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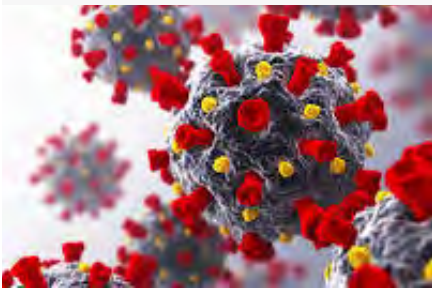
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of September 15, 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	226,482,260	4,662,059
US	41,627,946	666,627
NYS	2,349,898	54,717
Warren County	4,520	76
Essex County	1,876	29

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

LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIM

On Saturday, August 21, 2021, Hague once again hosted the Lake George Open Water Swim. There were 360 total registrants, representing 26 states and three countries/areas (US, UK, and Guam). There is normally a large contingent from Canada, but the border restrictions prevented that this year.

Safety coverage was great as there were around 23 safety kayakers and seven to eight safety motorboats.

With 33% of the surveys back, the participants rated the event a 4.91 of 5 overall. Ninety-nine percent said they would return next year and many said they will bring others. The one percent said no only because they will not be in the area at that time.

About one hundred and twenty of the participants spent the night in the Town of Hague and many others stayed in other locations nearby, as Hague was totally booked. Of those who stayed local, 22% stayed one night, 27% stayed two nights, and six percent stayed three or more nights, so this event was clearly a boon to Hague economically.

On August 20, 2022, the Lake George Open Water Swim will return to Hague with the 2.5k and 5k distances again, and the 10k will be the US Masters Swimming National Championship. ▣



LAKE-WIDE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BANDS TOGETHER TO PROTECT LAKE

Citing the escalating threats to the lake's legendary water quality from harmful algal blooms and the hemlock wooly adelgid, nearly 80 regional businesses — from the tourism industry and beyond — have joined together in signing a historic "Business Compact on the Economic Imperative of Protecting Lake George."

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



We would like to let people know that Americade will be back in town September 21 - 25, 2021, so the Senior Club will be having its annual fundraiser, the Senior View Café, at the Hague Beach September 19th - 26th. Come on out and enjoy the lunch of Sabrett hot dogs and a different special sandwich each day, all with a beautiful view of Lake George. We look forward to serving all of you. Thank you for your support the past 12 years. We are looking forward to seeing you all to make this another great event.

Upcoming events include our Senior Meeting at the Hague Community Center on September 28th, which will feature an appreciation luncheon for those who helped with Americade as well as the election of officers for next year. We need a nominating committee, so please come out and enjoy the gathering.

October 7th will be Game Night at my house (518-543-6502) at 6:30 pm.

You can follow the Hague Seniors on Facebook.

We are looking for an Oktoberfest outing. Please let me or any officer know if you hear of something in the area.

On October 26th, we will be having our Halloween Party. The theme this year will be a Luau. So, bring your favorite Hawaiian dish to share and come dressed up for the party. Looking forward to seeing you for a fun time! ▣

PROTECT LAKE, CONTINUED

The compact was spearheaded by the Lake George Association's (LGA) Council of Business Advisors and presents striking data on the lake's regional economic impacts and the water quality challenges that threaten them, as well as ways in which the business community will work together for lake protection.

The LGA invites readers to study the compact [HERE](#) and add their businesses to the list of signatories. They also encourage readers to thank these businesses for their commitment by patronizing them whenever possible. Of interest locally, The Hague Market, the Juniper Shop, and the Silver Bay YMCA signed the compact. ▣

HAGUE SEEKING ASSISTANT ZOOM MODERATOR

The Hague Town board meetings, which are on the second Tuesday of each month, are now being Zoomed. The board is seeking a community-minded volunteer to assist the Zoom moderator.

Duties of the moderator are to coordinate the Zoom participants so that the chairperson's participation is effective during the meeting. It's a straightforward and uncomplicated, but important function, and full training is provided. It can be easily performed either remotely (e.g., from home) or from the meeting room in the Hague Community Center.

