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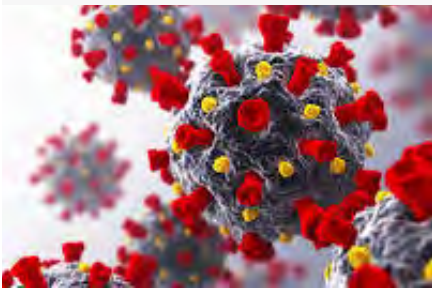
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Aug 12, 2021:



All NY residents need to wear a mask or face covering when in situations where they are unable to socially distance.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	205,081,765	4,329,834
US	36,229,489	618,651
NYS	2,187,349	53,813
Warren County	3,869	64
Essex County	1,654	26

Sources:

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

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

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

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

CUOMO REINSTATED MASK MANDATE

Responding to lagging vaccination rates and a rise in coronavirus cases, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 that New York's tens of thousands of state employees would be required to show proof of vaccination or face weekly testing.

The governor also announced a much stricter mandate for state-run hospitals, saying that all "patient-facing" health care workers at those facilities would be required to be vaccinated, without the option of regular testing instead.

The new state policy will go into effect by Labor Day, he said.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding masking in NY as of August 9, 2021, go [HERE](#). ▣



PETERSON IS HAGUE'S NEW ASSESSOR'S CLERK

by Gabrielle Keller

Amanda Peterson recently succeeded Barbara Mizer as Hague's assessor's clerk.

Amanda was introduced to Hague when she married Wyatt Peterson, whose family has resided in Hague for many decades. Wyatt is Dolly Kennedy's grandson.

In December of 2019, Amanda closed her business to travel with her husband full time. When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, their plans were disrupted.

During the spring of 2020, Wyatt and Amanda came to the lake for the summer, but never left! Now, they live in Hague full time.



Amanda Peterson

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TOWN JOB OPENINGS

The Town of Hague is seeking qualified candidates to apply for: TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT; ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; LABORER/ Machinery Equipment Operator (MEO). For more information regarding any of these positions, please call 518-543-6161. Interested candidates can stop in at the town offices located at 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Hague, NY or visit their website at <https://townofhague.org/jobs/> for an application. Applications and resumes should be submitted to the Personnel Committee, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836 or by dropping them off at the Town of Hague offices by August 23, 2021.

Appointments will be made by the Town Board after the interview process for varying start dates. Job descriptions are available upon request by calling the Town of Hague at 518-543-6161. Salary based upon experience. ▣

HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK CONTINUES

August 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm: The Switch Band – *Classic Rock, Blues, and Jazz*

August 25th at 6:30 pm: American Roots Show – *A Hometown Favorite*

Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

In the case of inclement weather, the performances will take place at the Hague Community Center.

All New York State COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. ❑

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

The Hermit of Hague was a giant.
He was also very reliant.
He took on things big
Did not act like a pig
Was not stubborn or ever defiant.

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

HVFD

by Meg Haskell



For the month of July, we had 30 fire calls and drills, 17 EMS calls and four marine calls, using a total of 179 volunteer hours.

As summer continues and we have an increase in call volume, please remember to yield to emergency vehicles. If you are walking or biking, please get as far off the road as possible.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe! ❑

ASSESSOR'S CLERK, CONTINUED

As a new resident of Hague, Amanda was looking for ways to feel more connected to the community, while also learning a new skill. So, she called the Hague Community Center to see if there were any positions available. Peterson was lucky; Barbara Mizer was ready to retire from her position, so the town would be needing a new assessor's clerk.

Amanda trained with Barbara two days a week from September to November of 2020. Since Wyatt travels for his profession, she says working part time as the assessor's clerk gives her something to look forward to every week.

Some of Amanda's duties include recording information such as property transfers, deed changes, and death certificates. Additionally, she prepares files for Hague's Assessor, Dave Martucci, for when he goes out in the field for inspections.

Amanda uses the skills she's acquired from running her own business for three years to help her with this new position. She says she loves working with Dave, as he encourages her to learn new things and to practice her math skills.

In her free time, Amanda loves to cook and especially to experiment with new recipes. She enjoys being creative; she sews, draws, and does photography. ❑

SILVER BAY DEDICATES RENOVATED PARLIN DORMITORY

by Bob Whitaker

On August 9, 2021, sixty-eight years to the day after Parlin Dormitory was dedicated as a facility to house summer employees ("Emps"), Silver Bay YMCA held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the newly-renovated facility.

Originally dedicated in 1953, the facility was built in memory of Edward Parlin, a 1945 Emp who died in a hiking accident that year. Parlin Dormitory served as a living facility for Emps for many years, but a consultant study in 2009 indicated that the condition of the facility had deteriorated to the extent that it needed to be completely renovated or replaced.

In 2018, Paul and Jane Ingrey made a challenge gift to the Silver Bay community and over 100 donors stepped forward to fully fund the renovation, which began in 2019. Completed in 2020, the renovated Parlin Dormitory was opened this summer, since no summer Emps were on campus in 2020. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by many former Emps who had called Parlin home over more than sixty summers.

Speaking at the event, Steve Tamm, executive director of Silver Bay, and Paul Ingrey both reflected on the importance of the summer Emps to the experience of the guests and to the traditions and history of the institution. Providing a healthy and safe living space for the Emps seeks to honor that contribution for the present and the future. ❑



LGA DISCOVERS SECOND HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

On July 20, 2021, during routine weekly water sampling, Lake George Association (LGA) staff observed a potential harmful algal bloom (HAB) near Hall's Marina in the lake's south basin. They immediately collected water samples for laboratory analysis and provided New York's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with a report and photographs of the potential HAB. A few days later, the DEC confirmed that it was a HAB. Fortunately, it was very short-lived and small in coverage area, and LGA's laboratory analysis found the bloom to be non-toxic.



Upon its discovery, the LGA immediately coordinated a comprehensive response by The Jefferson Project, LGA's environmental research collaboration with RPI and IBM Research. A Jefferson Project team collected water samples and reviewed data from its extensive network of smart sensors on and around the lake, studying the physical, biological and chemical activity
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JULY 2021 – RAINY AND COOL

by Jim Rosamilia

While on my daily walk back in early July, I was crossing over Jenkins Brook on Rt. 9N. I noticed how the water was racing down the brook, almost overflowing its banks. This July was a very rainy month, much more than normal!

I've been spending my summers at Lake George for over 55 years, so I have some history here. I remember years when the temperature rose above 90° and we had no A/C, so staying cool was hard to do. Conversely, there were summers when wearing a winter coat on Labor Day Weekend was necessary to stay warm.

Yes, there were summers when we had a lot of rain and had to go boating and fishing with the canvas tops up. But, this year has been the rainiest July I can ever remember! So, let's look at the facts.

We had over eight inches of rain, compared to a normal of 4.25" for July; that is 88% more than usual. Plus, we had over 22 days with a measurable amount of rain versus a normal of 11 days. As for the temperatures, we never hit 90° and our average high was 5° cooler than normal. (Stats from the National Weather Service)

Now for the good news - July is over and we can only hope that August turns out to be a summer-like month, as it should be. No matter the weather, Lake George is still the most scenic and relaxing place to be. ▣



HAGUE'S OWN WYATT PETERSON AT THE OLYMPICS

by Amanda Peterson

Wyatt Peterson is the son of Hague's Myles and Pam Peterson and the grandson of Dolly Kennedy.



Wyatt Peterson

He went to high school here and moved back to Hague last spring with his wife, Amanda. Recently, he had the opportunity of a lifetime.

Wyatt works for a company that builds and installs television news studios. He had built studios for the Sochi and Rio Olympics. But, this year was something special; in May, he packed his bags for the long journey to Tokyo, Japan to work onsite at the 2020 Olympics.

Wyatt was part of the crew that built and installed the NBC studios for the Today Show, Telemundo, and Tokyo Live. Normally the crew installs the studio and then leaves when the talent arrives. But, Wyatt was also hired to work as a stagehand for the two-week run of the live broadcast of Tokyo Live, a show that aired clips of Olympic events and interviews of medal-winning athletes. He got to work with crew from all over the world and met lots of new people.

He had to quarantine for two weeks before he could start work. The city was on lock down when he arrived, but it was lifted and he went to a few of the immersive art museums, restaurants, and the shopping mall. But then, because of rising cases of COVID-19 and low vaccination rates, the city went back into lock down, preventing more exploration.

The weather was crazy, with extreme humidity, tsunami warnings, lots of rain, and super-hot temperatures. In many ways, this has been a very different Olympic experience for everyone involved, but Wyatt is grateful to have been a part of it. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/22/2021

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Maureen Cherubini, Linda Mury, and Ray Snyder were present.

LAZARUS (93.19-1-16) 7740 Lake Shore Drive (RC)

The ZBA unanimously approved the applicant's proposal for the installation of a hillside trolley within 100 feet of the mean high water mark (MHWM), with the condition that a standby generator is installed and regularly exercised.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25% (increase of 46%). The project includes an upgraded waste water system, and the demolition and reconstruction of an accessory structure with plumbing. The project is subject to Site Plan Review due to its proximity to the MHWM of Lake George. The town board has approved the waste water system for five bedrooms with conditions.

The Planning Board made a negative referral to the ZBA due to the project size and the proximity of the house to the lake and a brook. At the June 24th ZBA meeting, the board expressed concerns about putting so much into such a small space and requested that the applicant consider making modifications to the plans.

The applicants subsequently submitted revised plans to address both the ZBA and PB concerns. The new proposed structure will be an increase of 33% versus the original request for a 46% increase in square footage. The number of bathrooms will be unchanged from the original structure. The accessory structure proposed second floor has been reduced, the proposed laundry removed, and a half-bath will be on the first floor. The application was approved four to one (Mury), with the following conditions: the old septic system and septic tank are removed; a storm water plan is filed; and any major construction will occur after Labor Day. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 8/5/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, Pam Peterson, and alternate Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. were present. Dan Belden was absent.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to demolish an existing garage and then construct a new one. The project

includes an approved upgraded wastewater system. The revised plan has replaced the proposed yoga room with a small office on the second floor and a half-bath on the first floor. The proposed laundry room has been removed. The garage would be rotated to eliminate cars backing directly onto Silver Bay Road. Some excavation will be required. Improved storm water runoff features have been incorporated into the plan. The application was unanimously approved, with the following conditions: the garage second floor is for home office use only; the town can inspect the accessory structure during the two-year permit process with a 48-hour notice; if blasting is required, the neighbors must be notified; the blasting must occur after Labor Day weekend; and if any construction-related road damage occurs, the road must be returned to its preconstruction condition and to the Hague Highway Superintendent's satisfaction.

ROBINS (93.12-1-9.11) 7942 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to construct an 880 sq. ft. natural stone patio and walkways, with a natural boulder fire pit within 100 ft. of the MHWM. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled.

PARLIN-JOYCE (60.13-1-22) 24 Pudding Lane (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to demolish a home and construct a new home. The project includes a waste-water treatment system, stormwater management, and two sets of stone steps (one replacement and one new). The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled.

MILLER-ZIER (26.6-1-22) 5 Forest Bay Road South (TR-1R)

The applicant is seeking to add a full second floor and 150-square-foot addition with stairs to the first floor of the existing residence. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 8/10/2021

Town Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. You can attend live on Zoom or watch the archived version of past meetings on the [Town's YouTube channel](#). The Zoom login will be posted on [the town website](#) prior to each meeting.

You can use the following link to view a video of this entire Board meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Rtcsfk5Wjc>

The following article is a summary report taken from attending via Zoom.

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Richard Gladu, 82, of Saratoga Springs and formerly of Arcady Bay, Hague, unexpectedly, on August 10, 2021.

After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, Dick worked for IBM for 35 years. He was a respected co-worker and supervisor, whom one employee described as “one of the original good guys.”

After retirement, he lived in Arcady Bay, where he was on the board for many years. He loved serving on the board so much that he later joined boards for the Town of Hague and at The Greens in Saratoga Springs.

Dick was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, always putting his family's needs ahead of his own. Through his empathy, sense of humor, and appreciation of happy hour, Dick made many friends whom he loved dearly. He was generous, had a witty sense of humor, and was a captivating storyteller. Dick will be missed tremendously; his spirit lives on through his family and friends.

He was also a loving dog dad to several lucky poodles throughout his life.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Karen Gladu; his brother, David Gladu (Priscilla); his three children, Kristin Cieplicki (Keith), David Gladu (Tina), and Eric Gladu; and his four grandchildren, Christopher Gladu, Kathrin Cieplicki (David Curtis), Brian Cieplicki, and Matthew Cieplicki.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations in his memory be made to the [American Heart Association](#) [HERE](#). ▣

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish important happenings in the lives of our readers. Please send announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll publish them as space permits. Thank you.

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant and Councilmen Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald II, and Josh Patchett were all present.

Tim Fiallo gave a report on the work of the Highway Department and asked that any complaints be directed to the Highway Superintendent or to those board members on the Highway Committee (Ramant/Bast). Patchett pointed out that any resident can go to any board member with any problem.

The regular committee reports were given.

One of the most important issues discussed was the resignation of several town employees. On the one hand, it was mentioned how hard it is to get workers and on the other was a suggestion that more support should be given to employees. Patchett also suggested

that exit interviews should be done so “we can find out why we are losing good people.” Supervisor Frasier said she would take that under advisement.

The resignation of Pat Hintze from the Transfer Station was accepted with thanks for her service to the community. The resignation of Walter Peterson from the Transfer Station was accepted, but he has agreed to stay until a replacement can be found. Also accepted was the resignation of Michael Auerbach as Zoning Enforcement Officer, who will remain in the position through August 20th. Former ZEO Cathy Clark is helping out with that office. The board is considering the possibility of shared services and went into executive session after the meeting to discuss it further.

Meaghan Clonan was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics, with Nancy Young as Assistant Registrar.

The board heard appeals from sewer district residents wanting changes in the EDU charges. ▣

LGLC HIKE-A-THON A SUCCESS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) held its 9th annual Hike-A-Thon on July 5, 2021, on a beautiful, perfect Lake George day. With a total of 22 organized groups, 85 virtual registrants, and nearly 700 people registered, this marked a new record for the event, which started in 2013 to celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary.

Always held on July 5th, the Hike-A-Thon is an event featuring simultaneous hikes and paddles spanning the watershed that culminates with aerial photography of each group by Carl Heilman, II, aboard a helicopter piloted by Bruce Mowery of North Country HeliFlite. Photos from the event, including the aerals by Carl Heilman, are posted at <https://lakegeorgehikeathon.org/photo-gallery/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LakeGeorgeHikeAThon>. ▣



Doug, Kim, Evan, and Emmy Bryant from Hague with houseguest Henry Schofield and others hiking Up Yonda Farm

LOCAL FIRE TOWER TRAIL OPEN

by Judy Stock

Fulfilling a dream held by hikers, lovers of fire towers, and local folks who have nostalgia for earlier days, the Swede Mountain Fire Tower Trail was officially reopened on August 13, 2021.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by over 30 people who gathered in the parking lot at the west end of North Pond where the trailhead is located. Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier and Supervisor Sylvia Smith of Horicon cut the ribbon. Sara Frankenfeld, Warren County GIS Administrator, handed out trail maps, which are also available online [HERE](#).

Much work by the Warren County Department of Public Works (DPW) has gone into refurbishing the trail.

The trail property is owned by Lyme Timber, who made an arrangement with Warren County so it could use it, according to Leasing and Project Manager for Lyme ADK Timber Ed Konwinski. Warren County DPW owns the summit and fire tower.

Dave Bourque from Brant Lake was one of those very excited to see the trail open again and predicted it will be the "most popular fire tower hike."

The hardest part is right at the beginning, where a hiker has to pass over water and ascend a steep area.

After that, it's easier going on this 1.8-mile round-trip hike.

Among the first group of hikers were Seddon Beaty and Ginger Henry Kuenzel of Hague. Ginger said, "What a fabulous hike it is and the view of the high peaks from the top of the fire tower is spectacular. I highly recommend it!"

The trail is open for recreational day hiking only and is closed from September 10th through December 16th during hunting seasons. ▣

TOP: (Left to right) Chair of the Warren County Board of Supervisors Rachel Seeber, Town of Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier, Town of Horicon Supervisor Sylvia Smith, and former Horicon Supervisor and current New York State Assemblyman Matt Simpson
Photo courtesy of Judy Stock

MIDDLE: Hague residents Seddon Beaty (left) and Ginger Henry Kuenzel (middle) with Joanne Conley (right) from the Warren County Tourism Department
Photo courtesy of Judy Stock

BOTTOM: Local hiking enthusiasts and representatives of county and state government at the tower
Photo courtesy of Seddon Beaty



ALGAL BLOOM, CONTINUED

in the water, as well as atmospheric conditions, before, during, and after the bloom. Their work includes measuring the concentrations of nutrients and the abundance of algae at more than 50 locations around the lake to help researchers understand how the microbiome of other bacteria in the lake is changing in ways that might facilitate the blooming of cyanobacteria and its ability to turn off or on the genes that produce toxins.

This data will be compared to data gathered at the time of the first confirmed Lake George HAB in

November 2020 in an effort to identify parallels in lake and atmospheric conditions. The Jefferson Project is concluding its analysis of the November 2020 bloom and expects to present its preliminary findings later this summer.

What is a HAB? A HAB occurs when cyanobacteria, which are always present in lakes, rise to the surface. Certain conditions can cause the cyanobacteria population to grow rapidly (i.e. bloom). HABs sometimes release toxins that can harm people and animals, and other times do not. The toxins, which can be in the water and/or air, can potentially cause irritation to skin, eyes, nose and lungs as well as intestinal problems.

Read more from the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

A HAB floats on the lake's surface and often looks something like spilled paint. It is unlike the green algae we see on docks, boats, and rocks along the shoreline.

Doing your part:

- [Learn what a HAB looks like](#) and report anything suspicious to the [LGA](#) and the [DEC HAB reporting site](#)
- [Lake-friendly living](#): Read tips from the LGA on what you can do on your own property to protect the lake ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



As you are traveling from Hague to Ticonderoga on 9N, you may notice the vivid purple color sporadically covering the ground near the Valley View Cemetery. You are looking at “Mother of Thyme” or creeping thyme.

Thymus praecoxis is a low-growing perennial hardy enough to survive in the Adirondacks. This tiny-growing thyme rarely grows over three inches tall, grows in dense mats, sprawls randomly, and fills in later. It is edible, with a flavor and aroma similar to mint when crushed and steeped for teas.

Another plus to growing this colorful ground cover is that it is deer resistant. It also withstands the tromp of human footsteps, so it is a good choice for frequent foot-traffic areas.

Now, to move from pretty creeping thyme to the irritating stable fly, known in our family as the dreaded “biter fly.” This pesky bug has a bite

that feels like a needle stab. You will know it’s a biter fly because it loves to bite your ankles and/or lower legs. Sometimes elevating your feet about 12 to 18 inches above the ground level will help, but the key word in this sentence is “sometimes.”

Stable flies are a nuisance and they are exceptionally wary so hitting one with a fly swatter is a matter of luck. Make sure you have fly swatters in your boat, kayak, and canoe because stable flies love to feed on humans when the humans are enjoying being on the water.

Needing blood to function, the stable fly takes a quick sip then takes to the air only to return in a minute or two to drink again. The irksome insect is only active during the day, since it depends upon its eyesight to find its prey. Both the adult female and the male attack warm-blooded creatures, animal or human.



The bug will follow prey (as in a person in a watercraft) for miles on the lake. Their persistence in pursuing a meal is not a virtue when we are the meal!

According to an article in the Adirondack Almanac, a fly swatter is about the only useful defense other than “the spray from a can of highly potent pesticide.”

So, my advice is to enjoy the colorful beauty of the creeping thyme this summer and pray you never encounter the obnoxious presence of the biter fly. ▣

WHEELS IN SARATOGA

by *Pat McDonough*

So many rainy days have filled the the summer of 2021 (not to mention the caterpillars and moths) that on one of these drippy days, you might enjoy a ride to the Saratoga Automobile Museum. That’s what we did recently!

Two exhibits were of particular interest to Dennis, our houseguest, and me. The first was something called “Rare Air,” a colorful exhibit of sixteen air-cooled Porsches from the collection of Steven Harris. Wow! They are beautiful vehicles!

On an entirely other topic was the display related to pioneering women in the field of automotives from 1900 to 1929. This exhibit included profiles of twelve women of that era who bucked the male tradition of being the driver! Just imagine Alice Ramsey, a 22-year-old wife and mother, who was the first woman to drive from Hell Gate in New York to the Golden Gate in San Francisco! Driving a Maxwell DA, her journey took 59 days in 1909!

A drive to the Saratoga Automobile Museum is a drive worth your time! ▣



Alice Ramsey

CAT MOUNTAIN HIKE

by *Sandy Powell*

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, a group of hikers from Hague hiked Cat Mountain, which overlooks the southern basin of Lake George. It was a hot and steamy summer day and a haze that may be smoke from the fires out west, prevented the crisp, clear view we’re accustomed to seeing. ▣



The hazy view to the southeast toward Lake George Village. The smaller lake to the east of Lake George is Trout Lake.

LOOKING BACK

BASEBALL AT PELKEY'S CORNERS



by Judy Waters Kenna

The crack of the bat, the thump of a hardball hitting a leather baseball mitt - these are sounds of summer across our country, as young people hit the sandlots and fields to "play ball." There was such a field at Pelkey's Corners, just off the intersection of Route 8 and Decker Hill Road in Hague.

I remember those ball games in the years between 1948 and 1956. There were 14 families living in proximity to "The Corners" and they included nearly 50 children who, once the day's chores were finished, would gather in the corner section of the meadow on the Waters' 120-acre farm.

At the edge of the meadow stood Middleton's yellow garage. The players never gave thought to the damage that might occur to the garage. It was the perfect backstop to halt the balls from many missed swings. Unfortunately, several boards on the garage got cracked and broken as years passed. The players felt badly about that, but since three Middletons were playing, it was allowed they also contributed to that issue. My brothers Nelson and Matt later helped with the repairs.

Everyone knew sunset was the time kids would straggle in, some bringing their own special bats, balls, and mitts. We all shared. The two oldest boys would usually be captains of the teams. This made the teams more balanced. When several had arrived, a bat was selected to "Choose Up Teams." Do you remember that? One captain would toss a bat to the opposite captain and he would catch it halfway down the bat. Then each captain, in turn, would put hand-over-hand, until someone reached the top of the bat. Whoever's hand filled the top space, with at least three fingers, won the honor to start "choosing" their team members first. The rest of us stood watching with anticipation,

wondering who would call their name, hoping to wind up on the winning team.

I was very young in those years. Mostly, I looked on longingly for the time I would be playing. Some nights there wouldn't be enough for two full teams. That's when I was allowed to join in on a learning basis. Other nights there was more than enough. Some were left out, only to join the cheering section, which was also fun.

Not only did players arrive, but parents would often stroll by to watch their children in action. A few cars would line Route 8 to watch family and friends "play ball." Folks would cheer and horns would honk as plays were acknowledged to cheer the teams on. The light of those long summer evenings seemed endless. Games went on for hours until darkness fell and parents started calling us home.

I remember sitting at the edge of the meadow and Sadie Pelkey's garden, watching, cheering, even catching a stray hit. I recall the many families who gathered in that old cow pasture - Waters, Middletons, Blairs, Carpenters, Robbins, Bennetts, Bartletts, and Jordons. Those were special times and the youngsters improved their skills, deepened friendships, and learned sportsmanship, all the while, drawing the hamlet closer.

When I visit home and drive down around that last slow curve from Graphite, where the view opens on Route 8, toward Pelkey's Corners, the first thing I see is the meadow and the yellow garage where, years ago, joyous

memories were made. My heart skips a beat - I can see us all there, hear the cheers and the crack of the bat, and recall the carefree days of youth.

This article was written by Judy Waters Kenna and edited by Pat McDonough. ▣



TICONDEROGA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TACC) FUNDRAISER

This year's TACC Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021 at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley. The theme is "In Full Bloom." There will be a silent action, a live auction, music, dancing, and more. The fee of \$60 per person includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and two drink tickets. All NYS COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. RSVP to 518-585-6619 or emullen@ticonderogany.com. 📌

HANCOCK HOUSE PROGRAM TO LOOK AT IRISH IN MUSICAL THEATER

The Ticonderoga Historical Society (THS) will present a free public program, "The Singing of the Green," on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7 pm at the Hancock House. It is a look at the Irish-American contributions to American musical theater. The program will include music from some of the great theater productions dating back to the mid-1800s.



It will be held outdoors under a tent and attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. Reservations may be made by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to: tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. 📌



TI'COUSTICS

The next Ti'Coustics show will be on Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 7-9 pm at Emeralds II Restaurant on Route 9N in Ticonderoga. It will feature Joe Vilardo, Ray Hulbert, Galen Peria, and the Category 3 group (Jim Gabler, Ken MacAlpine, and Chris LaPointe). The show is free, with donations going to charities. 📌

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TI REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance held its Annual Public Meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 5-7 pm at the Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus Building.

Executive Director Donna Wotton updated those in attendance on the strategies and projects that are changing the economic landscape of the greater Ticonderoga area.

Guests spoke directly with the staff, board members, volunteers, and beneficiaries about their first-hand experiences with Ti-Alliance's economic development programs.



"One of the most exciting things for me was the broad age span of the people at the meeting who are participating in economic development," said Donna. Popular topics at the project stations included trade education, scholarships, downtown revitalization, and housing. Attendees were also impressed by the popularity of the Ti-Works co-working space which has been busy every day this summer.

Readers can view the full presentation to learn all that is happening in the Ti Area at the Ti-Alliance website at <https://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/>. 📌

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CALENDAR

August 2021

AUGUST

- 18 6:30 pm Hague Music in the Park - *The Switch Band*
- 20 7 pm Program on Irish at Hancock House
- 25 6:30 pm Hague Music in the Park - *American Roots*
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 7 - 9 pm Ti'Coustics at Emerald II
- 27 5:30 pm TACC Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

- 2 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 LABOR DAY-Town offices closed
- 6 - 8 Rosh Hashana
- 13 Deadline for the September issue of *The Hague Chronicle*
- 14 6 pm Town Board
- 15 - 16 Yom Kippur

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm