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NEW DEADLINES AND PUBLISHING DATES

The Hague Chronicle has moved its deadlines and publishing dates to two weeks later, so this is a transition issue including July and August. ▣

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of July 27, 2022:

Governor Hochul has announced the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement has been lifted and is now optional for businesses, local governments, and counties to enforce.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	567M	6.38M
US	89.9M	1.02M
NYS	5.74M	69,352
Warren County	16,113	131
Essex County	6,651	65

Sources:

— <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/26/covid-19-tracker>

— Additional source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline –
1-888-364-3065 ▣

SUMMER NIGHTS MUSIC SERIES

Nothing says summer like an evening under the stars listening to some great music. The Town of Hague offers music in the Hague park every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, and the Ticonderoga Festival Guild presents their summer concert series at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion every Tuesday at 7 pm.

Hague Town Park Schedule

August 3: Willie Playmore Band
August 10: Ben Rounds Band
August 17: Scotty Mack Rock Show
August 24: Bob Stump American Roots Show
August 31: Rich Ortiz

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Food trucks will also be onsite starting at 5:30 pm. In the case of inclement weather, the performances will take place at the Hague Community Center. For more information, visit www.townofhague.org or call 518-543-6161.

Ticonderoga Festival Guild Schedule

August 2: Rich Ortiz
August 9: Too Tall String Band
August 16: Ashley Sophia
August 23: Emish

Concerts are rain or shine. Spectators are welcome to bring their own chairs. The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging community members and visitors to grab takeout before or after the scheduled concerts. For more information or a list of restaurants visit www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

HAGUE'S NEW TOWN CLERK, KIM COFFIN

Kim Coffin was appointed Hague's new town clerk on May 23rd after previous Town Clerk Meaghan Clonan left because of a family medical situation.

Kim stated that the non-elected as well as the elected people working in the Town of Hague have been extremely supportive of her. Many members of the community have said to her, "We're so glad you're in that position!"

Her duties include being:

- Recording Secretary to the town board
- Tax Collector
- Sewer Rent Collector
- Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Records Management Officer



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MAPPING THE ADIRONDACKS BEFORE GPS

“Mapping the Adirondacks” is the title of a presentation hosted by the Ticonderoga Historical Society on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 7 pm at the Hancock House on the circle in Ticonderoga. The speaker is Pete Nelson, who will discuss the life and work of Rochester physician William Watson Ely. Ely’s Map of the New York Wilderness dominated the world of Adirondack maps from the 1860s until nearly the turn of the century. ❑

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

During the month of June, we had 21 fire calls and drills using 179 volunteer hours and ten EMS calls, using 54.5 volunteer hours.

Now that we are in the middle of summer and there is an increased call volume, please be considerate of our members responding to calls. If you see blue lights behind you, please pull over when it is safe to do so and let them by. If you approach a fire or ambulance scene, and fire police are present, remember that they are there to keep the scene safe. Our goal is to clear a scene as soon as possible but also as safely as possible.

We hope that everyone has a safe and pleasant summer! ❑



JUDITH STOCK ASSUMES THE MANTLE OF PUBLISHER EMERITA

The Hague Chronicle is in its 51st year of publication and for more than 20 of those years, Judy Stock has been on the team that puts out the monthly publication. At its annual board meeting on June 29, Judy opted to step down from her roles as board member and publisher.

About 21 years ago, Dottie Henry, then Publisher/Editor of *The Hague Chronicle*, asked Judy if she’d do some proofreading. Judy agreed and that’s how it all began. It’s been a long ride with Judy gradually assuming more responsibilities and eventually taking over the Publisher/Editor title when Dottie became Publisher Emerita.

You might look at this publication and think it’s “a nice little ten-to-twelve-page newsletter.” Be not lulled into thinking it’s a simple enterprise. There were times when Judy was practically doing it all – publisher, editor, layout person, keeper of the mailing list, reporter, photographer, attendee at Hague Town Board meetings, and leader of the mailing team. If it was happening in Hague, Judy was there to cover it.

She did it all with her comprehensive knowledge of Hague, its history and its people, and she did it in a caring way that attracted folks to join the organization and pitch in to help. It wasn’t all work of course because as

publisher, she also organized an annual holiday party for the board and the volunteer staff. To this day, folks who were on the mailing team still miss the monthly gathering of friends and acquaintances who folded, stapled, labeled, and stamped some 700 copies mailed to our subscribers. Judy made it fun! As she herself has said, “It’s been a great ride!”

The Hague Chronicle is definitely a team effort, but every team needs a captain. So, hats off to Captain Judy and a great big thank you for all her efforts on behalf of our subscribers. ❑



For years Judy was a participant in the Hague Memorial Day Parade. She always managed to corral a friend into driving their vehicle with Judy and another staffer in the back tossing candy to the parade watchers.

TOWN CLERK, CONTINUED

Kim also acts as the town's licensing officer including:

- Marriage licenses
- Dog licenses (Anyone in Hague, including seasonal residents who have a dog must get licenses for them; the cost is \$6 annually.)
- DEC sporting licenses
- Handicap parking permits
- Vendor permits

She also:

- Handles the May Memorial Cemetery Deeds
- Helps residents print their county tax bills and view the status of their payments
- Is in charge of Birth/Death/Marriage/Genealogy information
- Manages public documents and our microfilm library

She said she is really enjoying everything about the job and wants to be that person who is always available to the people of the town. She vows to always do the best job that she can.

Kim wishes more people would attend the town board meetings each month because, "There's a lot that goes on and if the members of the community don't attend, they can't have input on the important issues of the town."

Prior to accepting the position of town clerk for the Town of Hague, she was a bookkeeper/office manager for General Contractor Pat Armstrong, Inc. for 13 years.

Kim grew up in Vermont and officially became a resident of Hague 18 years ago with her husband of 26 years, Matt Coffin, who is now our deputy highway superintendent.

Kim and Matt have three children: Michael, his wife, Heather, and their daughter, Charlie, who will turn three in August, live in Vermont; their son, Taylor, lives here in Hague and was recently hired by the Hague Highway Department; and their daughter, Jennell, lives in New Hampshire.

Welcome, Kim! We are lucky to have you as our new town clerk! ▣

BECOME A LAKE GEORGE CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Lake George Association (LGA) Citizen Scientists are dedicated Lake Protectors – concerned citizens from around our community who volunteer their time to monitor water quality, invasive species, harmful and concerning algae growth, and local wildlife. All the data they collect supports the LGA and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation programs that help keep the lake clear and clean. No experience necessary, just a love for Lake George. Here's how residents can help:

Algae Watch: Use visual observations along a section of shoreline to document algae growth throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Event: Over the weekend of August 19 - 21, survey a section of shoreline for aquatic invaders, including plants, mussels, snails, and fish.

Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE): Collect macroinvertebrates from a stream near you to help assess the quality of water entering Lake George.

Citizen Science Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP): Collect water samples and document lake conditions for early detection of water quality problems.

Loon Monitoring with the LGA: Join the LGA in counting loons on Lake George as part of our annual monitoring program aimed at determining the relative health of the population of this signature Adirondack bird.

To learn more, click [HERE](#). ▣

LGLC LECTURE SERIES IN BOLTON

The Lake George Land Conservancy hosts their Living Land Series at their office in Bolton Wednesdays at 5:30 pm during the summer. Registration is required, as space is limited. [Click here for more information.](#)

August 3: Beaver Dam Hydraulics

An in-depth look at the impact of beavers on our watershed.

August 10: Geology

Learn all about the geology of Lake George.

August 17: Lake George Colonial History

Explore the role of Sir William Johnson in the Battle of Lake George.

August 24: Trees!

Nancy Scarzello will talk about the vital importance of trees. She will include identification of some common trees around Lake George.

August 31: History of Wiawaka

Learn about Wiawaka and its founder, Mary Fuller, as well as the historical context that made it such an important establishment for its time. ▣

PASSING THE LAKE TEST

Do you have house guests who don't pass the lake test? In other words, they just don't get the concept of life in Hague. Here are a few good indicators of someone who is going to fail the test, and perhaps not be invited back for a visit next year:

- They insist on taking a shower after swimming in the lake – even though you've told them the shower water comes straight from the lake;
- They ask where they can get their nails done in Hague;
- They can't believe there's no Starbucks within a 40-mile radius;
- They don't understand that a trip to the dump is *the* Saturday morning social event.

What are your favorite requirements for passing the lake test? ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/23/2022

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of June 23, 2022 was canceled due to a lack of applications. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 7/7/2022

Chairperson Dick Frasier, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present along with ZEO Matthew McGee and Acting Secretary Cathy Clark.

ROBINSON (25.1-1-1.2 & 25.1-1-1.11) 366 and 376 West Hague Road (OCI)

The applicant is proposing a subdivision of two abutting parcels. Currently Mr. Robinson owns a lot (Lot 1), which is 4.13 acres and another lot (Lot 2), which is 4.41 acres. If approved, Lot 1 would be 5.64 acres and Lot 2 would be 2.9 acres. All of Mr. Robinson's outer buildings along with his house would then be on Lot 1. Because this is a subdivision, (defined as lots greater than ¼ acre), a public hearing was held. No one spoke for or against the subdivision. The application was deemed complete and was unanimously approved with no conditions.

FUHRER (26.10-1-26) 65 Friends Pt. N (TR-1R)

The applicant would like to construct an addition to an existing house. The new construction would be within 100 feet of the lake. An existing stone landing is 86.8 feet from the lake and the new deck would be 86 feet from the lake. The application indicates a 43% increase in the structure footprint. The property is within Sewer District #2. The plans provided indicate a loft that the applicant does not plan to build. A site visit will be scheduled once the board receives updated drawings.

