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WINTER WEEKEND

by Lara Smith-Ryder and Katy Wells

The Spaghetti Supper on Friday night, February 15, 2019, was a big success! Fifty-six dinners, cooked by Michelle Holman and Dawn Peterson, were sold.

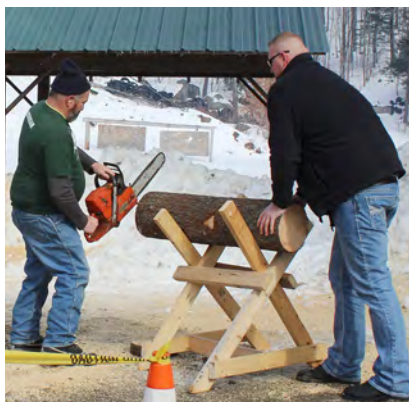
At the Fire Department Breakfast on Saturday morning, everyone

enjoyed a delicious buffet, the Northern Lake George Rotary held its Silent Auction, and the Beste Scholarship winners were announced. (See page 3.)

Saturday afternoon saw many Hague residents and folks from outside the area challenging each other in various outdoor competitions. The Chainsaw Competition had 13 participants and

the winner was Brad Sargent from Crown Point. Eleven participants vied for the championship in the Ax Throw and the winner was Jake Bederian from Warrensburg. The Keg Toss had nine participants and Brad May from Hague was the winner. There were two participants in the Ice Auger competition and Hunter

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Enjoy these photos from the Winter Weekend, courtesy of Lara Smith-Ryder, Steve Ramant, and Alice Patchett.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. We will play Bingo. Our game night will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at Maureen Cherubini's house.

On Thursday, April 11th, we will go to the Saranac Laboratory Museum and have lunch at China Buffet. Our bowling on Friday, April 19th has been canceled.

We will start collecting for the White Elephant Sale around April 10th, so start looking now for items to donate.

Contact Maureen at 518-543-6463, Ray at 518-585-6061, or me at 518-543-6502. ■



NEW TICONDEROGA PRIMARY CARE CENTER

The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital has been awarded \$5.67 million by New York State for the construction of a federally qualified health center to provide primary care services on the hospital's Ticonderoga campus. The project is a partnership with Hudson Headwaters Health Network, a Queensbury-based nonprofit that operates 18 health centers in the North Country, including the one in Ticonderoga.

The new 10,300-square-foot primary care center will break ground this summer. When finished, it will complete the multi-year transformation of the former Moses Ludington Hospital campus into a fully integrated medical village,

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HVFD

by Meg Haskell

In February, we had 13 fire calls and drills using 121.5 volunteer hours and five EMS calls with 28 volunteer hours.



We held our Annual Winter Weekend Breakfast on Saturday, February 16, 2019 and it was well attended. Thank you to all those who came to support us! We also supplied scene support for the Polar Plunge as over 50 people took the plunge for the University of Vermont Children's Hospital, raising over \$3000.

We will be holding a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16th at 5 pm. Cost is \$12 and takeout will be available.

Remember, as we spring ahead, check the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors! ■

ROUTE 9N REPAIR UPDATE

by Steve Ramant

On Friday, March 1, 2019, I met with the Department of Transportation (DOT) project manager to learn about the repair on Route 9N in Hague. I was told that Reale Construction is the contractor that DOT hired and that Buffalo Drilling Company is doing the drilling work.

It's quite a repair job! Twenty-six holes are being drilled as deep as 13 feet into the ground and then the rock is drilled in six feet and large steel H-beams will be placed and cemented to the rock. Wooden timbers will be stacked horizontally against the beams and fill dirt will be added to hold the slope in place and support the roadway.

It took the crew a week to drill the first hole. They anticipate having the job completed before Memorial Day. It will be great if they can accomplish that! ■



Top photo courtesy of Tony DeFranco. Bottom photo courtesy of Judy Stock.

WINTER WEEKEND

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Denno from Hague won. There were four teams, each with four participants, in the Tug o' War and the winner was Team May from Hague.

