <input type="radio"/>
REPUBLICAN B	Thomas Nolan <input type="radio"/>	Stan L Pritzker <input type="radio"/>	Ted Wilson <input type="radio"/>	Kate Hogan <input type="radio"/>	Paul Bachman <input type="radio"/>	Edna A Frasier <input type="radio"/>	Martin H Fitzgerald II <input type="radio"/> Alvin B Frasier <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATIVE C	Thomas Nolan <input type="radio"/>	Stan L Pritzker <input type="radio"/>	Ted Wilson <input type="radio"/>	Kate Hogan <input type="radio"/>			
WORKING FAMILIES D			John S Hall Jr <input type="radio"/>				
INDEPENDENCE E			Ted Wilson <input type="radio"/>	Kate Hogan <input type="radio"/>			

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name. ●

To vote yes or no on a proposal fill in the oval below the proposition. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on the ballot outside the voting areas could void the ballot.

There are 6 ballot proposals which are amendments to the New York State Constitution.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES

There are four candidates running for two positions on the Town Board and their statements follow.

ALVIN FRASIER



I am a life-long resident of Hague and have a High School Diploma. I am married and my wife's name is Vicki. I have worked for International Paper for the past 20 years. At International Paper I have served on many committees including Safety, Environmental and Training.

I was appointed to the Town Board and have been serving the last five months. I am a member of several Board committees including Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Insurance, Fire Department, Highway, and Town Park.

If I am elected to the Town Board, I will work hard to keep track of Town spending. I will also continue to work to keep Hague a place where we are all proud to live.

MARTIN FITZGERALD



I am a housing rehabilitation coordinator and have worked for Warren County for 28 years. I have years of experience with budgeting, financial analysis and business contracts. I enjoy community service and knowing that I have helped improve the quality of life for my family and those living in the Town of Hague.

I have held several leadership roles over the years. I have served on the Ticonderoga School Board for the past four years, working to adopt fair budgets that incorporate much needed tax cuts while sustaining the enrichment programs and athletic programs for our youth. During this time, I was able to facilitate a busing program for students residing in the Town of Hague, which allowed for after-school transportation for those involved in sports and other programs. I have been a member of the

Hague Volunteer Fire Department for the past 34 years. I have served as Assistant Chief and Vice President of the Board and currently hold the position of President on the Board of Directors. I also held positions on the Town Zoning Board and was a member of the Ticonderoga Country Club Board. Currently, I am serving as a Town Board member.

As a life-long resident of the Town of Hague, I want to continue taking an active role in the ongoing improvement of our local government system. I'm excited to offer my work experience and talents to help our community adequately plan for the challenges of future growth within the town's limited funding sources. I would appreciate your vote for me as Town of Hague Board Member during the upcoming elections.

MARY ANN EATON



I am once again seeking to serve the residents of Hague through a position on the Town Board. I am a retired Speech & Language Pathologist, Education Trainer/Consultant and author. I was born and raised on a small dairy farm in Youngsville, New York. I worked my way through undergraduate and graduate study at the University at Albany. I raised my family in the Capital Region of New York. I am former co-owner and operator of the View Restaurant at Indian Kettles and Mary Ann's Bagels, Ice Cream, and Pizza. After my unsuccessful attempt in 2009 to attain a position on the Town Board I stepped back to embrace living, interacting, and learning more about the needs and desires of our community - our year round residents, our seasonal residents, our weekend visitors, our business owners, and our school district.

My 30+ years of experience as an educator serving students, parents, teachers, and administrators in New York State's urban and rural public education settings as well as my experience owning and operating two businesses in this community have provided me with opportunities to understand and address many of the challenges of residing, working, and learning in rural upstate New York.

From my perspective there are five key issues for which our community must claim responsibility: protecting the drink-

ing water quality of our Lake; preserving our natural environment; respecting personal liberties; providing a public education that assures literacy; and forging liaisons between diverse interest groups that will benefit all the residents.

