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HAGUE'S 2020 VISION FORUMS



Hague held its second 2020 Vision Forum on September 29, 2016 with about 35 people in attendance. Participants divided into groups to address the following topics: Parks and Recreation, Community Service, Infrastructure, Historic and Cultural Issues, Environmental Quality, Community Appearance, Economic Development, Planning/Land Use/Zoning and Housing and Transportation/Parking/Safety.

Each committee reviewed the data and suggestions from the August 18, 2016 meeting and assessed them for their merit and feasibility. They also assigned priorities to the individual suggestions - immediate need, short-term goal or long-term goal - and examined ways to implement them.

Even if you are currently not in Hague or if you do not plan to be here during the winter months, you can still send an email to Cathy Clark <zoning@townofhague.org> and she will read your email and distribute it to the appropriate committee.

The next forum has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Community Center and is open to everyone. The goals for this meeting are to have the subcommittees present the information gathered at, and since, the September 29, 2016 meeting, evaluate the information, discuss it and prepare for its presentation to the Town Board, who will have the responsibility of adopting the comprehensive plan, with the option of editing it.

Cathy Clark, the Hague ZEO officer, is optimistic about how the process will work, saying, "We have a lot of smart people with great ideas. We look forward to thoughtful dialog on November 10, 2016."

You may also visit the Town of Hague website <townofhague.org> or visit the 2020 Vision Facebook page <facebook.com/2020VisionforHague> and add your comments. On the town website, you'll find the following documents:

Summary report of the August 18th meeting

Chapter 4 of the current Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan

Analysis of Hague's 2015 survey of residents

The interest and involvement of residents in this project are key to developing a viable roadmap for Hague to follow into the future. The Town Board thanks all participants as well as those who have sent emails with ideas and suggestions.

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

HAGUE LOSES GOOD FRIEND



Rudolph T. Meola passed away on September 26, 2016, at the Glens Falls Hospital. "Rudy" – as he was known to the residents of Hague who respected and cared for him – was a small man in size, but in stature and in spirit, he was a giant.

Born in Italy 86 years ago, Rudy had a childhood that was shaped by the early death of his mother, by the arrival of the Germans in his village during World War II and by his father emigrating to the United States in search of a better life for his family. Rudy and his brother and sister were cared for by an aunt and, in time, they were able to join their father in the U.S.

The opportunities that his father had sought materialized and Rudy became educated, served our country during the Korean War and came on the scene in Hague in 1969 when he was named Superintendent of Hague Central School.

He held that position during a time of community unrest when the State mandated that the Hague Central School merge with the Ticonderoga school system. After the consolidation, Rudy finished out his career in the Ticonderoga school system.

Never one to have sat on the sidelines during his life, after retirement, Rudy ran for the Town Board, where he served for 18 years and was also Deputy Supervisor for several years. He was steadfast in the administration of his responsibilities on the board and always had the best interests of the town in mind. For years, in his daily walks along our roadways, Rudy kept his finger on the pulse of the community and came to know his constituents well. Often, the folks he encountered along the way would be the grateful recipients of produce and flowers from his bountiful garden.

On October 1, a mass for Rudy was held at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague. Many came to honor him and to share the day with his devoted family: his children Michael (Marion) of Sunnyside, NY, Rudolph (Wendy) of Slingerlands, NY, and Catherine (Joseph) Silvestri of Maryland; his former wife and friend, Sharon Lamb; his seven beloved grandchildren, Christian, Cory, Lucy, Hallie, Mira, Vann and Chiara and other family members.

Rudy will be remembered for the fine man he was and he will be missed by the many who thought so highly of him.

SENIOR NEWS

Hello, everyone!

We had 22 people go to the Snowbird Dinner and the food and service were good and, of course, there was excellent company. We had a nice turnout to wish the eight who are leaving for the winter safe travel and a good holiday season and to tell them we look forward to seeing them in the spring.

Bowling starts again on October 21st at Adirondack Lanes in Ti at noon.

Our regular meeting is October 25, 2016 starting at noon. It is our Halloween Party with a 50'S - 60'S theme, so come dressed and win a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prize. Bring a dish to share. Our guest speaker is from the Office of the Aging. So come on out and join this swinging party. Put your dancing shoes on for a little Shake Rattle and Roll and a Root Beer Float or a Malt. This is one you don't want to miss. See you all there!

The November 2nd Game Night is at the Cherubini home at 6:30 pm, so come on out, join the fun and have some snacks to munch, as we seniors always have to share eats!

Our regular meeting will be a week early on November 15th because of Thanksgiving. We'll play Bingo that day, so bring a gift to share and get in the spirit of Thanksgiving and sharing, this being the start of the Holiday Season. Look forward to seeing you all.
by Pat Hintze

PAT HINTZE HONORED



On October 6, 2016 at Whiteface in Wilmington, at the Adirondack 102 Club Dinner, Hague's Pat Hintze was recognized for visiting each of the 102 towns in the *Adirondack 102 Club* book and becoming an Official Vagabond Member of the Club. She is the first person from Hague to reach this accomplishment and only the 19th earning the Vagabond Award!

She reports that she had set a goal to finish in time for the dinner. She says, "With the help of Ron Hintze, Doris Moran, Gladie Graser, Carol Barnwell, Colette Davis and Rose Regimbald, I did it. Thanks for all your love and support."

Congratulations, Pat!



Pat Hintze and Doris Moran at the Adirondack Club Dinner

HVFD NEWS

The month of September saw the Emergency Medical Services squad responding to 11 calls, contributing 85 volunteer hours. Fire had 16 calls and drills, using 129.5 volunteer hours.

Every year, the local fire departments take the fire trucks to the Ticonderoga school and talk to the students about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. This was done this year at the school on October 7, 2016.

I was recently asked why we have so many hours each month. When we transport a patient to the hospital, we don't just pick them up and drop them off. When the ambulance arrives on scene, the patient is evaluated and then transferred to the ambulance. We then transport the patient to the hospital. Upon arrival at the emergency room, care is transferred to the hospital. We then have to write up our care report for the call before we leave the facility. This all adds up to about two hours for each call. If we transport to Glens Falls it can be three to four hours.

We will be part of The Hague Veterans' Day observation on November 11, 2016 at the Veterans' Memorial by the bridge and will host a reception at the Fire House immediately following the program. The public is welcome.

As the temperature drops, please remember to have your chimneys and your furnaces cleaned. Also, on November 6th, daylight savings time ends. This is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
by Meg Haskell

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VISITORS LOVE HAGUE

It's evident from the comments written in the book at the Visitors' Center this summer that visitors love Hague-on-Lake George. Sample comments about Hague included:

Beautiful and rustic.
Peaceful.
Beautiful beach!
Amazing views-love it here!
Great place, nice people.
Always wonderful to be in Hague.
Fab!
Beautiful town.
Great little place to come and relax.
Love it here!
Will come back again.

An eight-year old boy from Chamonix, France, told Kathi Ramant of the Visitors Center staff that he loved Hague because it reminded him of the lake and the mountains in his home.

A family from Germany and a family from China also enjoyed Hague this summer.

Yes, Hague is certainly a very special place! And just think...we are lucky enough to live right here and enjoy it every day!

ONGOING EVENTS

1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)

2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)

Every Tuesday: **Champlain Chorale** (7 pm)

3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7 pm)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays: **Ti'Coustics** (7 pm)

4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)

3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)

Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)

Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)

SUNFISH FOUND

A sunfish with its mooring attached was found on the morning of September 30, 2016 at Bluff Head in Hulett's Landing, which is on the east side of the lake across from Sabbath Day Point. There was a north wind, so it is believed that it may have drifted from Hague or Glenburnie.

It has been pulled out of the water and is presently on a dock under cover in Silver Bay, so it is safe for the winter.

To identify yourself as its owner, call Jenny Coughlin at 315-436-8137

LOST KAYAK

A two-person yellow kayak was lost from Hague Bay in August. Please contact Jen Sisca at 203-667-8233 with any information.



MADE IN HAGUE

Jerry Sweeney



All the way from Mansfield, Ohio, Jerry and Sue Sweeney arrive each year at the Jan-Dor cottages to spend their summer. Their car must be pretty well loaded down because they bring along Jerry's wood products that are destined to be part of Made in Hague's inventory. Jan-Dor has been their summer home for ten years and, like many of the other vendors at Made in Hague, they have found the shop a great place to sell their wares and to become a part of the community.

Jerry's family initially came to Hague in 1948 on their way home from Canada. His parents were so impressed with the surroundings here that they came each year thereafter and often stayed at the Beachside Hotel. As Jerry says, "It has always been my dream to leave town (Mansfield) and go to Lake George." Since he and Sue have retired from the restaurant business, they are now able to do that!

This year, Jerry's crafts included charming lazy susans made from burl wood, wood wall racks with interesting "hooks" and lamps with bases made from all kinds of wood. Besides the unique pieces of wood that folks sometimes leave for him on his porch at Jan-Dor, he uses driftwood, birchbark logs and even, on occasion, an appealing log off a woodpile.



Unique lamp



Attractive jewelry rack

If you missed his creations this year at Made in Hague, don't despair. The Sweeneys will be back next year with new stock for the shop.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 10/11/2016

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Steve Ramant, Ginger Kuenzel, Michael Cherubini and Marty Fitzgerald were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Rudy Meola and Margery Swayne.

During the audit of the bills and later when the bills were to be approved, Councilwoman Kuenzel questioned a bill by Joel Jordon for work done at the Town Park. He originally had charged \$1,050, which was considered excessive, so Councilman Ramant had spoken to him about it. Jordon then agreed to charge only \$550. However, the bill he then submitted was for the full \$1,050, with \$500 subtracted as a donation to Oktoberfest, making the final amount \$550. When Kuenzel noted that this did not appear to be legal, Ramant asked her, "Are you a tax attorney?" Ramant explained to the Town Board that Jordon's tax attorney had told him to submit the bill that way.

When asked if the Oktoberfest Committee had actually received the \$500 contribution, Ramant said that it was not a monetary donation, but that Joel had donated \$500 of his time. Kuenzel stated that she thought the bill should be resubmitted and include only the \$550 charged since that is the actual amount he is owed. The decision was deferred pending input from the supervisor's office.

From the committee reports:

Assessor & Justice – Councilman Cherubini noted that Justice had had a busy month.

Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement - The Highway Department got new overhead doors for \$3,995. A lot of furniture has been moved around the Community Center as new rugs are being put in this week.

Highway – Highway will be paving on Dodd Hill Road, which will finish paving for the year. They will get labor from other towns.

Recreation & Promotion & Youth – The bathrooms at the Visitor Center will be closed and winterized around November 1st.

Sewer Districts # 1 & # 2 – The board is starting the budget review and the Sewer Asset Management committee will start meeting again after the summer break. Councilman Fitzgerald suggested that the committee look into using flow meters and that there might be a grant available for it.

Town Park & Beautification - The floor has been finished at the Visitor Center.

In other business:

It was announced that the regular meeting and public hearing on the budget will be scheduled one day later than usual, on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, due to the election.

Councilwoman Kuenzel moved that the board pass a resolution to post the budget updates (which the board receives) on the website each month in the interest of government transparency. Supervisor Frasier said she knew of only two other towns that put preliminary budgets on their websites.

Initially, there was no second to Kuenzel's motion, but then Councilman Cherubini seconded it so a vote could be taken. Comments were made that reading the monthly updates was difficult, people might not understand them and it was not necessary to publish the update each month. A roll call vote was

held and all board members except Kuenzel voted against it. She then proposed that the approved yearly budget be published on the town website under the Budget Tab, but not the monthly updates. All members voted in favor of that motion.

Councilman Ramant asked who puts material on the website and who authorizes it. Councilwoman Kuenzel reminded the board that a committee of Mike Cherubini, Seddon Beaty, Janet Hanna and herself had redesigned the website and that she is voluntarily acting as Webmaster. Councilman Ramant felt that material that is put on the website should be reviewed by the board or the supervisor. Councilman Cherubini suggested that a procedure should be established. Supervisor Frasier moved to table the issue until next month.

A resolution approving the preparing of the Roadway Maintenance Agreements and 2017 Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal and Transportation Service Agreement was approved. It authorizes the supervisor to sign an agreement with the county that gives the town \$87,023 for snow and ice removal on county roads.

A resolution required by the NYS Retirement System establishing standard workdays was approved with Councilman Fitzgerald abstaining.

The supervisor reported on a program for recycling air conditioners and refrigerators. Casella has agreed to have a container at the transfer station where people could leave old air conditioners for \$1 per item. A company known as JGS Recycling would remove the freon and then take away the appliances. A plan for refrigerators could be developed later if the plan for the air conditioners works well. The board approved the supervisor getting more details on the plan.

There were no updates on solar power for the town or speed limit signs on Split Rock Road.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/29/16

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

HALL (76.8-1-15) 231 Silver Bay Rd. (Hamlet S R)

The owner would like to construct a garage above an existing foundation and the zoning issue is the front and side setbacks. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD - 10/6/16

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board Members Dan Belden, Martin Fitzgerald, Bob Whitaker, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley and Janet Hanna were all present.

JORDON MARINE (25.4-1-32 & 33) 25 Sunset Hill Rd (OCI)

The applicant requested a modification to store 25 additional boats and trailers on his residential lot. The board approved the application with a condition that a fence be installed clearly defining the property boundary as requested by neighbors Ray and Linda Mury.

LOON LAKE MARINA (25.4-1-37.1 Decker Hill Rd. (OCI)

The board approved a request to store 74 additional boats and trailers and to construct a 50' x 100' boat storage.

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HALL (76.8-1-15) 231 Silver Bay Rd (Hamlet S R)

The owner would like to construct a 22 ft. by 25 ft. garage above an existing foundation. The construction would not be within the sideline setbacks and therefore requires a variance. A motion to send a positive recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals was made and approved in a vote of 4 (Belden, Fitzgerald, Frasier and Hanna) to 3 (Whitaker, Peterson and Gourley).

NOTICE FROM THE ZEO

The Town of Hague Zoning Office will be closed until October 31, 2016. The deadline for applications for the November 3, 2016 Planning Board Meeting will be extended to October 31, 2016.

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WANTS YOUR IDEAS**

The Hague Chronicle wants to provide you with the news you want and need every month. Please send your suggestions for what you would like to see published to our editor, Bobbi Bryant Taylor, at <editor@thehaguechronicle.org>. We'll do the best we can to find the information you want and to publish it as space allows.



HALLOWEEN PUPPET SHOW

On October 29, 2016 at 2 pm, the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will present a free Halloween puppet show at the Ticonderoga Community Building, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

For more information contact the Ticonderoga Festival Guild at 984-0088 or go to <www.tfguild.wordpress.com>.

THE IRISH INVENTED HALLOWEEN

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present "How the Irish Invented Halloween" on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle, Ticonderoga.

Diane O'Connor will provide an informative and entertaining look at the ancient Celtic traditions that shape our modern celebration of Halloween.

The program is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, go to <tihistory@bridgepoint1.com> or call 585-7868.

HALLOWEENFEST WEEKEND

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host the annual HalloweenFest Weekend on Friday, October 28 through Monday, October 31, 2016. Here is the schedule of events:

Friday, October 28, 2016

6 - 10 pm: Adult Haunted Hallway, North Country Community College, Ticonderoga. American Horror Story Theme. Ages 12 and older recommended. \$5 per person, \$3 per student with ID.

7 - 10 pm: Maze By Moonlight, Fort Ticonderoga. Explore the maze using your flashlight. \$10 per person.

Dusk - 10 pm: Penfield Haunted Homestead, Penfield Homestead Museum, Crown Point. Adults \$8, students \$5. No children under 10.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

2 pm: Halloween Puppet Show, Ticonderoga Community Building. Free.

3:30 - 5:30 pm: Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Ticonderoga Heritage Museum. Free.

6 - 8 pm: Pumpkin Walk, LaChute River Trail. Jack-O-Lanterns will be displayed. Free.

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8 - 10 pm: Halloween Family Glow Bowl Party. Adirondack Lanes. Prizes for best and most creative costumes (kids and families). Music, family fun and more.

Sunday, October 30, 2016

2 - 4 pm: Monster Mini-Golf Party, Five Nations Golf. Trick or Treat at each hole.

Dusk - 10 pm: Penfield Haunted Homestead, Penfield Homestead Museum, Crown Point. Adults \$8, students \$5. No children under 10.

Monday, October 31, 2016

3 - 5 pm: Trick or Treating, Downtown Ticonderoga and Area Businesses that have a pumpkin displayed will give out candy. Montcalm Street will be closed from Sunshine Laundry to 1888 Building. No rain date. FREE.

4 - 6 pm: Children's Haunted Hallway (*Non-Scary*), North Country Community College, Ticonderoga. Refreshments. Photos with the Great Pumpkin. Free.

5 - 7 pm: Pet Trick or Treating, Tractor Supply Ticonderoga (Commerce Park). Dress up your pet for Trick or Treating. Kids can also Trick or Treat. Photos of kids with their pets. Costume Parade at 6:30 pm. Free.

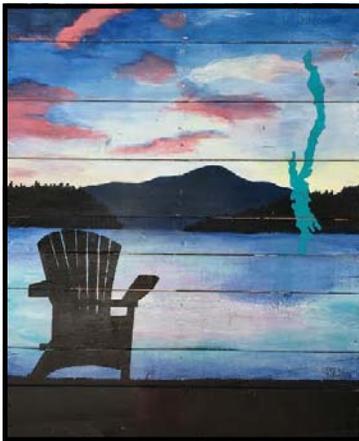
For additional information, contact the TACC TMSP Coordinator at 585-6619, visit the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership Facebook page at <www.timainstreet.org> or visit <www.ticonderogany.com>.

ADIRONDACK PALLETS TO BE AUCTIONED

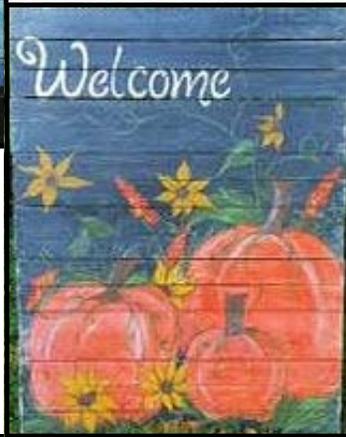
The first goal of this year’s Street Art Project – called “Adirondack Pallets” – was to decorate Ticonderoga’s Montcalm Street and its sidewalks, stores and entrances with pallets handcrafted and hand-painted by local artists. They were evident all around town this summer.

The second goal was to raise funds to support the continued enhancement of Montcalm Street. On Thursday, October 20, 2016, 20 of these pallets will be auctioned off at Eddie’s Restaurant in Ticonderoga in coordination with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) After Business Mixer.

The preview of the auction will take place from 5:30 – 7 pm, with the auction to begin shortly after 7 pm. The event will include complimentary appetizers, live music, a cash bar and more. Dr. Dean Cook from Adirondack Dental Health will be the auctioneer.



Pictured are three of the 20 hand-painted, handcrafted pallets that will be available at the Street Art Auction



Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling the TACC at 585-6619.

For more information on the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership Street Art Project, contact the TACC, stop by the office at 94 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga, go to the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership Facebook page or go to <www.timainstreet.org>.

LGLC HIKE

On Sunday, October 23, 2016, from 9:30 am-1:30 pm, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold its annual fall foliage hike at the Cat and Thomas Mountains Preserve. The hike will include only the trail to Cat Mountain and back. The view from Cat Mountain is one of the best of Lake George!

It is a moderate to challenging hike with a rocky ascent and is about 3.75 miles round-trip.

The hike is free, but advance registration is required and space is limited. To register, go to events@lglc.org or call 518-644-9673.

FALL AT THE FARMERS’ MARKET

The fall season at the Ticonderoga Area Farmers’ Market brings a bounty of new offerings such as winter squash and pumpkins. Local apple growers will visit with a large variety of hand-picked apples, cider and other apple products. Hand-spun Alpaca fleece hats and gloves will be offered. Along with fresh vegetables and local, pasture-raised eggs and meats, shoppers can find fresh bread, hand-crafted Adirondack baskets, honey, maple syrup and balsam products.

The Farmers’ Market is located at 1114 Wicker Street (near the Walmart entrance) and takes place Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

“In Ticonderoga, our market has grown immeasurably,” offered June Curtis, Market Advisor. “When patrons visit the market, engage the farmer and participate in the local fresh food movement, they are likely to come back again. This visit may be a social outing or a grocery run, but always a unique experience. The personal connections between the producer and consumer create mutual benefits for local farmers, shoppers and communities. More and more shoppers are making the Farmers’ Market a regular part of their weekend activities, much to our delight.”

For more information, visit the Ticonderoga Area Farmers’ Market Facebook page, go to <www.ticonderogany.com> or call the TACC at 585-6619.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy dinner and a movie at the Silver Bay Dining Hall on November 11, 2016. The buffet dinner is at 6 pm, followed by the movie “Suffragette.” Suggested donation \$10. RSVP: smcnulty@silverbay.org or 543-8833, ext. 215.

Synopsis of the movie: Dreaming of the right to vote, working-class Maud eagerly joins the early feminist movement. But when the peaceful protests of the suffragettes accomplish nothing, they’re driven to more radical methods of effecting change. PG-13, 106 minutes

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, October 28, 2016, from 4:30-6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door.



Barton Portraits Return Home

Recently, the portraits of two prominent residents of Hague returned home. I received a large parcel with gorgeous portraits of Melvin Barton and his wife, Estella Miller Barton, from Pamela Anne Patch, great-granddaughter. Here is her note:

“The family of Melvin Barton and Estella Miller Barton is thrilled to be able to donate these portraits to the Town of Hague Historical Archives.

The Bartons were an important part of the establishment of the early days of Hague, NY and surrounding areas. As a child, I remember my grandmother, Muriel Barton Carr, taking me to Hague and showing me where her family (had) lived, where the store was, and telling me about the boarding house and her horse Nellie. Her eyes would just light up when she spoke of her horse and her early days in Hague.

I hope you find enjoyment as well as a connection to this area through these portraits.

Pamela Anne Patch,
Great-granddaughter of Melvin and Estella Barton”

Melvin Barton was born and raised in Horicon in 1858. From a young age, he had a very keen sense of business. His first venture was as the owner and proprietor of the Barton Villa at Brant Lake, a summer resort. In the off-season, he did extensive lumbering.

In 1893, Melvin moved to Hague and engaged in the mercantile business. He built a three-story building with an apartment upstairs and sold meat, grain and other general goods. There was a carriage house on one side and a hay barn on the other. Ellis Bolton clerked for him. The building also housed the Post Office. Melvin’s daughter Bertha was the postmistress and her husband, Urban, was the letter carrier. This building is now the Uptown Restaurant.

In 1900, Melvin purchased a lot and Ellis Bolton built another three-story store, again with a large apartment upstairs. Soon after opening, he brought John Keenan into the business. The store was named “Barton and Keenan.” Ellis Bolton was still a partner, but died in 1906 of typhoid. In 1908, Barton sold out to John Keenan and his brother Will and the name was changed to “Keenan Brothers.” This building is now the Hague Market with Juniper on 2 upstairs.

Barton had several other businesses in Hague: a gristmill, a cider mill, a brush factory, a stagecoach line in Graphite and Ticonderoga and a wholesale grocery store. He also owned extensive tracts of land.

In 1881 Melvin married Estella Miller. They had two daughters and two sons.

Melvin Barton was not only a successful businessman; he was very civic-minded and well-liked among the townspeople.

by Sally DeLarm Rypkema
Town of Hague Historian

FORT TI RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT

Fort Ticonderoga has been awarded a prestigious national grant of \$147,006 from the *Institute of Museum and Library Services: Museums for America (IMLS)* for a fifteen-month project to inventory, catalog and assess conservation needs and to re-house thousands of internationally significant collection items.

Parts of the archeological collections included in this project are 18th-century entrenching tools, including more than 500 shovels, spades, billhooks, hammers, picks and mattocks. These tools represent the largest assemblage of 18th-century entrenching tools in the United States.

“The generous funding from the *Institute of Museum and Library Services: Museums for America (IMLS)* grant will completely transform our collections program,” said Miranda Peters, Fort Ticonderoga Collections Manager. “This project will ensure the preservation, documentation and physical control over the historically significant and irreplaceable archaeological objects that were discovered on-site in the early 20th century, along with early institutional records and collections that are currently housed in an unsuitable environment.”

This project will encompass the span from October 2016 through December 2017 and will support four new full-time temporary collections staff positions.

FORT TICONDEROGA BULLETIN

After a 15-year hiatus, *The Bulletin of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum* is being published once again with an issue focused on "1777: The American Revolution on the Northern Frontier."

Featured guest contributor for this production is Eric Schnitzer, Historian and Park Ranger at Saratoga National Historical Park. In his article, “Cook’s and Latimer’s Connecticut Militia Battalions in the Northern Campaign of 1777,” Schnitzer explores the composition and contributions of these units to the ultimate success of the Continental efforts to stop British General John Burgoyne’s invasion from Canada.

Additional articles include: "Philip Skene of Skenesborough: Selected transcriptions of a local Loyalist" by Heather M. Haley; "French Canadian Laborers in the 1777 Northern Campaign" by Richard Tomczak and "The Curious Long Land Muskets of the British 53rd Regiment" by Bill Ahearn.

The rebirth of the *Bulletin* complements Fort Ticonderoga’s scholarly works in restoration, interpretation, collections and educational programming.

Copies are available for purchase at the Fort Ticonderoga Museum Store and online at <www.fortticonderoga.org>.

AWARD GIVEN BY FORT TICONDEROGA

The Three MUSKETeers Award was given to Jim Beaty, Doug Chase and Jim O’Toole by Fort Ticonderoga for loving the fort and its guns and for always making a big booming effort to raise awareness and support for the fort. Congratulations, gentlemen!

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Eugene “Fran” Francis Barnaby, Sr., 68, of Hague, September 7, 2016 at his residence, with family by his side.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Hacker Boat Company and Morgan Marine as a machinist, mechanic and rigger for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Marion (Jordan) Barnaby; four children, Mark E. (Chrissy) Barnaby of Hague, Michele (Thomas) Denno of Hague, Eugene Barnaby of Warrensburg and Steven (Sara) Barnaby of Queensbury; one brother, Richard Barnaby of Arizona and three sisters, Irene Hill of Maryland, Sylvia McIntyre of Putnam and Alice Slater of Port Henry. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his first wife, Christine (Hurlburt) Barnaby; two sisters, Imogene Frasier and Merilda Trombley; and two brothers, Leo Barnaby and Andrew Barnaby, Jr.

DIED: Ida (Ruth) May, 86, of Hague, at home with family, September 13, 2016.

Ida met her future husband George May, Sr. while working at the “Rising House” Hotel in Hague. They were married 63 years and lived and raised their family in Hague.

Ida was very active in the Hague Community, serving as a firefighter and an EMT from 1970 until 1986, and also organizing Fire Department rummage sales. Many young people from the community were welcomed into her home over the years and visitors always found a warm welcome there.

In addition to her husband, she was pre-deceased by two sons, George May, Jr. and infant son, Patrick Charles May; three brothers, Ted, Lindy and Jim; four sisters, Phyllis, Jane, Linda and Norma; and all of George’s brothers and sisters.

Surviving her are her six children: David (Nancy) May, Judy (Walter) Porter, Mary May Sherman, Tim May and Valerie (Peter) Lawrence, all of Hague and Patrick May of Marvia, NY; 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Bill and Chuck, two sisters, Carol (Peane) and Brenda, brother-in-law, Donald and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

MARRIED: Evan Robert Bryant, son of Doug and Kim Bryant of Pine Cove, Hague and Nellysford, Virginia to Kathryn “Katie” Marie McConahy, daughter of Lynn and Linda McConahy of Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Rodes Farm, Nellysford, Virginia.

MARRIED: Zachary David Sandman, son of Rich and Susan DeLarm-Sandman of Hague and Andover, Massachusetts and Blerta Xhiku, daughter of Kreshnik and Aneta Xhiku of Washington, DC on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Wintergreen Lake, Hague.

ENGAGED: Ryan Lawrence Taylor, son of David and Bobbi Bryant Taylor of Pine Cove, Hague and Boone, North Carolina and Abigail “Abbie” Elizabeth DeVries, daughter of Dave and Julie DeVries of Lombard, Illinois. The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

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TRAINING FOR RENTAL BOAT OPERATORS

Lake George, with its crystal-clear waters, hundreds of islands and varied attractions, has one of the largest boater populations of any lake in the Northeast. The safety of the public on Lake George is the top priority for the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) and other law enforcement agencies on the lake. With several hundred rental boats available at more than 20 marinas around the shoreline, renting a boat is a common way visitors enjoy all Lake George has to offer.

Each marina currently requires renters to complete individual informational and training programs that cover important aspects of the lake and the use of the vessel. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, there were a number of high-profile boating accidents on Lake George in 2016, several of which have involved boats rented from local marinas. This has drawn great public interest and concern related to safety on the lake. “Public safety is Job Number One,” notes LGPC Chairman Bruce Young. “We have a responsibility to ensure that we are doing all we can to prevent accidents on Lake George and working with marinas on a standardized and well-thought (out) training regimen for all boat renters is a great step forward.”

To better understand and help address the rental boater training issue, State Senator Betty Little recently convened a forum of local marinas, the LGPC and industry representatives. There was unanimous consensus that, while all marinas conduct safety and education sessions prior to boat rentals, there is no standardized regimen currently applied to all marinas. The nearly 20 marina representatives in attendance agreed that improved rental training materials and a structured process would help address some of the current shortcomings. “We’re working to ensure that all people who rent a boat on Lake George fully understand their responsibilities and have a good understanding of how to operate out there on the water,” Senator Little said.

Assemblyman Dan Stec, also involved in this effort, notes, “It’s important that boating safety training for rentals is standardized around the lake. I am pleased to see the cooperation from our local marinas, LGPC and local officials to bring together a plan for improving and strengthening how training is performed.”

Toward this end, the LGPC is leading an effort between involved parties to create new educational materials for each marina on the lake. This is anticipated to include a short training video, clear and concise materials on each rental boat and basic hands-on boat handling skills training prior to departure from the marina. Partners in the development of these materials include the Eastern NY Marine Trades Association, local marinas and the Lake George Association (LGA). At the request of Lake George Village Mayor Bob Blais, the S.A.V.E Lake George Partnership has offered to pay the cost of the development of the video. The LGA offered to help develop and defray the costs of all new training cards for the marinas and the boats on the lake. “The LGA has long been involved in boating safety issues on Lake George and feels that this is a very important step towards making sure all of our boaters are well-equipped to be out on the lake,” notes Walt Lender, Executive Director of the Lake George Association.

In addition to these efforts, the commission will be hosting a voluntary training meeting in the late spring of 2017 for all marina staff who are involved in the renting of boats on the lake. LGPC Chairman Young notes, “We thank the marinas for their support of this effort. They are our best partners in helping to keep Lake George safe for all users of the lake.”

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

We’ve been invaded. Twice. Everyone knows about the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor in 1941. But did you know that a Japanese plant invaded a century earlier? Japanese Knotweed (commonly known as Japanese Bamboo) was intentionally brought to this country in the 1800’s as a garden ornamental plant. It quickly crowded out native plants and proved to be extremely difficult to remove. It is now considered by many countries around the world as the worst invasive plant. In Australia, it is illegal to have a plant growing in your yard. In the U.K., it cost \$130 million to remove a patch that was growing near a venue for the 2012 Olympic Games. Knotweed can bust through concrete foundations, walkways, highways and houses. This stuff is bad.



And don’t look now, but it might be growing in your backyard. This photo was taken August 12, 2016 on West Hague Road. It can be seen growing all along the Hague Brook and in isolated spots near the lakeshore. It is easily recognizable by the straight bamboo-like stalks and the broad oval leaves. It grows about 6-7’ tall.



This photo, which I took of my friend in the Catskills, shows how big and widespread Japanese Knotweed can get.

What does this have to do with water quality? Unfortunately, this plant loves to grow near water and the best means of eradication is by using herbicides, which could wind up in the brook and lake and can be toxic to aquatic organisms. Not good. Its roots can grow up to 10’ deep, so digging it out is expensive and likely to cause erosion. Also, not good. Breaking off even a small piece of root or stem will spread the plant to other locations. Excavation is not recommended.

Herbicides have proven effective in controlling Japanese Knotweed, but they must be used carefully and most likely over several years to achieve a complete kill. Treatment of infestations along roads or on private property within 100’ of a wet-

land (which includes Lake George and Hague Brook) requires a permit from the State of New York. The most effective means of treatment is by directly injecting the herbicide into the stem of the plant (which requires training and certification) during the late summer or early fall when the plant is storing energy in the roots.

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) plans to work with the town to find ways to address the spread of this invasive plant in Hague.

Further information can be found on the website <www.adkinvasives.com>. The Adirondack Park Agency has formed the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program to coordinate efforts in towns within the park. If you have this plant on your property, seek professional help before attempting eradication.

Visit HWQAC on Facebook at <<https://www.facebook.com/groups/182043721953952/>> or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider, Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant or Mike Strutz.

by Mike Strutz

NATURALLY SPEAKING

It’s October and a bat’s mind turns to hibernation or migration. According to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, this state is home to nine bat species: Three are tree bats and the other six are cave bats.

Tree bats live in trees, as the name suggests, and have fully furred tail membranes, which they can curl up around their bodies like a blanket. All three species fly south to avoid the food scarcity of an Adirondack winter.

All six cave bat species spend the winter hibernating in New York caves and mines like the Graphite Mines here in Hague, where they live off of stored fat reserves.

Bats should be held in wonder as they are the only mammals that fly consistently. But instead, they are usually feared. Only three species, out of the 1,240 species worldwide feed on blood, and bats are just as startled by humans as we are by them. Both bats and humans only want to flee when they meet, but fiction has presented the bat as terrifying. Those blood-thirsty vampires transform into bats and even DC Comics’ Batman is said to have chosen to be a bat so he could strike fear into the hearts of criminals.

The popular saying “bats in the belfry” is a derogatory term meaning crazy or greatly eccentric. One would think that it’s an old saying, with its origin in the medieval world of castles and cathedrals. However, it is a relatively modern American expression. According to The Phrase Finder.com, all the early citations are from American authors and begin to appear in print in the beginning of the 1900s.

White Nose Syndrome, first identified in February 2006 in Schoharie County, caused at least 5.7 million to 6.7 million bat deaths in North America. Some of those deaths occurred at the Graphite Mines here in Hague. Experts predict that it will take decades for the bat population to recover.

Let’s hope that, as the bat population gradually begins to return to previous levels, human beings will realize that a mammal that can eat as many as 1,000 mosquitos and moths in an hour should be valued.

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HAGUE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 20 5:30 pm Adirondack Pallets auction at Eddie's
- 21 noon Seniors bowl at Adirondack Lanes
- 23 9:30 am LGLC Hike
- 25 noon Seniors' Halloween Party
- 27 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 28 4:30-6 pm Mason/Star roast turkey dinner
- 28-31 HalloweenFest in Ti

NOVEMBER

- 1 Submission of regular columns for November issue
- 2 6:30 pm Seniors' Game Night
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 6 am-9 pm ELECTION DAY
- 9 6 pm Town Board and Budget Hearing
(Note Wednesday)
- 9 NEWS DEADLINE for November issue
- 10 6:30 pm Hague 2020 Forum
- 11 11 am Service at Veterans Park
followed by reception at Fire Department
- 11 6 pm Silver Bay Dinner and the movie-
"Suffragette"
- 15 1:30 pm Regular Senior Club Meeting
- 16 The Hague Chronicle is mailed out and online



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