Ginger Kuenzel is currently performing the function. An assistant is required so that coverage is available each and every month. Coordination will insure that this is not a burdensome task for either moderator. It only takes about two hours per month and will not even have to be every month.

If you are willing to serve Hague in this important way, please contact Councilperson Jack Bast at jackbast@aol.com. ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell



Happy September!

Now that summer is heading into fall, we have a couple of events coming up.

The annual town-wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9 am to 4 pm.

The firehouse will be serving food from 12 - 5 pm, as well having many vendors selling their goods.

Anyone wishing to be on the map for the sale should call Linda at 518-543-6550 or Meg at 518-543-2015.

On October 30th, we'll be hosting "Trunk or Treat" from 3 - 5 pm. More on that next month! ▣

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague loved his bourbon.
He also liked wearing a turban.
He loved to dress up,
Take his friends out to sup,
He clearly enjoyed being urban.*

TRANSFER STATION MEETING AUGUST 30, 2021

The August 30, 2021, Town Board informational meeting on potential changes at the Hague Transfer Station attracted a large number of participants, both at the community center and on Zoom. Supervisor Edna Frasier thanked Board Member Steve Ramant for the work he has done on this issue and turned the meeting over to him.

Ramant reported that the transfer station revenue this year to date is \$39,416.77 and expenses to date are \$58,169.24, resulting in a loss to the town of \$18,752.47. He said this is not sustainable and that the town is considering making changes.

His suggestion is to have patrons enter where the current exit is, stopping next to the trash compactor. There, an employee would look at what people are dropping off and tell them what they owe. After paying, they would put their trash bag(s) in the compactor and move on to a recycling area, where there will be different containers for different types of recycled items like paper, glass, cans, and cardboard. Patrons would then exit on the road that is currently the entrance. Ramant noted that there will be large, highly visible signs and price sheets. Since the town pays by weight to have the compacted trash carted away, it looked into buying a scale to weigh each bag of trash. However, the town feels that the cost of the scales is too high and weighing each bag would be too time-consuming.

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LGA WATER QUALITY REPORTING TOOL

If you're on or near the lake or its tributaries and see something of concern like sediment or contaminants flowing into streams, an invasive species, soil erosion, or excessive land clearing, you can use the LGA's Reporting Tool at LGReport.org to document your exact location, attach photos, and provide any other details you think might be helpful to the Lake George Association (LGA). They'll review your report and determine the best course of action.

There's also a direct link to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Suspicious Algal Bloom Report Form in the event you see something that might be a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB).
■

Dear Silver Bay friends,

Great news! The job posting for our new CEO is now live on YUSA's job board. YUSA is assisting us as our search consultant and all candidates must apply through their website.

As Stephanie Wagoner, our Chief Volunteer Officer, mentioned in her last update, the Search Task Force is casting as wide a net as possible to find the right leader for Silver Bay. You can help by letting anyone who you feel meets the qualifications and would be a great addition to our community know about the opportunity. This is a unique place where the CEO has one of those rare jobs that is both engaging and a positive force for good.

Please direct any questions and candidates to Eric Williams, Senior Director, CEO Search, YMCA of the USA at eric.williams@ymca.net.

Best,

Phil White
Chair, CEO Search Task Force

TRANSFER STATION MEETING, CONTINUED

Participants received a handout showing the current pricing and what items could be recycled. Several people asked questions and made suggestions. It was noted that some items such as paper were not listed on the handout. Ramant said the handout would be updated and put on the town website. When we went to press, it had not yet been posted.

Several people commented that moving the entrance would make it difficult for drivers in the winter. One individual suggested the town sell the scrap metal rather than paying to dispose of it. In past years, the town did sell it. However, Ramant said, he was unable to find a vendor within a reasonable distance. Another person suggested having an exchange site for items that people don't want. Frasier said this was also done in the past, but the town stopped because people dropped off junk. Other suggestions from the audience included raising the price for trash by a modest amount, having two employees instead of one, and having Sunday hours.

Several people asked what it would cost in taxes for the town to offer trash pickup. Some suggested doing a survey to find out whether people would want this and/or how they feel about raising the prices at the transfer station. Board Member Josh Patchett said that the town has a large reserve of funds and should not even consider shutting down the transfer station.

Pat Hintze, representing the Hague Seniors, said she doesn't want anyone to have to drive to Ticonderoga to drop off trash, especially in the winter. Frasier said the town does not intend to close the transfer station at this point and that would only be a last resort.

You can watch the meeting at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxaZ4hh4HCY> ■

PROGRAM ON PROTECTING TREES FROM GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLARS

The trees in Hague took a hard hit in recent months from Gypsy Moth caterpillars. Healthy trees are essential for a healthy Lake George.

Now you can learn how to safeguard your trees in the future, thanks to a special online program hosted by the folks at the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District.



Join Rob Cole from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of Forest Health, along with Conservation District staff, for a presentation and discussion on Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 1 - 2 pm at the County Municipal Center or live-streamed on the county's YouTube page.

Questions can be submitted in advance to warrencountystrong@warrencounty.ny.gov with the subject line "Gypsy Moth 2021." ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/26/2021

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

Dill (60.13-1-13) 67 Red Fox Lane (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing timber deck and a timber seawall with stairs with a permeable paver patio and a new natural boulder seawall with stairs. The permeable paver patio will be under 400 sq. ft. or approximately half the size of the existing timber deck. The seawall is approximately 230 feet long and four feet high. The new wall dimensions would be similar. Native plantings would be placed along the seawall. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next zoning board meeting on September 23, 2021. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 9/01/2021

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

LUEDEKE ((10-1-25.1) 164 New Hague Road (OCII)

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 60.98-acre parcel into two lots of 52.98 and eight acres. A public hearing was held and no one spoke for or against. The application was unanimously approved with no conditions.

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

The applicant is seeking to replace existing timber seawall with stairs and a timber deck with a new natural boulder seawall with stairs and a permeable paver patio with native plantings. A site visit was scheduled for September 9, 2021. The meeting was left open until after this site visit to allow the board to make a referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals. After the site visit, the planning board made a positive recommendation to the ZBA with the condition that it conforms to the specifications as written.

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

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing 845 sq. ft. patio with a permeable 880 sq. ft. natural stone patio and walkways with natural boulder fire pit within 100 feet of the Mean High-Water mark (MHWM). Steps to the patio will be replaced in kind. The

patio will not be within the 50-foot setback from the MHWM. The application was unanimously approved.

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 and storm water management. The storm water permit has been approved by the Lake George Park Commission. The waste water treatment is a Puraflo Peat Fiber Biofilter system. The application was unanimously approved, with conditions that the homeowners sign a memorandum of understanding that they will have the required bi-annual inspections and maintenance specified by the manufacturer of the waste water system performed and that documentation will be provided to the Hague Zoning Enforcement Officer.

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 existing structure is greater than 50 feet from the MHWM. The application was unanimously approved. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 9/14/2021

The Hague Chronicle did not have any personnel available to attend and report on the September 14th town board meeting. As a totally volunteer organization, many of whom are seasonal residents of Hague, attending local events and taking notes (and often photos) on a year-round basis is an ongoing dilemma. We wish we had several volunteer reporters who could go to meetings and share their notes with our editor.

If you are willing to attend the monthly town board meetings, take notes, and submit your notes to Bobbi Bryant Taylor so she can write the article about the meeting, please email her at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

In lieu of the town board report this month, you may watch the Zoom recording of the meeting [HERE](#).

The draft minutes should be available on the town's website sometime before the October 12th meeting. ❑

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR STUDENTS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

The "We Are Instrumental Program" will be continuing its musical instrument drive throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

The program collects donated musical instruments to be used by elementary school students in the North Country whose families cannot afford to rent or buy instruments. Drop-offs can be made at Silver Bay YMCA, the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga or the Black Watch Library in Ticonderoga.

Evan Mack, music professor at Skidmore, and a resident of Ticonderoga, has teamed up with the Ti Festival Guild to create this program. Thanks to support from the Cloudsplitter Foundation, The Peckham Family Foundation, and The Adirondack Foundation, the group also repairs instruments and trains band directors in instrument repair. Bill Cole of Cole's Woodwind Shop in Saratoga will conduct a four-day instrument repair workshop for music teachers in Ticonderoga this fall.

For more information, contact Evan Mack at WeAreInstrumentalNY@gmail.com or www.evanmack.com/weareinstrumental. ❑

SOUNDINGS

BORN: Evelyn Rose “Evie” Taylor of Hague and Houston, TX on June 18, 2021. She is the daughter of Scott and Erin Taylor and the granddaughter of David and Bobbi Bryant Taylor.

DIED: Wilford C. Hutchinson, 75, of Hague, on August 13, 2021 at Saratoga Hospital, with his family by his side, after an ongoing battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born in Ticonderoga, the son of the late Gerald F. and Madelene S. (Ross) Hutchinson.

Will earned his Bachelor’s degree in Education at Houghton College and his Master’s degree at SUNY Plattsburgh. He grew up and lived in Hague his whole life and was an active member of his local and church communities.

As a teacher and educator for 30+ years in the Hague and Ticonderoga School Districts, Will impacted generations of students even beyond his retirement in 1999.

His passion was in media through TiTV, where he taught video editing and production from 1999 to 2006.

He was a lifelong member of Lakeside Regional Church, where he had served as a song leader, board member, and youth leader. He also served as cameraman and editor for taping and broadcasting over 800 church services for Time Warner Cable.

Will was a licensed amateur radio (HAM) operator for over 50 years, and formed friendships around the globe through his radio call sign WA2OJN. He was an avid sports fan, with soft spots for the Yankees and the Giants.

He is remembered for his love of music and for making others smile through his mailed mix CDs, adorned with stickers and stamps. Will enjoyed finding ways to encourage others and help brighten their days, most recently through his “You’ve Been Dunk’d” initiative. His warm personality drew people to him and his ability to listen well enabled people to feel that they truly belonged.

Wilford, “Pops,” or “Will” was a devoted husband, father, educator, and cancer survivor. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine. He is survived by his beloved wife Sandra, to whom he was married for 45 years, and his son Peter J. (Rachel).

The family would appreciate donations in Will’s name to Lakeside Regional Church [HERE](#). ▣

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

The wheels of progress are starting to pick up speed! There were a couple recent activities of note regarding septic systems, their impact on the lake’s water quality, and the possibility of future regulations for mandatory system inspections.



On September 2, 2021, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) held its third monthly Ad Hoc Septic Systems Committee meeting (video recording and minutes at www.lgpc.ny.gov). The committee is chaired by Ken Parker of the LGPC and includes a long list of people from the LGPC, New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC), New York Department of Health (NYDOH), Lake George Association (LGA), LG Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, The Chazen Companies, and representatives of the towns and general public from around the Lake George basin.

Supervisors from around the lake (including Hague) passed a resolution

requesting that the LGPC take the necessary steps to develop the framework for a lakewide septic inspection program. The committee has put together a list of other lake basin regulations from around New York State (NYS) including Keuka, Canandaigua, Cayuga, Otsego, and Honeyoye Lakes. Some of these have mandatory septic inspection programs that have been in existence for over twenty years. Several municipalities in the New York City watershed have also enacted regulations based on the protection of their drinking water supply. The next committee meeting will be held on October 7th. Stay tuned for details.

On August 10th, the property owners of Silver Bay hosted a meeting at Morse Hall titled “Waste Not, Want Not: Septic Systems and Changing Regulations.” The 50 - 60 people in attendance heard Chris Navitsky’s presentation “On-site Wastewater Treatment System Management in the Lake George Basin.” Chris reviewed a lot of information covering the history of previous efforts to regulate septic systems and current ordinances in place in the Towns of Queensbury and Bolton based on property transfer. He covered the science relating to studies in the South Basin, which linked near-shore algae problems with poorly-performing septic

systems. In Queensbury, of the 122 property transfers so far, 80% needed septic system repairs or replacement. Extrapolating that to the 6,000 septic systems in the basin, 4,900 probably need work.

At the end of the presentation, Chris fielded about two dozen questions from the audience. Of major concern were: the cost of septic system replacement and the funding available to property owners; who would do inspections and their costs; the effect of rain, birds, and caterpillars on the algae problem; the length of time it takes to get septic systems approved in the Town of Hague and associated staffing issues; how to address water softener backwash and garbage disposal use; and whether mandatory inspections will be required.

There are still a lot of open questions, which will be answered as the LGPC, LGA, NYDEC, and others continue to gather data on a unified basin-wide plan for on-site waste water treatment system management.

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, Steve Ramant, or me. ▣

LOOKING BACK

LAKE LORE

by Chad Henderson



My great-great grandfather, Captain Robert H. Robinson, a sea captain living on Staten Island, took a Centennial Tour in 1876 and included Lake George and Hague on his itinerary. A short time later, he purchased a small parcel of land just south of the Hague Steamer Dock from the Newton family and had a camp constructed on the shoreline as a retreat for relaxation from his voyages. At some point, it became known as "The Last House" (TLH).

My grandmother, Sarah Gertrude Robinson, born circa 1880, is said to have spent summers with her grandparents at the camp. In 1896, she purchased the farmhouse to the south, which she called "IdleRest" with money she had earned looking after her grandparents. That farmhouse was thought to have dated back to the 1850's.

She married Charles Henderson about a decade later and they raised four sons (Charles Jr., James William, Robert McDonald, and Donald LaForge) in Staten Island and Philadelphia with summers spent at IdleRest. At some point, the land between the house and the Day Boatyard (later Alexanders and then Lake Forest), which was wetland, was filled in by dredging from the lake.

In the late 1920's, my grandfather struck a deal with the Lyman family, who were frequent renters of the TLH and wanted a lakefront cottage. The deal was that the family would construct a house to HIS specifications and occupy it rent-free for ten years. "The Other House" (TOH) was constructed and the deal lasted the ten years.

My grandfather was an avid tennis player and he constructed a raised clay tennis court behind TOH. Agnes Hull rented and occupied the cottage for many years. My grandfather passed away in 1951 at Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga following a heart attack.

In the late 1950's, Bea Frasier lived in the TLH. Ten or fifteen years later, the cottage was sold to the Geysers, who in 1987, sold it to the McDonoughs, who still own it today.

My grandmother passed away on the porch of IdleRest in 1964, leaving my father and my Uncle Jim as surviving

owners of IdleRest and TOH. Uncle Jim passed in 1971, leaving my father as the sole owner.

In 1974, my parents decided to replace the old sheds on the south end of IdleRest with a new addition. The addition, raising a dormer in the old bathroom (now the loft), stripping the kitchen to the studs, and placing a block foundation was completed by Ticonderoga builder Dave Woods. Several years later, my dad sold TOH to a

gentleman from Arizona, who later sold it to the Pucketts, who continue to own it.

My father passed in 1994 and my twin brother, Jim, and I owned it until Jim passed in 2018. We have shared some great times and lots of laughs while enjoying and lovingly caring for IdleRest.

For years, we asked my father to either write or record the hundreds of stories he had so often shared about family, his experiences, and his love of Hague and Lake George. Some of these included: the fact that he was born the same year the steamer Mohican II was christened; the histories of many of the lake's steamboats, including the grounding of the Sagamore; the early rowing and swimming regattas; the development of Star Class sailboat racing; the Rogers Rock Yacht Club; the string quartet in which he played cello at the Rogers Rock Windmill; and the chartering of Northern Lake George Yacht Club. Sadly, he never took on the project of writing them down or recording them. So, with the isolation caused by COVID-19, I have begun writing "Lake Lore," my recollection of the good times that my family shared in Hague and at IdleRest.

Over my almost seventy-five years, I have met and interacted with many community members, as did my father and brother. I list, in no particular order, family names of those I can recall and suggest they undertake documenting their own family's "Lake Lore" before their stories fade from memory: Corscaden, Beaty, Rowan, Van Sickle, Bryant, Scott, Rottier, Bliss, R. Henry, J. Henry, Engler, Brock, Crabb, Strauss, Turner, Bolton, Cobb, Hoyt, Grimes, DeLarm, King, DeGraff, Smith, Ross, Brown, Mayer, Earl, Singer, Cook, Meislahn, Reynolds, Belden, Fraiser, Fitzgerald, Craig, Carpenter, Clifton, Laundree, McDonough, and Puckett. ▣



LGLC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) announced that Executive Director Jamie Brown has resigned and has decided to pursue his passion of "making land deals" with The Open Space Institute (OSI), effective October 5, 2021.

Development Committee Chair and Board Vice-President of Development Jeff Brozyna will become the interim executive director and a national search will begin immediately.

For additional information, contact Michael O'Reilly at 518-644-9673 or visit lglc.org. ■

TICONDEROGA FALLFEST COMING SOON

The Fourth Annual Ticonderoga FallFest will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with a variety of fall-themed events and activities for all ages, kids, and families. In addition, business promotions and specials are being offered.

There will be a farmers' market, scarecrow making, the live music of Lance Clark and Michael Donohue, children's crafts, activities, caricatures, and entertainment, "Touch a Truck," wagon rides, Fort Ticonderoga's Heroic Corn Maze Adventure, flower arrangements, the Adirondack Harvest Plein Air Festival, and Trekonderoga at the Star Trek Original Series Set.

For a list of business promotions and specials visit www.ticonderogany.com, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Facebook page, or stop by the TACC office. For more information, visit www.timainstreet.org, www.ticonderogany.com, or call 518-585-6619. ■

TREKONDEROGA RETURNS WITH SPECIAL GUEST GEORGE TAKEI

Trekonderoga returns to Ticonderoga September 24, 25, and 26, 2021 featuring special guest George Takei. Tickets are available at www.startrek.com.

For more information about Star Trek Original Series Set Tour call 518-369-9967 or go to <http://www.startrektour.com>. ■

TICOUSTICS

Ti'Coustics, which presents local musicians, will have its next show on Wednesday (not Thursday) September 22, 2021 from 7 - 9 pm.

The show will be held in the pavilion in the back of the Knights of Columbus at 103 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

The featured musicians will include: Beth Melicci and Eric Bright; Lance Clark and Mike Donahue; Chris LaPointe; and the Mike Ianson Trio. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

On October 2, 2021, Fort Ticonderoga will hold its annual Heritage, Harvest, and Horse Festival. Guests are invited to discover the historical importance of horses and other working animals during exciting demonstrations, meet a friendly oxen duo, stroll through the picturesque farmers market featuring local food, beverages, and crafts, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, pick apples by the bag from the heritage orchard, cruise on Lake Champlain aboard the Carillon tour boat, and participate in fun family activities like the six-acre Heroic Corn Maze. The maze is open on weekends through October 17th. Admission to the festival is included with a Fort Ticonderoga general admission ticket. Tickets are "buy one/get the next day free."

Commemorations for the 250th anniversary of the American War for Independence are underway at Fort Ticonderoga. The museum has started developing plans and exploring partnerships at the state and national levels to mark this historic anniversary. Through exhibits, events, publications, and programs, the fort seeks to increase access and awareness and expand educational impact related to the monumental history of the complex struggle to achieve independence. Information and updates on Fort Ticonderoga's 250th will be available here: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/ticonderoga-250th>. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast beef dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served, ON A TAKE-OUT BASIS ONLY, on Friday, September 24, 2021, starting at 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door. Parking for pick-up will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ■

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

September 2021

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- 19 – 26 Senior View Café at the Hague
Town Park
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- 22 Latest the September issue of
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- 22 7 – 9 pm Ti’Coustics at the Knights of
Columbus Pavilion
- 23 1 – 2 pm Presentation on Gypsy Moth
Caterpillars by NYSDEC Office of
Forest Health
- 23 7 pm ZBA Meeting
- 24 4:30 pm Mason Star roast beef take-out dinner
- 24 – 26 Trekonderoga
- 25 Ticonderoga FallFest
- 28 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting

OCTOBER

- 2 Ft. Ticonderoga Heritage,
Harvest, and Horse Festival
- 7 7 pm Planning Board meeting
- 11 COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES’ DAY
- 11 TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
- 11 Deadline for the October issue of
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- 12 6 pm Town Board meeting
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TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm