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## LANDSLIDE UPDATE

When the landslide occurred between Holman Hill and the Hague Dock last month, the state decided rather than put in a detour, they would install a stoplight that would limit the traffic to a single lane at that spot. Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier says that the light delays motorists for a couple of minutes, but it has not been a burden.

On the morning of December 31, 2018, Sandy Powell saw a crew working in the area of the stoplight. She noticed that apparently they had drilled two vertical holes centered on the lakeside or

northbound lane. She is not sure of the purpose of these holes, but thinks they could be for re-enforcement, for gaining sample cores to understand what lies beneath the road, or something else. Sandy reports that there are now letters and arrows spray-painted on the pavement, so it appears to her that the state is working on a plan.

Supervisor Frasier says that she has



spoken with highway engineers, but has not been told when the road might be fixed. ▣

## HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND

Many new events have been added to Hague's Winter Weekend this year. On Friday, February 15, 2019 from 5:30 - 7 pm, The Fish & Game Club will hold a spaghetti dinner for \$10.

On Saturday, the Fire Department will have their annual breakfast from 8 - 11 am. Then, it's back to The Fish and Game Club for a day of games including a tug-of-war, a log cutting contest, and a hatchet throwing competition. At 6 pm, the Annual Chili Contest will take place at the HVFD. Anyone wishing to enter a chili should contact Katy Wells at 518-543-3020. There will be live music.

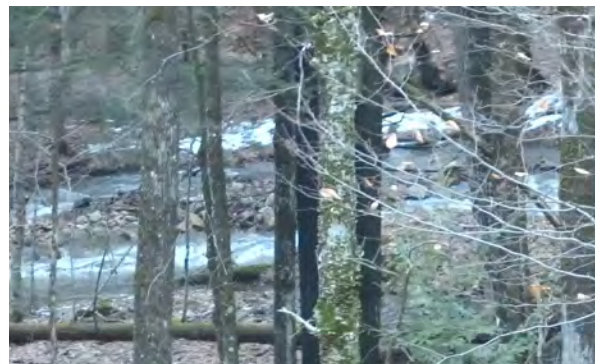
The Annual Polar Bear Plunge is Sunday at 2 pm at Trout House Village Resort and will benefit the University of Vermont Children's Hospital. Awards, as well as food and drinks, will be available at the HVFD after the plunge.

Please join us for a fun-filled weekend! ▣

## ALL STREAMS LEAD TO THE LAKE

After a huge December rainstorm, Al Rider shot a video, from which this still photo was taken. It shows a massive amount of water rushing through the woods near his house.

As chair of the Water Quality Awareness Committee in Hague, Al wants to remind us that everything that is washed downstream in the Lake George watershed ends up in the lake and affects its quality. So, let's be sure we're careful not to pollute even if we're far from the lake! ▣



## WE WANT YOUR SUGGESTIONS

It's a new year and your *Hague Chronicle* staff is eager to receive input from you, our readers. Do you have any ideas for articles or regular columns that you would like to see in upcoming issues of *The Hague Chronicle*?

Do you know of anyone who would like to try his or her hand at writing? We'd love to get some fresh new perspectives! This is a small town community newspaper and we'd like to involve as many folks as possible in making it interesting and relevant. Please send your ideas to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org). We look forward to hearing from you! ▣

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

It's the new year and we're off to a fast start. Our first game night, which was on January 2, 2019, was a lot of fun and laughs and we had great snacks. We also had our International Dinner on January 10th, which, as always, was an entertaining time with us talking and playing games.

On January 18th, we'll be bowling at Ti Lanes at noon, so we hope you'll come join the fun.

Our first meeting of the year will be January 22nd at 1:30 pm. At that time, we'll do the Installation of Officers for 2019 and have guest speakers Jan and Bob Whitaker, sharing information on AARP Taxes. Since we missed it in November, we'll play bingo at that meeting as well.

Game Night will be February 6th at my house at 6:30 pm. On February 14th, we'll have soup, salad, and sandwiches at the Community Center at 4:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening out with friends!

If you would like to join the Senior Club, contact Gladie Graser at 518-543-6055 as she handles membership. You must be at least 50 years young. Until next month... ❑



## RECENT HAGUE WEATHER

There had only been a dusting of snow in Hague since the big storms in November. The weather forecasters kept teasing with promises of snow, but the skiers and snowshoers just waited. That is, until January 9, 2019, when Hague residents awoke to another winter wonderland with temperatures just above freezing and an inch or two of snow.



Although there have been a number of below freezing days, there is no sign of freezing on the lake as of yet.

Since the publication of the December issue of *The Hague Chronicle* on December 18, 2018, the

temperature featured a high of 52 degrees on December 22nd and a low of -1 degree on January 11, 2019. The average daily high during the period was 32.76 degrees and the average daily low was 17.96 degrees.

On Christmas Day, it was cloudy with a high of 24 degrees and there was a nighttime low of 11 degrees. On New Year's Day, it was cloudy with rain in the vicinity, a high of 46 degrees, and a nighttime low of 20 degrees. ❑

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell

Happy New Year!

We had 12 fire calls using 134 volunteer hours and four EMS calls with 22.5 volunteer hours last month.

Bill Gourley, who has been the chief for the past two years has stepped down and will be replaced by Jamer Belden. We congratulate Jamer and know he will do well as chief.

We will be holding a meatloaf dinner on January 19, 2019 from 5 - 7 pm. The cost is \$10 and it will benefit The University of Vermont Children's Hospital. Music and karaoke will follow the dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone there! ❑



## ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday:** HVFD, 7 pm
- 3rd Friday:** Sno Goers, 7 pm
- Every Tues.:** Champlain Chorale, 7 pm
- 3rd Tuesday:** Ti School Board, 7 pm
- 3rd Tuesday:** Fish & Game Club, 7 pm
- 1st and 3rd Weds.:** Ti'Coustics, 7 pm
- 4th Wed.:** Extra Helpings Distrib., noon
- 3rd Thurs.:** Carillon Garden Club, 10 am
- Every Tuesday:** Rotary Club, 7:30 am
- Every Thursday:** Kiwanis, 12 pm
- 1st Fri.:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am

## LAND CONSERVANCY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

The Lake George Land Conservancy is sponsoring a challenging cross-country ski trip to the summits of both Cat and Thomas Preserve Mountains on Saturday, January 19, 2019.

The trip will be led by David Thomas-Train and is for experts only. It is free, but participants must pre-register at [www.lglc.org](http://www.lglc.org). ❑



## WALK ON WATER TO DOME ISLAND

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is sponsoring "Walk on Water to Dome Island" on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Participants will showshoe, walk, or cross-country ski across a mile of frozen Lake George to explore protected Dome Island. They will see the plaque that immortalized John Apperson's donation of the island for conservation in 1956.

The trip is weather and ice dependent. The trek itself will last about two hours. The fee is \$10 per person. The group will meet at 10 am at the LGLC's office at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing. ❑

## 2018 HAGUE MEMORY TREE

The Hague Memory Tree began in 1987 when Imogene Frasier approached the Hague Chamber of Commerce to sponsor her in requesting donations for the Hague Ambulance Fund in memory of her son, Dale. She continued the Memory Tree for the next 23 years to help the HVFD purchase equipment for the ambulances. Since Imogene died in 2009, her daughter, Diane Trudeau, and niece, Bertha Dunsmore, continue the tradition. The names of those for whom donations have been made are put on a "Memory Tree" at the Community Center and are published in *The Hague Chronicle*.

Alkema, Peggy	Chappell, Jane	Fitzgerald, Jean	Klemm, Oscar	Rawson, Barb
Balcom, James A	Cherubini, Michael F	Fitzgerald, Barbara & Mike	Landers, John	Robbins, Bertha Spaulding
Balcom, Olive P	Cherubini, Mario	Fitzgerald, Eric & Ginny	Landers, Mary (Libby)	Robbins, Paul
Balcom, Ralph	Cherubini, Jack	Forgette, Pat	Landers, Noreen	Robbins, Harvey
Balcom, Cassie	Clark, Bruce	Frasier, Clifford & Mary	Lindsay, Jean	Robbins, Benajah M.
Barnaby, Andrew N. Jr	Coffin, Mike & Linda	Frasier, Chet & Miri	Lindquist, Evert & Georgina	Robbins, Ernest
& Marge	Conlon, Eleanor	Frasier, Mitchel & Imogene	Locascio, Jim	Rockwell, Vern & Scott
Barnaby Family, Andrew	Conlon, Wallace	Frasier, Dale	Lund, Cliff	Ross, Eunice
N. Sr.	Costello, John "Bgood"	Frasier, Justin Ryan	Luyster, Dorothy	Ross, Wesley
Bartlett, Patty	Costello, Lucille	Frasier, Slip & Gerdine	Luyster, Al	Rypkema, Judy Hoffay
Bartlett, Brian	Costello, John M	Frasier, Veril & Carl	Luyster, Wendy	Ryther, Glen
Beaty, Janet	Cronan, Cory	Frasier, Clint & Marion	MacGregor, Bernice	Ryther, Esther
Beaty, Julia	Dame, Roland	Frasier, Janice	Main, Irene Middleton	Ryther, Bonnie G
Beadnell, Mary	Darrin, Margaret (Peggy)	Frasier, Beatrice Robbins	Manning, Deb & Mike	Ryther, Glenna
Beck, George & Martha	Davis, Kathy	Frasier Family, Lee & Alice	Marapoti, Barbara	Santaniello, Ted & Lucy
Belden, Esther & Jim	Decker, Betty	Frasier, Harold "Hoppy"	Matarazzo, Mary	Santaniello, Sierra Rose
Bennett, Leroy D Sr	Decker, Clifford	Fricke, Laura Robbins	Mathews, Bill "Daddy"	Santaniello, Anna &
& Letha	Decker, Wilbert	Fuller, Colleen	Mathews, Betty "Mammaw"	Salvatore
Bennett, John	Decker, Emerson	Galusha, James I	McCranels, Cindy	Santaniello, Silvio
Bennett, Letha Decker	Decker, Mary Jane	Galusha, Helen	McCoy, Beatrice Denno	Saum, Harry Jr
Bennett, John E.	DelSignore, Margaret	Galusha, Donald	McCumber, Lucille Bennett	Schoolcraft, Phillip T
Bennett, Jean	Denno, Bob & Geneiva	Gautreau, Theresa M.	Megow, Norma	Scott, Leroy
Bennett, Della Robbins	Denno, Eugene & Marion	Gautreau, Erene T	Megow, Ludwig J	Scott, Sara
Berthelsen, Edie	Denno, Bernard "Buck" &	Girard, James	Megow, Irene	Scripture, Dale
Berthelsen, Harry	Anna Robbins	Girard, Thomas E.	Meola, Rudy	Skahan, Donald R.
Beste, Mary	Denno, Joseph J	Girard, Evelyn F	Middleton, Leonard	Skahan, Elizabeth C
Bevins, Dorothy A	Denno, Robert A.	Girard, Perry L	Middleton, Linda	Smith, Uncle Jim
Bevins, Steven A	Denno, Mabel Rock	Goss, Charlie & Evelyn	Middleton, Aaron	Smith, Bessie
Bevins, Stephen J	Denno, Ralph H	Graser, Ron	Middleton, Alvin	Smith, Fredrick
Bevins, Ernest C.	Denno, Jim	Guerrieri, Patrick	Middleton, Emma	Smith, Florence
Bevins, Maud	Densmore, Floyd & Betty	Guerrieri, Robert	Middleton, Scott	Smith, John F
Bevins, Morris	Denton, George P &	Guerrieri, Grace	Middleton, Beatrice	Smith, John W
Bevins, Frank	Martha J	Guerrieri, Patsy	"Midge" Denno	Smith, Colleen (Cissy)
Blair, Winifred & William	Dickson, Ryan	Hardy, Betty Bennett	Middleton, Julia	Stratton, Leona Robbins
Bolton, Jack & Doris	Doyle, Aunt Bert	Hawkins, George & Gloria	Middleton, Walter	Sunderland, Carl
Bolton, Dick & Penny	Dunsmore, Jack	Herrick, Archie	Monroe, Raymond	Swinyer, Clarence
Bonestell, Sara	Dykeman, Marie	Herrick, Gert	Monroe, PFC Jeremiah	Swinyer, Dolly
Boyd, Gerry	Earl, Jay R	Herrick, Jim	Monroe, Robert Sr	Tilton, Edna Robbins
Braisted, John & Betty	Earl, Jayne	Hill, Pauline Robbins	Monroe, Sheri	Trudeau Family, Clifford
Braisted, Jody Lambert	Eddy, Mildred	Hinck, Peggy & Edwin	Monroe, Albert Jr	Tucker, Mary Elethorpe
Breitenbach, Debbie	Elethorpe, Nathan	Hintze, Ron	Monroe, Albert Sr	Tuminsky, Mildred Fish
Brink, Family	Elethorpe, Anna	Hitzrot, James M. II	Monroe, Gertrude	Tyler, Barbara Denno
Brock, Catherine	Elethorpe, Earl	Hudler, George & Marion	Monteith, Bill "Daddy"	Van Kleeck, Bud & June
Brock, Louis	Elethorpe, Gladys	Hudler, Ron	& Maryann	Van Kleeck, William & Anna
Brock, Charlotte	Elethorpe, Asel	Hunter, Lura Bennett	Mosca, Nicholas	Van Kleeck, Marion
Broderick, Jim & Margaret	Elethorpe, Myra	James, Tom	Moses, Grandma	Van Kleeck, Hatch
Broderick, Father Rich	Elethorpe, Cecil	Johnson, Louis & Bessie	Mury, Ray	Vargo, Betty
Brown, John	Elethorpe, Elwin	Jordon, "Mam" & "Pap"	Mury, Al	Vickerson, Henry & Lucille
Brown, John & Betty	Elliott, Charlotte	Jordon, Margaret	Nardi, Phil & Rose	Vickerson, John & Julie
Brunell, Punky	Emery, Gary	Jordon, Curtis	Nestor, Juanita Robbins	WAZ
Bryant, Bob & Shirley	Engler, Kay & Ken	Jordon, Gramp & Inza	Nielson, Margaret	Weeber, Anne
Calden, Irene Arsenault	Engler, Katherine	Jordon, Cindy	Nutt, Jim	Wells, Margaret
Caldera, Bob	Fadding, John	Jordon, Bea	Ormsby, Elizabeth	Wells, Myrtle
Cameron, Hannah	Fadding, Bub	Jordon, Art	Elethorpe	West, Marguerite
Carpenter, Harold	Fish, Herm	Jordon, Brian	Ostrander, Irene	Whitaker, Jim
Carpenter, Jane	Fish, Floyd	Jordon, Bruce	Pendarvis, Makeisha Hoffay	Whitaker, Ed
Carpenter, John	Fish, Floyd Jr	Jordon, Chuck	Perkins, Ann	Withrow, Pryce R
Carpenter, John Jr	Fish, Charlie	Jordon, Jay	Perkins, Jackie	Woodard, Terry
Carpenter, Richard S	Fish, Clifford	Jordon, John	Peters, Duke	Woody, Ruth Hudler
Carpenter, Zella	Fish, Tommy	Jordon, Patty	Pinchon, Terry	Yacovone, Dominic &
Cassidy, Edward F.	Fitzgerald, Jane	Klemm, Lillian	Pomponio, Camille	Camella

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/20/2018

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, Linda Mury, and Maureen Cherubini were present at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Lindsay Mydlarz and Chris Navitsky were absent.

### INGREY (60.9-1-29) 48 Bobkat Lane (TRI)

The applicants would like to reconfigure their waterfront stairs by removing sections of existing stairs and installing stone, wood steps, and terraces. A site visit and a public hearing were scheduled. ❑

## PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/3/2019

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

They reviewed the Ingrey application to the ZBA and a Solar Code draft (see page 9), which was sent on to the Town Board. ❑

## TOWN BOARD - 1/8/2019

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



*Standing: Councilmen Martin Fitzgerald, II, Joshua Patchett, Steve Ramant, Jack Bast. Sitting: Supervisor Edna Frasier  
Photo courtesy of Melissa Patchett.*

A moment of silence was held for John Barber and Sandy Jackson.

Committees for 2019 were announced. Supervisor Frasier will be in charge of an Administrative Committee, which will cover the former committees of

Assessor/Justice, Finance/Insurance, and Recreation /Promotion. She asked Assessor Martucci and Justice Midgley to submit monthly reports. Frasier noted that the justice takes in a lot of money, but little stays here since as large portion goes to other entities, especially the state. She noted that for recreation, the money allocated goes primarily to Silver Bay YMCA for the Youth Program and that she works with Carolyn Close from there. Since we have no Chamber of Commerce, the supervisor directly approves any request for advertisement money.

Other committees and the board members assigned to them are: Buildings and Grounds - Fitzgerald and Patchett;

Highway - Ramant and Bast; Museum /Historian - Patchett and Ramant; Personnel - Bast and Fitzgerald; Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Fitzgerald and Patchett; Sewer Districts #1 & # 2 - Bast and Frasier; and, a new committee, Environmental Concerns - Ramant and Patchett.

ZEO Cathy Clark sent her report to the Town Board and listed the following permit activity for 2018: Land Use - 69, Site Plan Review - 9, Subdivisions - 9, Variances - 9, Wastewater - 11, and Violations - 23.

Councilmen Ramant and Bast visited the Highway Department. Bast noted he was "impressed with the equipment" and Ramant reported that they "haven't started to use the brine mix yet, but may tonight."

The board had a conversation about launch fees and use of the launch after it closes for the season. Although no decision was made, there was some support for considering a new fee structure including possibly raising the basic launch fee to \$20 (from \$15). There have been requests to have the launch opened by a board member on an individual basis after the season. It was felt that there needs to be a cut-off date after which persons would go to Rogers Rock or Mossy Point to take out a boat.

Another discussion was held about a letter to be sent to the 14 residents who have still not hooked up to the sewer as required in spite of multiple notices. The board approved the letter, which will be sent out in February.

Councilman Ramant explained the need for the new Environmental Committee because of many pressing issues in our area including Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) and Knotweed. Both these invasives are threats, which require trained personnel to treat them.

The board approved two resolutions. One was to accept a NYS Water Quality Improvement Program Grant for \$230,625 for upgrades, and more at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The town will have to contribute 25% of the total cost of the project. The other was for vaccinations for WWTP employees.

Supervisor Frasier reported on completion of the 2018 goals for the town board. She mentioned completion of the comprehensive plan, the sewer law, and the WWTP grant. She noted that the goals list was "not lengthy because we had trouble completing our goals last year." She named some goals for 2019 but stated, "We usually add to the list in February." ❑

## 2019 TOWN RESOLUTIONS

At the January meeting, the town board set the designated meeting date as the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm, the official depository as Community Bank NA in Ticonderoga, and the mileage rate at 55 cents per mile.

The board also approved financial resolutions for the investment of surplus funds, payment of bills ahead of abstract, and petty cash funds, including \$200 each for the Town Park, Town Justice, and Supervisor's Office, \$100 for the Town Clerk's Office, and contracts that were previously budgeted for the HVFD, Senior Club, and Sno Goers.

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## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** John Aldrich Achey, 90, of Greensboro, NC on November 8, 2018. An engineer, mathematician, musician, and master storyteller, John was also an adored husband, father, and grandfather. Over the years, John, his wife, Vee Henry Achey, and their family spent vacations at Sentinel Pines, Vee's family's summer home in Hague.

John served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.



He is survived by his wife, Virginia Achey (niece of Dottie Henry and sister of Julie Henry McPartlin); his sons, Steve and Jeff Achey; his daughter, Linda Achey Kidwell; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Valley View Cemetery in August.

**DIED:** Pauline A. Hill, 90, of Ticonderoga, on December 8, 2018, at Glens Falls Hospital.

Born in Hague, she was the daughter of the late Benajah and Bertha (Spaulding) Robbins. Through the years, Pauline was employed by several Ticonderoga businesses, including Circle Court Motel, Wagon Wheel Restaurant, and Gusher's Restaurant.

Pauline was a member of the Eastern Star. Her greatest enjoyment was her family and she was a devoted and loving mother. She also enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and boating.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert J. Hill; one daughter, Sandra Hill

Genier; and two grandsons, Robert "Eggy" Alkinburgh and Richard Allen. She was also pre-deceased by several siblings, including Anna Robbins Denno and Beatrice Denno Frasier of Hague.

Survivors include one son, Robert Hill (Susan) of Ticonderoga; five daughters, Judy Allen (Thomas) of Ticonderoga, Edna Quesnel of Ticonderoga, Mary Muse of Maryland, Robin Andersen (Martin) of Ticonderoga, and Holly Bessett (Edward) of Ticonderoga; one sister, Dorothy Liberty of North Hudson; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**DIED:** John C. Barber, Jr., 85, peacefully on December 26, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Pfeiffer Barber, and their three daughters:



Elizabeth Marderosian, Kathryn Barber, and Christina Barber Riccardi and their husbands; five grandchildren; and his sister, Elizabeth Barber McClure.

John will be remembered for his gifts of leadership and service to many organizations and communities. An equally lasting legacy is his love of life, sense of humor, and unconditional acceptance of all people. Also, he never met a dog he didn't love.

John graduated from Bucknell University with a B.A. in 1958 after service in the U.S. Army in Korea. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Michigan and practiced law in Buffalo, NY, specializing in general and international business law.

In 1995, when John retired, he and Ann moved to Silver Bay, where they designed and built a home. They spent

many years traveling to distant places. At Silver Bay YMCA, John served on the Board of Trustees for almost 25 years, including as chair, interim CEO, and twice as vice president. He received Silver Bay's Luther Wishard Distinguished Leadership Award in 2010. He also served as chair and vice chair of the North Country Cluster of YMCAs as well as on the board of the YMCAs of New York State, Inc.

At The Fund for Lake George, John served as a board member and chair. He was instrumental in formulating and launching the Lake George Waterkeeper Program and helping to develop and organize the West Brook Conservation Initiative. The fund honored John in 2010 with its James D. Corbett Award for the Protection of Lake George.

He was a member and board chair of the Northern Lake George Rotary, an ambulance driver and a fire policeman for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the Champlain Chorale. He was on the board of *The Hague Chronicle* for ten years, during which time he oversaw a reorganization, including writing the bylaws and obtaining tax-exempt status.

In 2015, John and Ann moved to Wake Robin, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Shelburne, VT and became active in various committees. John enjoyed the woodshop, walking dogs, singing in the choir, and helping with gardening.

A service will be held on August 4, 2019 in the chapel at Silver Bay and then John will rest in their Memorial Garden.



## 2019 TOWN RESOLUTIONS *(continued from page 4)*

The appointments to town positions are: Budget Officer - Edna Frasier; Records Management Officer - Janet Hanna; Appeals Officer - Edna Frasier; Registrar of Vital Statistics - Janet Hanna; Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics - Melissa Patchett; Attorney for the Town - John Silvestri; Deputy Supervisor - Steve Ramant; and Deputy Highway Superintendent - Matt Coffin.

Linda Mury was appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2024 and Judy Gourley was appointed to the Planning Board until 2024.

Robert Goetsch was reappointed Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and Jon Hanna Deputy Chairman. Richard Frasier

was reappointed Planning Board Chairman and Pam Peterson Deputy Chairman. Continuing are Sally Rypkema as Town Historian, Bertha Dunsmore as Community Center Coordinator and Care Program Officer, and Daniel Steitz as Dog Control/Animal Control Officer.

The board also established the town calendar, set dates for holidays, and approved the salaries, as established, in the budget for 2019. They approved contracts for Winter Weekend for the Sno Goers at \$1,000 and the Hague Fish & Game Club at \$1,000, the Senior Memorial Day Parade at \$12,000, the LG Open Swim at \$7,500, the Black Watch Library at \$1,500, and the Fish & Game Club at \$2,400 for the Ice Fishing Contest.

## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



"I really don't know clouds at all."

That line from the well-known Judy Collins song certainly applies to me.

I didn't know the scientific name for a storm cloud or a rain cloud. I must have been absent when the science teacher taught clouds in elementary school! So, I decided it was time I learned.

I found out there are so many different kinds of clouds! I'm just going to cover the basics here, that is, what elementary school students learn.

There are low clouds, middle clouds, and high clouds. Low clouds are near the land surface up to two kilometers (km) up in the sky. Stratocumulus clouds have rolls with or without spaces between and indicate weak precipitation, if any. Stratus clouds have a smooth fog-like appearance, are close to the ground, and may produce a drizzle or a very fine snow. Nimbostratus clouds have a thick dark appearance and may give a steady all-day rain or snow.

The middle clouds are two to five km above the ground. Altostratus clouds are made up of rolls and they just float in the sky. Altostratus clouds may let some sun shine through, but generally produce steady precipitation. Those smooth disc-shaped clouds that are downwind of mountains or hills are altocumulus lenticularis. What a mouthful!

High clouds are from six to 12 km above the ground. The rippled clouds are cirrocumulus. They just move happily along with the wind and don't produce



precipitation. Cirrostratus clouds create a thin halo around the sun and also don't indicate precipitation. Cirrus clouds are wispy. Cumulus clouds are individual puffs with flat bases and irregular tops; they may indicate a light shower is coming. Cumulonimbus clouds are dense, vertically developed cumulus clouds with low dark bases and fluffy masses that go to great heights and produce heavy rains, thunderstorms, or hailstorms. Watch out for those!

Now that you know the basics of the types of clouds, you may ask, "How does any cloud form?" Okay, I'll tell you.

The heat from the sun evaporates water or moisture at ground level. This evaporated water, called "water vapor," rises into the atmosphere. It continues to rise until it reaches a point in the atmosphere where the temperature is

low enough for condensation. This is called the "dew point." The water vapor then condenses around particulates in the atmosphere and turns into water droplets or, at high altitudes, ice crystals.

These tiny droplets may become larger as drops collide. A large collection of droplets then forms a visible cloud.

Precipitation in the form of rain, hail, or snow occurs when the droplets or crystals become large enough to fall to the ground and the cloud formation cycle starts again.

Don't you feel smarter now than you did before you read this article? There'll be a quiz on Monday!

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*



It's that time of year again for New Year's resolutions. I know most of you are thinking about a better diet, getting more exercise, losing weight, fixing the house, sprucing up the garden, etc. but my thoughts go right to the sewer.

Yep, I can't help it; wastewater is always on my mind. Gee, maybe I can rewrite the words to Willie Nelson's song, "Georgia on my Mind." Anyway, we should all make a resolution to improve our wastewater situations and protect our septic systems and town sewer system, and, by doing so, protect the lake that we all love.

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

One resolution we can all try is using less water. If you are on a septic system, this allows the wastewater to stay in the tank longer, which promotes better treatment. It may not be obvious, but too much water can be a bad thing. Try using water saving appliances, shower heads, and faucets. Take shorter showers or hand wash dishes once in a while instead of running the dishwasher. Wash clothes using full loads and spread the loads throughout the week instead of doing them all in one day. Ever see those water-saving toilets that have one lever for a "low volume" experience and another lever for a "more challenging" experience? Very common in Europe and slowly becoming more common in the US. Makes perfect sense.

There is a whole list of items that should never go down any drain or toilet. These include: solvents, paints or cleaning agents containing harsh chemicals like bleach; wipes (even the ones that say "flushable"), cigarette butts, coffee

grounds, paper towels, tampons or diapers; unused pharmaceuticals; and oils and grease. Some of these are toxic to the helpful bacteria that break down our waste. Others like paper towels can clog up the septic distribution system and cause overflows or backups into the house. Not a pretty sight. And if you are on a septic system, avoid using garbage disposals. These increase the solids in the septic tank and can cause a need for more frequent pumping.

Which reminds me, have your septic system checked regularly and pumped, if necessary. Every three to five years is recommended. If you can't remember when it was last pumped, it's probably time to add this to your New Year's Resolution List.

Visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me.

## THOSE PESKY RESOLUTIONS

by *Cindy Craig*

January 1st. The first day of a new year. That day when we feel the potential of who we think we can be as we write our resolutions. It's that First Day of our Big Promise to Quit Something or Start Something.

It's usually one or the other. Stop drinking. Smoking. Swearing. Eating ice cream. Start going to the gym. Drinking more water. Reading more.

We choose things that promise we'll become better, healthier people if we do them. Because, lord knows, if we accept ourselves as we are, how will we ever improve? We need motivation and surely these New Year's Resolutions will motivate, yes?

Yet, we fail miserably at New Year's Resolutions.

Still, we keep doing them. January 1 rolls around and we promise to stop or start various new behaviors and naively act like, this year, we'll successfully stick to them for 365 days.

Here's my thought on the New Year's Resolution Custom.

Stop It.

Just quit.

Stop promising to stick to something for 365 days in an effort to change yourself.

**Instead, just love yourself as you are.**

Yeah. Okay. We all know that ain't going to happen. Advertising won't let us and if it did, the market for self-help books would instantly vaporize.

So, if you do want to change a behavior, how can you improve the chance of success?

Commit to a shorter duration: a day; a week; a month. What length of time can you resolve to stick with something? Pitch the 365-day custom. Identify a realistic time period that works for you. Then, commit to that.



And when you've achieved that length of time, **celebrate your success.** Toot a horn; find a friend and do a high five; do a jig if that feels good, but physically engage yourself in acknowledging your win. Huzaa-yes!

January 1st is not some magical day on which all change should start and will gloriously last for 365 days. The truth is, you can pick any day, or week, or month to commit to change. And by shortening the length of time that constitutes success, you've redefined

success, and success is more likely.

So, stop the January 1st New Year's Resolution tradition of promising 365 days of change. Quit it cold. That's one resolution you should easily be able to keep.

Read more from Cindy on her blog at <https://walkthegoats.wordpress.com>.



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## WHAT'S IN STORE?

by *Ginger Henry Kuenzel*

The fact that Hague is so far removed from nearly everything is great for those of us who love solitude, hate crowds, and abhor the thought of sitting in traffic. But, the downside is that it's also far removed from things we would really like to have – like a really nice grocery store.

Well, okay there is Walmart in Ti. But the food selection is often fairly limited, particularly when it comes to produce. Meals need to be based on what they happen to have in stock on the day you go shopping. And I've given up on trying to prepare anything that requires ingredients that could be considered even slightly out of the ordinary. If you want soda, chips, frozen pizza, ice cream, or any one of 84 varieties of cereal (all fortified with essential minerals and vitamins, of course), you're in luck. On the other hand, if you're looking for something like red cabbage or blue cheese, you may have to rethink your menu plan.

Enough for the grocery department. Let's move on to the clothing. I don't believe that any item in the store costs more than \$14.99. Now, I'm not the type who shops in high-end boutiques. And I like to get a deal as much as the next person. But, I find that the prices are often better at the church thrift store down the street – higher quality items, albeit gently used, and generally priced at \$3 or less.

Now let's move on to the jewelry section. It's all costume jewelry, of course. I have nothing against costume jewelry, but somehow it just plain seems wrong to see someone put an engagement ring in a shopping cart along with toilet paper, a hunting rifle, oil for the car, and a 24-pack of beer.

Walmart can actually be a good source of entertainment, particularly in the winter when not much else is going on. Some friends and I once had a contest to see who could put together the most outrageous outfit (including clothing, purse, shoes and jewelry) for the least amount of money. Oh, yes, and you had to be willing to wear it out in public for an entire evening. Of

course "out in public" at that time of year simply meant going over to a friend's house.

I once heard someone in the checkout line reminiscing with her girlfriend about the time several years ago that they had stayed overnight at Walmart on Thanksgiving night, waiting for the Black Friday Sale to start. Moving into a Walmart isn't all that far-fetched since it's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And you have everything you need right there: folding chairs, sleeping bags, pajamas, clean underwear, junk food, beer, toothpaste – and even a bathroom. If you're bored, you can wander over to the electronics section and watch TV, grab a board game from the toy department, or ride around the store on a bicycle from the sporting goods section. I'm not sure that anyone would even notice that you were living there since I often see people shopping there in the middle of the day in their pajamas.

What a great way to save on heating bills if the economy takes a nosedive!



## SILVER BAY YMCA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Silver Bay YMCA hosted its first ever New Year’s Celebration Weekend for the community. From horse-drawn wagon rides to giant bowling, guests and community members had a great time despite the lack of snow!

- The free Community Guest Pass Program is open to residents of Essex County and the towns of Bolton, Brant Lake, Hague, and Putnam. It runs until March 1, 2019 and includes access to the Silver Bay hiking trails, library, Spiritual Life Programs (including men’s and women’s prayer breakfasts and a reading group), and use of the entire property. Registration is required. For more information, visit the Silver Bay Front Desk between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday or call 518-543-8833 ext. 217.
- The free Community Fitness Program continues. The Fitness Center will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 to 9:30 am and staff will be present.
- Winter Family Weekend will be February 15th - 18th. There will be sledding, indoor rock climbing, couples activities, and fun for kids for guests and community members. A guest pass is required.
- There are yoga classes on all levels on Saturdays from 9 - 10 am in the Fisher Gymnasium. These are free to registered off-campus guests and \$5 for everyone else.
- Adult pick-up basketball is at the Ticonderoga Teen Center – Silver Bay, 123 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga on Wednesdays at 7 pm. There is a \$5 fee.
- Dinner and a Movie will be on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2019. The \$10 suggested donation includes the dinner and the movie, “First Man” (2018, PG 13).



For the most up-to-date information on programs at Silver Bay YMCA, see the activity calendar on the website [www.silverbay.org/activity-calendar](http://www.silverbay.org/activity-calendar), the Silver Bay YMCA App (available for Apple or Android), or contact Program Director Zac Smalley at [zsmalley@silverbay.org](mailto:zsmalley@silverbay.org) or 518-543-8419. ■

## LOCAL COMMUNITIES WIN DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

At the awards ceremony of the Regional Economic Development Council in Albany on December 18, 2018, several towns in our area were awarded development grants that will assist in keeping Lake George water clean. Of particular interest to us in Hague are the following:

- Town of Hague: \$230,625 for improvements to the town’s wastewater treatment process, reducing the volume of nutrients going into the lake.
- Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District: \$65,200 to stabilize roadside ditches to prevent sediment and debris from entering water bodies in the county.
- Town of Ticonderoga: \$30,000 for upgrades to the Town’s wastewater treatment plant’s HVAC system.

The Town of Bolton, Town of Lake George, and Village of Lake George also received grants. ■

## BOAT INSPECTIONS STOP INVASIVES

2018 was the fifth year of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC)’s mandatory boat inspection program to keep aquatic invasive species out of Lake George.

The purpose of this program is to keep new aquatic invasive species from entering this lake. The consequences of aquatic invasive species introductions include disrupted lake ecology, potential recreational impacts to boaters, fishermen and swimmers, and significant cost of managing these impacts.

Since the creation of this mandatory boat inspection program in 2014, no new aquatic invasive species have been discovered in Lake George.

This highlights the effectiveness of this program, particularly given the fact that more than 600 boats had visible invasive species on them as they showed up to our inspection stations over the five years of the program. In addition, more than 8,000 boats were decontaminated in this time, not having met the inspection standard of “clean, drained, and dry.”

Invasive species can be present not only on the boat and trailer, but also in bilge water, on anchor ropes, fishing lines, and elsewhere. The LGPC has worked very hard to optimize the program’s efficiency and keep costs down as much as possible. They seek to strike a balance between cost and convenience to boaters, endeavoring to complete inspections in only a few minutes. With boaters who return to Lake George, there is no processing time at all as their boat is sealed to the trailer when they leave the lake, meaning there is no inspection required.

For a full overview of the program’s creation, planning, and logistics, refer to the Lake George Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan/Environmental Impact Statement on the LGPC’s website or review the dedicated website to this program at <https://lgpc.ny.gov/lake-george-boat-inspections>. ■



## PROPOSED SOLAR CODE

A proposed Solar Code was compiled by using the New York State Model Solar Energy Law and was modified to meet the concerns of the Town of Hague. Copies were sent to Robin Burgess of the APA and to Warren County Building Codes for their comments (which were incorporated into the text) prior to submitting it to the Planning Board.

All Roof-Mounted Solar Energy systems will be allowed by right in all Zoning Districts. These systems will require a NYS Building permit as well as a Town of Hague Compliance Certificate. The "Solar Edge Solution" system has an energy kill switch to the panels, which can be used in the event of a fire or for maintenance. The proposed code requires non-reflective panels, which are of a color consistent with the color of the structure's roof.

Type I Site Plan Review will allow all Ground-Mounted Solar Energy systems. A coordinated review of the Planning Board and the owners of the property will determine the placement of these devices. At any time, the Planning Board may hold a hearing on any application in front of them if they feel a great deal of public interest in the application warrants one. This will allow neighbors to review the placement of the Ground-Mounted Solar Energy systems before any approval is given. The systems will not be exempt from shoreline setbacks, even if they are less than 100 sq. ft.

Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems will only be allowed in OCI and OCII and will require Type I Site Plan Review for the system itself and for the Commercial Use. All solar systems will have to comply with all current building codes for photovoltaic collection systems as well as have a New York State Unified Solar Permit prior to installation and obtain a Town of Hague Compliance Certificate.

The Hague Town Board discussed the Solar Code at its January 2019 meeting and will study it for a month before it takes any action. Bob Vittengl of Apex Solar in Glens Falls will address the town board and the public about its solar products and practices at the February meeting at 6 pm. ▣

## 2019 FORT FEVER SERIES

Fort Ticonderoga's wintertime Fort Fever Series has returned and features programs led by members of the fort's museum staff, who will share their latest research and cutting-edge discoveries.

On February 10, 2019, as part of Black History Month, Fort Ticonderoga Curator Matthew Keagle will present the program, "Selective Service: Soldiers of Color in the Atlantic World."



*Photo courtesy of Carl Heilman II*

This program will provide context to the complex and often contradictory history of soldiers of color on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean in the 18th century. ▣

## KIWANIS TO HOST NETWORKING EVENT

On January 17, 2019 from 5:30 – 7 pm, the Kiwanis Club will kick off the New Year for the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) by hosting an after-business mixer at the Knights of Columbus in downtown Ticonderoga.

"We are excited about the opportunity to share with the community all of the great work Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga does each year. Our club takes pride in our efforts and has serious fun with all of our projects. We would also like to show our thanks to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce for their continued dedication and hard work on behalf of the Ticonderoga Area," stated Hague resident and Kiwanis Club Board President Leslie Midgley. ▣

## MASON STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A roast beef 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, January 25, 2019, from 4:30-6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ▣

## BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET

The Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education will meet at 7 pm on January 15, 2019 and February 12th in the Ticonderoga High School cafeteria. ▣

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**CALENDAR**

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**JANUARY**

15	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
17	5:30 – 7 pm	TACC After Business Mixer
19		LGLC X-C Ski Trip
19	5 – 7 pm	HVFD Meatloaf Dinner and Karaoke
21		MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
22	1:30 pm	Senior Club Meets
24	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
25	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star roast beef dinner

**FEBRUARY**

7	7 pm	Planning Board
10		Fort Fever Program
11		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline
12	6 pm	Town Board
12	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
14		Dinner and a Movie at Silver Bay
15 – 17		Hague Winter Weekend
15 – 18		Winter Family Weekend at Silver Bay
16		LGLC Walk to Dome Island
18		PRESIDENTS' DAY: TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS:**

September 2 through June 30

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED