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# **CONTROLLED BURN OF OLD MOTEL**



On November 8, 2014 the Hague Fire Department led a controlled burn of the old motel at 9557 Lakeshore Drive across from the former View Restaurant. The motel was purchased by George Hubschmitt, a member of the Huestis family who owned the property at one time. He is planning to build a home on the property but thought that there might be an opportunity for training exercises if the motel was burned instead of taken down. George contacted Ray Mury of the HVFD to see if they would be interested and Ray in turn contacted the Ticonderoga Fire Department. More than two dozen fire personnel from Hague and Ticonderoga were able to participate in the controlled burn.

George wrote *The Hague Chronicle* that he was impressed with "the professionalism and organization of Ray Mury and



the Hague Fire Department" during the motel burning. He continued, "It was clear they had a very well regulated chain of command and roles and responsibilities with people focused on the safety of each fireman. ... I was impressed by the company's overall professionalism and expertise. It was very interesting to watch and learn a few things about a community service that we often don't think about until we need them. It was a nice

opportunity to appreciate their skills and execution in a controlled environment and should be cause for confidence in our First Responders amongst the Town."
... Judy Stock

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For a short video of the burn and more photos see the Facebook page of *The Hague Chronicle*.

# **SALUTE TO VETERANS**

The annual salute to veterans was held on November 11, 2014 in Veterans Park. The ceremony made special note of the Vietnam era veterans. Jim O'Toole hosted the event and Supervisor Frasier read a poem. Mike Cherubini read a definition of veteran, Bob Johnson gave the invocation and benediction, Ray Mury and Bill Wells placed the wreath and Councilman Ramant rang the Veterans Bell.





















## **HAGUE SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

We kicked off our winter bowling and had a good time. One member went out in the tenth frame with a turkey and did a "turkey strut" when he beat another player by one point!

We went on a road trip to Middlebury, VT and all families who were represented on this trip found something to give a new home across the border in Hague, NY.

Another event was our Halloween Tailgate party with prizes for food and costumes. Maureen Cherubini won for pulled pork, Lee Dame for her dessert and Mike Cherubini for the hot dogs cooked to perfection. First prize in the costumes went to Pat and Ron Hintze for being a Giant Field Goal, second prize went to Ohio Buckeye Florence Kunnas and third prize went to Lee Dame as a scoreboard. The food and the costumes made for a very nice afternoon for all who were able to make it to the event.







Bowling will be coming up again on November 20, 2014 at noon at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga. The big event of the year will be our Christmas Party held at the Hague Fire Department on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 12 noon with great food prepared by Katy Wells and crew who always do a great job for us. So come on out and see if you will be the lucky winner of one of our gift giveaways. If you haven't signed up please contract Pat at 543-6502.

The Hague Seniors Parade Committee will be having their Christmas Tree Shop at the Hague Visitors Center from 10 am - 2 pm during the Holiday in Hague Celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2014. We also need your support for our bake sale. If you can make a dessert for the sale or are able to work for an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. As we all know there are always great finds and wonderful gifts at the Christmas Tree Shop. Please contact Emily at 543-6325 or Maureen and Mike at 543-6463. ... Pat Hintze

## WITH THE NLG ROTARY

David Cornell, treasurer of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club, recently presented a donation from the Club to Crop Walk chairman and Rotary member Bob Johnson. The Crop Walk in Ticonderoga raised \$9,100 with about 50 walkers and donations from businesses and organizations like Rotary.

Ian Lawrie, a Hague senior at Ticonderoga High School, spoke at a Rotary meeting about his participation in the YMCA Youth and Government Program. Ian is on the football team and has been active in Youth and Government for four years. He attended a program on National Affairs in North Carolina with some monetary help from the Rotary Club. Youth and Government is a program which trains future politicians and leaders on the mechanics of governments and legislatures. Ian was a delegate the first year, a committee chair his second year, and a governor's cabinet executive clerk his final two years. Bills he proposed were "Swearing-in ceremony for the President and Supreme Court Justices should be over a copy of the Constitution rather than the Bible," "Mandatory School Sessions during the Summer Months," and "Military Aid to the Free Syrian Army."

# TRAFFIC SAFETY FOLLOWUP

Ten interested residents came to the open meeting sponsored by *The Hague Chronicle* to discuss the safety issues at the Island Harbor turn. They learned that the pavement width is insufficient for the large (53 feet) tractor trailers, according to information in a transportation handbook, which is why every truck going around this turn goes over the double yellow line. In addition when going south, many of the trucks hit the rocks, blowing out tires.

The actual accidents at this site are not as bad as the potential, including a follow-on collision due to short sight distances. Any accidents at the site also frequently tie up traffic and may prevent any emergency vehicles from getting through.

Conversations with truckers indicate routing is by GPS systems. Suggestions included contacting trucking companies or the American Trucking Association to warn them about this curve.

It was felt that the most effective way to proceed would be to encourage the Town Board to request in writing that the DOT do an engineering safety study. Judy Stock and Linda Mury signed a letter requesting that Supervisor Frasier contact the DOT with the request. Councilman Ramant has been in touch with DOT representatives, but the committee sent additional documentation to the Town Board that could be useful if they contact the DOT in writing. ... Judy Stock

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## **HOLIDAY IN HAGUE**

The annual Holiday in Hague will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. There will be contests, a parade, shopping and the annual Town Christmas party for kids.

The tree decorating contest will begin on Thursday, December 4, 2014 and must be completed by 12 pm on December 6. Anyone wishing to decorate a tree please contact Katy Wells at 543-6417.

Local shops will be open at 10 am for your holiday shopping. The Garden Club will be selling wreaths, sprays, and centerpieces from 12 pm until the end of the festivities at the Hague Community Center.

The Holiday parade will commence at 2 pm from the Town Park to the Community Center. Remember to dress up the family pooch to bring along for the parade. The prizes for the best dressed pets will be awarded when the parade arrives at the Community Center.

Following the parade there will be games and crafts for the kids provided by Silver Bay YMCA. Refreshments will also be provided. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive to give gifts to all the good little boys and girls and get their wish lists.

The awards for the tree decorating contest will be announced at the Hague Fire Department starting at 6 pm and Calamity Rock will entertain from 7-10 pm. Food and refreshments will be available.

Remember Hague is a small community but we have a big heart so come out and support the local businesses and volunteers and keep the spirit alive. ... Katy Wells

## **HAGUE SNO-GOERS PLAN EVENTS**

The Hague Sno-Goers will be collecting warm coats, hats and mittens for local children and adults in need. Visit our float after the Holiday in Hague Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2014, to make a donation. Donations can also be made before then at the Hague Community Center.

The Hague Sno-Goers are hosting our First Annual Christmas Party and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 6:30 pm at the Hague Fire Department. All snow enthusiasts are invited to come and bring your beverage of choice. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:haguesnogoers@yahoo.com">haguesnogoers@yahoo.com</a>.

On the morning of December 13, 2014 at 10 am the club will hold a meeting at the home of Walter Peterson, 231 West Hague Road, to be followed by trail maintenance. Members and prospective members are all welcome. The Club is hoping to build its membership to include more cross country skiers who use the trails.

The Hague Sno-Goers, a winter sporting club, invites all winter sports enthusiasts to join them. It was started to improve safety on the trails and to improve the overall enjoyment of snowmobiling. We maintain trails that are groomed with proper hazard warning signage. For more information see our website <www.haguesno-goers.com> or our page on Facebook.

... Kim Coffin

## **METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Annual Christmas Fair at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm. Chairperson Jane Bassett has been busy with her committee and crafters to prepare for another fine and popular event.

The Fellowship Hall will be decorated for the holidays along with homemade crafts, wreaths, table decorations, Gifts Galore and ornaments for the tree. The Make It Yourself craft supply area will also be available for those who want to pick up a few new items to work on.

The Bake Shop will be filled to the brim with delectable goodies and preserves to take home. Morning coffee will be available for early shoppers from 9 to 11 am and then from 11 am to 1 pm a luncheon will be served with homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts.

There will be a Silent Auction with many tempting items to bid on. The Christmas area featuring gently used items will be found in the upstairs hallway this year. The very popular Thrift Shop will be open downstairs and will be featuring seasonal wear as well as many bargains for the whole family and home.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 1045 Wicker Street (Rt. 9N) in Ticonderoga. For more information call the church office at 585-7995 or visit the website at <www.tifumc.com>.

## **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

Saturday, November 29, 2014 is the day to shop in area businesses in the Small Business Saturday initiative which encourages everyone to "shop small" and support local business. Small businesses are the heartbeat of the communities and help build the local economy. Many small businesses in the area will be having special promotions on that day. The Hague Market/ Juniper on 2 will be having refreshments and many items available for holiday shopping.

# THS SENIOR CLASS TO HOST EVENT

On December 6, 2014 the Class of 2015 at Ticonderoga High School will be hosting a "Shopping Extravaganza!" in the Ticonderoga High School Gymnasium from 10 am - 3 pm. A "Shopping Extravaganza" is an event that provides individuals with an opportunity to holiday shop at one location - like a mini mall. There will be a variety of events taking place. This will include local merchants plus local vendors, which includes catalog sales and local craft makers. There will be a 50/50 drawing, sale of holiday pictures, face paintings, basket raffles, bake sale, and a concession stand.

There are limited spots for vendors with a \$10 fee per table and a basket donation for the raffle. Contact Mrs. Jodi Drinkwine, Senior Class Advisor at 518-585-7400 ext. 1217 or e-mail her at <jdrinkwine@ticonderogak12.org>.

#### TOWN BOARD MEETING - 11/12/2014

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel, and Steve Ramant were present. Councilman Rudy Meola was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Bruce Clark, Marie Dykeman, Robert Lorenson, Chuck Fillare, Paul Belus and Denis Buchanan.

# **Under Committee Reports:**

Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement – Councilman Fitzgerald said he will work to come up with some rough estimates for work on the Community Center. He noted that the vault will be included in plans but said it would be cheaper to look into a cabinet to store some records rather than a new vault. He felt there will be room in the present vault for the vital documents if the papers that don't need to be stored there are removed.

Highway – Councilman Ramant mentioned that the trucks are "in pretty good shape" for the winter. He also noted that they will be working on the roof and will be going around to pick up trash on highways.

Museum & Historian — Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the historical society and food pantry had switched rooms. She also noted that the October 24th event held at the HVFD for kids was a big success with good community participation by the Boy Scouts, Fire Department, Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce.

Recreation & Promotion & Youth — Councilman Ramant reported that Joel Jordon has signed the agreement for using the boat launch and will need to get insurance papers. He also reported that testing is being done on New Hague Road for cable and Verizon is still working on problems on New Hague Rd. He mentioned that there had been some delays in the Putnam cell tower with an issue of rattlesnake habitat being one consideration for the delay and that the project was "under construction phase."

Sewer Districts #1 & #2 – Supervisor Frasier reported that Paul Belden had resigned and was finished on Friday and she wished him well. Cedarwood Engineering is being helpful with coverage every day and trying to work on some of the issues in the consent order. Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that they have not yet replaced Paul on the Sewer Asset Management Committee but noted there are three members of the public on the committee namely Chris Navitsky, Jim Beaty and Phil Smith. They join Board members Frasier and Kuenzel and Budget Secretary Diane Trudeau. She noted that the Sewer Asset Management Committee was one of the issues in the consent order and soon other districts will be required to have one also. She noted that the Committee will be helping the Town with its sewer budgeting process, helping to develop a preventive maintenance plan and helping make it clearer to users how the sewer taxes are being spent. The committee has met twice and toured the Sewer Plant. They have ranked sewer management issues in order to reach a consensus on the low achievement/high priority areas that need addressing.

Town Park & Beautification – Board members Kuenzel and Ramant can open the boat launch if someone needs to take a boat out. The launch at Rogers Rock has been closed.

#### In other business, the Board:

Adopted the 2015 Town Budget after previously holding two workshops and a Public Hearing.

Reappointed Mike Cherubini to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire on 9/30/2019.

Appointed Janet Hanna as a member of the Board of Assessment Review to fill a vacancy with a term to expire on 9/30/2015.

Appointed Mike Cherubini as Deputy Chairman of the Hague Planning Board until 12/31/2014.

Appointed Rudy Meola to the Warren County Youth Board.

Approved use of the Visitor Center from December 3 to 6, 2014 by the Hague Parade Committee for a Christmas Shop.

Tabled a request from Mayor Blais of Lake George for \$2,000 in occupancy tax funds for a July 2015 fishing tournament.

Heard an update from Tom Haskell on activities of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will give an update each month to the Town Board. They plan to redo the Hague video, have a rack for business cards for next summer and in the offseason to include emergency numbers if someone is stranded. They will again sponsor Holiday in Hague on December 6, 2014 with a parade. He also noted that the Chamber works behind the scenes to help each club with its events. Tom reported that Mike Cherubini is the representative on the Warren County Council of Chambers and as a delegate to ROOST. ROOST is a group with representatives from Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Bolton and Putnam to develop a destination plan for area tourism. Since all these towns depend on tourism, the group works on the common problems for the area. Sally DeLarm Rypkema is also a Hague resident on the ROOST committee.

Received and discussed a letter from Judy Stock and Linda Mury about the traffic safety issues at the Island Harbor turn. A group of people met to discuss the issues and recommended to the Board that a letter be sent to the DOT Regional Director requesting a traffic safety engineering study. They submitted supporting documents to the Board. Jim Beaty outlined the problem with the road design not being adequate for 53 foot tractor trailers. Among the problems noted were the GPS systems which direct these large trucks through Hague. Linda Mury noted that if an incident at the turn is not an emergency the HVFD is not notified which creates additional safety issues if the road is blocked and there are no Fire Police at the scene. In addition, emergency vehicles are unable to get through. Councilman Ramant outlined the discussions he had had with DOT. The Board agreed to send a letter to the DOT.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Hague Chronicle will be sent on a complementary basis to anyone 90 years of age or older. We just need to know you qualify!

## **SUMMARY OF HAGUE BUDGET FOR 2015**

Fund	Expenses	Revenue	Unused	Raised
General	\$816,886	\$611,635	\$205,251	\$0
Highway	\$738,980	\$720,220	\$93,760	-\$75,000
Capital	\$126,504	\$0	\$126,504	\$0
Streetscape	\$151,399	\$0	\$151,399	\$0
Occupancy	\$47,700	\$33,800	\$13,900	\$0
Streetlights	\$9,200	\$0	\$850	\$8,350
Fire/Ambul	\$342,805	\$80,000	\$200	\$262,605
Sewer #1	\$188,037	\$188,037	\$0	\$0
Sewer #2	\$176,107	\$176,107	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$2,597,618	\$1,809,799	\$591,864	\$195,955

# **TAX CHANGE FROM 2014**

	2015			
Assessments	tax	tax rate	2014	% Chg
\$447,373,016	-\$75,000	-0.16765	0.00000	Lowered
\$41,316,030	\$8,350	0.20210	0.19812	2.01%
\$453,275,386	\$262,605	0.57935	0.56832	1.94%
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#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 10/23/2014**

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

# LINKOWSKI (43.5-2-35) 22 Dock Road (Hamlet/TRI)

The Board approved an application to enclose an existing deck to make a screened in porch with the conditions that the existing staircase remain and that the screened in porch not be made into living space.

# PLANNING BOARD - 11/6/2014

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board members Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley and Bob Whitaker were present. There is one vacancy.

Chairman Frasier asked for a moment of silence for Bruce Clark.

#### KINGSBURY (26.6-1-5) 42 Forest Bay Rd, North (TRIR)

The applicants would like to construct a 322 sq. ft. addition to an 800 sq. ft. house. The percentage of increase of sq. ft. will be 40.5 %, if approved and will require a variance for more than a 25% increase of sq. ft. to a nonconforming structure. The addition would sit 52 ft. from the MHW of the Lake which requires Planning Board approval because it is new construction within 100' of the Lake. A site visit will be held.



#### BOY SCOUT FOOD COLLECTION



Bags in the Hague Food Pantry donated by the Scouts

The Hague Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collected food for the Hague and Ticonderoga food pantries during the "Scouting for Food" program. The community was very generous with their donations and seven grocery carts packed full of food were collected at Walmart on November 9, 2014.

# TI NATURAL FOODS CO-OP

Since the launch of the Ticonderoga Natural Foods Co-op, 75 members have joined and the Co-op's Steering Committee is requesting prospective member-owners to show their support by joining now in order to make the community-owned natural food store a reality.

Ticonderoga Natural Foods Co-op (TNFC) member-owners may make a one-time \$250 equity investment to be fully vested or make a more budget-friendly \$50 payment to-wards a Basic Membership. Once the Co-op opens, fully vested member-owners will not owe anything else towards being a member, whereas Basic Member-owners would need to continue to pay to keep receiving the benefits of being a member-owner. Co-op member-owners receive benefits including store discounts, rebates when the Co-op earns a surplus income and a voice in the Co-op's decision making.

"Simply put, the more quickly the community responds, the more quickly the banks will respond, which will lead to matching grants and the store's opening," said TNFC Steering Committee Member, Sharon Reynolds. "We are urging prospective member-owners to join now, even at the \$50 Basic Membership level to show their support for this cause," Reynolds continued.

The mission of the Ticonderoga Natural Foods Co-op is to create and support a community-owned Co-op that believes in the importance of healthy living, sustainability and offering locally produced products. We are committed to providing high quality goods and services at affordable prices through member -participation and employment opportunities. For more information on becoming a member visit <www.facebook.com/ticonderogacoop>, call 518-585-6366, or email <tifoodcoop@gmail.com>.

Researched by the Hague Historical Society



# **Bear Scare**

The *Ticonderoga Sentinel* has provided us with wonderful nuggets of local history over the years and here's another one that recently came to our attention. Much has been said about Harry Watrous, well-known artist and local prankster (he being the originator of the Lake George Monster), but less has been written of his brother Walter, also a seasonal resident of Hague.

It seems that late in November of 1900 Walter arrived at Hague for a rest and to check on his property. He brought with him his Irish born nurse, a Mr. Winslow. The Sentinel elaborates: "Winslow expressed a great desire to go hunting as he had been informed that the woods around there abounded in game of all kinds. So on Thanksgiving morning he started out with a guide for a day's hunt. They took with them two thoroughbred bird dogs and a coon dog. As they were strolling through the woods the guide got Mr. Winslow somewhat nerved up by telling him that they were in a bear locality and that they might see one at any moment, as they were already on the track of one – that is dog track. In a few moments the coon dog came up behind Mr. Winslow with a rush, when Mr. Winslow turned and would have shot him, thinking he was a bear, had not the guide stopped him. This so unnerved him that he had to give up the hunt and return to the house, so scared that he could not eat.

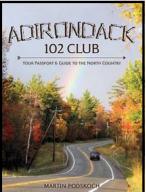
"In the afternoon the guide fixed it up with a friend to dress in a bear skin overcoat and go into the woods. The guide after "fixing" some shells, that is taking the buck shot out, took Mr. Winslow back to get Mr. Bear. They finally ran onto his lordship - the man with the fur coat - when Mr. Winslow fired twice, as did also the guide for the purpose of keeping the game going, and when it was seen that the four shots had not laid bruin out, but instead he started after them, the guide yelled to Mr. Winslow to "run for your life". Mr. Winslow did run, and reached the house in a thoroughly exhausted condition.

"The man with a fur coat "doctored" his trail with a generous sprinkling of red paint, which Mr. Winslow saw the next morning, and mistaking it for bruin's blood, telegraphed his sweetheart in New York and wrote his mother in dear old Ireland about his having killed a bear in the woods at Hague on Lake George.

"Mr. Watrous and his sportman nurse returned to New York city on Monday of this week." Seems there's no limit to the North Country sense of humor!



Marty Podskoch, author of a number of Adirondack related



books, has been scouring the Adirondacks for more than a dozen years in search of material for his books. In 2014 he came up with the idea for a new book, "Adirondack 102 Club". Marty writes, "I have found that most people just visit one particular area where they have a cottage, rented a hotel etc. I'd like to get more people to visit the whole Adirondacks and see the wonderful villages, towns, interesting stores & restaurants, historic places etc."

So Podskoch solicited a write-up and pictures from all 102 municipalities in the Adirondack Park and has combined them into this new book. The idea is that you would use the book as a guide, having it signed or stamped in each community. The book is available at local bookstores or you can contact Marty at <www.adirondack102club.com> or on Facebook.

The Town of Hague is included in this little hard-covered volume and in fact you can find out more at a book signing at the Horicon Community Center on Route 8 in Brant Lake on Monday, November 24, at 7 pm. ... Pat McDonough

#### THE NOBLE TRAIN AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga will bring to life Henry Knox's epic feat that began at Ticonderoga in 1775. Discover the story of Henry Knox's "Noble Train" of artillery at Fort Ticonderoga's upcoming living history event on Saturday, December 6, from 10 am – 4 pm.

The event will feature a lively program highlighting Henry Knox's arrival at Fort Ticonderoga and recreate the beginning of the epic feat that ultimately forced the British evacuation from Boston on March 17, 1776.

Admission to the "The Noble Train Begins" event is \$10 per person and payable at the gate. Friends of Fort Ticonderoga and children 4 years and under are free. For more details visit <www.fortticonderoga.org> or call 518-585-2821.



Hauling Guns from Ft. Ticonderoga (US Archives 111-SC-100815)

# ~SOUNDINGS~

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Margaret "Peggy" Darrin who recently celebrated her 90th birthday with family and many friends at a party hosted by her sons David, Tim and Drake.

**BORN:** Ayla Ruth Tanner on August 25, 2014 to Wendy Meredith Smith and Stephan Tanner of Rochester, Minnesota. The delighted grandparents are Philip and Margaret S. Smith of Forest Bay and Queensbury and Paul and Marie-Therese Tanner of Zimmerwald, Switzerland. Great-grandparents are Ruth Sing of Buffalo, New York, Boyd and Elsie Cooley and Fred and Elaine Smith of New Hampshire.

**DIED:** Denis NE Buchanan, 79, on August 19, 2014 in Madison, NJ.

Denis and his wife, Joyce, were long-time residents of Silver Bay. He was a physicist with Bell Labs and a mentor to many Boy Scouts.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his children and their spouses Barb and Russ Jacoby, Rich and Dawn Buchanan and Joan and Bill Goddard. He is also survived by his sister Rosemary and her husband Patrick and six grandchildren.

**DIED:** Marianne Neugass, 89, on October 5, 2014 in New Jersey.

Marianne was a year-round resident and member of the Hague Senior Club for many years. She is survived by her daughter and family, Annete and Dr. Perry Retota, with whom she lived in Saddle River, NJ.

**DIED:** Paul R. Belus, 77, on October 31, 2014 in Albany.

Paul spent his summers at the family home in Forest Bay. He served in the US Navy as a fire control technician about the USS Salem in the Mediterranean. He worked for Xerox for 34 years as a technical representative.

Paul is survived by his wife of 21 years, Georgianna; his six children David Belus (Shirlene), John Belus, Stephanie Walsh (Patrick), Tim Howe (Teresa), Katina Roy, John Roy; 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by his brother Brian Belus (Mary Ann) of Buffalo, NY.

#### **TI'COUSTICS CONTINUES**

The program for December 3, 2014 beginning at 7 pm will be an evening of listening music showcasing local musicians, Doug Cossey, Lance Dolbeck, Kyle Lang, Russ Jockel, Brad Peria and Dan Rabideau.

On December 17, 2014 our Christmas Special will start at 6:30 pm and Lance Clark, Mike Donahue and Mark Piper will be playing along with those to be added to the playlist. Be sure to come ready to sing your favorite carols and Christmas songs, as we love audience participation.

Ti'coustics is held in the dining room of the Burleigh House, in downtown Ticonderoga on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. There is no cover charge but we do accept donations with all proceeds given to the 'Ti Arts' to assist with their programs. If you wish to add your talents to the list of local people who are helping to make this musical evening a success, please call Roberta Whiteley at 585-6837.

## **NORTH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), in coordination with area businesses and organizations, will host the 5th Annual Ticonderoga Area North Country Christmas Celebration from Friday, November 28 through Sunday, December 7, 2014.

Among the events will be the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train which is scheduled to be at the Ticonderoga Station on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 3 pm. Other events include a tree lighting at the Ticonderoga Community Building on November 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm followed by live holiday music and refreshments as well as hayrides at the Heritage Museum.

For information on other events, check out the new TACC website at <www.ticonderogany.com> or call the Chamber at 585-6619. The Chamber office, located at 94 Montcalm Street is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

# **ANNUAL KIWANIS PARTY FOR SENIORS**

The Kiwanis and Ticonderoga Central School District will sponsor the annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 2 pm. It will be held at the Ticonderoga Elementary/Middle School cafeteria and no reservations are required. A light turkey lunch and student entertainment will be provided. In case of snow the event will be held the next day.

# **CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Champlain Valley Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert "Heaven and Nature Sing" on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Schroon Lake, NY and on Sunday, December 7, at 3 pm in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church on Wicker Street in Ticonderoga, NY.

Following the Ticonderoga concert, the Carillon Garden Club will provide refreshments for everyone in the church's Fellowship Hall featuring its annual "Holiday Magic" array.

The public is cordially invited to attend these admission-free events.

# MASON/STAR PORK DINNER

A public 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 Friday, November 21, 2014, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available at the door. Take-outs also available.

# **TICONDEROGA CHICKEN BBQ**

The Best 4th In The North Committee will hold a "4th of July In December" Chicken BBQ fundraiser on Thursday, December 4, 2014 as part of the Ticonderoga North Country Christmas Celebration.

The Chicken BBQ will be held at the Knights of Columbus in downtown Ticonderoga starting at 5 pm. Take-outs will be available and the cost for the BBQ is \$12 per person.

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## **HAGUE CALENDAR**

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#### **NOVEMBER**

20	7 pm		Zoning Board of Appeals (note date)
21	1.20	6 2222	Magan/Star Dorle Dinner

21  $4:30-6 \ pm$  Mason/Star Pork Dinner

22 9 am - 2 pm Ticonderoga Methodist Church Fair

**25** 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting

27 Happy Thanksgiving – Town offices close

29 Small Business Saturday – Shop locally

Holiday Train in Ticonderoga **29** 3 pm

# TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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

# **LOCAL POSTAL HOURS**

Katrina Rozelle, the Bolton Postmaster who oversees the offices in Diamond Point, Bolton, Silver Bay and Hague has announced that the following USPS hours are in effect:

# **Hague Lobby Hours**

Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm On Saturday from 8 am to noon

# **Hague Window Service Hours**

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to noon and 2:30 to 4 pm On Saturday from 9 to 11 am

## Silver Bay Lobby Hours

Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm On Saturday from 7:45 to 11:45 am

## **Silver Bay Window Service Hours**

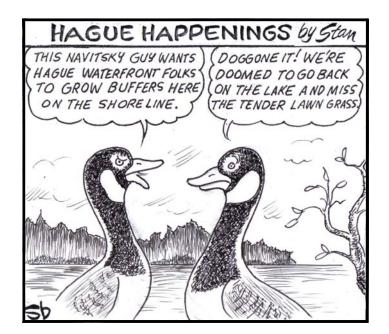
Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11:30 am On Saturday from 7:45 to 11:30 am

#### **DECEMBER**

2	noon	Senior Club Christmas lunch at HVFD
3	2 pm	Kiwanis Senior luncheon
4	5 pm	Chicken BBQ at K of C
4	7 pm	Planning Board
6	All day	Holiday in Hague
6	10 am - 4 pm	"Noble Train" event at Fort Ti
7	3 pm	Champlain Valley Chorale
9	6 pm	Town Board meeting
11	News deadlin	e for the December issue
13	10 am	Hague Sno-goers event

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