Saturday evening was the Chili Bake and there were about 14 entries. Ron Ryder won first place, taking the title from Tom Haskell, who had won it for the past four years. Second place went to Jamie Delli Santi and Michelle Holman took third place.

On Sunday afternoon, the Polar Plunge was held at the Trout House Village Dock. About fifty brave souls jumped into the frigid water. The \$3,000 in proceeds went to the Vermont Children's Hospital. ■

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NEW TICONDEROGA PRIMARY CARE CENTER

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bringing together a variety of complementary health-related services in one location.

"Thank you to Governor Cuomo, the Department of Health, Senator Betty Little, and Assemblyman Dan Stec for helping us ensure that North Country residents have access to the high-quality care they need and deserve," said John Remillard, president of Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

Upon the opening of the new Ticonderoga family health facility, Hudson Headwaters' Ticonderoga Health Center, which has operated in the town since 1992, will relocate on Elizabethtown Community Hospital's Ticonderoga campus. Its 15 providers in pediatric and adult primary care, podiatry, and women's health services, as well as its full complement of nursing and support staff, integrated behavioral health, and social work support teams will continue to provide services on the new campus. ▣

HIKE-A-THON REGISTRATION OPEN

Early-Bird Registration for the 7th Annual HIKE-A-THON opened on Monday, March 4, 2019 and ends on Tuesday, April 30th. Early-bird registrations have set new records. In the first 24 hours it was open, 363 people had registered,



filling up five of the 17 available sites. One week later, the registration total reached 450. All Early-Bird registrants will receive a free T-shirt. General registration will be open until Friday, June 14th.

Applications are being accepted for volunteers and sponsors, both of which are essential parts of the Hike-A-Thon. Sponsors keep the event free to participants and volunteers provide important leadership and safety on the trails. Interested? For more information, contact Sarah at 518-644-9673 or email shoffman@lgc.org. ▣



The Patchett's Golden Retrievers take a winter walk overlooking the lake. The redhead is nine-year-old Patch. The blond is three-year-old Ellie. Happy Hague doggies!

BESTE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

by Kathy Santaniello

At the Firemen's Breakfast Buffet, held on Saturday morning, February 16, 2019, while they enjoyed their delicious choices from the buffet menu, enjoyed lively conversation, and perused the silent auction offerings, friends and family celebrated eight local students who received 2019 Beste Scholarship awards. They were:

Cassandra Martucci, daughter of David and Bonnie Martucci, received her 3rd year award. Cassie attends Siena College and is majoring in English, with a minor in Educational Studies.

Kaylee Coon, daughter of Eric and Alicia Coon, received her 2nd year award. Kaylee attends Adirondack Community College and is majoring in Nursing and Health Education.

Nicholas Fitzgerald, son of Martin and Heidi Fitzgerald, received his 2nd

year award. Nicholas attends the University of New Hampshire and is majoring in History/Political Science.

Connor Lawrie, son of Lara Smith-Ryder, received his 2nd year award. Connor attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is majoring in Engineering.

Kristen Palandrani, daughter of Robert and Pam Palandrani, received her 2nd year award. Kristen is attending Hudson Valley Community College and is majoring in Dental Hygiene.

Kacey Fish, daughter of Todd and Bobbie-Jean Fish, received her 1st year award. Kacey attends North Country Community College and is majoring in Nursing/Allied Health.

Fallon Kennedy, daughter of Brian Kennedy, received her 1st year award. Fallon attends SUNY Plattsburgh and is majoring in History Education.

Nathaniel Swinton, son of Connie Swinton, received his 1st year award.

Nate attends Champlain Valley-TEC and is majoring in Heavy Equipment and Diesel Mechanics.

We wish all our scholarship recipients the very best in their continued studies.

The Beste Steering Committee extends its sincere thanks to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the awards ceremony. We also thank the Northern Lake George Rotary Club for holding their silent auction in conjunction with the ceremony and for their generous donation to the Beste Fund after the awards presentation.

Many thanks also to those who have continued to support the Scholarship Fund with donations over the years. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to: "Beste Scholarship Fund" and send it in care of the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. Thank you. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/28/2019

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

HANNA (93.16-1-40) 36 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

The owners would like to remove a 12' x 25' legal nonconforming shed from the lakeside of their property and place a new 14' x 28' shed on the roadside of their property. The existing shed is currently on the sideline of the property and is within the shoreline setback. The proposed shed will sit 2' from the sideline and 2' from the front line if approved.

The application was received as complete and will be on the March agenda. ▣



In the reports of committees, the board:

Learned from Supervisor Frasier that they will be looking at a 5.3% increase in health insurance.

Learned from Councilman Bast that 16 responses were received out of the 21 letters sent out relative to sewer installation. Of those, five made commitments to install and four have requested appeals. The board approved an amendment to the Enforcement Response Plan to bring the paragraph on the professional review fees to be consistent with the local law. Property owners will be responsible for fees for review by engineers.

Learned from Councilman Ramant that they need to get more responses from property owners whose property they want to treat for eradication of knotweed. The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is giving the town \$12,500 to cover the cost of hiring trained applicators to do the work.

PLANNING BOARD - 3/7/2019

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

HANNA (93.16-1-40) 36 Sabbath Day Point Road (TRIR)

A recommendation for approval of the shed was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals. ▣

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP - 3/7/2019

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Josh Patchett, and Steve Ramant met with Tracey Clothier of the LA Group to discuss a proposal for a Park Improvements Master Plan for The Hague Town Park.

Tracey discussed with the board how her consulting group could help them devise a plan and grants that are available. There will be further discussions about what is wanted at the park. December 2019 is probably the earliest that it will be known if the town receives a grant. We would probably be looking at 2022 before construction could be started, so it will not be a rush project. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 3/12/2019

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

A moment of silence was held for Derek May, Betty McGuire, William Pelkey, Gene Moran and Maxine Sheehan.

Heard from Councilman Ramant that there have been meetings with US Post Office representatives and representatives from Congresswoman Stefanik's office to discuss several of the issues related to poor mail service, including lost mail and late or undelivered mail. Ramant will continue to monitor the issue.

Passed resolutions authorizing the supervisor to sign a snowmobile contract with Warren County, to sign a contract not to exceed \$5,000 with Liz Tedford to consult on a Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to sign a contract with the LA Group to do a Park Improvements Master Plan for the Hague Town Park, and to sign a contract with consultants on redoing the Employee Handbook.

Approved a Fund Balance Policy, which the town has not had, and which is required.

Approved motions to designate the Town of Hague as the lead agency for the SEQR review for the Solar Code and set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:15 pm.

Approved \$500 for the Lake George Land Conservancy for the Hike-A-Thon.

Heard from Councilman Ramant that the Highway Department is doing the brining, which is "a good way to move forward toward a sustained winter management program."

Discussed new banners for the hamlet, which would have pictures of veterans on them.

Heard from Councilman Patchett that he understands that the logging up in Graphite area is clear-cutting a large area. ZEO Clark explained that the APA allows clear cutting in a 25-acre area. The DEC oversees the forestry land use plan. There is going to be an informal meeting with Lyme Timber and representatives from the snowmobile club and this may be discussed. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Robert (Bob) Oshins, 86, of Silver Bay and Melbourne, FL, peacefully on January 31, 2019.

Born in Brooklyn, Bob and his wife moved to Schenectady, where he established a private physical therapy office at Child's Hospital in Albany. They spent ten summers in a houseboat on Lake George.

Then, in 1981, they bought the house formerly owned by the Hamilton family in Silver Bay. They continued to summer in Silver Bay, even after moving to FL to spend the winters.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie; sons Cary (Beth Hyde) and Michael (Ali Kur); daughters Ellen and Bonnie Nolan (Michael); grandchildren Rebecca, Jacob, Samuel, Abigail, Jeremy, and Zachary Oshins and Bessie, Benjamin, and Jack Nolan; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

A memorial service will be held at their home in Silver Bay on August 12, 2019 on what would have been their 65th anniversary.

BORN: Nolan Robert Taylor on February 20, 2019 in Houston, TX. His parents are Scott and Erin Taylor of Houston and Hague. The proud grandparents are David and Bobbi Bryant Taylor of Hague. Great grandparents are the late Bob and Shirley Bryant of Hague.

BORN: Daniel Robert Smalley on February 21, 2019. Daniel joins his brother, Peter, age three. They are the children of Zac and Erin Smalley. Zac is the Program Director at Silver Bay YMCA. Daniel is the first child born in Hague since 1997. His delivery was with the aid of a midwife in a planned home birth.

DIED: Mrs. Barbara Smith Bolton, 94, of Birmingham, AL and Silver Bay, peacefully at home, on February 22, 2019. Her loving husband of 66 years, Nick, was by her side.

She graduated from the Horace Mann School for Girls and Smith College, and attended Columbia University and the Juillard School of Music.

She was an avid reader and a lover of music, possessing a lovely soprano voice and playing the cello. Her beautiful speaking voice brought the news to blind radio listeners for many years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bolton is survived by her children, Louis D. (Dave) Bolton III, Elizabeth (Tibby) Christenberry (Robert); Victoria (Tori) Rice (Harry); Katherine (Kit) Casey (Steve); and James A. (Jim) Bolton (Ginny); thirteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Burial will be this summer in Ticonderoga.

DIED: Derek Andrew May, 43, on February 26, 2019. He was the son of David P. May and Nancy Fortier May of Niskayuna and Hague.

After graduating from Niskayuna High School in 1996, Derek moved to Tennessee where he resided for seven years. In 2003 he moved with his sons to Hague. He worked as a logger until 2017 and then went to work for Pat Armstrong, Inc. Derek was hard working, with a huge heart full of love for his family and friends.

He had recently found his soul mate in Sharon Olcott-Dorsett.

Derek is survived by his parents, David and Nancy May; his brother, Chad (Ellen Russo) and niece, Sierra May, of Schenectady; his fiancée, Sharon Olcott-Dorsett, of Ticonderoga; his children, Hunter and Brandon May and Tyler Proud of Hague, Cheyenne Nast of Crown Point, and Taylor, Kallie, and Maicey Dorsett of Ticonderoga; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

DIED: Elizabeth E. (Steitz) McGuire, 97, on March 2, 2019, surrounded by family.

Mrs. McGuire was a veteran of the US

Army, having served as a nurse during WW II.



She became an office nurse in Trenton, NJ after her discharge. Betty and her husband, Jim, retired to Hague in June, 1984.

Betty was a congregant of the Hague Baptist Church, involved in Home Bureau, a member the Champlain Valley Chorale, and a volunteer at the Moses-Ludington Hospital.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, James McGuire; two brothers, Albert Steitz and Dr. Arthur Steitz; and one sister, Virginia (Steitz) Stier.

She is survived by her son, Timothy McGuire (Barb) of Council Bluffs, IA and her daughter, Wendy McGuire of Hague; four grandchildren, Jenni (Paul) Smith of Ticonderoga, Christopher Kuzianik of Hague, and Rebecca (Kyle) Baker and Cari (Jesse) Hodge of Olympia, WA; eight great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, including Art Steitz of Hague.

DIED: William Francis Pelkey, 86, of Hague, on March 8, 2019, suddenly at his residence.

Mr. Pelkey was a veteran of the US Army.



He was a graduate of St. Michael's College of Colchester, VT and was employed by Mathew Bender Publishing Company of New York City as an accountant. He had been a resident of Hague for many years. He enjoyed West Highland Terriers, especially his dog, Scooter.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Madeline (Blair) Pelkey; one son, Stephen Pelkey of Crown Point; and two sisters, Mary Arlene Pelkey of VT and Lenora Richards of Elmhurst, IL. ▣

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, awards, or deaths. Send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

MASON/STAR DINNER

A roast pork loin 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 Saturday, March 23, 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. ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

Yesterday's newspaper contained an interesting article about why feeding birds is not a good thing to do. Being a long-time feeder of birds, I wanted to learn what is so harmful about this seemingly innocent activity.

The author of the article was called the "Master Naturalist." His first point pertained to what happens to birds when you can no longer refill their feeder. Let's say you go away on vacation or spend time in a hospital and the feeder runs empty. The author explained that by feeding them, you created an artificial abundance that made the birds dependent upon you. Instead of establishing their own territories, the birds came to rely upon you. Once they were deserted, they had to invade the territories of other birds to get food. That could lead to problems.

Another point is that no natural food source is as small and compact as a

bird feeder. When a lot of individuals are sharing the same space, the risk of spreading disease is much higher. The writer compared birds eating at a feeder to passing a bag of pretzels around a big room of people. Everyone reaches into the bag and roots around for a pretzel. Less than hygienic hands means everyone is exposed to germs.

Bird predators are also attracted to a bird feeder. Cats, hawks, and even bobcats or foxes may become frequent visitors, just waiting to kill a bird they view as food.

Wild birds eat a variety of natural foods, but that is not the case at a bird feeder. Even the best birdseed mixes cannot come close to matching the broad spectrum of choices a foraging bird has. Since birdseed is supposed to attract birds, the seed producers fill the bags full of the bird equivalent to French fries, that is fatty seeds like peanuts or sunflowers. These provide lots of energy, but they pack weight on more sedentary birds and on the ever-present squirrels.



The author ended his article with the observation that less popular seeds, such as millet and milo, are added as filler to birdseed bags. Birds do not like these seeds, but mice and roaches do and who wants them around a house?

The writer wants all of us who enjoy nature to decide how much we are willing to interfere with its natural balance. Do bird feeders put the birds we enjoy observing at an unfair disadvantage? What do you think? ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

"Green lawn. Green lake."

It's a phrase worth repeating. The idea of eliminating the use of fertilizers and pesticides in the Lake George Watershed is not new and the science is clear. Fertilizers in runoff from lawns and gardens increase the levels of nutrients in the lake and promote algae growth. Pesticides are toxic to fish and other aquatic organisms and can affect human health. Last month I mentioned that Queensbury passed an ordinance to regulate the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

The ordinance, which can be found online, is entitled "Chapter 107: Lawn Fertilizer and Pesticide Runoff Control," and was adopted by the Queensbury Town Board on September 12, 2011. In short, the law can be paraphrased as:

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

- Fertilizers are broadly defined as any substance that promotes plant growth.
- Pesticides include, but are not limited to, any herbicide, algicide, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide, termiticide, etc.
- No person shall apply fertilizers within 50 feet of a regulated water body.
- No person shall apply fertilizer, as through negligence, onto an impermeable surface that would direct runoff into a regulated water body.
- Only fertilizer labeled as containing no phosphorus can be used 50 feet or more from a regulated water body.
- Any fertilizer that happens to land on an impermeable surface must be immediately controlled by directing it to adjacent vegetation or collected and properly disposed of.
- Any person applying pesticides to an area of greater than 100 square feet needs to mark the area and keep the markers in place for 24 hours.
- Exemptions include: a newly established lawn in the first growing season; emergency situations; situations where soil tests indicate the need for phosphorus; applying fertilizers to areas that have an

appropriate 15-foot buffer area between the lawn and the water body; agricultural uses, vegetable and flower gardens or trees and shrubs; natural or organic pesticides; pesticides for invasive species control, if approved; and impermeable surfaces that direct flows to an approved treatment device.

- First violations have a civil penalty of \$150 and the second and succeeding violations have a penalty of \$450. If a landscaper is involved, both parties can be penalized.

A similar ordinance is being considered for the Town of Hague. I encourage you to support the passage of this law by contacting the members of the Hague Town Board. Their email addresses can be found on the town website: <http://www.townofhague.org/boards/town-board>.

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, Steve Ramant, Josh Patchett, or me. ■

GRANT FOR TEEN CENTER

The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center recently received a \$5,000 grant from the International Paper Foundation to support the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga, which serves teens from our area in grades six through twelve.

"This program brings after school and weekend tutoring, as well as educational and recreational activities to teens that use the center without any fees.

During the 2018 - 2019 school year, we served ~55% of the local school population, with monthly averages in excess of 990 unique student visits," said Silver Bay CEO Steve Tamm. ■

TEENS DONATE HOMEMADE BLANKETS

The teens of the Leaders Club at Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center – Ticonderoga, including Nevaeh Trudeau of Hague, recently made six homemade blankets and 12 scarves and donated them to Friends Comforting Friends, a local charity organization that supports area cancer patients.

"We are proud of the strong, compassionate, caring leaders that these teens have become," says Jackie Palandrani, Youth and Teen Director at Silver Bay YMCA.

All teens are invited to join the Leaders Club at the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center. The Teen Center is 100% funded by donations and is offered at no cost to the community. ■

ONGOING EVENTS

1st Monday: HVFD, 7 pm

Every Tuesday: Champlain Chorale, 7 pm

3rd Tuesday: Ti School Board, 7 pm

3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club, 7 pm

1st and 3rd Wednesday:

TiCoustics, 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

WALK TO DOME ISLAND

by Jan Whitaker

As one comes down the hill into Bolton Landing from Exit 24/County Route 11, the appropriately named Dome Island stands out for its rounded top and lack of any docks or other signs of development.

After a rumor spread that a hotel might be built on the island, prominent conservationist John Apperson bought it in 1939 and turned it over to the Nature Conservancy in 1956. Since that time, the island has been off limits to the public and has been studied as an example of what the Lake George region might look like without the direct impact of human interaction.

But over the past decade or so, on one day in February when weather and ice conditions permit, its caretaker, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC), allows a small group of people to explore the island by leading a "Walk on Water" to the island. With the lake being safely



Photo courtesy of the Post Star.

frozen this year, the walk took place on Saturday, February 16, 2019, a day with a beautiful sky of blue and a few wispy clouds floating occasionally overhead. The conditions allowed skiers, snowshoers, or hikers to depart from the Bolton shore for the one mile-ish walk to the island. There were snowmobilers on the lake and many ice fishermen, who are enjoying

the best conditions in years.

With the Sagamore Hotel below the mountains and the clear sky, it was a beautiful setting for the walk. And once to the island, we

scampered up the steep shoreline onto the island. Since the area where we were was mainly large, mature hemlocks, the sun filtered through the branches with little underbrush due to the lack of bright sun. It was easy to move around and we found the rock that has a plaque recognizing the gift of Mr. Apperson. ■

BENEFIT CHICKEN DINNER

The Ticonderoga High Class of 2020 will hold a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, March 27, 2019

from 5 – 7 pm. The menu will be: chicken and biscuit, mashed potato, vegetable, and a home-baked dessert. The cost is \$10. Take-outs will be available. Delivery to businesses is available for orders of five or more.

To schedule a delivery, please call Kim Powers at 518-585-7400, ext. 1118 prior to March 26. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2020 Junior Prom and Senior Trip. ■

MY SOUTHERN COMFORT ZONE

By Ginger Henry Kuenzel

This was the winter that I decided to throw some belongings into my car and head south for a few months. I didn't actually consider it to be a scary thing to do, even though friends and family members kept telling me how brave they thought I was. Brave? Heck, I've parachuted out of an airplane, given birth in a VW bus, and gotten arrested in East Germany. Striking out on my own for parts unknown was not something that could scare me. No, I viewed this as just another adventure. Something to push me out of my comfort zone. Many friends offered advice – most of which wasn't all that useful. For instance: "No! Don't leave!" But, perhaps the strangest advice of all came from a woman I had recently met who told me she had a lot of travel experience. I don't actually think she had been on many road trips, but she did seem to have a lot of road behind her. Her words of wisdom for me? "Keep your guns close and don't hang any clothes in your car window."

During my drive to Florida, I encountered a number of characters. There was the guy in the convenience store in southern Virginia who, out of the blue, while I was filling my coffee cup, launched into a rant about all the people on welfare and how much he is paying in taxes. I didn't know why he picked me to unload upon and I also had no idea about how to respond. So – unbelievable as it may sound for

those who know me – I held my tongue. Despite his rant and his apparent disdain for northerners – I guess he had noticed my New York license plate – he did call me "Ma'am" several times during his raging discourse. Wow, a polite rant!

As I ventured ever deeper into the south, I became ever more impressed with the people I was meeting. I attribute this to the fact that everyone was calling me "Ma'am." I liked that. I can't recall anyone in Hague ever using that term with me. Or with anyone else, for that matter.

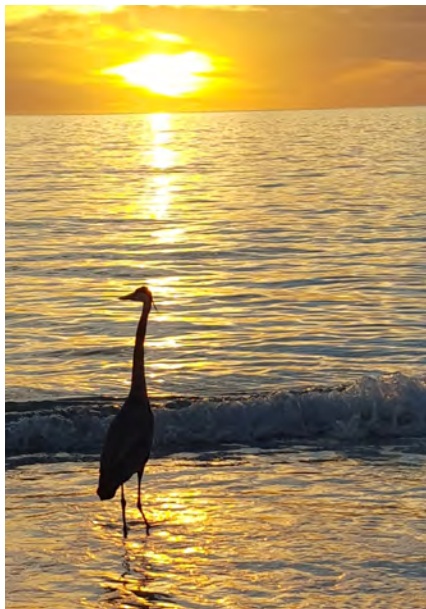
The waitress in the breakfast room at the Quality Inn near Savannah not only called me "Ma'am," she also called me "Sugar" (or more accurately, "Shoogah"). And "Honey." I was definitely feeling the southern hospitality.

Upon arriving in Florida, it didn't take me long to find the perfect town to settle into as my winter home. It has miles of sandy Gulf Coast beaches and tiki huts with live music, a blues bar, music in the park, and frequent street festivals – not to mention an arts

alliance, writers groups, and even a small theater. And yet, because it's somewhat off the beaten path, it doesn't have the crowds that plague many other Florida towns at this time

of year. It's idyllic. No traffic jams, laid back, friendly people taking life slow. A lot like Hague. Just with a different winter climate! But here's another similarity to Hague: When I mention to locals how much I love this town, they beg me not to tell anyone else about it as they don't want any more people moving here, though they do seem to tolerate me.

I discovered that a great way to meet people when you move to a brand-new town and know absolutely nobody is to walk around sporting a Lake George cap or sweatshirt. At the beach, in the checkout line at the store, at the gym, in the library – so many people have come up to me to ask if I am from Lake George and to tell me about the wonderful experiences they've had there. That's always nice to hear – and makes me glad that I'll be returning home very soon. ▣



THE BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH 2019

The Best 4th in the North Celebration will take place Monday, July 1 - Thursday, July 4, 2019 in Ticonderoga with a parade, the Montcalm Mile race, music, food, vendors, rides, games, a grand fireworks display, and more.

The committee is now accepting applications and registrations for the parade. The theme will be "50s & 60s Music." They would like to see floats from attractions, businesses, sports teams, clubs, organizations, and so forth. Everyone should use this year's theme or red, white, and blue.

There is no charge to participate, but all entries must be family friendly and follow all parade guidelines.

Parade participants are encouraged to register as early as possible. Applications can be found at www.timainstreet.org or picked up at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office.

The committee is also accepting nominations for the Grand Marshal. Think of people who are truly dedicated to the community, serve the area throughout the year, and who have been an inspiration. Then, go to the Best 4th in the North Facebook

page or email tmsp@timainstreet.org to submit your nomination. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 12th.

In addition, the committee needs volunteers to help with planning and fundraising and during the celebration. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm at the TACC office.

Stay up-to-date with information on the celebration, fundraisers, and more by liking and following The Best 4th in the North, Downtown Ticonderoga, and TACC on Facebook. You can also visit www.timainstreet.org or www.ticonderoga.com. ▣

TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Historical Society opens its 2019 program season on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7 pm with a program commemorating the end of the First World War. "Versailles: The Peace to End all Peace" will take place at the Hancock House. Refreshments will be served.

"The Treaty of Versailles was the most important of the treaties signed to end the hostilities we call the First World War," said program presenter Brian O'Connor.

"However, it may well have led to the Second World War, and certainly was responsible for resentment, instability, and unrest in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. The consequences of the treaty are with us still today."

The program is free, but seats may be reserved by calling 518-585-7868 or by e-mailing tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ■



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PAINT AND SIP

Join the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 5:30 – 7 pm at its office at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing for a "Paint and Sip" to help you shake off the winter cold and gear up for spring!

Artist and teacher Patrice Jarvis-Weber will teach a beginner painting class appropriate for adults as well as for children ten and up. Wine will be provided for the adults and hot chocolate for the kids.

The subject matter for the painting will be the trillium, a beautiful native Adirondack wildflower, which appears in April and May and heralds the onset of spring. Participants will use acrylic paints on a stretched canvas and will take home the finished piece of art that they create.

The class size will be limited to 15 people and the cost is \$15 per person, covering all materials and painting supplies. Registration and details are at www.lglc.org/events-and-programs. ■

TICOUSTICS

Area musicians are planning some happy music at their St. Patrick's Day Show on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 6 – 8:30 pm on the second floor of the Elks Club in Ticonderoga.

Chris and Tom LaPointe, Ray Burlingame with Lance Dolbeck, Larry Conley, Kenny Mac Alpine, and Jim Beaty will all be performing. ■

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 2 pm in the Mars Education Center, Director of Academic Programs Rich Strum will present "Lake Champlain's Age of Steam." Hear about how from the first steamer that plied the waters of Lake Champlain in 1809 to the Ticonderoga that ceased operation in 1953, dozens of steamers moved passengers and freight up and down the lake, connecting communities and bringing early tourists to the region.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door. Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga Members and Ticonderoga Ambassador Pass Holders. ■

FREE MOVIE

To promote public understanding of substance dependency, treatment, recovery, and stories of hope, the Ticonderoga Neighbors Addressing Drug Abuse (TiNADA) is offering a FREE showing of the movie, "The Anonymous People" at 6 pm on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at North Country Community College in Ticonderoga.

This is a moving story told through the faces and voices of citizens, leaders, volunteers, corporate executives, and celebrities, all laying it on the line to save the lives of others. Pizza and refreshments will be served. ■

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER

The Ticonderoga Hometown Heroes Banner Committee is inviting Hague residents who are veterans or have family members who are veterans to be part of their Hometown Heroes Banner Project. The banner will be hung in Ticonderoga from Memorial Day until Veterans Day each year.

Applications can be picked up at the Hague Community Center or printed from the Fort Ticonderoga VFW Post 146 Facebook page. They contain the eligibility requirements and contacts for more information. A completed application, a picture of the veteran in uniform (chest up only), a copy of the DD Form 214, and a payment of \$215 are required. All paperwork and the picture will be returned. ■

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CALENDAR

March 2019

MARCH

20	6 – 8:30 pm	TiCoustics St. Patrick's Day Show
23	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason/Star Dinner
26	1:30 pm	Senior Club Meeting
28	6 pm	Movie – “The Anonymous People” at NCCC
28	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
29	7 pm	TI Historical Society Program

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

September 2 through June 30
Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

APRIL

4	7 pm	Planning Board
7	2 pm	“Lake Champlain's Age of Steam” at the fort
8		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline for the April issue
9	6 pm	Town Board
12		Deadline for nominations for Grand Marshal for Best 4th in the North Celebration
18	5:30 – 7 pm	LGLC Paint and Sip