REYNEN (93.16-1-39) 40 Sabbath Day Pt. Road (TR-IR) SP 05-22

The applicants are proposing to construct a new four-bedroom, two-story single-family house on a vacant lot. The structure footprint will be 2,500 sq. ft., have a maximum height of 31.8 feet, and will be 51-3/4 feet from the lake. Septic permits have been applied for. Water will be supplied by the Sabbath Day water system. A site visit was scheduled.

MILLER-FAYOLLE (26.14-1-8) 11 Birch Point Drive (TRIR) SP 01-18

The Planning Board approved the extension to an existing deck and relocation of its stairs on May 3, 2018, and extended their approval on June 16, 2020. The owners have not been able to complete the project and are now requesting another two-year extension. A two-year extension was unanimously approved.

THE FIREHOUSE/ Ginn-DeLarm (43.5-1-3) 8979 Graphite Mountain Road

The applicants are requesting a modification of their Planning Board approval of June 1, 2006, to include the use of food trucks, which are proposed to be parked in the front of the building. The board had numerous questions. The application was tabled until the August 4th Planning Board meeting because no one was present to represent the applicants.

MITCHELL/MADE IN HAGUE (59.20-1-6) 8461 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The proprietors of the Made in Hague retail shop are requesting Planning Board approval for operation of the retail store in the north side of the Silver Bay Post Office. Parking and traffic impacts were discussed. The application was unanimously approved for the 2022 season and the application could be revisited as early as the November 2022 Planning Board meeting. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 7/12/2022

The following members were present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Councilpersons Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present were Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Zoom Host Ginger Kuenzel, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Linda Mury, Mike and Peggy Kowalsky, Sandy Rust, Pat Hintze, Carol Barnwell, and Luanne Fritzky.

A moment of silence was held for Leo Ross.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: The assessor's office will conduct a town-wide property assessment.

Highway: The culvert on Pudding Island Road is almost completed and the road will be paved. The state will pave Rt. 9N from the boat dock north to the county line after Labor Day. Warren County DPW will repave Summit Drive from Rt. 8 to the intersection of West Hague/New Hague Roads.

Museum/Historian: Ginger Kuenzel reported 30 local authors will be at Silver Bay from 5 – 8 pm on July 22, 2022 for a book signing and children-friendly activities.

Personnel: Bast stated that having Eric Kramar as Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Operator Trainee resolves many short-term and long-term issues and will cover regulatory requirements.

Planning/Zoning/Storm Water: Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Matthew McGee is doing a town-wide property maintenance review, the plan for which was adopted by the town board on 5/13/2003. For details, click [HERE](#).

Town Park/Beautification: Ramant reported that the Music in the Park with food trucks is going well. He thanked Highway Superintendent Donnie Smith for setting the park up.

Ramant provided a plan and pricing from Garden Time for the pavilion at the town park. He presented five letters from adjoining or close property owners to the park that stated they were in favor of placing the new pavilion near the lake on the side by the boat launch. Discussion ensued about where the pavilion should be placed. Another option from Woodlot Woodworks, LLC was provided by Patchett. A third option, to add on to the existing structure, will be examined.

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FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT THIS SUMMER

After being open for 17 years, the Firehouse Restaurant in Hague is trying a new model this summer, using food trucks and pop-ups. The pop-up folks can go inside the restaurant.

Sheri and Cris were motivated to try this because of staffing issues. They had a chef, but needed at least ten other people just to staff the kitchen. Those people were simply not available.

Sheri believes COVID contributed to this in that babyboomers retired, which opened up positions. Workers in lower positions filled those jobs, and the service industry was left without workers. She said that service industry people also chose to go into different better-paying careers. She also blames the fact that millennials are waiting to get married and have families and that the birth rate is down, so the pool of possible workers is smaller.

This is the general schedule for the food trucks:

- Monday – Closed
- Tuesday – Caribbean

- Wednesday – Crab Shack
- Thursday – BBQ
- Friday – Greek
- Saturday – Hot dogs, hamburgers, and more
- Sunday - Closed

An updated list is posted at haguefirehouse.com. They also put up messages on their Facebook page daily.

The food truck owners get 100% of the money they take in, while the Firehouse makes its money on the drinks that are purchased. The food truck owners have been pleased and say they really love the friendly people of Hague. But the Firehouse needs more people to come and they need more drinks to be purchased if this is to be a profitable summer for them.

Folks who have gone for an evening or more at the Firehouse this summer have reported that it was great food, great drinks, and great fun. Let's all get behind Sheri and Cris and frequent the Firehouse Restaurant this summer! They are looking forward to seeing us! ❑

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast reported that one EDU Appeal is being addressed by the committee and a recommendation will be provided to the board at the August 9th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permission for Matthew McGee, Cathy Clark, and Josh Patchett to attend a conference in Lake Placid on October 6th on Short Term Rentals was unanimously passed.