I would be honored to serve our community through a seat on our Town Board. As your elected representative I will respectfully foster courageous conversation that supports the principle “we are all in this together” and assure a proactive approach to address inevitable change.

GINGER HENRY KUENZEL



I was born in Hague and attended Hague Central School from third through seventh grade. I have always maintained close family ties to Hague, and moved back here full-time in 2010. I am actively involved in many community organizations, including the Historical Society, *The Hague Chronicle*, the Arts Fair and the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee.

I feel that my experience in government, business and communications, and my life-long attachment to Hague are solid qualifications for service on the Hague Town Board. After earning a degree in political science from Syracuse University, I worked as a legislative assistant for a U.S. congressman. I later lived in Germany for 20 years, where I worked as a political journalist and was active in grassroots citizen initiatives. From 1997-2010, I was Communications Director for two large global companies based in Boston and New York City. Since 2010 I have run my own communications consulting business here. But perhaps my most important qualification is that I am passionate about helping ensure that Hague remains a great place to live – for our current residents and for future generations.

Ensuring economic vitality for Hague and quality of life for residents while maintaining Hague’s unique character are my top priorities. I would like to see representatives from all stakeholder groups – old and young, full-time and seasonal residents, business owners and employees – work together to develop a plan for Hague’s path into the future and put this plan into action. Open communication among residents and between residents and town government is absolutely key in this, and in everything we do. We all have a responsibility to help ensure that Hague is headed in the right direction. Change is inevitable – we need to work together to ensure that it’s the kind of change we want.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

The following information comes from the League of Women Voters 2013 Voters Guide:

PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE would allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to

schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.

Proponents of the amendment argue that casino gambling has significant potential to be a major economic engine for New York State. They note that gaming already exists with five Native American owned casinos and nine racinos operating in the state but not currently benefiting the state and this proposal would enable New York to benefit from tourism, revenue and jobs. They also argue that limiting the facilities to no more than seven guarantees that there will not be an excessive proliferation of casinos.

Opponents argue that expanding casino gambling could potentially increase gambling addiction, exploit those suffering from gambling addiction and their families and have harmful effects on the communities in which the casinos are located. They point to hidden costs being greater than the touted benefits.

Additionally the wording is being legally challenged with the feeling that it makes the proposal sound better than it really is.

PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO would entitle a veteran who has received civil service credit for a civil service appointment or promotion and subsequently is certified as disabled to additional civil service credit at a subsequent appointment or promotion.

Proponents argue that it would benefit individuals who, through no fault of their own, were not classified as a veteran with disabilities at the time of their first civil service appointment. Veterans applying the credits will be less limited by time constraints making them more likely to be hired to civil service positions. Veterans are more likely to be unemployed than the average citizen and this proposal would increase employment and also help put their training and experience to work for State and Local governments.

The LWV of NYS did not identify any expressed opposition.

PROPOSAL NUMBER THREE would extend for ten years, until January 1, 2024, the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.

Proponents argue that the concerns addressed in 1963 and by subsequent extensions are still valid today. Although many pollution problems have been abated, there are still significant concerns and technology continues to evolve to make more efficient systems available, additional development necessitates the construction of new systems and existing sewage treatment facilities age necessitating reconstruction and refurbishment. Proponents say the amendment would allow municipalities to address these sewage needs without impairing municipalities’ ability to finance other essential capital requirements.

The LWV of NYS did not identify any expressed opposition.

PROPOSAL NUMBER FOUR would authorize the Legislature to settle longstanding disputes between the State and private entities over ownership of certain parcels of land in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County.

The “Forever Wild” clause of the NYS Constitution forbids the lease, sale, exchange or taking of any forest preserve land. The proposed amendment would allow the legislature to settle 100-year-old disputes between the State and private parties over ownership of certain parcels of land located in the forest preserve, in the town of Long Lake by giving up the State’s claim to disputed parcels. In exchange, the State would get other land, currently privately owned, to be incorporated into the forest preserve. The land exchange would occur only if the Legislature, or its designee, determines that the land to be conveyed to the State would benefit the forest preserve more than do the disputed parcels.

Proponents of the amendment argue that it would finally remove the uncertainty and cost of the longstanding land dispute while making significant additions to the forest preserve. They claim that a lack of documentation concerning ownership has made the settling the claims in court difficult, expensive and unpredictable.

Opponents argue that a legislative settlement would establish a poor precedent for other private land ownership disputes in the Adirondack Park. They argue that similar land disputes have been resolved via the judicial system which provides transparency and an independent authority. In addition, they claim that the fees to be collected from the occupants is greatly less than the worth of the land and will not be sufficient to acquire comparable or better land to be added to the forest preserve, thus delaying the private parties’ clear land title until the town government and state government can agree upon a land purchase.

PROPOSAL NUMBER FIVE would authorize the Legislature to convey forest preserve land located in the town of Lewis, Essex County, to NYCO Minerals, a private company that plans on expanding an existing mine that adjoins the forest preserve land. In exchange, NYCO Minerals would give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value, with a minimum assessed value of \$1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, it would restore the condition of the land and return it to the forest preserve.

Proponents of the amendment argue that the land swap would (1) preserve jobs and ensure one of the largest employers in Essex County remains viable; (2) provide new access to mountain peaks and trout streams for outdoor recreation; and (3) result in the state preserve acquiring a greater quantity of land and higher-quality land than the land it is trading to NYCO Minerals.

Opponents argue that the land swap is not vital to NYCO’s survival and that it would diminish the strength of the “Forever Wild” clause. They say (1) the land swap would set a dangerous and historic precedent because it would be the first forest preserve constitutional amendment to be undertaken for private commercial gain rather than for a clear public municipal purpose and public benefit and (2) there are viable alternatives to the land swap, given that there are considerable permitted re-

serves of wollastonite available on NYCO’s current land which should last for another 15 – 20 years.

PROPOSAL NUMBER SIX would increase the maximum age until which certain state judges may serve as follows: (a) a Justice of the Supreme Court would be eligible for five additional two-year terms after the present retirement age of 70, instead of the three such terms currently authorized; and (b) a Judge of the Court of Appeals who reaches the age of 70 while in office would be permitted to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 years beyond the present retirement age of 70 in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.

Proponents argue that it would enable the state judiciary to continue to benefit from the service of many dedicated, experienced and productive judges currently being lost to mandatory retirement. They note a longer and healthier lifespan now than when the current retirement age was set.

Some opponents argue that the proposal unfairly favors high-level judges on the State Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, while others argue that forced retirement encourages diversity.



WORK READINESS CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Work Readiness Credential and National Retail Federation Customer Service Credential courses will be held at North Country Community College in Ticonderoga on Fridays from October 25 through December 20, 2013 from 10 am to 1 pm, with certification testing taking place on the last day from 9 am to 3 pm.

One of the key benefits to employers is the candidate assessment element. Every candidate is assessed in advance for baseline math, reading comprehension and problem-solving skills. Employees not meeting the baseline standards are referred to remedial resources prior to taking the course. This helps employers assess and prepare more marginal employees to be much more successful over time.

The National Workforce Readiness Credential course is a nationally recognized course that prepares employees to be successful in the workplace over the long term and has proven to be extremely valuable to employers in reducing hiring costs and employee turnover. Ticonderoga Area employers are invited to register their employees for the courses. Registrants may qualify for free tuition.

Interested participants and employers wishing to send employees to the NWRC course should contact Deb Bridge at OneWorkSource as soon as possible at 518-873-2341. For additional information, email the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com> or call 518-585-6619.



Adirondack Suffragist

Autumn is with us and it's the season of elections all across our country. When you visit the voting booth in a couple of weeks, you'll find candidate options at the local level that include a number of accomplished women. It was not always so . . . in fact, it was not until 1920 that women in this country won the right to vote after a long struggle. The women's suffrage movement had connections to the Adirondacks in the person of Inez Milholland.

Inez' family had its roots in Lewis, NY, (Essex County) and in fact her father worked at the *Ticonderoga Sentinel* in the early 1880's. The family later moved to Brooklyn where Inez was born in 1886. Her father was successful and with his wealth returned to Lewis and bought the family farm, Meadowmount, and 4000 acres where the family spent their summers.

Vassar College saw her arrival in 1905. She was a gifted athlete on the campus, but her real mark was as a political activist in the cause of women's suffrage. When Vassar refused to allow her to organize a rally on campus, she moved the venue to an adjacent cemetery. In the annals of suffrage history it is known as the "cemetery rally." It's been reported that at her graduation in 1909 the president of the college remarked, "Wonderful girl. I'm glad she's gone."

Following Law School at NYU, she joined a New York law firm and practiced criminal and divorce law. Her women's rights activities continued and she was a well-known lecturer for the cause. A magazine of the time is quoted as saying "The most effective spokesman of the suffrage cause in America is Inez Milholland . . . When she rises before an audience of four or five hundred men, there is a shock of agreeable surprise. Young, of immediately attractive appearance, and self-possessed, she instantly centers attention."



On March 3, 1913, she became a symbol of the movement when she led a march from the Capitol down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. Riding a white horse, wearing a long white cape, and waving a banner that read "Forward into Light," this beautiful, dynamic woman headed a parade of "9 bands, 4 mounted brigades, 3 heralds, more than 20 floats, and an army of women – nurses, farmers, doctors, librarians, and actresses." It was the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration and they stole his thunder when spectators came to the suffrage event

rather than meeting Wilson at the train as he arrived in Washington.

In preparation for the presidential election of 1916, and in an unsuccessful effort to defeat Woodrow Wilson who opposed the vote for women at that point, Inez was tasked with touring the western states where women had the vote. Representing the National Women's Party she was to urge women to vote against Wilson. She was scheduled to speak in more than 40 cities in less than a month, but in poor health she collapsed. She rallied time and again, keeping her speaking engagements, but her strength eventually failed and she died on November 25, 1916. The head of the Women's Party said that Inez "gave her life for the freedom of women and for the welfare of her country . . . She died on the field of honor just as truly as any soldier in France."

And so she returned to the Adirondacks and was buried at the base of Mount Discovery. In 1924 a pageant was held in her honor in Lewis. The fields around Meadowmount were packed with parked cars that had brought 10,000 spectators. She lived only 30 years but left an indelible mark on our history. Today women not only vote, but are elected at all levels of government across the United States and hold ninety-eight seats in the 113th Congress. Inez would be encouraged!

... Pat McDonough



The Historical Society has been very fortunate recently to have received a number of interesting items for the collection. We filled one showcase in the Museum with new acquisitions so we hope you'll stop in to see them. Barbara Belden shared the items below and a number of the pens and pencils are included in the new exhibit.



The *Looking Back* books are now available at The Hague Market and Juniper's, or by calling 543-6725 or via mail for only \$13 which includes shipping. Order now and you can share them with family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Your interest and support are always appreciated.

We're using these quieter months to catch up on paperwork, organize our files and the archives, and develop a website. There seem never to be enough hours, but our efforts are rewarded by the good feedback we receive from our members and those who enjoy our programs throughout the year.

Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836 or <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com>.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A daughter, Caroline Adele, on October 9, 2013 to Luke and Katie Frasier of Colchester, CT. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Betsy Kreilach of Booneville, NY. Caroline is the sixth grandchild for Edna and Dick Frasier of Hague, NY.

ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Several outstanding speakers have visited the Northern Lake George Rotary Club meetings at Silver Bay in recent weeks. Sue Austin, district governor of Rotary in NY state, spoke on the theme "Engage Rotary; Change Lives." She related how Rotary has changed her life in many ways, as she has become a spokesperson for care and service to those in need.

Another guest was Ian Lawrie, age 16, from Hague, who attends Ticonderoga High School. He is actively involved in the YMCA's Youth in Government program, administered in the Ti area by Jackie Palandrani. Ian was chosen as a NY state representative to a large "Y in G" conference in North Carolina. "Y in G" nationally promotes our democratic government process, leadership, public speaking and cooperation among legislators.

Rob Fisher of the Arcady community presented a very colorful slide presentation of his recent trip through California, which contained spectacular views of mountainous regions, some explored by bicycle side trips.

Rotary meets each Tuesday morning, hosted by the Silver Bay YMCA. ... Stan Burdick

TMSP HALLOWEENFEST

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) will host the annual HalloweenFest on Thursday, October 31, 2013 in Ticonderoga.

From 3 to 4:30 pm businesses and organizations displaying a pumpkin in their windows will be participating in the event by handing out treats to young people as they walk the sidewalks of Historic Downtown Ticonderoga. Children (up to fifth grade) and their families are invited to participate in this event. Candy will also be given out at the Ticonderoga Community Building by the TMSP.

North Country Community College (NCCC) invites children and their families to attend their free Haunted Hallway from 4 to 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Campus. Candy, donuts and apple cider will be served as well. Children will also be able to get their photo taken with the Great Pumpkin. The NCCC Ticonderoga Campus is located at 11 Hawkeye Trail.

In addition, Libby's Bakery Cafe invites children and their parents to play their FREE Old Fashioned Halloween Games including bobbing for apples, donut on a string and more! Prizes will be awarded. Libby's Bakery Cafe is located at 92 Montcalm Street.

Montcalm Street will be closed to traffic from the Sunshine Laundry to the 1888 building during the Trick or Treating part of the event to ensure the safety of all participants. A rain date of Friday, November 1, 2013 has been arranged with a decision on using the rain date to be made by 9 am on October 31st.

TFCU COMMUNITY EVENT/SHRED FEST

To conclude their annual Credit Union Week celebration, the Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) will host their First Annual Community Appreciation Event and 4th Annual Shred Fest on Saturday, October 19, 2013. The events are free and will take place from 1 - 4 pm at the Best Western Plus of Ticonderoga.

The Community Appreciation Event will be carnival-themed, family-friendly activities including a bounce-house for kids and Penelope-the-Clown to provide free face-painting and balloons. There will be a chance to win prizes by spinning the prize wheel and information about TFCU's products and services (including youth savings accounts, online and mobile banking demonstrations, loan referral program and new member registration). TFCU members are encouraged to bring a friend or family member who is not yet a member to the event.

The Shred Fest is a paper-shredding event to increase public awareness of identity theft prevention. Community members are invited to bring their confidential documents to be shredded on site in a mobile shredding truck.

Shredding documents containing personal identity information before throwing them away is one of the most important ways consumers can prevent identity theft. Paper, folders, envelopes, check registers, paper bound by staples, paperclips and spiral binding can be shredded, however documents bound with metal binder clips cannot. Donation of a non-perishable food item in exchange for the free service is suggested. Proceeds from the recycling of documents shredded at the event will be donated to local food pantries.

MASON/STAR DINNER FOR THE PUBLIC

A public Roast Turkey 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 25, 2013, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House).

Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, by advance sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street, also at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

The Hague Baptist Church has noted, "It's Fall again! Time for a cozy night out!" They are hosting a food and fellowship evening on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 5 pm, followed by a family movie and popcorn at 6 pm.

The movie is PG rated, and very funny, and will be listed on the bulletin board in front of the Church on Route 8. Wini Conant says, "This year we will serve some delicious soups and warm bread rolls, yummm. Hope to see you there!"

Reservations are preferred but not necessary. Call 543-8899.

OKTOBERFEST SUCCESS



Graham Bailey, Chairman of the Oktoberfest Committee, has reported to the Town Board on the successful event for 2013. In total, 1,110 persons attended this year's events, from Friday evening through Sunday morning, coming from 21 states and 23 counties within New York.

Bailey thanked the Board for its support of the event and also gave a special thanks to the members of the Hague Highway Department for their assistance throughout the weekend. He also thanked all those who volunteered during the weekend especially citing his committee consisting of: Dick Gladu – Operations and fencing, Carol Pittman – Vendors and decorations, Carolyn Close – Children's activities, Tom Haskell – Adult activities, Steve Ramant – Beer and food, liaison with Town Highway Department, Rudy Meola – Board liaison, Don Johnston – Event parking, Donna Wotton and Mary Keefer-Advisors.

The financial success was made possible by the generous sponsorships from the Town of Hague and the many businesses and organizations. Part of the monies from the profits will go toward the Ticonderoga Backpack program and the Beste Scholarship Fund.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Episcopal Church of the Cross on 129 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga, New York will host its annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9 am until 2 pm. The bazaar features holiday crafts and decorations, collectibles, jewelry, children's toys and games, books, white elephant items, and our famous cookie walk with dozens of varieties of homemade cookies.

There will also be raffles for a turkey basket, which includes a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday dinner, and a lottery tree filled with dozens of unscratched lottery tickets. Lunch, including homemade soups, chili, michigan hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and assorted desserts and beverages, will be served until 1 pm. To make donations, please leave a message at 518-585-4032. No clothing or furniture will be accepted.

FESTIVAL GUILD CONCERT

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will present "The Many Moods of Love, Part II" on October 20, 2013 at 3 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. George Cantin, who presented his first concert for the Guild in 2011, will return with piano stylings of old favorite songs in this concert. Grouped in various "moods," forty songs from the thirties through the sixties will be enjoyed. Following the concert, desserts and beverages will be served in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

H&R BLOCK NEW OWNERSHIP

H&R Block of Ticonderoga, in coordination with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), will host a Grand Opening Celebration with light refreshments on November 6, 2013 at 4 pm. From 5 – 7 pm, they will host a seminar about how to rollover a 401k, the difference between a Roth IRA and Traditional IRA's, as well as required minimum distributions and penalties on retirement fund distributions.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 5 – 7 pm, they will host a seminar about retirement plan options for small businesses and sole proprietors; SEP's, SIMPLE's and other group plans. Refreshments will be provided by Dunkin Donuts of Ticonderoga.

H&R Block has recently been purchased by Lenore Curtis and Tonya Geraw of Ticonderoga. In addition to being under new ownership, H&R Block is now at a newly remodeled location in Downtown Ticonderoga at 94 Montcalm Street, Suite 3.

The seminars will be presented by Eileen Kurtz in coordination with H&R Block. Eileen has been a financial advisor with Edwards Jones for 13 years. Prior to that she spent over 25 years in the banking industry. RSVP for the seminars to H&R Block at 518-585-7964. The first five registrants for each seminar will receive a coupon for a tax preparation worth \$75.

"We are looking forward to servicing the needs of area residents and businesses. Our new office in downtown Ticonderoga allows us to be more involved with the community and is convenient for our clients. We prepare business and personal tax returns as well as providing business services and will be available year round to help our clients both during office hours and by appointment," said Lenore Curtis, co-owner of H&R Block.

For additional information contact the TACC at 518-585-6619, or at <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com>.

ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW TO AID TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Direct from the casino stages of Atlantic City and Las Vegas, "The King in Concert: An Elvis Tribute" comes to Ticonderoga High School on October 19, 2013 to help the Ticonderoga Historical Society raise much needed funds for the winter and immediate projects this year.

The 75-minute non-stop live concert stars top Elvis impersonator James Cawley and his Las Vegas show band in a show the NY Daily News called "... a rousing get-down, go-get-'em". They will have audiences rocking and rolling to the sounds of Elvis' most loved classics as they raise money for the Ticonderoga Historical Society.

Tickets for the evening are \$15 per person for general admission, or \$20 for VIP center stage seating, and can be purchased by calling 518-585-7355. Doors open at 6 pm for raffles and refreshments, with the 75-minute show starting at 7 pm.

HAGUE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 15 7 pm Ticonderoga Board of Education meeting
- 17 12 noon Senior Bowling
- 17 7 pm School Merger Presentation
- 19 1 - 4 pm TFCU Shred Fest
- 19 6 pm Elvis show to benefit Ti Historical Society
- 24 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25 4 - 6 pm Mason/Star Turkey Dinner
- 26 6 pm HVFD Performance Arts Event
- 27 5 pm Baptist food and movie for families
- 29 12 noon Luncheon and Regular Senior Meeting
- 29 7 pm Hague Candidates Night
- 31 3 - 4:30 pm TMSF HalloweenFest

NOVEMBER

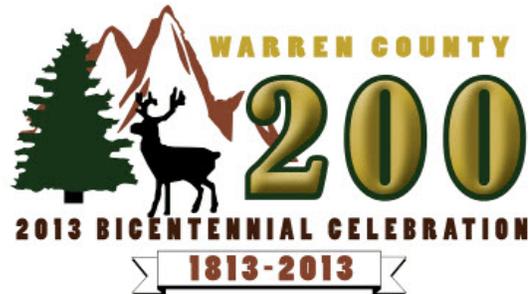
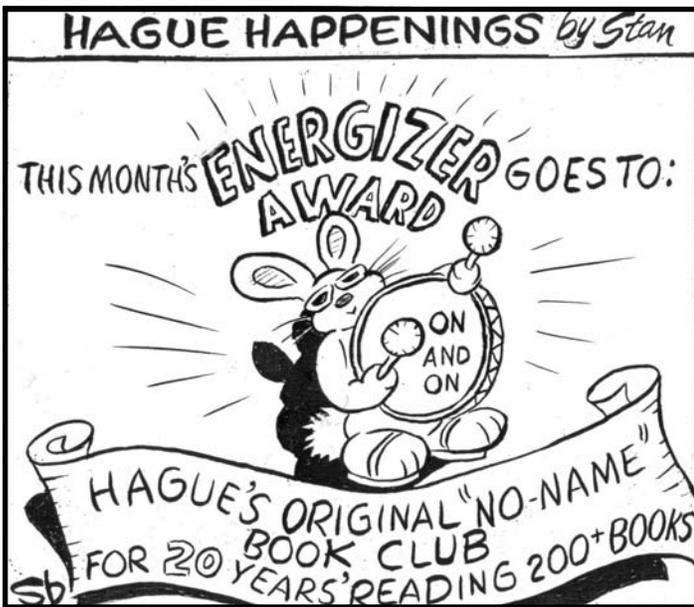
- 3 Daylight savings ends - Turn clocks back
- 5 6 am - 9 pm Election Day - Remember to Vote
- 5 6:30 pm Senior Game Night
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 4 pm H&R Block Grand Opening
- 9 9 - 2 pm Church of the Cross Holiday Bazaar
- 11 Veteran's Day - Town offices closed
- 11 11 am Veterans Wreath Laying
- 14 Deadline for the November Issue
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and posted online

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

MAKE HOUSE NUMBERS VISIBLE

Check your house! Many homes do not have easy to-see-house numbers. Emergency responders do not always know where everyone lives so an easy-to-see house number is vital when fire, ambulance or police need to respond to a household need. Homeowners - seasonal and year round - should make sure that their house number is easily visible from the road.



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