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## HOLIDAY IN HAGUE

The annual Holiday in Hague celebration was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

The traditional doggy parade was won by Susan Darrin's dog, Whitley dressed as her twin, with second going to

Donna Wotton's dog, Olive dressed as Pocahontas, and third going to Lynne Kearns' tiny therapy horse, Suzie Q.

The winners of the tree-decorating contest were:

**Traditional:** 1st - Parade Committee;  
2nd - Seniors; 3rd - Anonymous

**Non-traditional:** 1st - Bobbie Jean

Fish; 2nd - Haskell Family; 3rd - Katy Wells

Everyone gathered at the HVFD at 5 pm for a pizza and wings party and the award presentations. Thanks to Meg Haskell, Katy Wells, and the HVFD for making this year's Holiday in Hague a great success. ▣



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This is our last issue to be mailed through the US Postal Service.

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With gratitude for your past and continued readership,

The staff of  
*The Hague Chronicle*



## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We just had our end-of-the-year Christmas party with great food, nice prizes, and great company. Congratulations to the Seniors of the Year, Emily and Bill Cobb, who have supported our community in many ways over the years. Town Board Members Edna Fraiser, Josh Patchett, and Jack and Dorothy Bast were with us, which gave us the opportunity to thank them for supporting us.

The winner of the money tree was Judy Gourley. Other prizes went to:

Lu Megow - Blue Mountain Livery Cruise for Two

Linda Mury - Shoreline Cruise for Two

Pam Peterson - A blanket

Upcoming events are:

January 2, 2019 - Game night at Maureen Cherubini's at 6:30 pm.

January 10th - International Dinner at 4:30 pm at the Community Center. Bring a dish to share.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year! ▣



*Dolly Kennedy and Pat Hintze*



*Pat Hintze awarding Emily and Bill Cobb the Seniors of the Year Award*

## HVFD

by Meg Haskell

Call volume was down in the month of November with three EMS calls and 12 fire calls and drills. We continue to have weekly drills and training on Tuesdays.

We are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested in volunteering can stop by on a Tuesday night and check us out.

Remember to keep your Christmas tree watered! We want everyone to be safe and have a Merry Christmas! ▣



## MAIL DELIVERY DELAYS

Hague residents who get US POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) mail delivery have been experiencing delays recently. The reasons for these delays have to do with decisions made by the administration at the federal government level, not by our local postal workers or carriers. They did not make the decisions causing this mess and they are just as frustrated as those who are not receiving mail.

Rather than complain to them, the most productive course of action would be to contact the USPS directly at USPS.com.

Another appropriate option would be to contact our local congressional representative, Elise Stefanik, by emailing her at: <https://stefanik.house.gov/contact> and following the prompts or by calling her Washington office at 202-225-4611. ▣

## LANDSLIDE IN HAGUE

by Sandy Powell

A lakeside retaining wall on Route 9N, just south of Bob and Holly de Buys' home on Holman Hill Road and north of the steamship dock, collapsed on December 1, 2018, leaving the guardrails hanging in the air. Luckily the slide missed any docks, but it did damage a stairway leading to a dock. It just barely reaches the lake and the collapsed section extends to the edge of the 9N pavement, so the slide is about 40 - 50 feet wide.

As a result, the northbound lane is closed and a temporary stoplight has been set up. One of the state road crewmen mentioned that road repair folks will put together a repair plan, but he was unofficially guessing the light will be in place for months. ▣



## TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLY

The schools will dismiss early on Friday, December 21, 2018:

Elementary 1:10  
Middle 1:15  
St. Mary's 1:20  
High School 1:25 ▣

## LESLIE MIDGLEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Hague resident and Justice of the Peace Leslie Midgley was named the 2018 Community Volunteer of the Year by the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC).

She leads by example and is always there when needed. She volunteers for many organizations and committees including the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership, StreetFest Committee, Backpack Program, Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, Angel Connection, as a mentor, and has a true passion for pets. Congratulations, Leslie! ▣

## STORMWATER CONTROL PROJECT COMPLETED

This fall, Lake George Association (LGA) Project Manager Randy Rath spearheaded the repair of a badly eroded stormwater corridor near Forest Bay Road and Route 9N here in Hague.

The LGA and its partners stabilized 400 feet of channel and redirected storm water into infrastructure that allows it to flow into the ground and filter naturally by doing the following:

- Seed was placed in the channel.
- Rolls of permanent turf reinforcement mats were "stapled" into the ground.
- Filter "socks" were installed across the channel at regular intervals. They are filled with compost, allowing water to run through the sock but stopping sediment from flowing down into the lake. They also act as check dams, slowing down the water flow in the channel.

The team effort included Alex Novick from the Lake George Land Conservancy, Jim Lieberum, Dean Moore, and Nick Rowell from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, and residents Ken Engler, Wayne Gunther, and John Lipori.

Local residents contributed money to help pay for the project, with the rest coming from the LGA. ▣

## IROQUOIS DEMOLISHED

by Pat McDonough

It's been said, "Change is the only constant in life." Sometimes change is for the better, sometimes it's not. Surely, in the history of our little lakeside community, we have seen great changes over the years. In November 2018, we saw another alteration to the landscape when the former Iroquois Guest House was demolished.



Perched on the hillside facing Lake George, this turreted residence was once owned by the Wilcox family, who ran the Iroquois Hotel (next-door neighbor to the Trout House). The Guest House was the residence of Carrie and E.T. Wilcox and sometimes served as spillover space for hotel guests. Early postcards of the Guest House go back as far as 1907. ▣

## PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact him at 518-543-6161 to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

**Senior Citizens' Exemption:** Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions:

County \$32,399 (Includes sliding scale)

Town \$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)

School \$30,399 (Includes sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms will be sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

**\*New for 2019** - Enrollment in the Income Verification Program for the Enhanced Star will become mandatory for all Senior Citizens. Income Verification Program (IVP) Forms will be included with the annual renewal notices.

**Enhanced STAR Exemption:** Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$86,300. This exemption renews automatically each year for those already enrolled in the IVP.

**\*New for 2019** - Mandatory enrollment in the IVP. The IVP forms will be included with the annual renewal notices mailed in late December for those not in the program already. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online at [www.tax.ny.gov/star/](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star/) or by calling 518-457-2036.

**Basic STAR Exemption:** Primary residence homeowners with annual income below \$500,000. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online at [www.tax.ny.gov/star/](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star/) or by calling 518-457-2036.

**Veterans' Exemption:** Primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The filing deadline is March 1, 2019. ▣



## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 11/22/2018

This meeting was cancelled due to a lack of applications.

## PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/6/18

This meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

## TOWN BOARD - 12/11/2018

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

A moment of silence was held for Paul Amara and Pauline Robbins Hill.

A public hearing was held on the condemnation of a structure at 7795 Lakeshore Drive in the Sabbath Day Point area. This structure was previously Camp Beacon and originally Hiawatha House. The board later approved the condemnation, so the owners can now proceed with the demolition. According to town code, they have 60 days to complete it. The board declined to give any further time, although the owner can apply to the board for an extension later.

Councilman Patchett reported the Hague Historical Society is working on a Hague School Exhibit and is asking people to bring in memorabilia.

Councilman Bast reported on the meeting of the Sewer Advisory Committee, of which he is a member. They are working on a letter to be sent to those in the sewer districts who have still not connected to the wastewater system. The law requires that everyone in the district must ultimately be connected. They are trying to create an appeals process, which could allow individual applicants additional time.

Under New Business, the board passed a resolution authorizing Supervisor Frasier to enter into an amended agreement with Warren County for snow and ice control on the county roads for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of \$87,507.60, which is a slight increase over the original agreement. They also approved a resolution authorizing the supervisor to enter into a contract with Mountain Medical for 2019 drug and alcohol testing.

Supervisor Frasier then brought up an issue, which is being discussed by the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Some of the representatives of towns with higher population and lower assessed valuations would like to see the distribution of county sales tax to be based on a combination of population and assessments. Currently, it is based just on assessments, so a town like Hague (with a low population, but high assessments) receives a large portion of sales tax revenue - approximately 1.4 million dollars. Under one of the proposals, Hague would lose \$600,000 in sales tax revenue, which would, of course, affect taxes in Hague. There will be continued discussions on this at the county level. ■

## LAKE GEORGE

*A haiku by Willie Grigal*

Beaches by the shore  
Lake George is so beautiful  
Come have some fun here

Willie Grigal, age 9, is in fourth grade in Traverse City, MI. He spends his summers in Hague with his grandparents, William and Emily Cobb, his mother, Lisa Grigal (Cobb), his brother Charlie (age 11) and their 180-pound "lap dog," Jake. ■

## SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET IN HAGUE

The Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7 pm in the Hague Community Center. The meeting is open to the public. ■

## 2018 HAGUE ELECTION

In the November issue, the preliminary results for the November 6, 2018 election were published. Here are the updated results. Hague had one of the highest voter turnouts in the county with 70%.

Each candidate received more votes than reported previously. In Hague, the only race where the results changed the winner was for the Congressional race, where Tedra Cobb pulled ahead of Elise Stefanik.

**Governor:** Cuomo / Hochul - 170, Molinaro / Killian - 208

**Comptroller:** DiNapoli - 204, Trichter - 159

**Attorney General:** James - 172, Wofford - 183

**US Senator:** Gillibrand - 215, Farley - 163

**CD-21 Representative:** Cobb - 201, Stefanik - 192

**NYS-45 Senate:** Martz - 143, Little - 246

**NYS-114 Assembly:** Stec - 258, Wilson - 61

**Hague Town Board:** Jack Bast - 262 ■

## ONGOING EVENTS

<b>1st Monday:</b>	HVFD, 7 pm
<b>3rd Friday:</b>	Sno Goers, 7 pm
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	Champlain Chorale, 7 pm
<b>3rd Tuesday:</b>	Ti School Board, 7 pm
<b>3rd Tuesday:</b>	Fish & Game Club, 7 pm
<b>1st and 3rd Wednesday:</b>	TiCoustics, 7 pm
<b>4th Wednesday:</b>	Extra Helpings Distribution, noon
<b>3rd Thursday:</b>	Carillon Garden Club, 10 am
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	Rotary Club, 7:30 am
<b>Every Thursday:</b>	Kiwanis, 12 pm
<b>1st Friday:</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am

## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Paul G. Amara, 76, of Hague and formerly of Queens and Deer Park, Long Island, on November 19, 2018. Paul vacationed at Lake George beginning in 1960 and moved to Hague in 1989.

He started his flying career as a flight instructor. He was the owner and pilot of TransAir International of Farmingdale, Long Island for many years. He also owned and operated Crosswind Aviation and Alfa Airlines.

Mr. Amara was a communicant of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Hague, where he served in many capacities.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Eileen (Walsh) Amara; two sons, Thomas Amara (Cheryle) of Southold, Long Island and Robert Amara (Rocio) of Naples, FL; one daughter, Theresa Carrozza of Lake George; one brother, Raymond Amara of Estero, FL; and one sister, Judith McGinn of Warren, PA. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. ▣

## MUSEUM EXHIBIT

A museum exhibit, "Pieces of Eight: Curiosities from the Collection," featuring objects from the bodies of famous or interesting characters from early American history is open at Fort Ticonderoga and will run through this April.



Strange and perhaps macabre by modern standards, these objects were often cherished keepsakes among family and friends. These objects reflect momentous events, tender sentiments, and sometimes the trauma and lasting wounds of 18th century warfare in North America.

Items on display include locks of hair of George Washington, John Trumbull, and Benedict and Margaret Mansfield Arnold, Jane McCrea's rib bone, Lord Howe's mourning pendant, John Johnson's "Vanity Case," and a portrait miniature of Lady Bowes. ▣

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Festival of Trees has begun at the Hancock House in Ti and will take place Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm until December 29, 2018.

Each year, community organizations, clubs, businesses, and school groups provide a decorated tree, centerpiece, gingerbread house, or other festive holiday art. This year, there are about 40 displays or trees in place across the three museum floors.

A highlight this year is the Carillon Garden Club Tree, decorated by Hague resident Susan Darrin. The 12-foot tree is covered with handcrafted pink straw flower ornaments, ribbon glass, balls, and lights. The flowers were grown at the King's Garden last summer. The Hague Historical Society also has a tree on display.

Hague resident Mary Ann Eaton commented, "The Hancock House is a local gem and a perfect setting to display the holiday spirit representing the artistic talent of so many organizations and people in the community."

Managing Director Diane O'Connor says, "Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Festival of Trees and we really want to pull out all the stops with trees. So, people can begin thinking about that as well. I want more entries and brighter displays than ever before!" ▣



Mary Ann Eaton and Tom Morhouse enjoy the Carillon Garden Club Tree.



## A NEW MCDONALD'S

by Sharon Burnstein

"State of the art," "environmentally friendly," and "innovative" are words that came to mind when I entered the remodeled McDonald's in Ticonderoga. The natural wood decor is Adirondack perfection with cozy seating - booths, chairs, and stools. It is a game changer in the McDonald's experience, starting with a hostess greeter to assist guests with kiosk ordering. Orders are then delivered directly to the tables.

This is only the second McDonald's to have this decor and innovative experience.

Scott Hearburg, who is a remarkable person and community leader, is the owner. He and his team are welcoming guests to the all-new facility with warm Adirondack hospitality. ▣



Sharon Burnstein and Scott Hearburg



## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

"Let it snow. Let it snow.  
Let it snow."



As the "white stuff" begins to pile up outside your windows this winter, it's a good time to learn more about this phenomenon called "snow."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a snowflake begins to form when an extremely cold water droplet freezes onto a dust or pollen particle in the sky. This creates an ice crystal. As the ice crystal falls to the ground, water vapor freezes onto the primary crystal, building new crystals - the six arms of the snowflake.

It is the temperature at which a crystal forms and, to a lesser extent, the humidity of that air which determines the basic shape of the ice crystal. There are needle-like crystals at 23 degrees Fahrenheit and flat plate-like crystals at five degrees Fahrenheit.

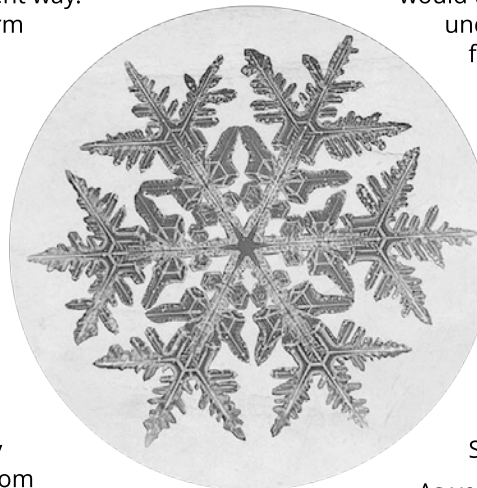
The atmosphere it falls through determines the intricate shape of a

single arm of the snowflake. A crystal might grow its arms in one way, and then seconds or minutes later, it falls through a different temperature or humidity causing it to grow arms in a different way.

Because each arm experiences the same atmosphere, the arms on each snowflake look identical to each other.

Each snowflake is unique because each individual flake follows a slightly different path from the sky to the ground. They all look different, resembling everything from prisms and needles to lacy patterns.

It was Wilson A. Bentley of Jericho, VT, who perfected the innovative photomicrographic techniques of



photographing snowflakes. Born in 1865, he made the first successful snowflake photo in 1885. Bentley would stand in the winter cold for hours until snowflakes landed. He would then transfer a flake under his lens using a feather. After a minute and a half exposure, he'd capture the image.

Bentley photographed more than 5,000 snow crystals before his death in 1931. Five hundred of his snowflake photos are on exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution.

As you bundle up in a coat, scarf, hat, and gloves to enjoy the snow, you may want to put your new knowledge in a song and belt out, "Let the unique six-armed ice crystals fall. Let the unique six-armed ice crystals fall. Let the unique..." Or, well, maybe not. ■

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

In an article on the Fund for Lake George's website entitled, "Identifying Failing Onsite Systems on Lake George" (<http://fundforlakegeorge.org/news/identifying-failing-onsite-systems-on-lake-george>),

Chris Navitsky, the Lake George Waterkeeper and a resident of Hague, called algae the "canary in the coal mine." There are roughly 6,000 septic systems on the lake, an estimated two-thirds of which are old or outdated. With no laws requiring routine maintenance or pumping, it is not surprising that this subject is a focal point for improving the water quality of Lake George and protecting this vital drinking water source.



Dedicated to  
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the Water  
Quality of  
Lake George

Chris began working with about 70 property owners from Dunham's Bay on the south end of the lake in 2014. The group formed the North Queensbury Wastewater District and began snorkeling and using syringes to collect algae from rocks and sand near the shore in three to six feet of water. The samples were then sent to a certified laboratory for microscopic analysis. GPS coordinates were used to document where these indicator algae were found. Of the 20-30 types of algae found in the lake, only certain ones are associated with human waste.

Residents of Dunham's Bay have cooperated and 15 systems have been upgraded since 2014. Eleven of the 15 took advantage of Waterkeeper Grants of up to \$8,000 to help defray the \$14,000 to \$20,000 cost of the upgrades. These upgrades usually included the replacement of the septic tank or addition of an advanced treatment system, as well as UV treatment prior

to discharge to the leach field. The result has been a 25% reduction in the algae species associated with human waste in Dunham's Bay so far.

Property owners in a town can petition the town to form a wastewater district and tap into available funding. They must, however, agree to: municipal oversight and management, professionally engineered septic system plans, town approval of system improvements, implementing water conservation fixtures to reduce flows, and system inspections and service contracts for advanced systems. With a large portion of the Town of Hague still using septic systems, it might be wise to follow the Dunham's Bay model.

Merry Christmas!

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. ■

## HAGUE STUDENTS ON 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

### Grade 1: High Honors -

Allison DeBuque, Reagan Decker, and Maleena Savage

### Grade 3: High Honors -

Wyatt Barnes

### Grade 4: High Honors -

Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, Kaiden Smith, and Bryant Yackel

### Grade 5: High Honors -

Dunavinn Harrington and Brady Kennedy; Honors - Aidan DeBuque

### Grade 6: First Honors -

Alyssa Mydlarz; Second Honors - Peyton Granger

### Grade 7: First Honors -

Sofie Hubbard; Second Honors - Dalton Rivard

### Grade 8: First Honors -

Quentin Gargan

### Grade 9: First Honors -

Teegan McLaughlin, Nevaeh Trudeau; Second Honors - Madalynn Hubbard

### Grade 11: Second Honors -

Mckenzie Harrington

### Grade 12: First Honors -

Skye Mason; Second Honors - Austin Stacy

## A SILVER BAY NEW YEAR'S

Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center will hold its inaugural North Country New Year's Celebration December 28, 2018 – January 1, 2019.

There will be an escape room, resolution workshops, snowshoeing, snow bowling, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and more. New Year's Eve will feature a special dinner and a party in the new William Boyd Center. The party, which will be from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, will feature a DJ, dancing, and a midnight toast.

Overnight accommodations are available and include meals, the party, and all activities.

To make a reservation or to view the full schedule of events, contact reservations at 518-543-8514 or visit [www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org). ■

## MARINE PATROL

Patrolling the waters of Lake George since 1962, the Lake George Park Commission's Marine Patrol successfully completed 56 years of continuous service in 2018.

The primary mission of the Marine Patrol is to promote the safe and enjoyable use of Lake George. It accomplishes this primarily by protecting and educating the public. The patrol also plays a key role in protecting the valuable natural resource of Lake George.

It provides a wide array of services to the boating public. These include assisting stranded boaters, emergency response and first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, removal of hazards, recovery of lost property, and boater safety training.

Additionally, the Marine Patrol enforces the New York State Navigation Law, Environmental Conservation Law, Lake George Park Commission Rules and Regulations, and all other laws.

According to the "Lake George Park Commission's 2018 Marine Patrol Annual Report," it was another very busy year on the water. The patrol season began on April 30th and ran through October 31st. Beginning on June 28th, it operated at full strength, seven days a week until Labor Day. During the summer season, six to seven patrol vessels were on duty Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. A total of 5,991 hours were logged by officers in 2018.

Special thanks go to Lieutenant Joe Johns and Sergeants Paccione and Ross, who managed the patrol and kept people safe on the lake.

Congratulations to NYS Marine Patrol Officer-of-the-Year Bob Sutphen and to Sergeant Paccione and Officer Knoop for receiving the Commission's "Life Saving Award" in 2018. ■

## THANKSGIVING FOR LOCAL TEENS

The Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga celebrated Thanksgiving with local teens with a lesson on proper food preparation followed by a family-style dinner.

Chief Executive Officer of Silver Bay YMCA Steve Tamm said, "As part of our on-going teen program in Ticonderoga, we are looking for creative ways to teach valuable life skills to local teens in a fun, safe, and wholesome environment. This year, we partnered with Mazzone Hospitality, who supplied the food for the event along with two certified chefs to teach the teens."

Sean Willcox of Mazzone Hospitality led a hands-on lesson in proper turkey preparation, the cutting of vegetables, and more. Youth and Teen Director of Silver Bay YMCA Jackie Palandrani noted that the teens were excited and proud of their involvement in making the Thanksgiving meal.

After the lessons and the feast, the YMCA staff joined the teens in a number of activities, which included Pickleball, Four Square, a crochet lesson, and more. ■



## LOOKING BACK

### PAST CHRISTMASES IN HAGUE

by Judy Stock

The *Ticonderoga Sentinel* of December 29, 1938 informs us that **80 years ago in Hague**, there was a "white Thanksgiving so a green Christmas was to be expected."



"However, Tuesday morning following a week end of festivities, we awoke to see the ground white and looking as it should at this time of the year. The state and town crews were out early scraping snow, spreading sand and then scraping it right off again with the next hour's accumulation of snow. Our first intimation that there might be snow on the road came in the early hours when the town truck made several trips through town banging the plow along the road. Too bad the storm could not have come a few days before. Anyhow, it may now be possible for people to use their new snow shoes, skis, etc.

"The new skating rink has been partially flooded and frozen. Flood lights have been placed on the corners to illuminate the skating field and the information booth moved from the bridge corner to be used as a ticket booth.

"The boys and girls of the Week Day School of Religious Education did a fine piece of Christmas caroling this year... they called upon and sang to twenty-three homes, mostly on the back roads. Christmas Eve a group of singers from all three churches journeyed again to the Moses Ludington hospital and sang carols. Rev. R. N. McCann accompanied the singers on a small harp. The singers were: Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Mrs. Amy Fitzgerald, Mrs. R. McCann, Mrs. Myra Elethorpe, Miss Virginia Decker, Miss Mary Keenan, Miss Edna Forte, Miss Betty Fitzgerald and Miss Ella Fitzgerald.

"Christmas parties with programs, trees and gifts were held during the week before Christmas in the town hall and at the churches. The first four grades...(program) was held during the noon time, all children bringing their school lunches and hot chocolate was added by the teachers, as well as Christmas napkins, a small candle set in marshmallow for each child, popcorn and a gift. The Mothers' Club very graciously offered the use of their room and the beautifully decorated tree for these parties. The fifth and sixth grades...had a game and party hour at the town hall at the regular Week Day School period."

The December 16, 1948 issue of the *Ticonderoga Sentinel* let us into a window of the Christmas season **70 years ago**.

"Miss Beatrice Denno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denno of Graphite, and Walter Middleton (better known as Shorty) of Silver Bay, were united in marriage Saturday evening, Dec. 4, at the W. M. parsonage, the Rev. Clarence Murray officiating.



"The Christmas exercises of the Hague Central School will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p. m.

"On Thursday the annual Christmas dinner will be served at the school, under the auspices of the three local churches.

"Rev. R. N. Jessup will speak on 'The Night Before Christmas' at the regular service Sunday morning at the Baptist Church. The annual Christmas exercises will be held Sunday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited."

Then, a mere **60 years ago**, the *Ticonderoga Sentinel* mentioned activities in its December 25, 1958 issue.

"The Girl Scouts of Troop #2 gave a Christmas party for their mothers...at the Hague Central School. ... "Christmas corsages were presented to the troop committees. Carols were sung around a Christmas tree with Mrs. Gordon Hayes as accompanist. Joanne Fitzgerald played a piano solo. The girls presented their mothers with gifts which

they had made. A buffet luncheon was served from a beautifully decorated Christmas table. The party was under the leadership of Mrs. Robert McNeal, Mrs. Gordon Hayes, Mrs. Ralph McKee, Mrs. Eric Fitzgerald and Mrs. Alvin Middleton."

For many years, the *Ticonderoga Sentinel* reported the visiting of folks in Hague. From issues in December 1958, we learn that several members of the Middleton family were going to spend Christmas day with Alvin and Edna Middleton in Silver Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin DeLarm were entertaining on Christmas Day with a family

dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Laundree were hosting Miss Alice Maloney of Ausable Chasm for Christmas weekend and Miss Madeline Blair of Albany was going to spend Christmas in Hague with her parents.

Also noted was that the following students were home from college: Carol Clifton from Albany State, Peter Watts and Dorothy Fitzgerald from Plattsburgh State, Leroy Bennett, Jr. from Canton Technical, and Wayne Shattuck from Ithaca College.

The paper explained that Mr. and Mrs. Walton Wallace, Sr. were going to be visited by the Walton, Jr. family from NJ and Pvt. Martin Fitzgerald on furlough from Fort Dix. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chamberlain and children from Long Island were to spend a 10-day vacation at their home at Sabbath Day Point.

Lastly, an article stated, "The faculty and Board of Education of the Hague Central School held their annual Christmas get together on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Laundree. There were 33 people present who enjoyed a social evening and a buffet supper."

Today, we are looking forward to the 2018 Christmas season and enjoying some of those traditions, which are still important to us. ▣



## TWELFTH NIGHT CONCERT

The Twelfth Night Concert, which is a free concert organized by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church of Ticonderoga. Area churches and individuals will provide music and song and a simple reception will follow the performance. ■

## LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY

**January 12: Scats & Tracks in the 'Dacks** - Amy's Park, Bolton, 11 am - 1 pm - Jessica Coulter will take participants on a hike through Amy's Park to discover the signs animals leave behind and learn about the natural history of the ADK Park. All ages and skills levels welcome. Free. To register, go to: <http://www.lglc.org/events-and-programs>.

**January 17: Cabin Fever Open House** - LGLC Office, 4905 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, 3 - 5 pm. A casual gathering at the LGLC office to meet the folks there, to learn about the projects they're working on, and to find out how you can get involved. No RSVP is required. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a dish if you'd like.

For more information about the LGLC call 518-644-9673 or visit [www.lglc.org](http://www.lglc.org). ■

## FORT TICONDEROGA AWARDED FUNDS

Fort Ticonderoga was awarded \$249,400 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as part of a \$619,630 project to inventory, catalog, and store more than 30,000 items from its objects collections. This three-year project will also aid in the updating of the online collections database recently launched by the fort, making its rare museum collections accessible to the world.

Additionally, Fort Ticonderoga announced that it is beginning the next phase of a \$70 million capital campaign to enhance the visitor experience, which includes the construction of a new state-of-the-art museum to house and display the growing collections of historical importance. The museum will serve as the premier North American military history museum, spanning the early modern era from 1609-1815.

This investment shows the strength of the organization and why the fort has gained a reputation as a world-class destination important to our nation's history. This is the most aggressive expansion in the history of Fort Ticonderoga and will be one of the largest economic development projects in the North Country.

This investment comes on the heels of a \$2.45 million grant awarded to Fort Ticonderoga by New York State for the preservation and adaptive re-use of The Pavilion, the historic home on the campus. The Pavilion, which was built in 1826, is expected to be completed in 2020 and will include expanded visitor amenities, conference center capacity, and new educational and exhibition space. ■

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?



During Fort Ticonderoga's Winter Quarters Season, guests will have the opportunity to explore the fort during what was traditionally the "Winter Quarters" season for armies of the 18th century.

**Winter Workshop Series** - January 12-13, 2019

1750s British Regimental Coats - Guests will learn the latest research on British and Provincial enlisted regimental coats as they build their own.

**Fort Fever Series** - January 13, 2019, 2 pm, Mars Education Center

*Half-Spanish, Part-Hungarian, & All-American: Cavalry Treatises, Saddles & Objects in Fort Ticonderoga's Collection* - Vice President of Public History, Stuart Lilie, will chart the origins of the United States Cavalry. Admission \$10/person (free to fort members and Ambassador Pass holders).

**Living History Event** - January 19, 2019

Preparing for the Coming Campaign, The Story of 1777, which was the last year American troops held the fort.

### Behind-the-Scenes VIP Opportunities

A behind-the-scenes-look at the collections in the Thompson Pell Research Center. Available dates are: January 18, 2019, February 15, 2019, and March 8, 2019. Reservations are required; call 518-585-1023.

To learn more, visit [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org) or call 518-585-2821. ■

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## CALENDAR

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### DECEMBER

18	7 pm	School Board Meeting at Hague CC
21		Schools dismiss early
24-25		Town of Hague offices closed
25		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
27	6 pm	Town Board End of Year Meeting
	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
28 - January 1		Silver Bay New Year's Celebration

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

**September 2 through June 30**

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday: CLOSED

### JANUARY

1		<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>
3	7 pm	Planning Board
6	7 pm	Twelfth Night Concert
8	6 pm	Town Board
12	11 am-1 pm	LGLC Scats & Tracks
12 - 13		Winter Workshop Series at the fort
13	2 pm	Fort Fever Series at the fort
14		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> deadline
15	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
17	3 - 5 pm	LGLC Cabin Fever Open House
18		VIP Tour of the fort
19		Living History Event at the fort