Because the Town of Hague is still working on the pavilion/bandstand design and cannot meet the Glens Falls Foundation's criteria for the project at this time, the town board authorized the supervisor to return the \$15,000 grant monies it had received.

Ginger Kuenzel noted that there is a banner on a home that she feels is offensive and wanted to know if there are any regulations governing its removal. Frasier will talk with the ZEO. ❑

FOURTH OF JULY IN HAGUE 2022

Thanks to the efforts of Steve Ramant and the Town of Hague, Hague literally came alive for the Fourth of July this year!

The lot across from the Hague Town Park and Beach was filled to capacity with cars. The parking lot at the park was jammed with food trucks and hungry customers, happy children were scurrying about, playing on the playground, old friends were reconnecting, and folks were strolling around, meeting new friends.

The food trucks included The Wind Chill Factory, Larry's Funnel Cakes, Red Wagon BBQ, Alaturco Gyros, and the Hague Fish & Game Club.

The band, town favorite Tom Denno's Barkeater Band, rocked out from the stage and boats began gathering in Hague Bay for the famous Hague Fireworks display, put on by Santore's Fireworks. At dusk, the fireworks

commenced, enjoyed by folks in hundreds of boats from all over Lake George.

What a special way to celebrate the independence of our country! There's just nothing like it! ❑



BOTTOM LEFT: Donna Trudeau shows Nolan Taylor the inside of the Hague ambulance.



SOUNDINGS

BORN: James Joshua "JJ" Patchett on May 8, 2022. Parents are Melissa Lynn and Joshua Robert Patchett. Maternal grandparents are Alan Eric and Kathaleen Alice Marschner. Paternal grandparents are Scott Carter and Alice Ann Patchett. Congratulations, all!

A SERVICE for Douglas Zeyak, 65, of Hague, who passed away January 29, 2022, will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 11 am at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague. Immediately following the service, there will be a gathering at Eddie's Restaurant to celebrate Doug's life. The family looks forward to seeing everyone.

DIED: Ann Wagner Geils, 93, at her home in Highland Park, FL on July 6, 2022.

Ann grew up in Chatham, NJ and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1950 with a degree in Physical Education. She had a long career as an educator, first as a physical education teacher and coach of girls' basketball and field hockey teams in NJ and later as a classroom teacher and a reading

resource teacher. Her greatest joy in teaching was the time she spent teaching English as a second language, some of her students becoming lifelong friends.

Always ready for adventure, Ann and her family camped throughout the US when her children were young. After retirement, she and her husband, Henry, enjoyed traveling the world. Her cottage in Silver Bay was the home of her heart, and the magnet to which her family was drawn each summer. She had a lifelong love of tennis - as a player, a teacher, and a fan.

She will be remembered by all those who loved her as the matriarch of her family who loved "her people" fiercely and completely. "Her people" included not only her blood relatives, but also so many others whom she took in as family both physically and emotionally. Her dinner table was the center of family connection and she was always welcoming to friends, neighbors, and anyone who needed the support of a family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Geils, in 2009. She is survived by three children: Beth Geils, Martha Smith (Mark) and Paul Geils (Donna); five grandchildren: Katie



Smith, J. Hudson Smith (Lurrel), David Larumbe Smith (Stephanie), Ben Geils, and Emma Geils, and seven beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service will be held in late July at Silver Bay.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Fund for Silver Bay, Silver Bay YMCA by clicking [HERE](#) or checks can be sent to Silver Bay YMCA, Attn: Development Office, 87 Silver Bay Rd, Silver Bay, NY 12874.



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

There will be a free Warren County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9 am - 1 pm at the Town of Queensbury Highway Department.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about hazardous waste.

You **MUST** be a resident of Warren County to participate. After your registration is received, you will be assigned a registration number and appointment time. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

Register online, by mail (click [HERE](#)), or at your town hall. Preregistration will allow for the fastest collection of your household hazardous waste.

Expect delays if you register on-site the day of collection.

PLEASE BRING ID OR CURRENT UTILITY BILL AND THE CONFIRMATION WITH YOU ON DAY OF COLLECTION.

These are the items you can bring:

- Aerosol cans
- Anti-freeze
- Corrosive liquid (Examples: oven, drain, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- Corrosive solid (Examples: abrasive cleaners)
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Hazardous paints (Examples: oil paints, stains, and varnishes)
- Latex paints
- Liquid pesticides
- Solid pesticides

Items NOT accepted:

- Explosive waste and munitions - Call local law enforcement on how to dispose of these.
- Asbestos - Do NOT attempt to remove; contact NYS DEC or a certified asbestos contractor.
- Automotive oil - Recycle at a service station.
- Batteries - Recycle at landfill.
- Electronics - Recycle at landfill.
- Pharmaceuticals - Contact DEC for next scheduled collection or check with your pharmacy.
- Infectious waste - Consult your doctor or hospital.
- Radioactive materials - Contact DEC.

For information or questions, call 518-761-6556. Online registration is preferred. 

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Thanks to Silver Bay's generous donors, there will be new soccer goals and a weekly pickup soccer game for teens and adults this summer! Stay tuned for more information on that!

The Silver Bay Concert Series held in the auditorium this summer will now be FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Check out the activities calendar on Silver Bay's website for more information.

Following the highly regarded "An Evening of Dance" from the summer of 2019, dancers from the most renowned professional institutions in the United States will return to the auditorium August 12 and 13, 2022. Stay tuned to Silver Bay's social media sites for updates on tickets.

A new addition for this summer will be a Lecture Series. On August 3rd, Rebecca Donner, the author of the instant New York Times bestseller *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days*. It's a stunning work of deeply-researched non-fiction about her great-great-aunt Mildred Harnack, an American graduate student who became a leader of the largest underground resistance group in Berlin during Hitler's regime. ▣

SILVER BAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Spots are filling up fast for Silver Bay's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Ticonderoga Golf Course.

There will be no registration the day of the tournament. Registration is open until all spots are filled. Click **HERE** for more information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities and to access the online registration form.

All net proceeds of the event support the youth and outreach programs of Silver Bay YMCA, including the Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center, Open Pathways, Military R&R, and more. ▣

WRAPPING UP MY INTERNSHIP WITH THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

by Gabrielle Keller

Two summers ago, I was given the incredible opportunity to work as an intern for *The Hague Chronicle*.

Since then, I have been collaborating with Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor, *The Hague Chronicle* team, and the Hague community on several articles. I have attended board meetings and town events. I learned how to conduct interviews, write articles based on notes taken, access town documents, and I practiced the editing process of a newspaper.

From this internship, I have grown as a writer and it has solidified my interest in becoming a journalist.

The next chapter of my life will start this August, when I will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville to study journalism. I know I will be incorporating the skills I have learned from *The Hague Chronicle* with the new opportunities coming my way.

I am so excited for the future and I am grateful to this community and the people who have helped shaped my vision of it.

I wish everybody a wonderful summer and all good things in the coming year. ▣



SILVER BAY YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

Friends and neighbors of the Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of Silver Bay YMCA to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 8 am in Morse Hall, or virtually via Zoom.

Updates on the association will be provided by CEO Peter R. Doliber and Chair of the Board of Trustees Stephanie Wagoner.

Attendees will also hear a statement regarding Silver Bay's financials by Treasurer Jonathan Loane and various other updates regarding the organization.

For information on how to join the annual meeting virtually and to submit questions beforehand, please email Board Liaison Keri DuRoss at kduross@silverbayassociation.onmicrosoft.com or call 518-543-8505 by July 30th. ▣

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HELEN HUGHES MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The 100th anniversary of the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel at Silver Bay will be celebrated on Sunday, August 14th, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the auditorium.

The afternoon will feature reflections on the chapel, as well as performances by some of Silver Bay's most celebrated musicians. Following the program, guests may explore the chapel and enjoy music by organist Vaughn Watson. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP **HERE**. ▣



WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

The following contains recently declassified military information, and is intended for mature audiences. Reader discretion is advised.

Transcripts were obtained from the Navy's Lake Champlain Underwater Laboratory which show results from their recent technological achievement demonstrating the ability to record conversations of aquatic plants. Using their Aquaphone in waters off Fort Ticonderoga, Navy divers recorded this conversation between husband and wife, Curly and Leaf Pondweed.

"Curly, wouldn't it be great if we could move out of this muddy water and find a new home? Lake George is nearby and it's clean and clear, and I really want to reproduce."



Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George

"Leaf, I love it when you talk to me that way. Reproducing is my favorite thing to do. But how are we going to get there?"

"Curly, I have a plan. Next time a fishing boat drops anchor, let's get tangled around the line. He pulls up the anchor, we stow away until he decides to fish Lake George. Then Bada Bing, Bada Boom, we're in Lake George! I hear its nice by this place called Mossy Point. I love the name, it's so green." Leaf, I'm a simple guy and this sounds risky, but anything to reproduce with you."

In case you missed it, June 6-12, 2022 was New York's Invasive Species Awareness Week. One major change regarding invasive species is that all boats entering waters in or adjacent to the Adirondack Forest Preserve must obtain certification that their boats have been inspected and any invasive species removed. These tougher rules took effect on June 8th. The Adirondack Watershed Institute lists all boat inspection stations online at: www.adkwatershed.org/boat-wash-stations.

By the way, Curly-Leaf Pondweed is an invasive species that is already in Lake George, but it is important to stop further colonies from forming. This aquatic plant can form dense surface mats that are a nuisance to recreation. When the plants die in July, the released nutrients can promote algal blooms; a critical loss of oxygen can be harmful to fish and other organisms. In addition, the dead plants can form stinky messes on beaches. Further information can be found online at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

With boats and trailers it's clear. Keep them clean, drained, and dry, including fishing tackle, and especially anchors and anchor lines. And don't launch if you haven't been inspected. It's the law.

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

TICONDEROGA FARMERS MARKET IN NEW LOCATION

Visit the Ticonderoga Farmers Market in its new location in downtown Ticonderoga behind Glens Falls National Bank. The market is open Saturdays through September 24, 2022 from 10 am to 1 pm. You'll find produce, meat, flowers, honey, maple products, and more. In addition, special events are scheduled, including makers market, live music, and kids corner on August 13th, local authors day on August 27th, harvest festival on September 10th, FallFest on September 27th, and a holiday market on December 2nd. For more information, call 518-585-6619 or visit www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

ARCADY BAY IN HAGUE

First a forest, then a farm, a parents' summer camp, a 1930s resort, an elite children's camp, and now a residential community situated on a beautiful bay on northern Lake George - this fourteen-minute-long video is a nostalgic look at Arcady Bay. Go to <https://youtu.be/F4skWLKEj2o>. Enjoy!

The video was compiled and edited by Rob Fischer: ▣

GOLF BALL DROP EVENT FUNDRAISER IN TICONDEROGA

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) will host a Golf Ball Drop event on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 4:30 pm to benefit downtown Ticonderoga and the Best 4th in the North. Tickets for a chance to win cash awards are \$20 each and can be purchased at Five Nations Golf, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce or from TMSP board members. The cash awards range from \$250 to \$25,000. For more information, visit www.timainstreet.org, contact Committee Chairperson John Bartlett, or visit the Downtown Ticonderoga (TMSP) Facebook page. ▣

LETTERBOXING COMES TO WARREN COUNTY

The Historians' Challenge Letterboxing is a free, fun treasure hunt for people of all ages, taking you to places all around the county. Pick up your Letterboxing Passport at the Hague Community Center or at the Hague Market to get started. When you solve the riddle on each page, it will lead you to a hidden, waterproof box in each of 12 towns around the county. In the box, you'll find a stamp that you can use to stamp that page of your passport. You'll also find clues in each box to help find Jeanne Robert Foster, an important historical figure in this area. Once you've collected all the stamps in your passport and solved the riddles to find Jeanne, send in your passport and get a free embroidered patch. All the details are explained in the Letterboxing Passport and on the website at <https://historians-challenge-warrencountyny.hub.arcgis.com/> ▣

LOOKING BACK

By Pat McDonough

The Silver Bay YMCA campus has hosted many dignitaries to speak at conferences and special occasions during its 100-year history. In August 1922 the speakers at Visitors' Day were Nathan L. Miller, New York State Governor from 1921 through 1922, and Adolph S. Ochs, illustrious publisher of *The New York Times* from 1896 to 1935.

As a part of the day's program, these two gentlemen, accompanied by a party of other notables, enjoyed a cruise on Silver Bay's steam launch, *Crusader*. Unfortunately, as they headed south towards Lake George Village, a rope caught fire, which forced them to come ashore. Having debarked, the passengers opted to finish their journey by other means! (Source: Silver Bay Blog of May 15, 2013)

Ochs, the son of immigrants to the United States, grew up in a poor household in Knoxville, Tennessee, and early on, at the age of eleven, was bitten by the newspaper publishing bug. He began by delivering newspapers and learning to set type at the *Knoxville Chronicle*. When he was 19, he borrowed \$250 to purchase a controlling share of the struggling *Chattanooga Times* and in 1896, with an investment of \$75,000, he bought another financially troubled newspaper, *The New York Times*. He had become a newspaperman through and through!



Adolph S. Ochs

Adolph Ochs' speaking engagement at Silver Bay and his experience on the *Crusader*, were not his first connection to Lake George. A man of great accomplishment and wealth, in the early 1900's he purchased the "Abenia" estate from George Foster Peabody, a noted American financier and philanthropist with strong ties to the Lake George region. It is said that "Abenia" is an Algonquin name meaning "home of rest," as indeed it was for Mr. Ochs. When residing here on Lake George, Ochs made multiple calls a day to the city offices of *The New York Times*. But he also participated in golf, had an active social life with his friends and neighbors, and was a long-time

member of the Lake George Association. One of his pleasures might well have been boating, as the estate included a large boathouse. In fact, you may have dined there. It's now the Boathouse Restaurant in Lake George, where you can hear the whistle of today's steamboats as they cruise the lake!

Our readers may remember a Looking Back column in January 2010 in which we told the tale of Mr. Ochs' final days. In April 1935, at the age of 77, Adolph Ochs was apparently an ill man. In an effort to revisit his connection with Lake George, he telephoned Karl Abbott, then manager of the Sagamore Hotel, and asked him to look out his window toward the lake and describe all that he saw. In a half-hour conversation, Abbott described the sky and the

clouds, the wind, and the surface of the lake for Ochs, who instructed him not to miss a thing. This was to be his last "visit" to Lake George. The following morning the headlines announced his death. ▣



The Crusader, as pictured in Lake George Boats and Steamboats by William Preston Gates

GRANT FROM CLOUDSPLITTER FOUNDATION FOR TI-ALLIANCE

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has received a first-time grant for \$10,000 from The Cloudsplitter Foundation to help develop two new programs. The grant will fund a new part-time position to manage projects related to workforce housing and childcare, both of which are critical shortages in the Ticonderoga area.

“This support from the Cloudsplitter Foundation is integral to expanding the Alliance’s capacity to tackle some of these bigger underlying challenges to our local economy, said Ti-Alliance Executive Director Donna Wotton. “We know that when we are able to dedicate someone on our team to work on a program, we can make a big impact. We’re getting great results with our school workforce programs, and we know that we can do the same in housing and childcare.”

Ti-Alliance is an economic development non-profit working to develop business, employment, housing, education, and other activities that enhance the economy of the Ticonderoga area and build a strong regional economic hub.

For more information about Ti-Alliance and how to get involved, visit www.ticonderoga-alliance.org .

WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE EXPANDS IN TICONDEROGA

Mariah North, MD, and Katherine Wagner, MD, both board certified OB/GYNs, have joined the Ticonderoga campus of The University of Vermont Health Network – Elizabethtown Community Hospital. Along with Molly Brown WHNP, they will provide health care to women of all ages in the Ticonderoga area.

Dr. North says that getting to know and partner with patients is what she enjoys most. “I like listening to my patients’ stories and learning their personal and medical history. It’s how we establish a trusting relationship.” In addition to providing care for women at the Ticonderoga campus, Dr. North also sees obstetric patients at UVM Health Network affiliate, Porter Medical Center in Middlebury, VT. She is graduate of University of New Mexico Medical School in Albuquerque, NM.

Dr. Wagner strives to provide the most up-to-date care with compassion and personal attention. She specializes in well-woman care and a full range of gynecologic care in Ticonderoga as well as providing obstetrical care to her patients at Porter Medical Center. Dr. Wagner received her medical degree from The University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, VT.

TI ARTS DOWNTOWN GALLERY SUMMER SHOWS

Tired of just lazing around on your dock all day every day? Looking for something different? The Ti Arts Downtown Gallery has an amazing lineup of artists’ shows coming up in August and September. If you haven’t yet checked out the talent displayed at this gallery, you are in for a real treat. The artist whose work is being displayed is generally present at the opening reception. Stop by to talk with the artist and enjoy their exceptional work.

- ANN & GARY LARSON: LENS & BRUSH
August 3 - August 20. Opening reception is August 4, 5-7 pm.
- INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE BOX: ABSTRACTS & ASSEMBLAGES
August 24 - September 17. Opening reception is August 26, 5-7 pm.
- ADIRONDACK HARVEST PLEIN AIR
Opening reception is September 18, 11 am - 3 pm.
- J.S. Wooley: Adirondack Photographer (1867-1930)
September 28 - October 22; Opening reception is September 30 5-7 pm.

GYOTAKU (fish printing class), August 8th, 11 am -12:30 pm. To register, visit the gallery at: 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga; or the website: <http://www.ticonderogaarts.org> ; ticonderogaarts@gmail.com

29TH ANNUAL TICONDEROGA AREA CAR SHOW

The 29th Annual Car Show will be held Sunday, August 7, 2022, in the Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga from 9 am – 4 pm. Prizes will be awarded in a wide range of categories, including, but not limited to: Best of Show Car, Best of Show Truck, Best of Show Motorcycle, Fans Choice, Most Radical Engine, Best Work In Progress, and – yes, you heard it right – Most Likely To Get Pulled Over. Visitors to the event can also enjoy a variety of vendors, food, music, activities for the kids, raffles, and the Kiwanis Club Duck Race.

Entrance is free for spectators. To enter your vehicle and a chance to win an award, pre-register before August 4 for \$15 or pay \$20 on the day of the show. Vehicles must be at the park no later than 11 am on the day of the event.

For more information or to register your vehicle for the show, contact the Adirondack Trail Riders at 518-585-6102, email adirondacktrailriders@hotmail.com, or visit their Facebook page. Registration forms and general information are also available at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce office.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FORT TICONDEROGA

If you haven't visited Fort Ticonderoga recently, maybe it's time to take another look. In addition to the museum and grounds, the demonstrations and the gardens, the Fort now also offers premium experiences and programs. Advanced [online](#) purchase is required; space is limited.

Pavilion Tour – An inside view of the newly restored 1826 pavilion. This 60-minute tour examines the evolution of this National Historic Landmark, from summer home to hotel, its renovation in 1909, and its most recent complete restoration. August 24, 2022, September 8th and 22nd; October 13th, 6:30 - 8 pm

The Gossip Tour – Get the real story of life at Ticonderoga during this adult-only, walking tour. From high crimes to petty bickering, serving at Ticonderoga was full of drama from 1755 to 1781. August 10, 2022, 6:30 - 8 pm

Guns by Night – A 90-minute tour and demonstration of 18th-century firepower. Explore the workings of the firelocks and cannon. August 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 8 - 9:30 pm

Sunset Boat Cruise on Lake Champlain – Toast to the King's health with a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch as you discover Ticonderoga's rich maritime history. August 5th and 13th, 6:30-8 pm; August 20th and 27th, 6 - 7:30 pm

Beneath Fortress Walls – Learn the history of the building and re-building of Fort Ticonderoga and explore areas off limits to the public. August 3rd, 6:30 - 8 pm

Cannon & Coffee – Enter Fort Ticonderoga before the public in a program that explores the world-class collection of 18th century artillery. Fresh coffee in a keep-sake Fort Ticonderoga mug included! August 5th and 12th, 8 - 9:30 am

Special Pavilion and Garden Tour – Join Ann Hazelrigg, Fort Ticonderoga's horticulturalist-in-residence, Stuart Lilie, Vice President of Public History, and Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle for an intimate tour of the pavilion and King's Garden. This program includes a catered lunch and a private cruise aboard the *Carillon* on Lake Champlain. Highlights include the garden on Mount Independence, which American soldiers farmed to feed the 10,000 Continental troops in 1776. August 26th, 10:30 am – 2:45 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Garden Conservancy at 845-424-6500 or email: events@gardenconservancy.org .

EVENTS IN TI FOR KIDS

Ticonderoga Heritage Museum offers children's summer workshops from 9 - 10 am at The Heritage Museum every Wednesday and Friday through August 12, 2022.

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild offers children's programs at the Knights of Columbus pavilion on August 3rd and 10th. For details visit www.tifestivalguild.org .

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SPECIAL TOUR OF KING'S GARDEN AND PAVILION AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Join Ann Hazelrigg, Fort Ticonderoga's Horticulturalist-in-Residence, Stuart Lilie, Vice President of Public History, and Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle for an intimate tour of the house and grounds known as the King's Garden and Pavilion. The program includes a catered lunch and a relaxing private cruise aboard the *Carillon* on Lake Champlain, during which you will learn about centuries of maritime heritage. Highlights include the garden on Mount Independence, which American soldiers farmed to meet the needs of the 10,000 Continental troops in 1776.

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PAINTING BY HISTORICAL ARTIST DON TROIANA AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga will host a special exhibition of a new painting entitled *Ticonderoga 1758* by internationally-renowned historical artist, Don Troiani, depicting the fury of the 1758 Battle of Carillon. This painting is on special display as part of the July 8th *Battle of Carillon* Commemoration at Fort Ticonderoga.

"Troiani has portrayed the heroic bravery of the Black Watch, at the high water mark of the doomed British assault on Montcalm's French lines," said Fort Ticonderoga Curator, Dr. Matthew Keagle. Troiani took photographs of the terrain and studied the research to create a vivid glimpse into the past.

The painting will be exhibited through October 30, 2022, in the Mars Education Center at Fort Ticonderoga.

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CALENDAR

July/August 2022

AUGUST

1	8 pm	SB - <i>Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra</i>	13	8 am	SB Annual Meeting - Morse Hall
2	5:30 pm	Music in the Park - <i>Willie Playmore Band</i>		10 am – 1 pm	Farmers Market - Kids' Corner
4	5 – 7 pm	Ti Arts Downtown Gallery - <i>Ann and Gary Larson Opening Reception</i>	14	1:30 pm	SB - 100-Year Anniversary of Hughes Chapel
	7 pm	Planning Board	17	5:30 pm	Music in the Park - <i>Scotty Mac Rock Show</i>
5	7 pm	Hancock House - <i>Mapping the Adirondacks Before GPS</i>	19	8 pm	SB - <i>Flame the Band</i>
6	10 am – 1 pm	Ti Farmers Market	20	10 am – 1 pm	Farmers Market
7	9 am – 4 pm	Ti Area Car Show - Bicentennial Park	24	5:30 pm	Music in the Park - <i>Bob Stump American Roots Show</i>
8	11 – 12:30 pm	Ti Arts Downtown Gallery - <i>GYOTAKU</i>	25	4:30 pm	Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser Event
	8 pm	SB - <i>The Gibson Brothers</i>		7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
9	6 pm	Town Board	26	5 – 7 pm	Ti Arts Downtown Gallery - Opening Reception, <i>Abstracts and Assemblages</i>
10	7 am – 2 pm	SB Golf Tournament	27	10 am – 1 pm	Farmers Market - Local Authors' Day
	5:30 pm	Music in the Park - <i>The Ben Rounds Band</i>	31	5:30 pm	Music in the Park - <i>Rich Ortiz</i>
	7:30 pm	SB - <i>An Evening of Dance with the American Ballet Theater</i>			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm & Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm