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## PROTECTING LAKE GEORGE FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

by Steve Ramant

After many years of leadership by the Lake George Park Commission in protecting Lake George with 95 lake launches under contract in their successful boat inspection program, a new era may be in the works.

It is widely known by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) that uninspected and potentially contaminated boats are being launched at Million Dollar Beach, Rogers Rock, and Mossy Point. These boats entering Lake George may possibly contain unwanted Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that may find

new homes in our lake. With years of trying to keep new AIS out and thousands spent trying to control what's already in Lake George, this is not good.

A press release should be forthcoming from the DEC, with new protocols for these three boat launch sites. ▣



Hague launch locked (above); Rogers Rock and Mossy Point launches left wide open

## SCHOOL BUDGET

The result of the first tax levy vote, as reported in *The Press Republican*, was 747 no and 558 yes. The Ticonderoga School Board then held a discussion about the budget on Tuesday, June 12, 2019 at 7 pm at the Ticonderoga HS cafeteria during their regular monthly board meeting.

The budget re-vote was held on June 18, 2019. The re-vote passed, 523 yes to 310 no. The school board then held a special board of education meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 in the high school gymnasium at 8:15 pm to accept the results of the budget re-vote.

The new budget calls for an increase in the tax levy of 3.97 percent, which is below the cap of 4.6 percent. A simple majority can approve a budget that is under the cap. ▣

## JOHN COSTELLO MEMORIAL COFFEEHOUSE

The 16th annual John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse, aka "Flippancy Fest," will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 6:30 – 9 pm at the Hague Town Beach. The rain site is the Hague Community Center.

This celebration of John's life and love of music and the arts enhances lives through the entertainment and the scholarships that are promoted.

"Pass the hat" donations will be accepted and will benefit the young people of Hague who go to Silver Camp at Silver Bay YMCA. A scholarship will be awarded to a Silver Bay Emp (employee) pursuing an artistic direction in his or her life.



Commemorative quilt square

John was born and raised in Hague. He shared his musical talent while working at Silver Bay's Dining Hall. He passed away after an accident in 2003. He was a multiple organ donor.

This year, a memorial quilt from the National Kidney Foundation, with a square honoring John, will be on display at Silver Bay during the week of the coffeehouse. The community is invited to view the quilt and to learn more about organ donation. ▣

### SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We have planned three upcoming trips.



President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, VT will be our destination on July 26, 2019. On August 2nd, we are tentatively going to the Lavenlair Farm, an 80-acre lavender farm in Whitehall, NY. We have scheduled another trip for bird lovers to Birds of Vermont in Huntington, VT on August 8th. ▣

### MUSIC IN THE PARK IN HAGUE

All shows at 7 pm, except on 8/21

**July 17, 2019** – Ben Rounds Band

**July 24th** – Running The River

**July 31st**– Adk Shakespeare Theater

**August 7th** – American Roots

**August 14th** – Willie Playmore

**August 21st**, 6:30 pm – Rich Ortiz

### HVFD

by Meg Haskell



For the month of July, we had nine EMS calls and 21 fire calls and drills using a total of 159 volunteer hours. Our fireboat is now back in the water and we patrolled during the fireworks display. We also assisted at the Triathlon in Ticonderoga.

As the weather gets warmer, remember to stay hydrated! ▣

### MCDONALD TO RETIRE

Ticonderoga Central School Superintendent John McDonald, Jr. retired on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. It was announced during a faculty meeting on Monday and the board accepted McDonald's letter of resignation on Tuesday evening.

Board President Mark Russell said McDonald, 53, was not asked to retire. The idea was brought up as a possible item to cut after voters rejected a school budget that exceeded the state's recommended tax cap.

The new budget that voters accepted required cutbacks. McDonald voiced concern that additional cuts would affect students' educations.

Several school employees took advantage of early-retirement incentives that allowed the board to trim spending. McDonald's age and service qualified him to take early retirement as well. His retirement will save the school system between \$150,000 and \$175,000 over the balance of his contract.



*Outgoing Superintendent John McDonald, Jr. at the Hague Memorial Day Celebration, 2019*

Ticonderoga High School Principal John Donohue will serve as acting superintendent until 2020. He will retain his job as principal with the assistance of former Keene Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston, and Dean of Students Rick Merrill. Donohue said he will not seek the permanent superintendent's position.

The board also terminated the employment of Middle School Principal Herb Tedford and discussed

changes in grade levels and athletics to save money in the future.

*Adapted from article by Tim Rowland, Sun Times, June 26, 2019* ▣

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On August 6, 2019 at 7 pm, the Hague Historical Society will meet at the Hague Community Center.

Reuben Smith from Tumblehome Boats will talk about the restoration process of the hulls and the engines of Fay & Bowen boats.

He'll cover the history of these boats, the contribution of Lake George to early motorboating, and the role Fay & Bowen boats play today. ▣



### HAGUE STUDENTS ON 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

- Grade 1:** High Honors – Allison DeBuque and Reagan Decker  
Honors – Maleena Savage and Markenna Winter
- Grade 2:** Honors – Alekzander Holman and Cohen Winter
- Grade 3:** Honors – Wyatt Barnes
- Grade 4:** High Honors – Zebulon Denno and Brady Mydlarz  
Honors - Kaiden Smith
- Grade 5:** High Honors – Dunavinn Harrington  
Honors - Aidan DeBuque and Brady Kennedy
- Grade 6:** First Honors – Peyton Granger, Phoebe Holman, and Alyssa Mydlarz

- Grade 7:** First Honors – Sofie Hubbard and Dalton Rivard
- Grade 8:** First Honors - Quentin Gargan
- Grade 9:** First Honors - Madalynn Hubbard  
Second Honors – Nevaeh Trudeau
- Grade 11:** First Honors – Mckenzie Harrington
- Grade 12:** First Honors – Skye Mason and Austin Stacy

## SKYE MASON WINS THE HAGUE CHRONICLE / DOROTHY HENRY SCHOLARSHIP

Skye Louise Mason of Hague has won *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for 2019.



Skye is the daughter of Mandy Cyphers and Christopher Mason.

While at Ticonderoga High School, she was active in the Drama Club, Foreign

Language Club, Art Club, Student Voice, Yearbook Committee, and Jazz Band.

Skye has won many school-related awards including the Ticonderoga Alumni Association Scholarship, The Stephen J. Potter Education Award, The Crary Scholarships For Deserving Students In Essex and Warren Counties, The Deo B. Colburn Scholarship, The Beste Scholarship, and *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship.

For her senior project, she wrote a children's picture book about a knight and a prince falling in love. Her mentor was Britney Shaw.

Skye will be attending Siena College in the fall of 2019, to major in English.

The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* established *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship in 2007 in honor of Dorothy Henry ("Dottie"), whose long-time volunteer commitment made the continued publication possible.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School who is a resident of Hague.

The first recipient was Stephanie Nast. Subsequent recipients were Samantha Abare (2008), Molly Ginn (2009), Kaley Manning (2010), Jennell Coffin (2011), Corey King (2012), Grace Ginn (2013), Sean Lawrie (2014), Ian Lawrie (2015), Alexis Sanders (2016), Nicholas Fitzgerald (2017), and Fallon Kennedy (2018).

We at *The Hague Chronicle* are proud of Skye and wish her continued success! ▣

## MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough

Made in Hague's sixth season is well underway and the shop is bursting with an abundance of local crafts!

On a recent weekend visit, I was graciously welcomed by Kayla Barbour and her pup, Leto! Kayla, a University of Kentucky graduate student in the field of Urban and Environmental Design, is doing an internship with the Ti Alliance and was volunteering at the shop.

While she opened for business and recovered her pup (which had bolted for Peggy's Point), I was able to enjoy perusing the new items being sold this year.

You'll find everything from Seddon Beaty's ceramics, to Jerry and Sue Sweeney's lazy susans and lamps, to Sandy Swanson's pinecone medallions and butterfly jewelry, to Mike Strutz's gyotaku prints and t-shirts, and so much more. It's well worth a visit!

Summer hours (through the first of September) are 11 am to 5 pm, Thursday - Monday and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Be sure to shop local! ▣



## JURY TRIAL IN HAGUE



*Jury pool at the Hague Community Center*

For the first time in over 40 years, a jury trial was held in the Hague Town Court. Judge Leslie Midgley presided over the official procedure in the courtroom. *The People vs. James Braisted* was a traffic violations trial.

Jury selection took place on Monday, June 24, 2019, when a pool of about 45 Warren County residents who had been selected from government lists such as the DMV and voter registration lists, gathered at the Hague Community Center. Many in the jury pool were familiar with the case or were personal friends of the defendant. Those were all dismissed. A jury of three men and three women was selected, with one alternate.

Requested by the defendant, this jury trial started late on Monday afternoon and was completed on Tuesday. Assistant District Attorney Bob McCarty was the prosecutor and Attorney Adam Eggleston was the defense attorney.

The jury found the defendant "not guilty" on all counts. ▣

## TOWN BOARD - 7/9/2019

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

A moment of silence was held for Spear Johnson.

Ben Driscoll, the coordinator of the Catholic Charities of Warren County Nutrition Outreach and Education Program, discussed how the county's nutrition assistance programs help to keep people healthy and that it is the first line of defense against hunger. Mr. Driscoll left income eligible guideline information at the community center.

Tony DeFranco, Licensed Professional Engineer presented information on a proposed wastewater treatment system for Douglas and Pamela Connors, 911 New Hague Road. There will be a public hearing on August 13, 2019 at 6:15 pm for the request for a variance to use a Puraflo, Peat Biofilter system.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### • **Administrative: Frasier**

Assessor/Justice – The final assessment roll was completed July 1, 2019.

