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7TH ANNUAL HIKE-A-THON

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) Lake George Hike-A-Thon, took place on July 5, 2019, with nearly 550 hikers, paddlers, and volunteers.

The morning event included 17 different hikes and paddles around Lake George that occurred simultaneously, each choreographed to reach a specific location in time to greet a helicopter flown by Bruce Mowery of North Country Heliflite. Carl Heilman, II snapped shots of the cheering groups at each site.

While the goal of the event is to promote the lands that have been protected by the LGLC and its partners in the watershed, the helicopter is what many participants look forward to and remember most, especially the kids. As one participant said, "the helicopter is ALWAYS THE BEST!"

"I've heard from a lot of participants who told me they love that the helicopter was included on this year's shirt," said LGLC Communications and Outreach Manager Sarah Hoffman, the organizer of the event. "Bruce and Carl both donate their time and have been part of the event since its first year in 2013. They, and the helicopter itself, are truly our event celebrities and we are so grateful for their support."

This year's Hike-A-Thon included a new element, the After Party, which was held at Festival Commons at the Charles R. Wood Park in Lake George Village from 11 am to 3 pm. Approximately 250 participants and guests gathered after their hike or paddle to swap stories, purchase merchandise, play games, and enjoy beer or root beer donated by the Adirondack Pub and Brewery and ice cream donated by Stewart's Shops. Guests were also treated to an up-close look at the helicopter, which landed on site around 12:30 pm, and a visit with Carl Heilman II.

Always scheduled for July 5th, the Hike-A-Thon is a free public event that encourages participation from all ages, abilities and backgrounds to explore the land that

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Upper photo: Carl Heilman II; Lower photo: Rowan Smith Watson and son, Mac, and Ginny Rowan Smith.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019
at 7 pm** – Rich Ortiz

**Wednesday, August 28th
at 6:30 pm** – Switch Band

The inclement weather site will be the Hague Community Center.

CLIMATE CHANGE: TRIANGULATING ON THE TRUTH

Lance Clark has written an article that was published recently in the *Albany Times Union* and several other papers in the North Country.

When thinking about climate change, Clark suggests using an analytical tool used by military intelligence and other intelligence entities called "triangulating on the truth."

He explained, "I have found that looking at how this approach can be applied to climate change can help bring a fresh and productive way for people to look at this crucial subject, especially for those who find themselves on the fence regarding climate change."

The article can be found at: <https://www.timesunion.com/opinion/article/Commentary-Triangulating-the-truth-of-climate-14294605.php>.

Lance Clark is a Hague resident and former United Nations official and ambassador with 35 years of experience in international work, including in Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Rwanda, Iraq, Georgia, Bosnia, Serbia, and other countries. ▣

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

On August 24, 2019, we will go to the Elvis Concert at Ticonderoga High School. If you would like to join us, contact me at 518-543-6502.

The Annual Picnic will be at the Hague Fire Department on August 27th at noon. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



Seniors on the July 19th luncheon cruise on Raquette Lake

people if they want to continue in their offices next year. We'll play "Friendly Feud," so come on out, join the fun, and win some nice prizes! ❑



HVFD

by Meg Haskell

July was a very busy month for both EMS and Fire. There were 45 fire calls and drills and EMS had 23 calls plus two marine calls with over 400 volunteer hours. The rescue boat is an essential part of our department. We cover the lake from Huletts Landing to Ticonderoga. We also work with Putnam to assist with their dive team. We respond at all hours and in any weather.

We will be part of the Town Wide Garage Sale on October 12, 2019. For more information, call me at 518-543-2015. ❑

LGLC GALA SUCCESSFUL

The 20th annual gala of the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) raised more than \$240,000, thanks to its generous guests and business supporters. Over its 20-year run, the celebration has raised nearly two million dollars for land conservation and water quality protection.

Held August 2, 2019 at the Inn at Erlorest, the event featured a high quality silent auction and live "Fund-A-Needs" to raise funds for specific projects.

"This generous outpouring of support," said LGLC Executive Director Jamie Brown, "will go such a long way towards protecting for future generations our forests, wetlands, streams, and land that filters and cleans millions and millions of gallons of water every year before it flows into our beloved Lake George. This event truly brought people together to protect the land that protects the lake." ❑

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

by Vivian Den Bleyker

The Carillon Garden Club will present a program by noted Albany floral designer, Joan Reilly, entitled, "Table Settings Utilizing Backyard Botanicals" on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Hague Community Center.

The public is invited to the lunch at noon followed by the program at 1 pm. Cost to non-members is \$10. For reservations, call Anita Masten at 518-543-6952 or me at 518-543-6801 by September 12th. ❑



Game Night will be September 4th at 6:30 pm at either Maureen or Pat's.

We have tentatively set September 19th for our Snowbird Dinner at either Lizzie Keays in Warrensburg or the Adk Café in Pottersville. If you have any suggestions, call me.

At our meeting on September 24th at 1:30 pm, the nominating committee will ask

GINNY ROWAN SMITH PRESENTS AWARD TO JUDY LARTER

At the Bolton Historical Museum on Friday, July 26, 2019, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) thanked those who had demonstrated significant support of the LGLC in the past year. Five awards were given; one involved people from Hague.

Ginny Rowan Smith of Silver Bay, daughter of the late Henry M. Rowan, presented the 2019 Rowan Award to Judy Larter of Hague. This

award recognizes exemplary individuals and organizations for their conservation efforts around Lake George, following the spirit of its namesake, Henry M. Rowan, who received the inaugural award in 2003.

Larter was one of the LGLC's original supporters, working with the Margaret Boyd Rowan Preserve in 1990. Ever since joining the LGLC board in October of 1994, she has been a staunch ambassador for the organization.

"Judy has been so involved, incredibly involved, with the Land Conservancy," said Smith, "and always very passionate about her role on the board."

"I am so privileged to be a part of the success of the LGLC," said Larter. "It definitely is more than ever a challenge to protect the watershed of the lake we all love. Onward!" ❑



Judy Larter (center) with granddaughter, Elsa Coughlin, and daughter, Jenny Coughlin

MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough

Made in Hague offers our community more than just a unique shopping experience. Almost any time you walk into the shop, you can count on meeting someone interesting.

In July, when I stopped in seeking a column for *The Hague Chronicle*, I ran into Laurie Sapakoff, the shopkeeper for the day. Laurie works in ceramics and has her studio and kiln at her home in Silver Bay.

Her parents bought the family property in 1963 and Laurie has spent many summers there over the years. Being a member of the Silver Bay Association allowed her time in the YMCA's craft shop.

While she majored in fine arts in college, ceramics was not her main interest at the time. She was more into photography and printmaking. Later in life, she took a ceramics class at a community college, bought a wheel, and established a studio in her garage. As she progressed in the art, she attended workshops in different firing methods, including raku and pit firing.

In 2013, she added a 10 x 16 foot shed on her property, installed a 240-volt line, and bought a kiln where she now does her firing.

Laurie retired from her position as Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County, NY, in 2017 and now resides here year-round.

Laurie shared her thoughts about Made in Hague: "This is my second season at Made in Hague and I was gratified to find a community of creative and talented people. I enjoy meeting the folks who come in and hearing about their connection to the lake, whether they are first-time visitors, long-time residents, or people who spent time at the lake as kids and have returned. Everyone has a story. I am grateful to be part of Made in Hague and the community here."

We are pleased to have Laurie as another talented contributor to Made in Hague. ■



7TH ANNUAL HIKE-A-THON

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surrounds Lake George. Most of the properties included in the Hike-A-Thon are either owned or managed by the LGLC; others are partner sites that are managed by organizations that share the LGLC's goal of "protecting the land that protects the lake."



"Our primary goal is to get people out," Hoffman said, "and see the land firsthand." The Hike-A-Thon provides the opportunity for people who may not otherwise feel comfortable hiking on their own, or maybe never knew about some of these places. Instead of being told how great it is to be out in the woods or to paddle around a quiet marsh or pond, they get to experience it for themselves and learn about why its protection is important."

Next year's Hike-A-Thon is scheduled for Sunday, July 5, 2020 and organizers are anticipating 20 sites to choose from, the most that has been offered. Early-bird registration opens Monday, March 2, 2020. Early registrations are encouraged, as this year, five sites filled up in just 24 hours.

For more information about the Hike-A-Thon and to see photos, go to Facebook, @LakeGeorgeHikeATHon, or lakegeorgehikeathon.org or contact Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673 or shoffman@lglc.org. ■

TICONDEROGA ARTS SCHEDULE

Both exhibits are at the Downtown Gallery on Montcalm Street in Ti.

Robert Hacunda, "Adirondack Sketches." The opening is on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 5 - 7 pm.

Seven women in the Carillon Garden Club and several artists from The Downtown Gallery will team up to present "Petals and Paintings," September 13 - 14, 2019. The opening will be on Friday, September 13th from 5 - 7 pm.

Members of the garden club will choose artists' paintings and replicate each with a floral arrangement. ■

LGLC EVENTS

On August 21, 2019, at 5:30 pm at the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) office in Bolton Landing, there will be a Living Lands Series program called "Adirondack Wildlife Refuge."

Registration is now open for the Third Annual Amy's Adventure Race for the Lake on Saturday, September 28th at Amy's Park in Bolton Landing. ■

DARRIN FRESH WATER INSTITUTE LECTURE

"Landscapes Lost and Found: Two Centuries of Art from Bolton Landing" will be presented by Tony Hall, editor of *The Lake George Mirror* on August 26, 2019 at 7 pm at the Darrin Fresh Water Institute in Bolton Landing. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/25/2019

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

CUOMO (43.17-1-10) 32 Springdale Manor (TRI)

The owners would like to replace a non-conforming one-story house with a new two-story house that will be more than a 25% increase in square footage. If approved, the structure will not be more non-conforming than the original house. The board deemed the application complete and a site visit will be held.

MATO Properties, LLC (12.18-1-15.1) 9574 Lakeshore Drive TRI

The application for a variance to convert the former View Restaurant into a two-family dwelling was withdrawn.

FOSTER (26.18-1-9) 9221 Lakeshore Drive (OCI/TRI) Sketch Plan Review

Bob and Donna Levenstien of NLG Realty appeared as agents for their clients, Peter and Judy Foster, to explore the possibility of a Use Variance for the parcel containing Ruah Bed and Breakfast. They want to use the existing structure as a restaurant with on-site parking for cars and dock parking for lake patrons.

The Zoning Board said the criteria for a Use Variance is more comprehensive than for an Area Variance, which the board usually reviews. No formal application has yet been made.

Four members of the Planning Board were in attendance and expressed reservations with respect to traffic. Donna noted they have requested that the Department of Transportation (DOT) approve marked crosswalks for the area and indicated she hopes it will help the general traffic issues at the sharp curve. ▣

PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/1/2019

Chairman Dick Frasier, Vice-Chair Pam Peterson, and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald II, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present. Dan Belden was absent. There is one vacancy on the board.

JACKSON (43.5-2-21) 24 Holman Hill Road (Hamlet)

The applicants are proposing a two-lot subdivision of a 1.29-acre parcel. The board approved the application, with the condition that the owners must investigate whether Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) approval of a stormwater permit for the driveway is necessary. If a LGPC permit is not required, the owners must submit an engineer's plan for the construction of the driveway and a stormwater mitigation plan to Cathy Clark, the Town Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO).

CUOMO (43.17-1-10) 32 Springdale Manor (TRI)

The owners would like to replace a non-conforming one-story house with a new two-story house with more than a 25% increase in square footage. The proposed structure will be no more non-conforming than the original house. The Planning Board recommended the approval of this application to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), with the condition that storm water runoff be mitigated to the extent practical.

MCCARVILLE (26.10-1-3) 43 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

The board approved a modification to the original 2018 Site Plan Approval to install a two-foot high retaining wall 50 feet from the lake and to increase the approved structure height from 33 to 35 feet high. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 8/13/2019

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant were present. A moment of silence was held for Evelyn Gravelle, Carol Stormer, Shirley Bly Smith, and James Coates.

The board approved several resolutions pertaining to a wastewater variance for Doug and Pam Connors.

Barbara Hayes Trainor of Ticonderoga and Alice Patchett of Hague said the The Hague Cemetery at the intersection of Route 8 and West Hague Road should be better maintained. Alice recommended the formation of a cemetery committee. Frasier suggested that Alice head it up, but Alice thought it would be better handled by the Hague Historical Society. Town of Hague Historian Sally DeLarm Rypkema said she'd look into grants.

Marylou Doulin asked if the town would reopen the landfill for leaves. Frasier stated it cannot accept leaves per NYSDEC. Marylou suggested composting; Fitzgerald stated residents can do their own composting, but the town cannot.

Alice Patchett also expressed concern about weeds growing in the cracks between the roads and the sidewalks. She believes maintaining this should be the highway department's responsibility. She suggested bed tax funds could be used, as it is "Town Beautification." ZEO Clark said chemical weed killers can't be used, so weeds must be pulled or cut with a weed trimmer. Ramant suggested prisoners could do this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Administrative: Frasier** Sixteen children were in the YMCA summer program.
- **Buildings and Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett** The town has accepted recycling for free while being charged by Casella, which has been a large expense. ZEO Clark said local law mandates recycling. The board agreed a plan must be made by year's end.
- **Highway: Ramant/Bast** Work has been done on New Hague Road and Decker Hill Road. The highway crew helped with raking the beach.
- **Museum/Historian: Patchett/Ramant** The August Hague Historical Society Meeting was cancelled.
- **Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald** Revisions were made to the Town of Hague Employee Manual.
- **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett** ZEO Clark shared a report.
- **Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier** Three "Music in the Park" performances were moved to the community center due to inclement weather. The Town Park Master Plan Meeting on August 5, 2019 was well attended.
- **Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast/Frasier** Certified letters were mailed to homeowners who have not yet hooked up. Some property owners have not yet responded.

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Carol Marie Baccaglione Stormer, 80, on July 13, 2019.

In NJ, Carol worked for Prentice Hall and managed a ShopRite. When she and her family moved to Hague, she worked at The Beachside ("The Cave") Restaurant and ran the kitchens at the Hearth Restaurant and Silver Bay.

Carol was predeceased by her husband, Richard Stormer; her son, Michael (Heidi) Stormer; and her brother-in-law, Stan Skorupa.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Valerie) Stormer; her daughter, Joanne (Ernie) Trudeau; her grandchildren, Richard (RaShee Hurlburt) Stormer, Kyle Stormer, Natalia (Chris) Moon, and Braden Stormer; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her twin sisters, Debbie (Peter) Daniele and Judy Skorupa;

brother, Peter Barrie; and her furry family, Chomper and Little Foot.

Peter Borho and his family, Jordie (BeBe Sharrow), A.J., and Nick helped Carol through a difficult time and always held a special spot in her heart.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR: William Pelkey on Saturday, September 7, 2019. There will be a mass at the Catholic Church in Hague at 11 am followed by a luncheon at the Hague Community Center.

DIED: Shirley Rose (Shattuck/Bly) Smith, 94, on May 15, 2019 in Jacksonville, FL of natural causes.

Shirley was born in Hague. She and her husband James were members of the Hague Fish & Game Club. When she was married to Thomas, they operated and lived at Brookwood Campground. She was involved with the Carillon Garden Club, Hague Senior Club, Champlain Valley Chorale, and was a long-time member of the Hague Baptist Church.

In Florida, she was a member of the Honeybee Quilting Guild, the Friday Night Stitchers, and a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Church.

She enjoyed gardening, singing, traveling, quilting, painting, needlepoint, making hand-painted Christmas cards and pressed flower cards, and was an avid reader. At 90, she took her first motorcycle ride and her first helicopter ride. When asked if she enjoyed the helicopter ride, she said, "Yes, but it was too short!"

She was predeceased by: husbands, James Noah Bly and Thomas George Smith; and daughter, Debbie Bly Hicks. She is survived by: daughters, Bonnie Bly McCarty and Cindy Bly Maguire; grandchildren, David Price, James Hicks, and Tyler Hicks; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Hague Baptist Church on September 21, 2019 at 2 pm, reception TBD. ▣

THE JEFFERSON PROJECT – 25 GB OF DATA EVERY DAY

Condensed from an article by Thom Dunn on weather.com, July 19, 2019

The Jefferson Project at Lake George, a collaborative project between The FUND for Lake George, IBM, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has turned Lake George into a laboratory for studying the complex relationships between water, weather, and people in real time.

With nearly 500 sensors in and around the lake's

watershed, the project collects about 25 GB of data daily from the lake, its tributaries, and the air above it — details such as wind and current speed and direction, temperature, precipitation, pH, salinity, nutrient and oxygen levels, micro-organisms, and more. Using this data, models are



created that predict weather, runoff, circulation, and pollution in the lake with unprecedented precision.

The scientists might observe and track a change in the water salinity after a rainfall, for example, to understand the role it plays in the water cycle. That data can then help them track the salt in water that runs into the lake.

The team at the Jefferson Project also approaches their research from a business-centric perspective, seeking ways to improve or recover their infrastructure after a storm, a water pipe that leaks every time

there's a thunderstorm, for example.

"If I know better where to send a crew to look for a leak, then I'm driving less, I spend less money, and also create less CO2," explains Brad Gammons, Global Managing Director for IBM Energy, Environment, and Utilities.

Addressing the ongoing climate crisis will require a massive shift in our society. That change begins with an ideal laboratory like the one at Lake George, where scientists can collect the information they need to better understand the world around us.

If we can't stop the coming storms, then we can at least change how we prepare for them and how we handle the aftermath. We just need the data to know where to start.

See the full article at: https://weather.com/forecast-change/news/2019-06-11-lake-shaping-next-stage-climate-resiliency?fbclid=IwAR3EFvmHlpNtQXFagjUEIwbQk_VHIWlpNMB93KHej9nOeDEid1OeVE7yW6A

LGA AWARDED GRANT

The Lake George Association (LGA) will continue to support boat launches in this area, thanks to a state grant. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the LGA has been awarded \$78,575 to provide funding for aquatic invasive species stewards at the Hague boat launch, the Gull Bay public beach, and the boat launch in Putnam. ▣

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*

Let's talk about gas. No, not the type you get after eating a bean burrito. I'm talking about the gas you put in your boat and how to prevent spills that are not good for the environment and pose a potentially dangerous situation.



Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George

I recently watched a video that was posted on the Lake George NY Boaters group site on Facebook that showed a boat on fire at a fuel dock on Lake Winnepesaukee. They had just refueled and when the owner started the engine, apparently a spark ignited some fumes in the bilge. The boat was totaled. Several people were injured, but none seriously. The accident is under investigation, but anyone with an inboard or inboard/outboard engine should always run the blower to vent any volatile gases before starting the engine.

So, I read, with interest, a recent ad about a gadget to prevent spills when

refueling at a gas pump. It is called the Clean Way Fuel Fill (www.cleanwayfuelfill.shop) and it works by directing the gas that comes gurgling out of the boat into a chamber so you can stop and let the fuel settle into the tank. I have never used one myself, but it is something to consider if you want to prevent spilled fuel.

If you are like me and fill your boat with gas at a dock using five-gallon jerry cans, you know how messy that can be. Most cans are notorious for leaking and spilling fuel. I solved this problem years ago by using a siphon hose. No, not a plain hose that you start by sucking gas into it using your mouth and sometimes getting a mouthful of gas. And, yes, I have experienced that sensation! The hose I am talking about has a self-priming valve at the end that you just shake to start the flow of fuel. It's The Original Safety Siphon. It works like a charm and costs about eleven bucks. I haven't spilled a drop since I got it and I have been using it for at least ten years.

Gasoline contains benzene, a known human carcinogen. Lake George is

drinking water. Not a good idea to mix the two. I have even seen studies that have shown that even spilled drops of fuel at a gas station can penetrate concrete and contaminate groundwater.



It is very important to be careful when refueling for the good of the environment and for your own safety.

For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*

Since we are all enjoying the sunny summer weather, let's talk about the sun, which is the heart of our solar system. It is technically a yellow dwarf star - a hot ball of glowing gases. NASA assures us that the sun's gravity holds our solar system together. Electric currents in the sun generate a magnetic field that is carried through the solar system by the solar wind, a stream of electrically-charged gas blowing outward from the sun in all directions.

The connection and interactions between the sun and the Earth drive the seasons, ocean currents, weather, climate, radiation belts, and aurorae. Though it is special to us, there are billions of stars like our sun scattered across the Milky Way Galaxy.



No one knows exactly what the early humans thought about the sun, but many cultures and peoples created myths and folklore to explain natural phenomenon like the rising and setting of the sun. Myths about the appearance and disappearance of the sun usually take the form of a journey, with the sun deity traveling across the heavens in a chariot or a boat.

Helios, a Greek solar deity, later identified with Apollo, was a charioteer who drove his fiery vehicle through heaven by day. At night, he floated back across the ocean in a golden bowl, only to start his journey again the next morning.

The Navajo people of the American Southwest portray their sun god as a worker. Every day this sun bearer laboriously hauls the sun across the sky on his back. At night, he hangs the sun from a peg in the wall and rests.

The Egyptian sun god Ra traveled across the sky in his sun boat. At night he passed through the underworld, greeting the dead and facing many dangers. Ra's daily cycle was a daily rebirth. Dawn saw the newborn sun god rise in the sky. During the morning, he was a child. At noon, Ra was mature, and by sunset, he was an old man ready for death. Each sunrise was a celebration of the god's return, a victory of life over the forces of death and darkness.

Stanford University has an interesting website entitled "Solar Folklore and Storytelling - Stanford Solar Center" at <http://solar-center.stanford.edu/folklore>, which allows you to read many stories about the sun.

All I know is that I love the sun. I love its heat (Yes, I'm one of those "Anything below 75 degrees Fahrenheit is chilly" people) and all the beauty it contributes to our amazing Earth. ■

SILVER BAY WASTE WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONAL

The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center's new Membrane Bioreactors (MBR) facility is now operational. According to Chief Executive Officer Steve Tamm, Silver Bay started operation of its new MBR in late June and it has since surpassed expectations.

"A key part of our environmental mission is to ensure that we are good stewards of Lake George. Although our previous septic system was functioning, it was a 70+-year-old system...we knew we needed to proactively move to modernize the system before there was a failure. What we now have invested in is tried-and-tested, cutting-edge wastewater technology that truly raises the bar for Lake George protection. Where a traditional septic system has the soils treat the effluent, our new MBR uses a natural biology process that yields crystal-clear water no different than stormwater. Seeing the clear water come out after the process is truly extraordinary," said Tamm.

Executive Director of Lake George Association and Silver Bay YMCA Trustee Walt Lender stated, "Many communities around Lake George are utilizing older wastewater treatment systems which need upgrading to keep up with greater usage. Silver Bay YMCA has really taken the lead in the Lake George Watershed

to install an innovative and modern treatment plant in its effort to protect the lake and ensure that the campus sets an example for environmental stewardship."

The cost of the MBR system was \$3.5 million. New York State water protection monies are currently only available for municipalities, making Silver Bay ineligible. To date, Silver Bay has raised \$1 million and has applied to several private foundations for additional funding.

"Silver Bay is eagerly looking for partners to help fund the gap," stated Tamm. "We have taken a leap of faith by proactively living out our mission. We are committed to lake protection and we are hopeful that there are others in the Lake George and greater Adirondack community that share our passion in protecting the pristine beauty of Lake George and who will help us fully fund this project." ❑

FRONT PORCH FORUM

After serving Vermont towns for a dozen years, Front Porch Forum (FPF) is now available to everyone in Warren and Washington Counties. Go to www.frontporchforum.com.

Find online conversations that help neighbors connect and build community. No fees. No spam. Privacy respected. ❑

TOWN BOARD

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· Environmental Concerns:

Ramant/Patchett The knotweed project is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The newly revised Town of Hague Employee Manual was adopted.
2. Frasier appointed Ramant and Bast to arrange the Town of Hague Cleanup Day plans. Letters will be mailed out to town residents.

Adapted by Bobbi Bryant Taylor from the draft minutes taken by Interim Town Clerk Melissa Patchett ❑

NLG ROTARY DINNER

Northern Lake George Rotary will sponsor its annual International Dinner at the William Boyd Center, Silver Bay YMCA, on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6 pm.

The Rotary Club supports many community groups and services. This dinner is a celebration for everyone who has helped it achieve its mission of "Service Above Self."

Tickets may be purchased by contacting any NLG Rotary member or by calling Diane Dickson at 518-543-8051. ❑

TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present "Going Down to Yasgur's Farm" on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 7 pm.

The program will look at some surprising, little-known facts about the Woodstock Music and Art Festival. Anyone who attended the three-day festival is invited to come and share his or her thoughts and experiences.

An exhibit about the 50th anniversary of Woodstock is currently showing at the Historical Society's Museum.

Refreshments will be served.

Reservations are not necessary to attend this free program, but seats may be reserved by calling 518-585-7868 or by emailing tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ❑

JAMES CAWLEY PERFORMING AS ELVIS

James Cawley, backed up by the 15-piece "Easy Money Big Band," will present "The King in Concert" on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Ticonderoga High School Auditorium.

General admission tickets are \$25 and are available at 518-585-7355, www.starttrektour.com, or by contacting the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC). ❑



Ti'COUSTICS – LOCAL MUSICIANS

Ti'Cooustic shows, featuring local musicians, take place the first and third Wednesday of each month. They are from 6:30 – 9 pm at the American Legion on 104 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

The show on August 21, 2019 will include Dan Rabideau, Mike Ianson, and Lance Dolbeck from Hague. The September 4th show will feature Chris La Pointe and the duo of Terrina Cook and Brad Peria. On September 18th, Ed Raquet, Ed Case, and the Hague trio of Bob Offerman, Mark Tyburski, and Lance Clark will perform. ❑

LOOKING BACK

THE WATROUS HOUSES OF HAGUE



by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

(With the help of notes from Katherine Mills Price, 1977)

The Watrous family – brothers Harry and Walter, their mother, Madame Watrous, and Walter’s son, Livingston, summered in Hague for many decades, starting in the late 19th century. Harry was married to Elizabeth Nichols Watrous, an artist and writer. In addition to his notoriety as an artist, Harry is perhaps best known in Hague as the man who created the Lake George Monster.

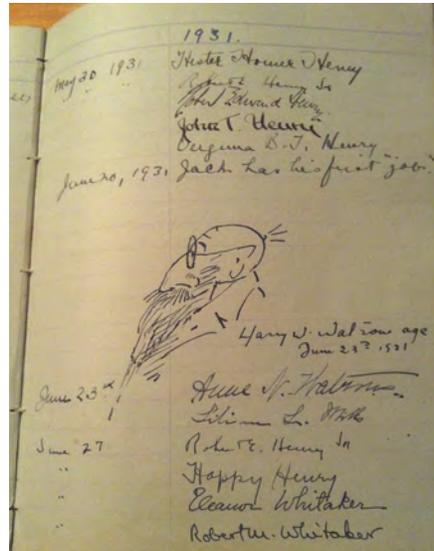
It is believed that most of the Watrous houses in Hague were designed by Elizabeth. Ms. Price recounts that the Watrouses built numerous houses and cottages for their own pleasure and for the use of friends and relatives. Some are still standing today along Route 9N and have been well maintained.

The southernmost Watrous house, "Chipwick," is owned today by the Bullocks, descendants of the Dennett family, who purchased the property early in the 20th century. The original structure burned, but was replaced relatively quickly by Dr. Robert Weir, who owned it at that time.

Just north of "Chipwick" was "Sentinel Pines," home to Walter and Madame Watrous. It was sold in the second decade of the 20th century to the Robert E. Henry family. The ground-floor front room of the main house measured 85 feet in length, with floor to ceiling wainscoting. At one end were a grand piano and billiard table, while two stone fireplaces, set at an angle to each other, graced the other end. Upstairs, seven bedrooms stretched across the front of the house, each with a

commanding view of the lake.

An eight-car garage with year-round living quarters above was located behind the main house. Named "Overford," it was moved in 1957 by my parents, Jack and Dottie Henry, to a site further north on the property and became our year-round home. The contractor for this job was Jack Carney. The only structure from the early 20th century remaining on the property



today is the six-slip boathouse, which originally sported changing rooms and an indoor tennis court on the second floor. It was recently completely restored by Karen and John Beekley, great-grandson of Robert E. Henry.

The home of Michael Tobey and Ann Shakeshaft was the site of a Watrous house called "Water Log." Its name stemmed from the fact that, of all the Watrous houses, it was closest to the water. A bit to the north, the home

owned today by artists Richard Stout and Vicki Stewart on Pine Orchard Road was a farmhouse that was purchased by the Watrouses and named "Oak Camp."

"Rock and Rye," the only Watrous house not on Route 9N, was located just up Route 8 from the Catholic church. The Watrouses loaned this house to friends and relatives and Elizabeth Watrous used it for special parties. It burned down many decades ago and the land is now owned by NY State.

Continuing north on Route 9N from Hague, we come to the house known as "Garryowen" (which was the 7th Cavalry's Irish marching tune). The Watrouses sold it to Colonel Herbert Slocum in the early 1900s. He was an officer in the 7th Cavalry, better known as the Custer Massacre Regiment, though he did not join until after the massacre. Ms. Price noted that tradition required that anyone proposing a toast to the 7th Cavalry had to have one foot on the table – something she witnessed first-hand several times.

Two houses further north is "Leeside," purchased from the Watrouses by General J.G.C. Lee in 1900, and owned today by Peter and Peggy Carney.

Across the road and slightly to the north is the "Cottage at Calamity Rock," which was purchased by General Barth and is now owned by his descendants, the Shearer family. Mrs. Watrous enjoyed holding afternoon tea parties in this cottage, which she moved there from West Hague Road.

Two doors north is "Camp Kit," owned today by the Klein family. It was used by the Watrouses for entertaining, and was closest to Harry and Elizabeth's own home, today known as "Ruah" and owned by Judy and Peter Foster. The original house on this site, known as "Camp In," was built in 1893, but was torn down in about 1910 and replaced by the more formal structure seen there today. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT



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On July 24, 2019, the fort began offering evening programming including:

• **A Sunset Cruise** on Lake Champlain on the Carillon – Visitors see the region's beauty, discover Ticonderoga's maritime history, and receive a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch.

• **The Gossip Tour** – An adult-only walking tour with Curator Matthew Keagle. Visitors hear the real story of life at the fort. *This involves stairs and moderate walking and is not for youth.*

• **Guns by Night** – This 90-minute demonstration of 18th-century firepower shows the flash of musketry and the roar of cannon fire by night.

The fort's new responsive and multi-lingual website offers translations in more than 20 languages, including French, German, Chinese, and Spanish and provides ease in purchasing all tickets.

The Corn Maze Adventure began August 10, 2019. The six-acre maze is located near the King's Garden and features the design of a naval ship and cannon to represent Fort Carillon. It is divided into two phases. The average



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journey takes twenty minutes for phase one and up to an hour for phase two.

The Kiddie Maze is a short maze designed for younger visitors, giving a fun introduction to corn mazes. It is for children up to age four, with adult supervision.

The corn maze is included in the fort's general admission price. It will be open every day August 10 - August 25 from 10 am - 5 pm (last entry at 4:30 pm) and on weekends only, August 31 through October 20. It will also be open Labor Day (September 2) and Columbus Day (October 14).

As part of the New Author Series, on Sunday, September 8th at 2:30 pm in the Mars Education Center, Eric Schnitzer will discuss his book, *Campaign to Saratoga - 1777: The Turning Point of the Revolutionary War in Paintings, Artifacts, and Historical Native*. Schnitzer is an interpreter and historian at Saratoga National Historical Park.

The program is included in general admission and is free for members of Fort Ticonderoga and Ticonderoga Ambassador Passholders.



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There will be a two-day battle re-enactment on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, 2019 from 9:30 am - 5 pm, highlighting the epic 1777 Brown's Raid. Guests will witness

real-life action adventure unfold, as patriot Colonel John Brown leads a surprise attack against British troops garrisoning at Fort Ticonderoga.

Admission to Brown's Raid is included in a Fort Ticonderoga general admission ticket.

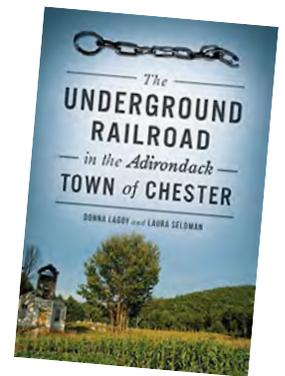
To learn more, call 518-585-2821 or visit www.fortticonderoga.org .

HANCOCK HOUSE PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Historical Society hosted a free program, "The Underground Railroad in Chester," on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 7 pm at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga.

Program presenters Donna LaGoy and Laura Seldman are co-authors of *The Underground Railroad in the Adirondack Town of Chester*.

The Town of Chester in Warren County was a secret haven for runaway slaves escaping to Canada along the Underground Railroad. The small Adirondack town holds as many as nine confirmed or suspected sites where fugitives once found shelter.



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CALENDAR

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AUGUST

21	5:30 pm	"Adirondack Wildlife Refuge", LGLC, Bolton Landing	5	7 pm	PLANNING BOARD
	6:30 pm	Ti'Coustics, American Legion, Ti	6	5-7 pm	"Adirondack Sketches," Downtown Gallery, Ti
	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park, Rich Ortiz	7	11 am	Memorial Service for William Pelkey, Hague Catholic Church and CC
22	7 pm	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	8	2:30 pm	Eric Schnitzer, Mars Educational Center, Ft. Ti
23	7 pm	Ti Historical Society program about Woodstock, Hancock House, Ti	9		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> SEPTEMBER DEADLINE
24	7:30 pm	James Cawley as Elvis, Ticonderoga H.S.	10	6 pm	TOWN BOARD
26	7 pm	"Landscapes Lost and Found," Darrin Fresh Water Institute	13-14	5-7 pm	"Petals and Paintings", Downtown Gallery, Ti
			14-15	9:30 am-5 pm	Battle Re-enactment, Fort Ti
27	noon	Senior Club Annual Picnic, HVFD	16	7 pm	Underground RR program, Hancock House
28	6:30 pm	Hague Music in the Park, Switch Band	16-18		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> sent by email and at CC
			19	6:30 pm	Ti'Coustics, American Legion, Ti
				noon	Carillon Garden Club Luncheon and Meeting, Hague CC
					Senior Club Snowbird Dinner, location TBD

SEPTEMBER

2		LABOR DAY - town offices closed	21	2 pm	Memorial Service for Shirley Smith, Hague Baptist Church, reception TBD
4	6:30 pm	Senior Club Game Night, location TBD	24	1:30 pm	Senior Club Meeting, Hague CC
	6:30 pm	Ti'Coustics, American Legion, Ti			
5	6 pm	NLG Rotary Int'l Dinner, Silver Bay			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: **AUGUST:** Wednesday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday noon to 3 pm
SEPTEMBER: Wednesday and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm