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MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE

by Maureen Cherubini

It was a beautiful, sunny day in Hague for us to celebrate Memorial Day together and to honor the men and women who served our country. There was a jovial atmosphere at the Fun Fest in the Town Park and the Memorial Service, with Dr. John McDonald as the speaker, was extremely moving.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's parade and those who came out to support it.

As parade chairwoman, I know this parade couldn't have happened without the support of our Town of Hague and my committee, who were with me from January until the day of parade. They were: Dawn Withrow, Connie Swinton, Christine Swinton, Patricia Hintze, Gladys Graser, Joan Steitz, Ray Snyder, Steve Fleischhacker, and Bertha Dunsmore. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

WINNERS OF THE PARADE:

- Best in Parade.....Adirondack Escapes
- Most Creative.....Rexhulda "The Next Generation"
- Best Adirondack.....The Hague Seniors
- Most Humorous NLG Realty
- Most Patriotic..... YaDa, YaDa Bible Study
- Best Youth.....Hague Fish & Game
- Honorable Mention Adult.....Chris Ginn
- Honorable Mention Youth.....Boy Scouts of America

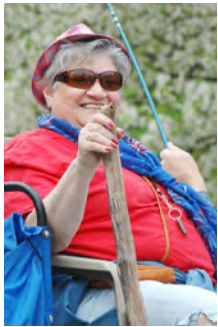


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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We plan to go to the Heritage Museum in Ticonderoga on Thursday, June 20, 2019 followed by lunch at Emeralds II. The club will pay for the museum entrance and members will pay for their own lunches.



June 25th at noon will be our Appreciation Luncheon for all the work done to make the parade, the White Elephant Sale, and Americade successful. ❑

DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

If you are a visitor in Hague or a seasonal resident here for more than 30 days and your dog is older than four months, you must register that dog. A license costs four dollars and can be obtained from Town Clerk Melissa Patchett. ❑

LOCAL AUTHOR PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

A new book by Ginger Henry Kuenzel of Hague takes a whimsical look at the characters who live in the fictitious Adirondack town of Downtown.

Downtown is a tribute to the people who live in small towns. In this series of tongue-in-cheek essays, Ginger portrays some of the quirky characters, unusual events, and rather astonishing places in the fictitious town of Downtown in the Adirondack Mountains of NY, some of which you may find somewhat familiar.

Ginger writes, "You won't find Downtown on any map. It's any town and it's every town, anywhere in the country. It's a town of people who don't always agree, but who put differences aside to be there for each other when it matters. A town where winters are long, cocktails are strong and the sense of community is extraordinary. You might just say it's a town that's hard to get to and harder to leave."

Ginger is a journalist, author, and translator. She was born in Hague, and has lived here off and on for her entire life. She co-authored, with Frank Leonbruno, the book Lake George Reflections about the Lake George islands.

Both books are available at Trees in Bolton Landing and the Hague Market or can be ordered online from Amazon. ❑

SCHOOL BUDGET RE-VOTE

The result of the first tax levy vote, as reported in The Press Republican, was 747 no and 558 yes.

As of our June deadline, the school board had plans to hold a discussion of the Revised Proposed Budget on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7 pm during their regular monthly board meeting.

Superintendent McDonald had agreed to meet at the Hague Community Center on Monday, June 17th at 6 pm.

The re-vote on the budget was scheduled for June 18th.

We'll report on these meetings and the re-vote in the July issue. ❑

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Families who have children who will turn four on or before December 1, 2019, and who wish to enroll them in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program next year, should call 585-7400, ext. 2219 now to inform the school that they will be attending registration and screening day on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 8 am – 2 pm at the elementary school. ❑



HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of May, we had ten fire calls and drills and six EMS calls, with a total of 103 volunteer hours.



On June 7, 2019, we responded to a motorcycle accident on Tongue Mountain. Two riders were injured, with one transported to the Sabbath Day Point Beach by Hague EMS, where the LifeNet helicopter was waiting to transport the patient to Burlington. The second patient was taken to Ticonderoga by Ti EMS and then transferred to Burlington by Lamoille Ambulance.

Another motorcycle accident occurred at the same time further up the mountain and Bolton EMS responded for that. Thanks to all the agencies that assisted us.

As we head into the busy summer season, please remember to watch for pedestrians and bikers on the roadways. ❑

OFFERINGS AT SILVER BAY YMCA

Every Sunday:

8:30 am - Interdenominational Communion; 9 am - Community Choir Rehearsal; 10 am - Worship service

Mondays – Saturdays:

7:15 – 7:45 pm – Vespers in the Silver Bay Chapel

June 29, 2019, 8 pm:

Brian Fitzpatrick and the Band of Brothers Concert. This is a mix of Celtic instrumentation and folk music and lyrics.

July 4th, 11:15 am:

Shortest 4th in the North Parade

July 13th - 8 pm:

Silver Bay String Quintet at Grace Chapel at Sabbath Day Point: Mozart Clarinet Quintet and Grieg String Quartet ❑

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

FITZGERALD FAMILY REPRESENTS HAGUE IN DC

Two Hague brothers, Nicholas and Michael Fitzgerald, sons of Martin and Heidi Fitzgerald of Hague, and their family, journeyed to Washington, DC for two exciting opportunities May 30 - June 2, 2019.

Michael, a senior at Ticonderoga High School, fellow Ticonderoga Quiz Bowl academic club team members, and their mentor Maria Bagneshi, were invited to participate in the National Tournament in Alexandria, Virginia. Michael co-captained the team alongside senior Natalie O'Neil and they were joined by junior Ethan Kerr and freshman Aidan Porter as they competed with over 80 other teams from across the nation.



A-Team: Michael Fitzgerald, Natalie O'Neil, Aidan Porter, and Ethan Kerr

The team played six challenging and quick-paced matches throughout the weekend. The students showed impressive knowledge of the Bible, math, sciences, history, literature, geography, sports, and pop culture. The families of the team members were very proud of these outstanding representatives of Ticonderoga High School and our community.

Through the Washington Center and his school, the University of New Hampshire, Nicholas will complete a ten-week internship at the National Archives. He will work with the Marketing and Communications team under the Office of the Chief of Staff, editing event photos to be posted on social media platforms. He will also complete a political science class, as well as leadership seminars and networking events.



Nick in front of the National Archives

PARK COMMISSION MEETING

by Al Rider

At the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) meeting on May 28, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Lake George, there were two applications from Hague residents on the agenda.

Peter Voll, who has lived next to Hague Brook since 1985, asked for a variance to extend his 40' dock to 140'. While this may sound extreme, as Mr. Voll explained, the depth of water has been severely reduced to the point that he and other lakefront residents in the area now have to walk their boats in and out from their docks.

Commissioner Dean Cook asked Mr. Voll to describe the changes in the brook outlet since he purchased his property. Mr. Voll told of the continual build-up of sediment from the brook. This has caused an "island" to form, which continues to grow further into the lake. This "Island" blocks the natural flow of lake water past the outlet, so leaves that fall into the lake remain there and decompose. This has resulted in muck that is upward of 12" deep in an area that was pristine sand when this author was a young boy, swimming and snorkeling at that very same beach, then known as "Dock 'N Dine."

Commissioner Cook asked what happens during "rain events." Mr. Voll explained that water teems down the Route 8 corridor and "the entire beach area becomes filled with muddy, murky run-off water."

Several sediment basins were constructed around the lake in about 2006 to reduce the problem of sedimentation at steam outlets. Two are on the Hague Brook. One is located across from the Hague Fire Department and another is at the brook's outlet into the lake.

The Lake George Association (LGA) plans to perform maintenance this year as their inspection earlier in May showed the need to remove sediment.

In the report of the FUND for Lake George for 2011, "ALTERING OUR NATURAL STREAMS: A study of the effectiveness and impacts of construction of instream sediment basins in Lake George streams for the removal of pollutants," Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, presented data that does not support the use of these basins and actually shows they do more harm than good!

Among the report's conclusion are:

- Instream sediment basins alter the natural stream habitat by creating unnatural slow-moving deep habitat, resulting in ideal conditions for algal blooms and creating suitable areas for growth by invasive species, such as the Japanese Knotweed, which is now growing at the West Hague Road sediment basin.
- Reductions of instream load can increase transport capability downstream. That is, less sediment increases the speed of water flowing into the lake.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/23/2019

The meeting was cancelled due to there being no applications. ❑

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING: 5/29/19

A special meeting of the Hague Town Board was held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at the Hague Community Center at 4 pm with the following members present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant, Joshua Patchett, and Martin Fitzgerald II. Others present were Interim Town Clerk Melissa Patchett and Ginger Henry Kuenzel.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to base the starting annual salary for Melissa Patchett on that of Janet Hanna in 2017. The resolution passed unanimously, with Joshua Patchett abstaining.

Resolutions were passed unanimously appointing Janet Hanna as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the term expiring December 31, 2019.

A motion was made and approved unanimously outlining who will be employed at the Hague Town Park for the 2019 season. They are:

Visitor Center Staff:

Patricia Hintze, Susan Adair, Kathi Ramant

Boat Launch Staff:

Donna Trudeau, Head, Bob Gavaletz, Steve Fleischhacker, Beth Navitsky, Judy Gorley

Life Guard Staff:

Skylar Morales, Head, Hunter Jordan, Chloe Derrico



The council members discussed ways to improve the Town of Hague's waste transfer facility, which is losing money for the town since costs to consumers are based on cost rather than weight, but Casella charges by weight to haul it away. The board will look into purchasing a scale. The board unanimously agreed to enter into another one-year contract with Casella Waste Management for June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

The board discussed contracting with the L.A. Group to prepare and submit a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) grant to develop a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the sum of \$3,000. Tracey Clothier of the L.A. Group would draw up a proposal for a \$50,000 grant, \$10,000 of which the town would have to pay. The board decided to look into other options and find out what other towns in Warren County are doing. The board tabled the LWRP Proposal. ❑

CORRECTION :In the Planning Board Report in the May 2019 issue, after "The board approved a six-foot high fence....," we stated that Frasier, Peterson, Belden, and Gourley had voted "yes" and Fitzgerald had voted "no." It should have been Fitzgerald voted "yes" and Belden voted "no." ❑

PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/6/2019

Chairman Dick Frasier, Vice-Chair Pam Peterson, and Board Members Dan Belden, Martin Fitzgerald II, and Meg Haskell were all present. Judy Gourley was absent.

FRASIER (25.3-1-11.1) 9427 Graphite Mountain Road (OCI)

Dick Frasier recused himself. The applicants would like to subdivide this 79.09-acre parcel into four parcels. The Public Hearing was held, with no discussions for or against. The board approved the subdivision.

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

The applicants are proposing a two-lot subdivision of a 1.29-acre parcel. If approved, one lot will consist of 27,007 sq. ft. and the other lot will consist of 24,829 sq. ft. A site visit will be held.

The July Planning Board meeting will be held on July 11, 2019 due to the Fourth of July holiday. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 6/11/2019

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, and Josh Patchett were present. Martin Fitzgerald II was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Dick Mattison.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: Frasier

Assessor/Justice – Assessor's Report was distributed to the town board.

Finance/Insurance – The town is happy with the new finance company.

Recreation/Promotion – YMCA seven-week summer program will begin one week after school gets out.

Buildings and Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett

The split rail project at the community center is done. New topsoil and grass seed are down. The valves in the community center bathrooms have been replaced.

Highway: Ramant/Bast

Highway Superintendent Donald Smith reported they are repairing Dodd Hill Road, Decker Hill Road, and Pudding Island Road. Mowing along the roads will begin soon. Buoys will be put in this week at the town beach.

Museum/Historian: Patchett/Ramant

Patchett said that the Hague Historical Society has put up a new exhibit on the schools of Hague in the community center museum. Frasier mentioned it is advisable to check with the Coordinator, Bertha Dunsmore, to schedule events at the community center.

Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett

ZEO, Cathy Clark states her office has been very busy. There have been septic violations and complaints of excess water flooding private properties.

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SOUNDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO: The Hague residents graduating from Ticonderoga High School this month. More on them in the July issue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Kerri Anne McDonough, who graduated from Brooklyn Law School in May and will be joining a leading Manhattan law firm in September. Proud family includes Kevin and Heather McDonough of Silver Bay and grandparents Pat and Dennis McDonough of Hague. Kerri Anne was a graduate of Northwood School in Lake Placid and Hunter College in NYC.

DIED: Richard Joseph Mattison, Jr., 72, of Hague, on May 19, 2019 at Glens Falls Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.



Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Special Forces in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart and many other medals.

He was a lifetime resident of Ticonderoga and Hague, having moved to Hague in 1999. He was employed by International Paper as a millwright and was a member of the Company's Quarter Century Club. He was a member of the American Legion # 224, the V.F.W. # 146, and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks # 1494, all of Ticonderoga.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Susan F. (Smith) Mattison; four children: Richard J. "Rick" Mattison III (Shannon), David Jordon (Karla), Amy Reeves and Joanna Knight (Domonic); one brother, Robert Mattison; and two sisters, Gloria Waters and Brenda Cudd. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was pre-deceased by one brother, Jack Mattison. ❑

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE BOARD MEETS

by Judy Stock

The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* held its annual meeting on June 4, 2019, when each of the seven board members were re-elected for another one-year term. Publisher Judy Stock, Editor Bobbi Taylor, Treasurer Bob Whitaker, and Secretary Pat McDonough will remain as officers for another year. Chris Quinn will continue as layout editor and Ginger Kuenzel and Jan Whitaker remain on the Editorial Staff, assisting in various ways.

Treasurer Bob Whitaker reported a current checking account balance of \$8,027.50, which is down about \$300 from the same time last year.

With our new digital platform, the categories of our expenses have changed. We now have more costs for software applications and online accounts, while the hard copy printing and mailing costs have greatly decreased. We proudly sponsor *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for a Hague resident who is a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School.

So, we continue to need contributions from our readers to cover these expenses.

If you have not already made a donation online this year, please go to www.thehaguechronicle.org, click on the DONATE tab at the top, and follow the prompts. While there, please add your name to our email subscription list if you have not yet done so. Once you've done that, you will receive an email each month with a link in it to download the current issue. It's that simple!

We greatly appreciate the amazing support we have had from you, our readers, over the years and hope that you will continue to do so. ❑

TOWN BOARD 6/11/2019

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Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier

Ramant reports the boat launch is now open. The Independence Day Celebration Fireworks will be at The Hague Town Beach on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9 pm. There will be food vendors prior to the fireworks.

Sewer District#1 and #2: Bast/Frasier

ZEO Clark reports that one of the property owners who had previously committed to connect to the sewer is only planning to connect one of the structures on his property. The appeals process requires an inspection and nothing has been scheduled.

Environmental Concerns: Ramant/ Patchett

Ramant reports that Ryan Burcum has increased his bid on the knotweed project after his reassessment now that the plants are in bloom. Ramant states that we have funding from the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC). It will begin this summer and is expected to last longer than a year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ramant noted the lake is under siege from invasive species. Most of the launches on the lake are locked after hours. However, the DEC does not lock the ones at Rogers Rock, Mossy Point, or Million Dollar Beach after hours. Ramant and representatives from other towns are going to meet with the DEC in Albany. The board approved a resolution for the town to support a statement of intent to work in good faith with other local governments whose towns border Lake George.

The board approved resolutions for adjustments to Sewer District #1 and to collect sewer rents from May 1 to July 31, 2019.

The board held a public hearing on the proposed solar code and voted to adopt and amend the zoning codes of the town to include solar energy use.

The board approved use of the town park for the John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse on July 26, 2019.

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

CORRECTION: In the "ice-out" story in our May issue, we mistakenly attributed the official ice-out date to the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) rather than the Lake George Association (LGA). ❑

BOAT LAUNCHES UNLOCKED, LEAVING LAKE GEORGE SUBJECT TO INVASIVES

Lake George is separated from Lake Champlain by about two miles. As Town of Hague Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant notes, you can pull your boat from Lake Champlain and be ready to launch it into Lake George in about ten minutes.

Lake George has been highly praised for its efforts to fend off non-native species. But Lake Champlain is part of a ship route from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. It hosts numerous non-native species (such as water chestnuts) that have hitchhiked on the hulls of unrestricted boats, taking over and altering the ecosystems.



Invasive water chestnuts being harvested. Photo by Skip Dickstein / Times Union Archive

Many environmentalists at Lake George worry that two boat launches in the northern basin of Lake George could become gateways to invasives that they have tried so hard to keep out. These launch sites, Mossy Point and Rogers Rock, have attendants present during the day to inspect and (if need be) scrub incoming boats of invasives, but there are no locking gates to prevent boats from entering the water after hours.

All of the other launches, both public and private, are locked down at night and in the shoulder seasons, leaving just those two weak links in the north. Ramant said it's mystifying why so much care would be taken to lock up everything else on the lake, while the two northern launches remain open.

"It's a stone's throw from Lake Champlain to Mossy Point," said Eric Siy, executive director of the FUND for Lake George. "A boat from Lake Champlain carrying invasives to Lake George is our worst nightmare. These are loopholes that have to be closed."

Ramant says, "All it takes is one boat to spread an invasive. It's just those two launches that are unlocked," he said. "We're going to lose this battle unless everything can be controlled."

But the State Department of Environmental Conservation, which would be responsible for providing after-hours gates, remains unconvinced.

Ramant reports that a meeting is planned with NY DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos for June 17, 2019 in Albany. He says that many of the Lake George Town Supervisors, Mayor Robert Blais of the Town of Lake George, Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, and many directors of lake non-profits plan to attend. They will push for Mossy Point, Rogers Rock, and Million Dollar Beach (which is locked sporadically) to be locked and gated whenever staff is not present.

As that meeting will be held after our June deadline, we'll have more on that in our July issue.

Sections adapted from an article in the 5/13/2019 Albany Times Union by Tim Rowland ▣

FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the FUND for Lake George will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 9 – 11 am at the Sagamore Resort Conference Center in Bolton Landing.

The keynote speaker will be Sandra Postel, one of the world's foremost authorities on freshwater stewardship. She is the director of the Global Water Policy Project and the author of Replenish: The Virtuous Cycle of Water and Prosperity. ▣

MOUNTAIN MOTORS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

by Pat McDonough



The Open House at Mountain Motors over Memorial Day Weekend was a lively addition to the weekend's activities in Hague. Fran

and Beth Sisca's hospitality was appreciated by all in attendance. The early evening affair included live music by "Half Step," a band from Bolton Landing, good food and drinks, and congenial company.

The Siscas, homeowners in Hague who hail from Connecticut, opened their business on Route 8 in Hague in 2017, offering a full-service marina, as well as automotive work, with a special emphasis on classic boats and cars. They are one of 16 U.S. dealers for Rossiter, a Canadian boat builder. They are joined on the sales side of the business by Bob Friedlander.

Asked about their business philosophy, Sisca replied: "We are loving what we do, growing each year, and looking forward to serving the community for many years to come. We pride ourselves on open communication, quality work, on time and on budget. We are actively looking for quality individuals with a strong work ethic to join our team." ▣



Owners, Beth and Fran Sisca.

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



Let me ask you a question. Who out there in *Hague Chronicle* Land really likes a staghorn sumac? Raise your hands if you do. Just as I thought. Hardly anyone does, so I am not alone. If one staghorn sumac tree pokes its way above the ground, beware. Soon there will be two staghorn sumacs in your yard, then three, then four...you get the picture. You'll have a sumac colony soon. That's what a collection of staghorn sumacs is called. The trees spread aggressively because they multiply by seeds and by rhizomes, a meandering root system that sends out rootlets and shoots from underground to ultimately form clumps or colonies of staghorn sumacs. Who needs those "colonists" in your yard?

Our dislike might be justified if the staghorn was the poison sumac, which is also a plant native to the eastern United States and Canada. Most people

develop a painful allergic reaction upon contact with any part of the poison sumac, resulting in a red, itchy rash or blisters. Don't burn the leaves or wood of a poison sumac because inhaling poison sumac smoke can be dangerous or even fatal! Now, the staghorn sumac is not poisonous, but it has a disreputable reputation.

A quick way to identify a staghorn sumac is the velvety texture of its branches, which have been compared to a stag's antlers in velvet, hence its name. What is so special about soft-feeling branches? A tree's bark is supposed to be rough and tough. Isn't that what we all learned in kindergarten? All those little hairs on the staghorn sumac branches brushing my skin is a creepy feeling, if you ask me.



Yes, the seeds of the staghorn are cone-shaped and provide food for the birds throughout the winter. The tree flowers in late spring and the fruit ripens and hardens in late summer. You probably notice the bright red

cones of seeds as you hike or drive past the colonies of staghorn sumacs. The tree is admired for its bright yellow, orange, and scarlet autumn foliage as well.

The staghorn sumac's attention

to feeding the birds is appreciated by those of us who like birds, so I guess we should make our peace with the staghorn. The world of trees is a diverse world and the staghorn sumac has a unique place in that world. May it prosper and grow...just not in my yard. ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*



I heard the lake breathe a slight sigh of relief the other day. One more law to help protect water quality is now on the books as the Town of Bolton became the second municipality on the lake to pass a septic inspection law. The Town of Queensbury passed the first such law in October last year. Bolton's law was passed in May and will take effect September 1. Both laws require that septic tanks, or other on-site wastewater treatment systems (OSWT), pass a complete inspection prior to the property being sold or a change in ownership on the deed. One major difference in the two laws is that Queensbury's only applies to property within their waterfront residential zone, basically those properties directly on the lake. Bolton's law applies to all properties in the town, regardless of whether or not they are on water.

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

Bolton's law, "Bolton Septic Inspection Program," can be summarized as follows:

- It applies to "all conveyances of real property by deed or testamentary instrument transferring ownership of a developed property serviced by a septic system where those premises are not serviced by a municipal sewer line and the septic system servicing the real property is located wholly or partially within the Town of Bolton."
- The OSWT shall be inspected by a qualified inspector, who shall certify in a written report to the Planning Office the condition of the inspected OSWT prior to conveyance.
- Prior to the inspection, the septic tank must be pumped out by a licensed waste transporter.
- An acceptable inspection report is one that certifies that the OSWT is in compliance with applicable New York State and Town of Bolton laws.
- Any violation of the law would generate a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy from the Town. Failure to comply would result in a fine

of \$500 plus \$500 for each week thereafter that the system remains out of compliance.

Further details on the Bolton Law can be found online at: https://www.boltonnewyork.com/upload_files/town-ordinances/LOCAL%20LAW%20of%202019%20BSIP%201.pdf or by obtaining a copy from an HWQAC member.

Aha, you say! These laws only apply when there is a transfer of ownership. That might not happen for a generation. Very true. And therefore only cause for the slight sigh of relief from the lake. A small step in the right direction.

And no, the Town of Hague currently has no septic inspection law. But this should be considered as a future step to protect our most precious resource.

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. ■

END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE

High school students must attend on the days from Tuesday, June 18, 2019 through Wednesday, June 26th only if they have a scheduled exam. Elementary and middle school students will attend half days Wednesday, June 19th through Wednesday, June 26th.

Wednesday, June 19th – St. Mary’s 8th Grade Promotion

Wednesday, June 19th – BOCES Graduation – Moriah CSD

Thursday, June 20th – All seniors must report to the high school at 7:55 am for graduation rehearsal

Saturday, June 22nd, 10 am – High School Graduation

Wednesday, June 26th, 7 pm – Middle School Promotion



PARK COMMISSION MEETING

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- Instream basins affect water temperature. Temperatures downstream were found to be higher than upstream of the basin. Rising water temperatures can affect wildlife viability.
- Instream sediment basins are actually a violation of the Clean Water Act by using the waters of the U.S. for the assimilation of waste.
- Accumulated sediment in deltas, such as the one at the Hague Brook outlet, are the result of stormwater runoff, either from sources entering the stream, such as roads, driveways, or development without proper stormwater controls, or from increased volumes or velocity scouring the streambanks, thus more creating sediment.
- Stormwater is not being managed properly prior to entering the streams.

For more information, see the entire report at:

https://fundforlakegeorge.org/sites/default/files/site/default/files/lakegeorge/clean/sediment_pond_report_final_lowres.pdf

VENETIA LANNON JOINS FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE BOARD

Venetia Lannon, the former New York State deputy secretary for the environment and now a vice president with a nationally recognized environmental engineering firm, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of The FUND for Lake George.

As deputy secretary, Ms. Lannon served as environmental policy advisor to Governor Andrew Cuomo and his cabinet and oversaw the operations of the state’s environmental agencies, including the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, the Environmental Facilities Corporation, and the Adirondack Park Agency.



“Venetia is a powerful addition to our board, and we are honored to have her time and expertise working on the lake’s behalf,” said Chairman Jeff Killeen. “I had the good fortune of working with Venetia on numerous occasions while she was in the Executive Chamber and always came away impressed with her intelligence, her innovative approach to problem-solving and her passion for environmental protection. Lake George, and The FUND for Lake George, are fortunate to have Venetia in our corner.”

Ms. Lannon said, “Like so many people, I fell in love with Lake George the first time I visited. You just know in your heart when a place is special, and that’s the feeling I got about the lake. It’s one of the most majestic and magical places in New York State.”

She said she was also struck by the threats posed to the lake’s legendary clarity and cleanliness from aging septic systems and municipal wastewater treatment plants, road salt, and invasive species — and quickly became “inspired by The FUND’s innovation and efficacy in addressing these challenges.”

“Their science-guided approach, their partnerships with local businesses and local governments, and the innovative ways they think about the lake combine to create a true model for freshwater protection,” Ms. Lannon said. “I’m excited about becoming part of it.”

It would seem that Mr. Voll’s observations and resulting request for a variance show the results of sediment basins where observations should be made – at the point where the stream empties into the lake. Mr. Voll’s information indicates the basins have not helped and most likely have made the situation worse.

His application was unanimously approved, with the stipulation that if and when the water levels are returned to their “normal” level for the brook outlet, the dock extension will be removed and the length of the dock will revert to 40’.

Dean Cook commented to his fellow commission members, “We have quite a lot of work to do in Hague!”

The other application from Hague was by Snug Harbor South. Bob Palandrani, owner, explained that Snug Harbor Marina (SHM) has had an agreement with the owner of the property immediately north of the marina for docking space. That owner recently passed away and SHM purchased the property. SHM has no plans to expand, but wants to continue to use the property as they have for several years. The commission unanimously approved, with the stipulation that any additional use will require an application for a variance.

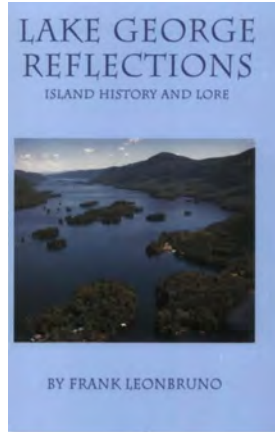
For a link to the video of the complete LGPC meeting, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMgpDmlh3Hw&feature=youtu.be>

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS

On June 26, 2019, at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center, the Hague Historical Society will present "Reflecting on Lake George Reflections." Ginger Henry Kuenzel, co-author with Frank Leonbruno of the book Lake George Reflections, will explain how the book came about and share some interesting stories and lore about the islands of Lake George.

Local authors will gather on July 19th from 5 - 8 pm at The Uptown in Hague. Authors will be selling and signing copies of their books and answering questions. Genres will include history and humor, books for children and teens books, and fiction and non-fiction. Jodi Auburn, Kristen

Balouch, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Jessica Laurel Kane, Ruth Lamb, Tim Rowland, and siblings of the late Francis "Smitty"



Hague Community Center, Joseph Zarzynski will present "The Tale of the

Smith will all be present. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

At the Hague Historical Society meeting on July 23rd at 7 pm at the

Dismembered 1757 Fort William Henry Shipwreck." He will tell about a British warship that was burned and sunk in Lake George during a French raid in 1757 and raised in 1903. ▣



Joseph Zarzynski, presenter at the July 23rd event.

SILVER BAY NAMED ONE OF FAVORITE US BEACHES

This appeared in *The New York Times* on Sunday, June 2, 2019 in an article about favorite beaches in the US:

"Four hours north of Manhattan, the "Queen of American Lakes" beckons all to its sun-dappled shores. The accessible southern terminus of Lake George, with kitschy arcades, wax museums and speedboats crowding the waterfront in the village of the same name, attracts the most tourists. My advice: Bypass it all and keep going north. On your way to Silver Bay, one of a handful of little towns that dot the northwest shores of the lake, you'll pass through a time machine of sorts. Up here cellphone service is spotty, shops and restaurants are few and far between and the pleasures of lake life — naps on a sun-warmed dock, rowboat picnics, long swims in water so clean that it qualifies as drinking water — are of the old-school variety." ▣

BOATERS, SLOW DOWN

While the lake level is high please watch your wake. Waves hit the shoreline higher than usual and can cause erosion of land above the usual waterline. Our lake is harmed by the nutrient loading from the resulting erosion. Also, waves hit docks and boathouses at a higher level and may cause damage. ▣

JOSEPH KEEGAN APPOINTED NCCC PRESIDENT



Photo courtesy of Adirondack Daily Enterprise — Jesse Adcock

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Joseph Keegan as the new president of North Country Community College. Keegan was previously North Country's vice-president for academic affairs. His appointment as president was effective June 16, 2019.

"Joseph Keegan is a true SUNY-grown leader, having attended North Country Community College, SUNY Potsdam, and the University at Albany throughout his academic career," said SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson. "His educational background coupled with his deep commitment to the North Country community, makes him an ideal choice to serve the mission and vision of the campus."

Keegan will be the college's seventh president since its founding in 1967. He replaces Dr. Steve Tyrell, who led the college since 2012.

"I would like to acknowledge the tireless and fruitful work of Dr. Tyrell, who has served us for seven years with dedication, vision, and courage," said Steve Reed, chairman of the North Country Community College Board of Trustees. "Our new president, Joe Keegan, brings to the position an impressive reservoir of good will, both in our surrounding communities and the college itself; this arises from, among many other things, his work in the field of substance abuse, his addressing of the workforce needs of local employers, his commitment to shared governance, his principled character, and his down-to-earth demeanor. He is both an exemplar and servant of our communities and deeply committed to their well-being. I am confident the college will be in good hands under his very capable leadership."

He is a long-time resident of Vermontville, where he lives with his wife Lisa and their five dogs. Their two daughters, both college graduates, are developing careers of their own. Joe and Lisa are both invested and active in the community, volunteering and serving on non-profit boards. When not working, they enjoy the arts, being with friends and families, spending time in the great outdoors, and traveling. ▣

LOOKING BACK

W.H. BARTLETT PRINTS, PART ONE

by Pat McDonough



In 1973, Ethel Watts Andrus, a founding member of the Hague Historical Society (HHS), gave an interesting program for the April meeting. Earlier in the 1970s, she had been invited to visit a residence at Sabbath Day Point. The owners had an extensive collection of Lake George ephemera, which included prints by W. H. Bartlett, and most specifically, of Sabbath Day Point. Ethel invited them to do a program for HHS, and though they were not so inclined, they generously offered her the loan of their collection for that purpose. This is the first part of her presentation.

Sabbath Day Point

So overwhelming was the extent of the collection that Ethel took some time to mull over how she could use it. Eventually, she settled on Bartlett and she enlisted assistance from Catherine Brock (mother of Judy Stock, the current publisher of The Hague Chronicle), using the Southern Adirondack Library System. Mrs. Brock flooded her with information and thus was born the April 18, 1973, program. What follows are edited excerpts from her notes for that program:

“We hear a great deal about Currier and Ives prints. Currier and Ives were the printers who took artists’ paintings and produced them in great quantities. I began to take notice when people talked about Bartlett prints and I assumed that Bartlett was the printer who had produced the work of various artists. Much to my exceedingly great surprise, I learned that Bartlett was the artist, not the printer, for the Bartlett prints!

He was born in Kentishtown, not far from London on March 26, 1809, and at the age of 14 was apprenticed to John Britton who conducted a school noted for its architectural drawings; under his tutelage the students drew from both nature and art, copying the works of other artists of the day. Bartlett served his seven-year apprenticeship and was promoted to journeyman-draftsman.

In the spring of 1832, at the age of 23, he met Dr. William Beattie, a medical man who was permitting his hobby of historiography to overshadow his profession. At that time Beattie was bringing out a work on Upper Saxony, then part of Germany, and needed an artist to prepare sketches for the engraver. Bartlett did this work and did it so satisfactorily that Beattie suggested they collaborate on a book about Switzerland. British nobility and even the Queen ordered advance copies of this book and it was so popular that it was translated into French and German. Bartlett’s name and reputation were established with this book and it was to lead to other collaborations between the two men. Beattie was then instrumental in bringing together Bartlett and Nathaniel Parker Willis, a well-known American poet and journalist. In 1836 Bartlett was contacted by a London publisher, named George Virtue, to make sketches of the American



landscape for a book of engravings to be called “American Scenery; or Land, Lake & River: Illustrations of Transatlantic Nature.” In September of that year, Bartlett and Willis set out and spent 1836 and 1837 travelling through the northeastern U.S. to gather their material.



Bartlett carried with him a small sketchbook in which he made several drawings of each scene. Aware that he would not be doing the engraving, Bartlett rendered the finished product in almost photographic detail as well as in the approximate size he knew that the engravings would be, about 4 ¾ x 7 ¼ inches, to enable the engravers to make their reproductions as accurate as possible. The drawings that Bartlett took back with him to

England represented the biggest and most diversified collection of illustrations of northeastern America then available and 119 were published in “American Scenery.” This was first published in monthly installments and then the engravings were bound together, usually in two volumes and both French and German editions were published. The engravings were done on steel plates and were issued uncolored; some were later colored by hand by individual owners – it is always the scenery that is foremost.”

Part two of this series will be in our July 2019 issue. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?

Fort Ticonderoga announces its 2019 Author Series, featuring authors of recent books related to the history of Fort Ticonderoga and the surrounding region. The series began on Sunday, June 9, 2019. There will be additional programs on June 23rd and September 8th at 2:30 pm at the Mars Education Center.

On June 23rd, former Albany, NY Associated Press Journalist, Chris Carola will present "The Man Who Captured Tojo." Carola interviewed Lt. John "Jack" Wilpers in 2010 and will share his story. Wilpers, who was from Saratoga Springs, served in the Counter Intelligence Corp. He was part of a small group that was ordered to locate and capture Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo after the September 2, 1945 Japanese surrender that ended World War II.

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

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH CELEBRATION IN TI

Details had not been finalized for this year's Best 4th in the North Celebration as of our June deadline, but the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) says that the following are set to take place on July 4th:

Montcalm Mile Race

1:45 pm/Montcalm Street

4th of July Parade

2 pm/Montcalm Street

Joe McGinness Concert

Before dusk/Bicentennial Park

Fireworks

At dusk/Bicentennial Park ■

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TI

The Town of Ticonderoga is going to resurface Montcalm Street from the monument to Route 22 at the end of June. There will be no parking on Montcalm Street for two days prior to the start of the work. Directly following, the lines will be painted. This will all be completed prior to the 4th of July.

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market will take place on Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm from July 6 - September 28, 2019 on Wicker Street.

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present a free program on June 21, 2019 at 7 pm at the Hancock House that will be part of the its current exhibit, "Salmon and People." The speaker will be Dr. William Ardren, Senior Fish Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Region. Reservations are not necessary, but seats may be reserved by calling 518-585-7868 or e-mailing tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ■

TI FESTIVAL GUILD

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild presents the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic on June 29, 2019 at 7 pm in the Ticonderoga High School Auditorium.

The youth fiddling show band is traveling from Saline, Michigan. The musicians present an unforgettable show that features a diverse range of music from American folk, fiddle, bluegrass, jazz, western swing and Celtic traditions. Spirited vocals and Appalachian step dancing combine with the instrumentals to create an unforgettable live performance. ■

TI DOWNTOWN GALLERY

Susan Beadle and Seddon Beaty "Variations on a Theme" Opened Friday, June 7; still showing

Stephen Dicerbo and others "Adirondack Aquatic: Gyotaku (Fish Prints)"

- Opening: Friday, June 28, 2019, 5 - 7 pm
- Demo: Saturday, July 13th, 2 - 4 pm
- Workshop: Sunday, July 21st 9 am - 5 pm ■

THE 4TH AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga will celebrate Independence Day with special events and programming during an extended holiday weekend, July 4-7, 2019. Experience the American Revolution on the very ground on which the fight for liberty occurred, with museum staff and costumed interpreters recreating and exploring the events of the year 1777. Guests will follow the footsteps of the Continental Army and see first-hand the struggle for freedom. ■

LGA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR STREAM MONITORING

The Lake George Association (LGA) is seeking volunteers to assist its citizen science stream monitoring program that evaluates Lake George water quality by sampling streams that feed the lake. Stream monitoring is important because 55 percent of the 550 billion gallons of water in Lake George comes from regional streams.

LGA Education Director Kristen Wilde said, "This program takes the monitoring up into the watershed, and is used as a way to record conditions over time. The years of data, available on our website, helps us and our partners see the changes over the years and helps us see potential threats to streams and to the lake before they emerge as true problems."

The LGA is holding a training session for volunteers on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 10 am to noon. It will begin at the LGA office and move to West Brook to demonstrate the sampling protocol. Those trained will then be asked to sample a Lake George stream for macroinvertebrates once between July 1st and September 30th. Call 518-668-3558 for further information. ■

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CALENDAR

June 2019

JUNE

16		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
19		St. Mary's 8th Grade Promotion BOCES Graduation, Moriah CSD
21	7 pm	Ti Historical Society salmon program
22	10 am	Ti High Graduation
23	2:30 pm	Carola presentation at Ft. Ti
	1:30 pm	Senior Club Appreciation Luncheon
26	7 pm	Middle School Promotion
	7 pm	Hague Historical Society Meeting - Kuenzel
27	8 am – 2 pm	Pre - K registration and screening
	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
28	10 am – noon	LGA stream monitoring training
	5 – 7 pm	Dicerbo and others open at Downtown Gallery in Ti
	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild Show
29	8 pm	Concert at Silver Bay

JULY

1 – 4		Best 4th in the North Celebration in Ti
4 – 7		Independence Day at Ft. Ti
2	7 pm	Planning Board
3	9 pm	Fireworks in Hague
4		HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
	11:15 am	Shortest 4th in the North Parade at Silver Bay
6	9 -11 am	FUND for LG meeting at the Sagamore
8		DEADLINE FOR <i>THE HAGUE CHRONICLE</i> JULY ISSUE
9	6 pm	TOWN BOARD
10		Farmers' Market in Ti
11	7 pm	PLANNING BOARD
13	8 pm	String Quintet at Grace Chapel
19	5 – 8 pm	Hague Historical Society authors at the Uptown
23	7 pm	Hague Historical Society Meeting - Zarzynski

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

JUNE: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday: Closed

JULY: Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday: Noon to 3 pm