Recreation/Promotion – There are 15 Hague children attending the Silver Bay YMCA summer program.

#### • **Buildings and Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett**

Patchett inquired about repairs to the park boardwalk. Ramant stated it would be addressed. Frasier requested that Fitzgerald and Patchett look into landfill options.

#### • **Highway: Ramant/Bast**

Ramant discussed several road repair projects. They have also been helping with the beach clean-up.

#### • **Museum/Historian: Patchett/Ramant**

Patchett told about the Hague Historical Society summer events.

#### • **Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald**

Frasier discussed the Town of Hague employee guideline adjustments.

#### • **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett**

ZEO Cathy Clark distributed a report with the permits activity, the planning and zoning board agendas, and the sewer updates.

#### • **Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier**

Ramant stated a third lifeguard has started and new signs will be made for the beach rules.

#### • **Sewer Districts #1 and #2: Bast/Frasier**

Bast discussed preventative maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant. Letters will be sent saying the board will review sewer appeals in September. ZEO Clark stated some residents have asked the hookup deadline be extended to 2020.

#### • **Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett**

Ramant stated the Knotweed Project will begin once the agreement is approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Knotweed Project – It was decided that the town will enter into a contract with Burkum Plant Health and Tree Care for two applications of herbicides over the summer of 2019 for a total of \$9,000.

2. It was decided that the town will enter into a five-year snow and ice agreement with New York State.

3. Ginger Kuenzel inquired on the status of the Swede Mountain fire tower re-opening as she thinks it would be a good addition to the town's attractions. Frasier stated the fire tower and the trail are owned by Warren County and they are looking into re-opening them to the public in 2020. The tower needs minimal repairs, but the cabin may not be salvageable. Supervisor Frasier stated they will look into fundraisers, using occupancy tax monies, and potential grants.

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

## PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/11/2019

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

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

The applicants are proposing a two-lot subdivision of a 1.29-acre parcel. If approved, one lot will consist of 27,007 sq. ft. and the other lot will consist of 24,829 sq. ft. The public hearing was opened and tabled until the next meeting, as the applicants were not present to answer questions. No further action was taken.

### WINTERS (24-1-26) 106 Summit Drive (OCI)

The applicant would like to place a 12 ft. x 44 ft. "Tiny House" on the lot. This is an Allowable Use by Type I Site Plan Review. A new septic system and well will be installed. Application was deemed complete and was approved, with condition that it must have a concrete pad placed underneath it within 12 months. ■



## IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAGUE TOWN PARK

All are invited to a public meeting on August 5, 2019 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center to discuss possible improvements to the Hague Town Park.

A Project Advisory Committee has been formed, comprised of Councilman Steve Ramant, Supervisor Edna Frasier, Maurice Diaz, Beth Navitsky, and Mary Lou Doulin. The LA Group will also assist.

The intent is to develop a master plan of desired improvements with input from town representatives and the public. ■

## SOUNDINGS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Nicholas Fitzgerald for being named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring semester.

**DIED:** Spear Paine Johnson, 97, of Silver Bay and Palm Harbor, FL on June 17, 2019.

Johnson was the great-grandnephew of Silas and Mary Paine of Silver Bay.



He attended The Peddie School and Cornell University. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and graduated from Florida Southern College in 1949.

He and his wife, Shirley, spent their summers at Oneida Bay. Following his retirement as an engineer at Honeywell, Johnson enjoyed woodworking, hunting, hiking, and fishing in his beloved Adirondacks.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Lois Earhart and Elizabeth (Betsy) Weiss.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley McMullen Johnson; daughters Linda Elizabeth Johnson and Sally Paine Johnson (Chuck); six grandchildren: David, Erin (Gordon), Alison (Eve), Courtney (Lizzy), Caitlin (Brian), and Kirsten (Noah); and five great-grandchildren.

**DIED:** Evelyn P. Gravelle, on July 10, 2019, after a fulfilling and wonderful life.

She worked at the NY Telephone Company and International Paper and volunteered at the St. Mary's School library. She worked at the Hague Town Beach information booth until she was eighty-nine. She made friends wherever she went with her great sense of humor, spiffy personality, and beautiful smile.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Larry, her nieces and nephew, and her son-in-law.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Susan Gravelle Peters, Linda Gravelle St. Peter, and Margy Gravelle Pote; her grandchildren Kaitlyn Pote, Lee Peters, Matthew St. Peter, and Kyle St. Peter; her sister Betty-Ann Arthur; and great-grandchildren. ▀

## 2019 HAGUE GRADUATING SENIORS

Four young men and two young women graduated from Ticonderoga High School on Saturday, June 22, 2019. They were: Michael Fitzgerald, Tony Martucci, Skye Mason, Devin May, Caitlin Myers, and Austin Stacy.



Michael Fitzgerald is the son of Martin and Heidi Fitzgerald. At the high school, he participated in varsity football, varsity golf, jazz band, Youth and Government, Academic Quiz Bowl, Drama Club, and Yearbook. His senior project was "The Production of Maple Syrup" and his mentor was Rick Bartlett. He was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, volunteered with the Knights of Columbus and the Hague Fire Department, and worked at the Hague Market. He enjoys traveling and hanging out with friends and family. He will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh for Global Chain Management.



Antonio (Tony) Martucci is the son of Bonnie and David Martucci. He participated in JV and Varsity Football, JV and Varsity Baseball, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Audio/Visual Club. He received the Bernard H. and Rita LaFountain O'Brien Scholarship. His senior project was "Bio-Diesel Processor" and Mike Ucahl was his mentor. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and worked with The Hague Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and woodworking. He has applied to The Divers Institute of Technology in Seattle, Washington.



Devin May is the son of Brad May. His senior project was "Hiking In the Adirondacks and the Dangers of Hiking" and his mentor was Kyle Lang. He enjoys hiking and fishing. He has joined the U.S Army and leaves on July 16, 2019 for Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri to become a combat engineer.



Caitlin Myers is the daughter of Richard Myers. While at Ticonderoga High School, she participated in Basketball, Art Club, and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Her senior project was an art show at NLG Realty and her mentor was Britney Shaw. She worked at the Hague Market. She will be attending SUNY ADK in the spring semester to begin career as a social worker.

*There is an article about Skye Mason on page three of this issue, as she was the recipient of The Hague Chronicle/Dorothy Henry Scholarship for 2019. ▀*

## WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

"Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high," words from the song "Summertime," by George Gershwin, first sung in the 1935 production of the opera Porgy and Bess,

and later made famous by Ella Fitzgerald. Maybe we don't have cotton but my beans are getting taller and the bass have started biting. The livin' is easy for beans, bass, and algae. Time to be on the lookout around the shoreline for any suspicious new growths or blooms of algae on the rocks, boats, and docks. Water temperatures have recently hit the 70-degree mark, which is ideal for algae growth.

An interesting, but unfortunate, story was published by CBS News on June 28, 2019, which reported that Lake Hopatcong, the largest lake in New Jersey, and familiar to many in Hague, is experiencing an extensive Harmful Algal Bloom, or HAB. Advisories have been issued to not swim or even touch the water due to possible adverse health



“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

effects. Toxins given off by the algae have caused skin rashes in 30 people reporting these problems since the bloom began around June 17th. These toxins can also cause allergy-like reactions, flu-like symptoms, gastroenteritis, and eye irritation. And it can kill pets that drink the water or consume the algae. Best to keep them away too.



Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey's largest freshwater lake

This HAB on Lake Hopatcong was caused by cyanobacteria, which are usually bright green and can form a thick coating or mat on the surface of the water. I remember one of the saddest things I saw when I was an Environmental Engineer with the US EPA was a sick fish trying to jump out of an algae-infested river next to the leather tannery I was inspecting. For that fish, the livin' wasn't easy.

We are fortunate to live on a beautiful lake that has never experienced a HAB and we want to keep it that way. The state is investing \$65 million to aggressively combat HABs and protect drinking water quality. Lake George is on a NYDEC HAB Priority Water Body list of 12 lakes around the state and it is the only one that has not experienced a HAB.

Skaneateles Lake, which is considered a sister lake to Lake George, has experienced a HAB each of the last two years.

Can you imagine never being able to touch Lake George? We need to do everything in our power to make sure our lake stays clean and clear by connecting to the sewer system if we can, pumping out our septic systems, and maintaining them on a regular basis, eliminating the use of fertilizers, installing shoreline

and streamside buffer zones, and so forth. 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), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ▣

## NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

We shovel it. We spade it. We put plants in it and we pull weeds from it. We play with it and dogs love to roll in it. It's dirt.

Soils in the Adirondack Mountains are relatively young, according to an academic study by Colgate and Alfred Universities. Our soil was formed from sediments deposited by the last major glacial episode in the Adirondacks about 12,000 years ago. Aha! Now we know that when someone says, "You're older than dirt," the speaker meant that you are over 12,000 years old. What longevity you have!

The study also tells us that most of our region is covered by an acidic, sandy, low-fertility soil called a "Spodosol."



I could have told the study's authors all about sandy soil where only weeds flourish. I know all about low-fertile soil that needs copious amounts of environmentally friendly organic matter to feed struggling flowers. Ah! Maybe I don't lack a green thumb...maybe the lack of plant growth in my garden is the fault of that glacier!

There is a technical difference between soil and dirt, according to geologists. Dirt is what collects in an attic's corners and in the crevices of a wooden floor. Soil is derived from the physical and chemical weathering of rock. Depending on its source, soil may contain just a few minerals derived



from a single rock type or a plethora of minerals originating from different rock types. I am glad the geologists are so specific, but it's all dirt to me.

I have a question for the geologists: Why isn't the household dirt in our attics and on our wood floors called dust, not dirt? Ponder that over your morning coffee. Have we been "dirting" all these years rather than "dusting?"

Whether it's called dirt or soil, the stuff in my yard is sub-standard and shallow. If I dig down even less than a foot, my spade hits rock. Maybe I'll just scrape away all that low-fertile soil and simply admire the good-looking glacial rock I have! ▣

## SILVER BAY E-WASTE RECYCLING SUCCESS

The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center collected over 1,500 pounds of electronic waste at its annual community e-waste recycling event on June 8, 2019.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Steve Tamm announced that this year's event surpassed both the number of participants and the amount of waste collected from previous years by a large margin.

The event was launched by Silver Bay YMCA several years ago as a means to keep harmful materials out of landfills while allowing recycling companies the opportunity to re-purpose electronic components elsewhere. ▣



*Bob Whitaker taking items to recycle*

## SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS HOLD MEETING

The property owners of the Silver Bay area will hold their 2019 Annual Meeting on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 1 pm in the Hague Community Center.

Attendees are urged to bring their concerns and ideas that affect residents of Silver Bay, Arcady, Pine Cove, Sabbath Day Point, and surrounding areas. Contributions to the Hague Food Bank will be collected.

Property owners should mark their calendars for the highway clean-up on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 8:30 am. ▣

## NCCC EVENTS AND A NEW PROGRAM

North Country Community College (NCCC) is inviting the public to a launch party and ribbon cutting ceremony, as well as a job fair and summer lecture, on July 18, 2019 at the college's Ticonderoga campus.

The program NCCC is launching is an Individualized Business Administration program, which combines the convenience and flexibility of earning an associate's degree in Business Administration online with the personal touch of advisement and support from college faculty. It can be completed in 20 months. Coursework is taken year-round in seven and a half week blocks. The program will prepare students for entry into professions such as accounting, customer service, human resources, insurance, hospitality, and retail. Successful graduates can also transfer to any number of four-year institutions to continue their education.

The program kicks off August 23rd with an inaugural dinner, which will be open to students and their families, where participants can meet their classmates and get to know the faculty. The first block begins August 24th. To learn more about the program, contact Amy Tuthill, Associate Director of Adult Learners, at 518-891-2915, ext. 1282 or atuthill@nccc.edu.

The job fair will take place from 5 to 7:30 pm on July 18th. Representatives from Essex County, International Paper, and other area employers will be on hand to talk to job seekers about career opportunities they have available. Businesses interested in joining the job fair may contact David St. Germain at dstgermain@nccc.edu or 315-566-1376.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 6 pm.

Attendees are also invited to stay for the college's Free Summer Lecture Series at 7 pm. NCCC faculty member Peter Nelson will present, "How the Adirondacks Made the Erie Canal Possible." ▣



## COME TO SILVER BAY YMCA ON:

**July 27th at 4 pm:** Joe Halm Sunrise Mountain Run. This is a one-mile race gaining 940 feet in elevation and in honor of Joe Halm. (fundraiser)

**July 28th at 2:30 pm:** Joe and Pete Memorial Softball Field Dedication. This is in memory of Joe Halm and Peter Neal, who were life-long friends who met at Silver Bay.

**July 28th at 2:30 pm:** Peter Neal Memorial Softball Game (fundraiser)

**July 29th at 8 pm:** Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra

**August 5th at 8 pm:** The Gibson Brothers Concert

**August 7th at 7 am:** Registration: 20th Annual Golf Tournament (fundraiser)

**August 8th, 9th, and 10th at 8 pm:** Emps' Musical Production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**August 15th at 7:30 pm:** An Evening of Dance ballet with Cory Stearns and others from the American Ballet Theatre

**August 16th at 7:30 pm:** Silver Bay Singers' Vespers Service ▣

## SILVER BAY YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

Silver Bay YMCA is holding its Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 8 am in Morse Hall on the Silver Bay campus. A continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 am.

Adam Pearsall, the Board of Trustees' newly elected Chief Volunteer Officer (CVO), will address the meeting, as will Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Steve Tamm. Attendees will also hear a report from the Silver Bay Council President Natalie Siesko, a statement regarding Silver Bay's financials by Treasurer Dominic Colafati, and various other updates.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions during a brief discussion period at the end of the meeting.

For additional information, contact Hannah Jay at 518-543-8505 or visit [www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org). ▣

## LOOKING BACK

### W.H. Bartlett Prints, Part Two

by Pat McDonough

(Continued from the Looking Back column in the June 2019 issue of The Hague Chronicle.)



These are edited excerpts from Ethel Watts Andrus' notes from the April 18, 1973 program she presented to the Hague Historical Society about W.H. Bartlett's prints.

"In 1838, Bartlett made a second trip to the North America. This time he did most of his traveling in Canada, preparing sketches for "Canadian Scenery," another two-volume work produced in collaboration with Willis.

In 1831, five years prior to his first trip to the American continent, Bartlett married a Susanna Moon and they raised a family to whom he was devoted. He was unhappy that he had to spend so much time traveling in order to earn a living, as his travels

included not only North America, but Ireland, Egypt and the Near East, and Western Europe. With the publication of "Canadian Scenery," he hoped that the income would provide his family with a comfortable living, but the copyright laws of the period gave him no protection from other artists and would-be artists who pirated his work.



THE NARROWS, LAKE GEORGE.

*The Narrows, Lake George, W.H Bartlett print*

Bartlett himself, in the course of his career produced 28 volumes with more than a thousand engravings from his drawings, and twelve of these books he wrote as well as illustrated. When you learn that Bartlett died at the age of 45, you can imagine the prodigious

amount of work he produced in his lifetime. His work had a tremendous influence on student painters of his time because copying was at the time the means of teaching art. This extensive copying has given rise to a controversy about whether Bartlett ever painted in oils, but there is no record of his having done so.

In 1854, he began his last journey to the East, but after reaching the Mediterranean Sea, he learned that unsettled conditions in the Holy Land made it impractical for him to continue his journey. He decided to return to England. During the voyage he became suddenly ill, died, and was buried at sea on September 13, 1854."

In 2019, it is a simple matter to "Google" William Henry Bartlett and unearth a wealth of information and illustrations. What remains consistent between Ethel Watts Andrus' research and today's is an appreciation for Bartlett's lasting accomplishments in an age when travel in this country was so primitive. His travels preceded the era of William Murray, who has been credited with popularizing the Adirondacks, but not until later in the 19th century.

Our appreciation should extend to Ethel Andrus, as well, for all her efforts on behalf of Hague's history lovers. ▣

## FARMERS' MARKET

The 2019 Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market opened Saturday, July 6th and will operate through Saturday, September 28th. The market is on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm .

Special events this year will include:

**Grand Opening Festival** – Saturday, July 20th: Live entertainment by Sometimes Three, consisting of Jessica Stoddard, Lance Clark, and Mike Donahue

**StreetFest** – Saturday, July 27th from 10 am to 3 pm: a festival in Downtown Ticonderoga

**Friends of the Market Festival** – Saturday, August 17th: Live music from the Just Passin' Thru Band



**Harvest Festival** – Saturday, September 21st: Live music by the Loose Monkeys

The market continues to recruit farmers, vendors, and volunteers. For further information, please call 518-585-6619 or visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) . ▣

## HANCOCK HOUSE CONCERT

The Ticonderoga Historical Society brings its popular FREE summer lawn concert back to the Hancock House on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 6 pm. This year's concert celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Festival held in Bethel Woods, NY.

Reservations are not necessary, but seats may be reserved by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com). ▣

## NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Office for the Aging in Warren County is in need of volunteers to transport Hague seniors to their medical appointments.

Mileage is reimbursed at \$.58 per mile. To apply, please call 518-761-6347. ▣

## TICONDEROGA STREETFEST

The 11th Annual StreetFest will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm. It is a FREE daylong celebration, featuring sidewalk sales, shopping, food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, kids' activities, and more. Live entertainment will include:

### On Montcalm Street:

10 – 10:30 am – Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps, led by Mike Edson, ending with a performance near Glens Falls National Bank

2:30 – 3 pm – The First NY Alumni Corps Performance

### On the Porch of Libby's Bakery Café:

10:30 am – 12:30 pm - Lance Clark and Mike Donahue - *Blues, Country, and Popular Music*



12:30 – 2:30 pm – Terrina Cook and Brad Peria – *Blues and Other Music*

### Near Pride of Ticonderoga:

10:30 am – 12:30 pm – MaryJo Vontury and Dwynal Smith – *Country and Folk Music*

12:30 – 2:30 pm – Dan Rabideau

Kids' activities will include caricatures, clown, face painting, balloons and balloon animals by Penelope the Clown, a variety of kids' games, Outer Space Kids Zone, and Healthy Kids Zone.

For more information, call 518-585-6619 or go to [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) .

## TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PROJECTS

Every year, each senior at Ticonderoga High School must do a senior project. Kimberly Powers was the senior project co-advisor. The students' expertise ranged from woodworking, maple sugar making, music composition, Wild Boar hunting, artistic expressions of racism, and more.

On June 14, 2019, Donna Levenstien, an associate broker with NLG Realty in Hague, was invited to sit on a panel with community members including Reverend Scott Tyler, Sharon Hall, Anne Westervelt, and Abigail Young, along with teachers and former students, to judge the projects at Senior Presentations Day.

Impressed by the professionalism of the students' work, Levenstien said, "I found the students who presented to be articulate and passionate about their subjects. Being asked to serve the community in this way was truly rewarding."

Caitlin Myers, a senior from Hague, exhibited the art she created for her senior project at the NLG Realty Gallery on May 23, 2019. According to art teacher Britney Shaw, more than 60 guests came to see the show.

## FORT TI FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Fort Ticonderoga is debuting new opportunities for families who will be visiting the fort in July and August.

"We look forward to welcoming thousands of families this summer where the learning is easy and memories are made of historic proportions," said Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth L. Hill.



The new Family Guided Tours, which take place daily at 10:40 am and 1:40 pm, lead families through the fort grounds and provide a kid-friendly overview for things to do during a visit.

*Voyage to New France: A Family Adventure* gives families a chance to work together to complete tasks as they explore the fort and receive rewards for helping the soldiers with their daily duties.

General admission tickets include more than 14 guided tours, weapons demonstrations, historic trades, and a soldier's life programs. Visitors receive access to the museum exhibits, the King's Garden, and Mount Defiance. Admission tickets are good the day of purchase and visitors can return the following day for free.

The 60-foot, 35-passenger boat Carillon is available for daily tours (rain or shine), field trips, sunset cruises, and charters. Tickets are onsite or online at [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org) .



## NEW MEMBER OF LGLC BOARD

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) appointed Clifford David, Jr. to its board of directors.



David has been involved in land conservation for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in non-profit, government and private

sectors, with a focus on blending conservation and economic development.

David has been coming to the Lake George region for more than 40 years, including as a Bolton resident for the past 20 years.

David said, "I have always believed that it is important to support and be involved in organizations that align with my values. The LGLC brings together my deep interest in protecting our ecosystem while enhancing the communities' interests and uses of this beautiful watershed." ■

## CAR SHOW

The 27th Annual Ticonderoga Area Car Show will be held Sunday, August 4, 2019 in Bicentennial Park from 9 am– 4 pm. Admission is FREE.

There will be food, vendors, music, t-shirts, a kid zone, a 50/50 raffle, the Kiwanis Duck Race, the Piston Toss, the Muffler Wrap, and more.



Tickets for the raffle are \$10. First prize is \$2,500 and second prize is \$1,500. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place at the show. Tickets are available from Adirondack Trail Riders volunteers and at the TACC office.

For a complete calendar of events for that weekend, a Ticonderoga Area Business Directory, or additional information, visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) or the TACC Facebook page. For information or to register, contact the Adirondack Trail Riders at 518-585-6102 or email [adirondacktrailriders@hotmail.com](mailto:adirondacktrailriders@hotmail.com). ■

## NCCC EMPLOYEE HONORED WITH AWARD



Malinda Chapman was awarded the State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching at North Country's Commencement on May 11, 2019.

An adjunct instructor since 1989, she has taught human biology and many other courses at the North Country Community College's (NCCC) Ticonderoga campus.

"Malinda is a talented instructor who is dedicated to her students and their success, giving them a large amount of individualized attention," said former NCCC President Dr. Steve Tyrell. "Her students love her and describe her as an amazing teacher." ■

## FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE INVESTS NEARLY \$500,000 TO PROTECT LAKE

The FUND for Lake George presented nearly \$500,000 in grants to seven organizations and municipalities on Saturday, July 6, 2019 to assist in their work to keep the lake clear and clean for future generations. The grants were presented at The FUND's Annual Meeting at The Sagamore Resort. The FUND has now invested more than \$7 million in lake-protection initiatives since 2013.

Grant recipients included The Jefferson Project collaboration between IBM, RPI, and The FUND; the Lake George Park Commission; the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation; the Adirondack

Watershed Institute of Paul Smith's College; the Town of Lake George; the Town of Queensbury; and the North Queensbury Wastewater Management District.

FUND Chairman Jeff Killeen encouraged attendees and others who love the lake to assist The FUND in continuing its lake-protection efforts by donating to its Forever Fund. The FUND has raised \$6.5 million toward its \$10 million goal. Anyone interested in contributing can do so at [FundForLakeGeorge.org](http://FundForLakeGeorge.org) or by calling The FUND at 518-668-9700.

"The FUND for Lake George not only advocates for the protection of this priceless natural resource, we act, with direct investments to secure the lake's signature water quality," said Executive Director Eric Siy. ■



Accepting their grant check (from left): Project Associate Director Harry Kolar of IBM Research and Director Rick Relyea of RPI for the Jefferson Project. Photo credit: The FUND for Lake George / Melissa Blackall

## SUMMER EVENTS IN TICONDEROGA

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**July 20, 2019 at 6 pm** – Hancock House, Musical Revue, *Wilson Goes To Woodstock*

**July 23rd at 7 pm** – Night Knights of Columbus Pavilion, Ti Festival Guild Talent

**July 27th from 10 am – 3 pm**  
Montcalm Street, STREETFEST

**July 31st at 2 pm** – Hancock House Lawn, Very Merry Theater

**August 4th from 9 am – 4 pm**  
Bicentennial Park, Car Show

**August 10th from 9 am – 2 pm**

Hancock House, Summer A'Fair  
**August 13th at 7 pm** – Knights of Columbus Pavilion, Ticonderoga Community Band

### ONGOING EVENTS

**The Heritage Museum Children's Summer Workshops** on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 – 10 am in July and August at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum

**Ticonderoga Festival Guild Children's Programs** on Wednesdays at 10 am in July and August at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. For details, visit [www.tifestivalguild.org](http://www.tifestivalguild.org)

**Summer Music Series** – July 9, 2019, July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th, August 13th, and August 20th at 7 pm at the Ticonderoga Community Building

**TiCoustic Coffeehouse** on the first and third Wednesdays, at 6 pm at the Elk's Club

**Ticonderoga Area Farmers' Market** on Saturdays, 10 am – 1 pm, July through September at 1114 Wicker Street. For details, visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com)

**Guided Hikes and Walks**, see [www.champlainareatrails.com](http://www.champlainareatrails.com). ■

## NEW OWNERSHIP AT ANIMAL HOSPITAL

On June 22, 2019, Dr. James and Noel Mack held an open house at the Ticonderoga Animal Hospital to welcome the new owner, Dr. Katie Alexander.

Katie and her husband, Ash, along with their children, Maven and Theo, have moved to Ticonderoga and are living in the house on the hospital property.

Noel and Jim Mack married and moved to Ticonderoga in 1978 with "a dream of becoming a part of a lovely community and to bring caring and competent veterinary service to a rural area in need of modern pet care." They have spent the last 41 years doing a wonderful job fulfilling that dream.

They are retired now and continue to live in their historic red brick home in Hague with their cat and dog. They plan to enjoy gardening, fixing up their home, and being grandparents to two young children. Noel will also spend time knitting.

Many, many thanks to the Macks for their years of service and a hearty welcome to the Alexanders! ■



Dr. James and Noel Mack



Dr. Katie Alexander

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

A re-enactment of the Battle of Montcalm's Crossing will be on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 – 21, 2019. Featuring hundreds of re-enactors, cannons, drums, muskets, it will highlight the epic Battle of Carillon between the British and French in July, 1758. It was the bloodiest battle in North America until the Civil War.

The Summer Gala will be on August 10th. ■

## TI ARTS SCHEDULE

Wendy Soliday

"Pure: Water and Air"

The opening is Friday, July 26th from 5 – 7 pm

Nancy Kimball

"Raptors of the Adirondacks"

live demonstration on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 4 pm

"10 X 10 Show"

The opening is Friday, August 16, 2019, from 5 – 7 pm ■

## TI FESTIVAL GUILD'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

### ARTS TREK PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

**July 17** – Gregg Artzner and Terry Leonino – *Ichthyomusicology*

**July 24** – Kids' Interactive Theater – *Mother Nature*

**July 31** – Dave Ruck – *One World, Many Stories*

**August 7** – Art Miller – *Catfish Charlie*

### SUMMER CONCERTS

**July 9** – Beg Steal Or Borrow

**July 30** – Little Jack

**August 6** – Zinky and the Biltones

**August 20** – Adirondack Jazz Repertory Ensemble

All programs are FREE and are held rain or shine. ■

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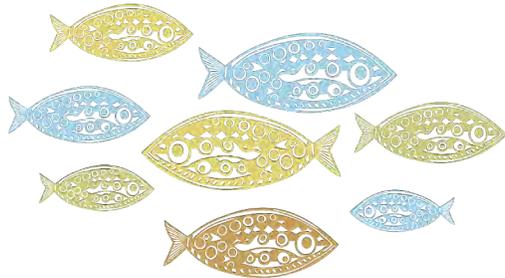
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**CALENDAR**

July 2019

**JULY**

17	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park – Ben Rounds Band
18	6 pm	NCCC launch party, ribbon cutting, job fair, and lecture
20 – 21		Re-enactment at Fort Ticonderoga
20	6 pm	Concert at the Hancock House
23	7 pm	Hague Historical Society - Zarzynski - Hague Community Center
24	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park – Running the River
26	6 pm	Costello Coffeehouse at Hague Beach
27	10 am – 3 pm	StreetFest in Ticonderoga
29	1 pm	Silver Bay Property Owners Meeting – Hague Community Center
31	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park – Adk Shakespeare Theater

**AUGUST**

4	9 am – 4 pm	Ticonderoga Car Show in Bicentennial Park
	7 pm	Improvements to Town Park Meeting - Hague Community Center
6	7 pm	Hague Historical Society Meeting – Smith - Hague Community Center
7	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park – American Roots
10	7:30 am	Continental Breakfast and Silver Bay Annual Meeting – Morse Hall
10	6 – 10 pm	Summer Gala at Fort Ticonderoga
14	7 pm	Hague Music in the Park – Willie Playmore
21	6:30 pm	Hague Music in the Park – Rich Ortiz

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS — JULY AND AUGUST:** Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday: Noon to 3 pm