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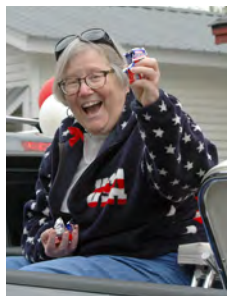
MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE

Funfest kicked off this year's Memorial Day Celebration. At two o'clock, the parade began, with several units including music, floats, fire department trucks and more. The Grand Marshal was Brigadier General James O'Toole.

The \$100 awards were given to:
Best In Parade – Hague Seniors –
Mardi Gras
Most Creative – Ya-Da-Ya-Da Bible
Study
Best Adirondack – Adirondack Escapes
Most Humorous – Silver Bay
Most Patriotic – Jolly Giant Stilt
Walkers - Nelsons
Best Youth – Kelly Krauss Float

The \$50 awards were given to:
Honorable Mention Adult –
Statue Of Liberty
Honorable Mention Youth –
Peru Marching Band

Long-time Publisher of The Hague Chronicle, Judy Stock, was honored as the Senior of the Year. *(continued)*



DEVASTATING FIRE DESTROYS TI COUNTRY CLUB

by Judy Stock and Pat McDonough

Saturday, May 26, 2018 started off ominously. The power went out in the morning and generators were going on all around Hague. But, not all residents had generators and not all generators were working, so there was some tension building. The cloudy morning saw many townsfolk and visitors come to the town park, where the annual Funfest was being held. Then at two o'clock, the Memorial Day parade began. Following the service at the park, the annual chicken barbecue was held at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Folks all over were enjoying the beginning of the long weekend.

A wedding rehearsal dinner was being held at Emerald's Restaurant at the Ticonderoga Country Club when a fire broke out. Everyone was evacuated, although four persons in the kitchen were injured; they have since recovered. By 10:30 pm, the building was fully engulfed in flames and two trucks from Hague joined the equipment from 16 other towns to continuously haul water from two places off-site to spray on the fire. Twelve volunteer members of the HVFD, who had already had a full day of activity, were at the scene to help. Most stayed throughout the night, assisting with a variety of tasks.

We asked Linda Mury, president of the HVFD, how the department members managed to keep going after being involved in activities all day and then with the firefighting that night. She responded, "Adrenaline starts pumping and you just do what you have to do." They did an extraordinary job that day. Many thanks to them for always being ready to help around town, as well as in all emergencies.

The Ticonderoga Country Clubhouse included Emerald's Restaurant and Bar, run by Mark and Erin Woods and the Pro Shop, run by Club Professional George Mackey. Although the building is a total loss, the clubhouse itself was insured and the businesses were covered by insurance. As with any insurance cases, it may be some time before final reports are issued and possible rebuilding can take place.

The golf course itself, which continues its massive renovation plans, is open and the carts are available to use. Stop in and show your support by enjoying a round of golf on what is still a beautiful Adirondack course. ▣



*Top photo courtesy of Linda Mury
Bottom photo courtesy of Pat McDonough*

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

The Memorial Day Celebration, White Elephant Sale, and Americade were huge successes for the seniors and we appreciate everybody's support.

Our regular meeting will be an appreciation luncheon on June 26,



2018 at noon at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. We are looking for contestants to play Wheel of Fortune at the meeting.

On July 13th, we'll do an Adirondack bay cruise, followed by the Early Bird Guinness Dinner Special at George's. On July 20th, we'll go to the Ti Heritage Museum and have lunch somewhere. On July 27th, we'll be on a Blue Mountain Boat Livery Cruise and lunch. ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of May, we had 28 fire calls and drills using 371 volunteer hours and six EMS calls with 35.5 volunteer hours. Many of our hours were spent assisting at the Ticonderoga Country Club fire. We also had two marine calls. We were very busy Memorial Day Weekend.

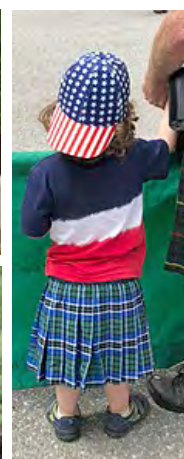


With the Endurance Festival the weekend of June 23-24, 2018, please remember to watch for runners and bicyclists on 9N. ▣

MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE

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The service at the Veterans' Park, followed, where Arthur Hatfield and John McDonald, Sr. spoke about their trip to Washington, DC on the "honor flight." That was followed by the annual chicken barbecue at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. ▣



Photos by Seddon Beaty, Sandy Rust, and Kim Bryant.

THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT

The Firehouse Restaurant opened on June 7, 2018 for its 13th year of serving residents and visitors in Hague. Owners Sheri and Cris Ginn continue to make this a gathering place for the community, where excellent food and beverage can be enjoyed at reasonable prices.

Their brand new menu features appetizers, salads, entrees, burgers, and sandwiches, all made with zero processed foods. Chef Jennifer Tucillo has returned. The bar will be well-stocked, as always, and they are increasing their offerings of local craft breweries on draft. There will be rotating art exhibits by local artists throughout the summer.

"The Firehouse model offers full table service or ordering at the counter, so there is no reason for anyone to ever have to wait for service at the Firehouse," stated Sheri. Dinner will be served from 5-10 pm seven days a week until Labor Day and Thursdays - Sunday post Labor Day until they close for the season.

Watch for the special feature on the Firehouse Restaurant in the July/August issue of ADK Magazine. ▣



THE HAGUE MARKET AND JUNIPER ON 2



Owners Jim and Sally Rypkema report they are doing "much of the same thing this year, but even better!" They'll have breakfast sandwiches until 11:30 am featuring eggs and a variety of meats, breads, and cheeses, along with coffee, tea, juices, and cold brews. For lunch, customers can "build their own" subs or salads with turkey, ham, roast beef, salami, capicola, cheeses, and many other delicious fixings. They can eat inside, al fresco, or take it to go.

The market features organic produce, fresh meat, artisan cheeses, baguettes, dried sausages and salami, muffins and croissants that are baked on site, and pantry staples. Their frozen food section features award-winning local Battenkill milk and ice cream. Ice, firewood, and an ATM are also available.

Juniper on 2 is a hidden gem on the second floor. It is a classy boutique featuring women's fashions, jewelry, baby items, house gifts, Lake George items, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats, wedding gifts, items for the home such as flickering flame candles and alpaca throws, and much more.

They are open 7 am - 7 pm Monday-Saturday and 7 am - 6 pm on Sundays. ▣

HAGUE ENDURANCE FESTIVAL

The Hague Endurance Festival kicks off on Saturday, June 23, 2018 with live music, food, and fun for all ages.



There will be the Adult Sprint and Olympic Distance Triathlons and AquaBikes followed by a Kids' Triathlon with distances for ages 11 and under and for ages 12-17. Individuals or relay teams will love the course layout with a start in the crystal clear waters of Lake George and then scenery rich courses for both the bike and the run. Relay teams are allowed for Adult Triathlon and Duathlon races only.

Sunday is a Sprint Duathlon. Over-achievers can race on both Saturday and Sunday by competing in either the Sprint or the Olympic on Saturday and then the Duathlon on Sunday for bigger and better prizes and bragging rights.

Register today at:
<http://coachmarkwilson.com/events/hague-endurance-festival>.

Saturday, June 23

8 am – Sprint Triathlon/AquaBike starts / Awards at 10:30 am

8:20 am – Olympic Triathlon/AquaBike starts / Awards at 12:30 pm

2 pm – Kids Triathlon starts / Awards at 3 pm

Live music:

9 am – The Switch Band

6 pm – 10 pm – Ben Rounds Band

Food by:

Hague Firehouse Restaurant, Wind-Chill Factory, Hague Fish & Game Club, and Libby's Bakery, Beer tent by the Hague Firehouse Restaurant - party 'til 10 pm

Sunday, June 24

8 am - Sprint Duathlon starts / Awards at 10:30 am

They still need more volunteers. Shifts are short and early in the day. Every volunteer will receive a complimentary T-shirt, and entry to the pre and post pizza and beer parties.

For more information, contact Donna Levenstien, volunteer coordinator, at 908-963-9004 or email donnajlev@gmail.com. ■

THE GALLERY AT HAGUE CREEK

2018 is the ninth year for The Gallery at Hague Creek. The artists who have exhibited their work over the years have greatly appreciated the support the community has shown them every summer.

Bob and Donna Levenstien have donated their first floor gallery space over the years and feel fortunate to have Rich Stout, artist and curator, to continue this community tradition.

A group show kicked off the season with a reception on Friday, May 25th from 5 - 8 pm and will run until June 26th. Exhibiting artists are Susan Cacici, Mary Ann Eaton, Fred Holman, Betsy Krebs, Jim O'Toole, Anne Parlin, Al and Brenda Rider, Crispin Shakeshaft, Victoria Stewart, Rich Stout, and Gary Tobler.



On Friday evening, July 6, 2018, a reception will be held at 5 - 8 pm at the gallery for a show of classic works by artist Robert M. Decker. Dennis McDonough of Hague is the largest private collector of Decker's work and is offering a rare opportunity to view and purchase paintings of this internationally renowned artist. The exhibit will only be held from July 6 - 8.

Robert Decker (1847 - 1921) summered at his home on Holman Hill in Hague and spent some winters at the Rising

House. He was associated with the Hudson River School, however he was not a Romanticist but a Realist. His landscape paintings of Lake George and Hague in all four seasons, especially autumn and winter, were

critically acclaimed. The McDonoughs have established a comprehensive website about this artist and his works at www.robertmdecker-artist.com. ■

MASSAGE THERAPIST IN HAGUE

Carol Birchwale is offering massage therapy in Hague this summer.

Carol is a 30-year member of the American Massage Therapy Association, licensed by the states of New York and New Jersey for Massage and Bodywork. She also is a certified IIN Health Coach, Spa Body Therapy/Massage Therapy/Aromatherapy Educator, and a NJ Licensed Cosmetologist. She customizes your session using multiple modalities to help you improve the quality of your life.

"My goal is to help my clients tap into the amazing restorative, healing power of their own bodies," said Carol.

To schedule an appointment or for additional information, call 201-264-6089 or email carolmariebichwale@yahoo.com. ■

THANKS FROM THE HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The members of the Hague Baptist Church thank everyone who came out and generously gave to their fundraiser at The Hague Volunteer Fire Department dinner and the HVFD for hosting, cooking, and serving the delicious meal. They made their goal of \$10,000, which puts them halfway to the amount needed.

They also thank everyone who gave through their GoFundMe page. Send checks to Hague Baptist Church, P.O. Box 648, Hague, NY 12836. ■

BOOK SIGNING

The Hague Historical Society will sponsor a book signing at the Uptown on Route 8 on Friday, July 27, 2018 from 5 - 8 pm. Local authors will be present and books will be available so guests can get signed copies. ■

TOWN OF HAGUE NAMED 2018 WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

The New York Rural Water Association has recognized the Town of Hague as the 2018 Wastewater System of the Year. The award was presented on May 22nd at a ceremony in conjunction with the New York Rural Water Association's 39th Annual Technical Conference, held in Verona, NY. More than 600 people attended the conference. Hague Town Supervisor Edna Frasier and Hague's Chief Wastewater Operator Joe McDowell accepted the award on behalf of the town.

The Town of Hague Wastewater System was selected for its forward thinking and commitment to protecting the environment. In response to a Consent Order issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and with the assistance of Steve Grimm, Wastewater Technician for the New York Rural Water Association, the Town of Hague created a Sustainable Management Committee for the

purpose of reviewing the utility operation from all aspects and to ensure the town was properly prepared to operate and maintain their wastewater system from a managerial, financial, and operational perspective. The committee includes Edna Frasier and her assistant Diane Trudeau, Town Councilman Mike Cherubini, Joe McDowell, four community members (Jim Beaty, Ginger Kuenzel, Chris Navitsky and Phil Smith) and Steve Grimm, as the facilitator. The committee was formed in 2014 and has worked diligently to identify deficiencies and initiate plans of action to remedy those deficiencies. The results of their time, dedication and labor can be

witnessed in the increased efficiency and regulatory compliance of Hague's wastewater utility.

"The New York Rural Water Association is proud to honor the Town of Hague with this award, and we wish them continued success as they continue to improve the plans set forth to date. The professionalism, work ethic, and dedication of everyone involved have clearly demonstrated a standard that others can learn from and be inspired by their accomplishments," said Jamie Herman,

CEO, New York Rural Water Association. "We congratulate Supervisor Frasier, Operator McDowell, and the entire Town of Hague." ▣



From left to right are Operator Joe McDowell, Supervisor Edna Frasier, and Steve Grimm from the New York Rural Water Association

MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough



BOB MCMANUS

Sometimes a little rustic sign is just what you need on your porch or deck or along the pathway to the dock. You need

look no further because Bob McManus has been making these signs for Made in Hague!

Bob and Sue (Wotton) McManus' son Max spends summers here at the lake. A few years back, he spotted a sign in a shop in Bolton Landing. He snapped a photo of the \$40 sign and sent it to his dad. And that's how it all began. Bob, who had always dabbled in art, said, "I can make that!" So, Bob

now picks up rustic wood (often discarded pallets) that he finds in his travels and uses them for painting his signs.



When he's not busy with a paintbrush, Bob is an Aircraft Technician at United Airlines, Dulles Airport IAD. He and his family live in Warrenton, Virginia, which is where a lot of his sign making is done. Since he is not yet retired, he's only able to spend a couple of weeks here at the lake with the rest of the Wotton clan, which includes his daughter, Megan. Bob's been coming to Forest Bay for 32 years - ever since he and Sue were married at the Hague Baptist Church.

Bob's handsome, rustic signs are another reason to drop in at the Made in Hague shop. ▣

MADE IN HAGUE HOURS:

Now 'til June 28, 2018:
Saturday and Sunday 11-5

June 28 to Labor Day:
Sun/Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat 11-5,
closed Tues/Wed

Labor Day to Columbus Day:
Saturday and Sunday 11-5

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Hague Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, June 27, at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. Matthew Keagle from Fort Ticonderoga will be speaking on the military activity at Sabbath Day Point.



TOWN OF HAGUE SUMMER 2018 MUSIC IN THE PARK

Bring your family and friends, lawn chairs or blanket, and bug spray to the Hague Town Beach Park at 7 pm for the Summer Music in the Park concerts. Inclement weather site will be the Hague Community Center.



June 27th: Zack and Hanna Ryan, a brother and sister duo, at 7 pm

July 3rd: Calamity Rock at 6 pm with fireworks at 9:30 pm
(Rain date - July 11th)

July 11th: Rick and Sharon Bolton, A Salute to Dottie Henry, at 7 pm

July 18th: Bonnie Greco, jazz, easy listening, and big band, at 7 pm

July 25: Running The River, a North Country original, at 7 pm ■

UPCOMING CONFERENCE AT SILVER BAY YMCA

by Linda Fusco

North Country Climate Reality (NCCR) is going to address climate change and its resulting effects on the Hague area at its first "Preparing and Responding to Climate Change Conference" at the Silver Bay Association, on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

They are now seeking sponsors:
Gold \$5000, Silver \$2500, Bronze \$500.

Check for conference information or to register at northcountryclimate.org. Speakers apply online at <https://goo.gl/forms/BHJ4T8NT5FXpnYkk2>.

For more information, contact Stephen Danna, Dean, SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury at 518-792-2130 or Linda Kasal Fusco, Conference Committee Chair 914-380-2130. ■

HAGUE SEWER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Sewer Advisory Committee will hold a public informational meeting on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 pm at the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to residents of Sewer Districts One and Two about the current status of the system and to answer residents' questions. Feel free to submit your questions in advance by sending them to Ginger at ginger@utopianstate.com. This will enable the committee members to gather any necessary information to ensure detailed answers. Members of the Sewer Advisory Committee are Edna Frasier (Supervisor), Mike Cherubini (Town Board), Joe McDowell (Sewer Plant Operator), Diane Trudeau (Assistant to the Supervisor), Ginger Kuenzel, Jim Beaty, Chris Navitsky and Phil Smith. ■

NEW REAL ESTATE OFFICE IN HAGUE



**Northern
Lake George
Realty**

A new real estate office has opened in Hague. You may notice a new sign up where the Hague Gallery sign had been. The gallery is still there and will now be sharing the space with Northern Lake George Realty, a real estate brokerage created by Bob and Donna Levenstien.

Northern Lake George Realty will be open year round and will focus on creating innovative home sale marketing strategies to attract both full-time and summer residents to the area.

Bob Levenstien, the Broker of Record for the business, in a recent conversation with *The Hague Chronicle*, noted that the office will have 4-5 sales

associates ready to help homeowners and homeseekers this summer.

LeeAnn Modestino, formerly of Sotheby's and Landvest/Christie's, is an associate real estate broker and will serve as the firm's Managing Broker. Both Bob and LeeAnn are New York State licensed attorneys with extensive experience in residential and commercial real estate.

Donna Levenstien will serve as VP of Operations and will streamline the operations of the organization.

The official opening will be a light brunch and beverages for the community on Sunday morning, July 1st, from 10 am to 1pm. All are invited to come and meet the team.

The office is located at 9840 Graphite Mountain Road. The Gallery at Hague Creek will continue to showcase the works of local artists and host Friday early evening receptions. ■

THANKS FROM THE TI COUNTRY CLUB

The folks at the Ticonderoga Country Club are grateful for all the prayers and good thoughts the community has offered and ask that everyone continues to keep those who sustained burns in their prayers.

The course is still open for business. Check in for greens fees and carts at the trailer in the parking lot. For more information, call George at 518-744-5066.

Stay tuned to their Facebook page, news page of their website, and the e-newsletters that they will continue to update and send in the weeks to come. ■

BOYD CENTER UPDATE



Pat McDonough was escorted by Steve Tamm, CEO of Silver Bay, on a tour of the William Boyd Center on June 6, 2018. See *The Hague Chronicle's* Facebook page for more photos and details. ■

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - 5/17/2018

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

Tracy Clothier of Clothier Planning and Consulting presented designs for additional docks at the town beach and the steamer dock areas. There were questions and comments by both the board and the public. It was stated that the board would make a decision after a Public Hearing and would announce that decision on the town website.

In the April - June 2018 report from Supervisor Edna Frasier, she said, "The Town Board held the informational meeting on May 17th on the floating dock system, which we received a grant for. We had fairly good attendance, a lot of discussion, and ended with the impression that the southern location was unfavorable to a majority in attendance. The board needs to reevaluate the northern option. Steve recently e-mailed out a summary of the meeting with pros and cons. If you did not attend the meeting and would like the summary emailed to you let us know." ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/24/2018

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

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION (76.12-1-19) 87 Silver Bay Road (Hamlet Sec.)

The board approved a request for a Conditional Certificate of Completion for their new dining hall. Fire Chief Bill Gourley has been satisfied with the ongoing communications from Silver Bay during the construction. The maintenance road and delivery area behind the building will be accessible to fire trucks and delivery trucks while construction continues. The Warren County Code Office, Fire Inspector, and NYSDOT must approve the Certificate of Completion.

MCCARVILLE (26.10-1-3) 43 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

ZEO Clark issued a Land Use Compliance Certificate to contractors for a 24' x 26' garage, which was to be built 56.6' from the frontline setback. She later found that the garage was constructed 2.9' from the frontline and issued a violation. The applicants are now requesting a ZBA variance for the garage. A site visit will be held.

REGIMBALD (25.2-1-17) 9565 Graphite Mountain Road (OCI)

The owner is requesting a variance for a two-lot subdivision for lots of 1.8 and 2.0 acres. A site visit was waived and the public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting.

HMELOVSKY (43.13-1-13) 8 Anchor Way (TRI)

The board discussed a change in the plan for storm water, which needs to be approved by the ZEO. A motion was approved that a tree must be planted to replace the one removed and the patio must be installed according to the new plan. The homeowners have 30 days to complete. ▣



PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/7/2018

Chairman Dick Frasier and Dan Belden, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Meg Haskell, Pam Peterson, and Judy Gourley were all present. There is one vacancy.

MCCARVILLE (26.10-1-3) 43 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

The applicants are requesting an after-the-fact variance from the ZBA for a garage built by the contractor 2.9' from the frontline when a 56.6' setback had been approved. The Planning Board made a recommendation to the Zoning Board that they deny the variance request.

REGIMBALD (25.2-1-17) 9565 Graphite Mountain Road (OCI)

This property was two lots in 2001 and the previous owner merged the lots in 2002. The current owner is requesting a variance for a two-lot subdivision with a lot line change, which the board approved.

DILL (60.13-1-13) 67 Red Fox Lane (TR1)

The applicants would like to replace an existing house with a newly constructed house. The proposed footprint of the new house will be 677 sq. ft. less than the existing house and will maintain all of the current conforming setbacks. The Planning Board will hold a site visit. ▣

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/12/2018

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

A moment of silence was held for Mary Tucker, Richie Zacharenko, and Grant Van Patten.

Supervisor Frasier welcomed the audience and opened the floor to comments.

Linda Mury, President of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, announced that LifeNet helicopter transfer system made a good practice landing today at the town park. They plan to have a town-wide meeting soon to discuss their services and prices.

Linda also reported on an incident at the town docking area. The HVFD rescue boat was called out for an emergency on the water and, as they were pulling out of the channel, they were harassed by a boater coming into the channel, who took issue with the

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SOUNDINGS

BIRTH: Rhys Michael Marchetti, April 6, 2018 to Michael and Cortney Marchetti, Chagrin Falls, OH. The grandparents are Bobbi and Tom Marchetti of Silver Bay.

DIED: Grant Van Patten, 93, of Silver Bay and Hague, peacefully, on May 9, 2018 at Saratoga Hospital, after coping with cancer for several months.



He was born on March 7, 1925 in Albany and graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1943. During World War II, he served in the Special Services Unit of the United States Marine Corps. He managed the USMC Theater at Cherry Point, NC, where he worked with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Jerry Colonna, and other entertainers.

Grant received a B.A. Degree from Michigan State University in Speech and Communications and a master's degree from Syracuse University as part of the first sequence of the Syracuse TV/R Master's Program. He was one of the very early pioneers in

television broadcasting, starting in 1950, working for almost 20 years at WRGB in Schenectady where he was a producer/director of a variety of programs, including live music programs, news, and documentaries.

In 1968, he became Director of the Educational Communications Center at the State University of New York at Albany, retiring in 1986,

In retirement, Grant was a volunteer in the emergency department at Saratoga Hospital, an elder at the Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church in Saratoga Springs, and he served in many capacities on boards and committees for the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks.

Beginning in 1976, he enjoyed summers at the family cottage at Silver Bay.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, the former Martha C. Robinson; his four children, Christine Van Patten of Clifton Park; James Van Patten (Kathryn) of Healdsburg, CA; Peter Van Patten (Sonnet) of Roy, Utah, and Julianne O'Toole of Greenfield Center,

NY; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Thomas Robinson and his son, John.

A memorial service will be held on July 20, 2018 at 4 pm at the Silver Bay chapel. ▣

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docking space used by the rescue boat. When the rescue boat returned to their docking space, the same boater had pulled into their spot. The registration numbers of both their local LGPC permit and their New Hampshire registration were noted and will be reported.

Pat Hintze, President of the Hague Senior Citizen's Club, thanked the board for use of the Visitor Center for their recent activities.

Ginger Henry Kuenzel, former councilwoman, noted that the summer banners look faded and suggested that they be taken down until we get the new ones.

Sandy Rust thanked the town for the beautification of the area around the sewer pump station just south of Trout House Village.

Under Committee Reports, the board:

Discussed placement of the new sign commissioned by the Historical Society at Sabbath Day Point. It will be on the west side of Route 9N and proper permission needs to be obtained either from the NYSDOT or from the landowner.

Heard a report from Councilman Ramant that the boat launch is currently open, the Hague Visitor Center will open on June 23, 2018, and the lifeguards will be on duty starting on June 25th.

Approved Councilman Ramant's list of the following summer employees:

Boat Launch Attendants: Donna Trudeau, Bob Gavaletz, Jeanette Coon and Lorell Ducati with Judy Gourley as a substitute

Visitor Center: Pat Hintze, Susan Adair, and Kathi Ramant

Life Guards: Meg McDonald, head, and Evan Graney, Skylar Morales, and Max Buhac.

Heard from Councilman Ramant that additional funds have been allocated to pave 30 lane miles of Route 9N, which is scheduled to be done in the fall.

Approved use of the town park on July 27th for the Costello Coffeehouse.

Heard a report from Councilman Cherubini on the finances related to the Transfer Station and plans for the coming year.

The board approved signing a one-year contract with Casella Waste Management to provide services that include staffing and hauling away what is taken to the Transfer Station. The town receives the bag and other fees and then pays Casella a monthly fee. Since this process continues to lose money, the board approved an increase in bag prices as of July 1, 2018. The new prices will be: \$4 (previously \$3.25) for a 15-gallon bag, \$6 (previously \$5.50) for a 30-gallon bag and \$10 (previously \$8.75) for a 50-gallon bag. All other prices will remain the same.

A resolution on a snow and ice control operational plan was tabled again to next month. ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



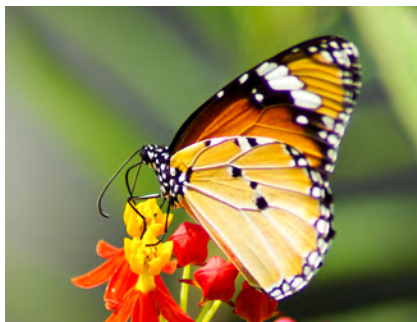
THE MONARCHS ARE COMING! No, not royal rulers, but gloriously colored butterflies that have begun their epic, multigenerational trip from winter sites in Mexico. Monarchs hibernate in oyamel fir trees. They use the same trees each and every year when they migrate, which seems odd because they aren't even the same actual butterflies that were there the previous year - they are the new fourth generation! They are the only insect that migrates each year to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away.

Monarchs migrate for two reasons. They cannot withstand freezing temperatures in the winter and their larval food plants do not grow in their overwintering sites. So, the spring generation must fly north.

Monarchs leave Mexico and head to warmer climes such as Texas, where they mate and lay eggs on milkweed

plants. In a few days, the eggs hatch into striped caterpillars of black, gold, and white. These larvae consume vast amounts of milkweed before forming a chrysalis and transforming into adult butterflies.

The new butterflies then take to the skies and fly another few hundred miles north before finding another patch of milkweed and repeating the process. It might take the monarch butterflies as many as four or even five generations to complete the journey all the way back up to Canada.



Planting milkweed is a great way to help the monarchs. The Milkweed Seed Finder is an online database that helps to locate seeds in each state. It offers a list of native plant nurseries where one can order seeds or plugs.

The milkweed consumed by both caterpillars and adult monarchs has

some protective value. All milkweeds contain cardiac glycosides, which are stored in the bodies of the caterpillar and the adult butterfly and are distasteful to predators. Birds that attempt to eat the insect vomit and associate this experience with the appearance of the insect, learning to avoid them in the future.

The name of the monarch butterfly was assigned by early North American settlers. At the time, there was a King William, Prince of Orange, state holder of Holland, who would later become King of England. The butterfly's color led

to the name "monarch."

Let's keep this royal insect flying its incredibly long journey. Plant native milkweed and butterfly-friendly zinnias, Mexican sunflowers, Brazilian verbena, and dwarf butterfly bush in your garden. ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*



On May 31, 2018, a public hearing was conducted to gather input from the public on the revised Town of Hague Sewer Districts Use Law. The law was first published in 2002 and was followed by

amendments in 2005. The previous law encompassed 89 pages, while the new law has just 29. The current revisions simplified the law and clarified a number of key points. The Enforcement Response Plan, which was part of the previous law, is now a separate document, which the Hague Town Board will review annually.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Post Star, on the Town's website, on The Hague Chronicle's Facebook page, and through email notifications. There were seven people from the public in attendance plus four town board members and the town clerk.

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The general purpose of the Sewer Use Law is "to provide for efficient, economic, environmentally safe disposal of sewage for properties in Sewer District One and Sewer District Two." As a reminder, connection to the public sewer is required for properties whose property line is within 100 feet of the sewer. In addition to the requirement to connect, it is also required that on-site septic systems, cesspools, or other facilities under the direction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator be decommissioned.

In the Enforcement Response Plan, which was adopted by the Hague Town Board at its May meeting by a vote of four to one, several responsibilities and enforcement steps were clarified. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (WWTPO) is responsible for the proper operation of the sewer system. Violations of the law will be identified by the WWTPO. The Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) is responsible for the local enforcement process including all notices, appeals, and legal proceedings if required in

response to law violations. A series of notices will be issued in response to violations, including a first notice requiring remediation with 30 days, a second notice after 30 days, and a third notice after 60 days, including a summons to the Hague Town Court for judicial review and possible fines for each violation and for each day the violation continues. Fines of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 days, or both, can be levied per violation per day.

After due consideration of the input received from the town, the Town Board voted unanimously to accept the new sewer law as written. The new law will take effect 30 days after its filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State. The full content of the law and enforcement plan are available at the Town Hall. Visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

TI REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE AND NCCC

by Donna Wotton

Over the past few months, the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance and North Country Community College have held discussions with NCCC faculty, businesses, educators, and legislators interested in the establishment of a much needed trade school for the North Country. The support and partnership of all of those stakeholders will be essential in creating the best plan to move this important initiative forward. So, the college will present "A Plan for Trade Education in the North Country" on June 28, 2018 at 7 pm in room 110 on the NCCC Ticonderoga campus.

More than 30% of the students graduating from Ticonderoga High do not go on to college. We owe it to these kids to give them other viable career opportunities that allow them to live, work, and raise families here. In addition, we have a severe shortage of trade professionals in our area. Have you tried to get a plumber, electrician,

or contractor lately? Take a number!

The School of Applied Technology, as it would be called, would help to both retain our young residents and provide much needed services in our area.

For more information, please contact me at 518-543-6782 or donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org. ■

TACC'S MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: MADE IN HAGUE

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) recently honored Made in Hague in its member highlight.

It is an artists' collective, showcasing the talented crafters and artists in and around Hague. They sell woodworking, furniture, jewelry, glassware, and all manner of Adirondack gifts and art.

See page four of this issue for an article on Bob McManus, this month's featured artist. ■

LGA FLOATING CLASSROOM LAUNCHED

The Lake George Association's Floating Classroom launched for the 2018 season and a busy season is expected!



More than 2,000 people each year have taken advantage of the program that teaches about current water quality with experiments and discussions and shows the ways the LGA staff scientifically monitors water conditions.

Public programs are on Wednesdays in July and August. Visit the LGA's website for more information and reservations: <http://www.LakeGeorgeAssociation.org>. ■

LIVING LANDS SERIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will again present its Living Lands Series this summer. These Wednesday evening presentations begin at 5:30 pm at the LGLC office in Bolton Landing. They are family-friendly and free, but reservations are requested. Go to www.lglc.org for more information.

June 27, 2018: "Adk Bear Behavior" – DEC Wildlife Manager Jim Stickles

July 11, 2018: "An Adirondack Portfolio" – Bob Bayle

July 18, 2018: "Ticks and Lyme Disease" – Dr. Holly Ahern of the Lyme Action Network ■

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR THE HAGUE CHRONICLE. CONTACT Bobbi Bryant Taylor at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH:

"Superheroes & Villains"

Saturday, June 30, 2018

8 pm - 11 pm: Downtown Block Party

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8 am: Fire Fighter Softball Tournament
Ticonderoga Little League Field

4 - 10 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park, *bracelets \$20 from 5 to 9 pm

6 - 9 pm: Live Music - Grit 'n Whiskey (Modern Country Music)

Monday, July 2nd

4 - 10 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park, bracelets \$20 from 5 to 9 pm

6 - 9 pm: Patriotic Bash - Dance in the Park – Music by DJ Cruz

Tuesday, July 3rd:

4 - 10:30 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park, bracelets \$20 from 5 to 9 pm

4 - 7 pm: Fire Fighter Games – Area fire fighters compete

6 - 10 pm: Live Music – Willie Playmore Band (Classic and Modern Rock)

Wednesday, July 4th:

10:30 am - 11 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park

1:30 pm: Montcalm Mile/Parade route closed from light at Walmart entrance along Wicker Street and Montcalm Street to Tower Avenue

1:45 pm: Annual Montcalm Mile – Montcalm Street starts

2 pm: Fourth of July Parade – Montcalm Street, Grand Marshal: Wendy Shaw, Announcers: Angela Brown and Jessica Stoddard

7:30 - 11:30 pm: Live Music – Joe McGinness (Country, Rock, and Original Music)

9:45 pm*/dusk – Grand Fireworks Display by Santore World Famous Fireworks

*Approximate time – actual time based on weather and safety conditions

All events are open to the public and donations are appreciated to offset the costs of the fireworks. For more information, visit www.timainstreet.org or www.ticonderogany.com, call 518-585-6619, or check out the Best 4th in the North Facebook page. ■

LOOKING BACK

HAGUE CENTRAL SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

by Pat McDonough



Mention “June,” and images and memories, many of which involve weddings and graduations, are probably conjured up. When I first started thinking about researching and writing this column, “graduation” was the word in my mind, but now I’ve come to think of it as “commencement.” Surely, whether you’re graduating from nursery school, middle school, high school, or college, you are commencing a new phase in your life.

Hague Central School (HCS) graduated its first class in 1928: one girl and three boys. In its final class in 1979, there were 12 graduates. Class size varied, with the largest class in 1965 of 14 students, and the smallest classes, with three students, in 1930, ’31, ’43, and ’51. This was truly a small school system, which was the very heart and soul of the community.

Research tells us that HCS seniors made the time-honored trip to Washington, DC over their Easter break. Alumni remember doing fundraising for this trip during their four years of high school. Bake sales, school plays, a 1937 senior boys’ Minstrel Show, a 1946 contribution of \$25 from the Fish and Game Club, sales of Christmas cards and printed stationery – all of these filled the coffers of the senior class. Maybe the most unusual fundraiser was for the class of 1962. Judy Stock reports that they “served hot coffee and doughnuts to fishermen IN the Hague Brook. The brook used to be filled with anglers on the first day of the season starting before dawn.” Imagine! Bruce DeLarm recalls that “daddy’s pocket” also played a role in the fund raising!

Sometimes they flew, sometimes they took the train, and sometimes they were driven. As Kathy (Braisted) Santaniello reports, in 1969, “Our trip was pretty special because “Spike” Barnett, drove the four of us, plus his wife, Ruth (their fourth grade teacher), in a beautiful smooth-riding Buick. How we managed to get all our suitcases in that trunk I’m not sure, but we did, and we four were plenty comfortable, all in the back seat for the whole trip.”

The Washington trips often included visits to Philadelphia and New York City. If you’ll recall, the legal drinking age in New York was 18 then so, while there was much “education”

occurring, reports include a fair degree of frivolity. Responsible adults, often teachers, accompanied the seniors, but kids will be kids!

The prom was put on by the junior class and was open to all the grades in the high school. It was held in the school auditorium and later the gym and a local band provided the music.

As in many communities, graduation was preceded by baccalaureate services held at the different local churches a night or two before the actual commencement. The baccalaureate was a more serious occasion, a time for reflection on the events unfolding for the young people. In 1938, the service was at the Hague Baptist Church and the Ticonderoga Sentinel reported, “The church was decorated beautifully.” The preacher questioned the graduates, “What have you in your hands? You have everything – youth, health, and, I hope, determination.”

The commencement ceremony itself was very traditional. Even in classes of only a few, it included music, the Invocation, Salutatorian, Valedictorian, Class Will, Class Prophecy, Address, Presentation of Awards and Diplomas, and sometimes a Candlelight Recession.

The passing of the banner from the senior class to the juniors was a colorful tradition. The banner, we discovered in a conversation with Diane Trudeau and Bertha Dunsmore, was a tradition that ran from circa 1960 to 1978. It was quite lengthy, with a 12” square added each year reflecting the year, the class colors, and a saying,

such as “Seize the Opportunity” in 1969 and “Work and be Rewarded” in 1975. Each class recruited someone to create the square for them. In Diane’s year, it was her mother, Imogene Frasier. Florence Smith made many of them. Bruce DeLarm, Class of 1974, recalls, his class “timed the ceremony, with the desire to have it be the shortest...if I remember right, we were 22 minutes – start to finish.” Perhaps they were in a hurry to get to The Cave, where some classes celebrated the event!

In any case, although the classes were small, the commencements were very well attended, with the whole town turning out to wish the young people well. ▣



Top: Class of 1964 Washington Trip
Bottom: Late 1950s School Prom

TICOUSTICS

TiCoustics will continue showcasing local musicians from 7-9 pm the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

June 20, 2018 - "Music of the 60's," with musicians Hank Bisner and Jim Hock, Mike Ianson and Jim King, John Macionis, Roger Shriner and Ed Lago, and Mike Sweeny at the Elks Lodge in Ti.

July 6th - Patriotic music by Jadon Buckner with Lance Dolbeck and Dan Rabineau at the Elks Lodge.

July 18th - "Blues Night" with Terrina Russell-Cook, Dan Kirsner and Kyle Lang with Tom McGrath - location yet to be decided. ▣

DOWNTOWN GALLERY IN TI

At the Downtown Gallery, 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, a show called "Art From the Middlebury Studio School" will open at 5 pm on June 29, 2018. The art will be done by the instructors and students of the school. ▣

STREET ART PROJECT

Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) has announced that the 2018 Street Art Project is "Local Wood Products." This is the eighth Street Art Project organized by TMSP.

The goal of the street art project is to decorate sidewalks, businesses, and organizations with hand-crafted, hand-painted art work done by local artists, as well as to raise funds for a Montcalm Street project. Anyone can participate by sponsoring a local wood product, being an artist and being creative with your favorite theme, or by attending the auction, which will be held on August 16, 2018 at Libby's Bakery Café.

There are a total of 21 local wood products that need sponsors. The cost of sponsorship is \$35 for a wooden paddle, \$70 for a kid's picnic table, and \$70 for a wooden bench. All items have been made locally by Essex Industries, which is part of Mountain Lake Services.

The hand-painted wooden products will be on display in front of or at Ticonderoga businesses and organizations. Community members and visitors are invited to check out the uniquely designed items, as well as stop by the dedicated businesses and organizations in Ticonderoga sponsoring this project. For more information or to sign up, call 518-585-6619 or visit <http://www.timainstreet.org>. ▣



Pictured from left to right with two of the local wood products for the 2018 Street Art Project are Essex Industries/Mountain Lake Services employees Ed Barber, Jimmer Sherman, and John Gereau.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?

June 30 – July 6, 2018:

1777 SIEGE OF TICONDEROGA
Celebrate freedom by exploring the year 1777, when America was consumed in the labor of liberty. Participate in the fight for freedom, when the Northern Department of the Continental Army fought to keep the great fortress of Ticonderoga from falling into British control.

July 8, 2018: BATTLE OF CARILLON COMMEMORATION

Stand on the very ground where this epic battle took place on July 8, 1758. Join Fort Ti's Fife and Drum Corps to lay wreaths and remember those men who died here. ▣

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FRIDAYS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will hold the fundraiser "Five Hundred Dollar Fridays" again this year.

For a \$20 donation, you will receive a ticket for a chance to win \$500. Only 300 tickets are available. Tickets will be hand drawn at random on July 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2018. All proceeds will benefit the TACC programs that serve, market and promote the greater Ticonderoga area.

For additional information, call 518-585-6619 or go to chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com. ▣

SOLDIERS AND SUFFRAGETTES



The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present a free event on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 7 pm at the Hancock House in Ti. For additional information, call 518-585-7868 or email tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ▣

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CALENDAR

June 2018

JUNE

20	7 - 9 pm	TiCoustics - Music of the 60s
23-24		Hague Endurance Festival
26	noon	Senior Club Meeting and Luncheon
26	noon - 9 pm	NY Primary Day
27	5:30 pm	LGLC Living Land Series -
		ADK Bear Behavior
27	7 pm	Historical Society Annual Meeting
	7 pm	Music in the Park - Zack
		and Hanna Ryan
28	7 pm	NCCC/Ti Alliance Meeting
28	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
29	5 pm	Downtown Gallery
30 - July 4		Best 4th in the North
30 - July 6		1777 Siege of Ti at Ft. Ti

JULY

1	10 am - 1 pm	Brunch Opening of Northern Lake George Realty
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3	6 pm	Music in the Park - Calamity Rock
3	9:30 pm	Fireworks
4		HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
4	7 - 9 pm	TiCoustics - Patriotic Music
6	5 - 8 pm	Decker Show at Gallery at Hague Creek
8		Battle of Carillon at Ft. Ti
9		News deadline for The Hague Chronicle
10	6 pm	Town Board
11	5:30 pm	Living Land Series - An Adirondack Portfolio
11	7 pm	Music in the Park-Rick and Sharon Bolton - Tribute to Dottie Henry
12	7 pm	Planning Board
13		Seniors on ADK Bay Cruise
14	7 pm	Soldiers and Suffragettes at Hancock House
18	5:30 pm	Living Land Series - Ticks and Lyme Disease
18	7 pm	Music in the Park-Bonnie Greco
18	7 - 9 pm	TiCoustics - Blues Night
18		The July issue is mailed out and online
20		Seniors to Ti Heritage Museum

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: **JUNE:** Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm
JULY & AUGUST: Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday: Noon to 3 pm