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LAKE FREEZES AMIDST FRIGID TEMPERATURES OF POLAR VORTEX *by Anthony DeFranco*

"Is it FROZEN yet?" It's the question that gets asked this time of year. Yes, Lake George is officially frozen. The combination of the heavy snowfall of 18-20" on January 21st - 22nd, frigid temperatures, and a calm night on January 22nd set up for what was one of the quicker "freezes" of the North Basin in recent years.

Old Man Winter was wreaking havoc with the high winds on January 20 - 21st, breaking up a large sheet of ice from Silver Bay all the way to Sabbath Day Point. The temperature was -10 degrees on Tuesday morning and the lake was just finishing up freezing on the east side right before our very eyes. DeFranco Landscaping's Chief Operating Officer, Fred Pape, confirmed that the lake was actually frozen over by Anthony's Nose and Rogers Rock by flying a drone down the lake.



The ice surface itself was marginal for ice-skating due to 40-degree temperatures and heavy rain (2"+ in local rain gauges) the following week.

The Polar Vortex moved through the North Country the last week of January. The ice was at least 6" in most locations by the end of January. It was a pleasant sight to see ice fishermen and women out on the lake braving what felt like a heat wave following the Polar Vortex with warmer temperatures of 20-30 degrees over the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd. Temperatures rose to the upper mid-40's on February 4th and 5th.

Now, we sit and wait, watching patiently for winter to leave and spring to arrive!



Anthony DeFranco PE, M.ASCE is a licensed NYS Professional Engineer who provides consulting services for site development projects around the lake and in the Adirondacks.

ROUTE 9N TO BE CLOSED

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has announced that after the failure of a retaining wall on Route 9N in Hague in early December, extensive work will need to be completed to ensure safety on the road in the future.

The NYSDOT has announced that the emergency roadwork will begin on Monday, February 25, 2019 and will end on Thursday, May 23rd, so it will have to close Route 9N just south of Holman Hill Road to all traffic while the work is continuing.

While 9N is closed, drivers will be directed around the work via detours. Access needed south of Holman Hill Road will be directed to Exit 24 and County Route 11, while access needed north of Holman Hill Road will be directed to Exit 25 via Route 8.

The DOT notes that all homes in the area will continue to be accessible during construction and that trash

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Because of the cold and snowy weather, we have had to cancel many events and are eager to get back together.

On February 26, 2019, starting at noon, we'll have our regular meeting, which will be "Baked Potato Day," so please bring a topping. We'll play Bingo. Game night will be on March 6th at my house at 6:30 pm.

Our St. Patty's Day Dinner will be on March 14th at 4:30 pm at the Community Center. Non-members are welcome to come for \$10. ▣



HAGUE STUDENT IN ART SHOW

Mackenzie Harrington from Hague recently participated in a regional digital art show hosted by North Country Community College.



From left to right: THS Art Teacher Britney Shaw and Mackenzie Harrington ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

January was a busy month with nine ambulance calls and 18 fire calls and drills.

During these winter months, it does take longer for EMS and Fire to respond. We are a volunteer organization and generally are responding to the firehouse from home. So, if you are in need of us, we are doing our best to respond in a safe and timely manner. We also appreciate having your house number visible and outside lights on at night.

Stay warm and have a safe month! ▣



CHURCH RECEIVES SACRED SITES GRANT

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has announced a \$25,000 Sacred Sites Grant to Hague Baptist Church to help fund the reconstruction of its steeple and belfry.

Hague Baptist Church, a stone-clad Gothic Revival church, was constructed in 1912 and first organized as the Freewill Baptist Church in 1867. The rectangular, gable-roofed church of wood-frame construction features a bell tower, slate roof, and pointed arch windows with original, geometric stained-glass windows. The congregation serves about 100 people a year through various community activities.

Church member Maureen Cherubini said, "Because of this grant and a



matching donation of \$25,000 from Michael F. Cherubini, the church will be able to put the bell tower back to its original height and appearance. The

members of the church want to thank all of you for your support and donations."

Maureen also reminds Hague residents that the "Bell Tower Fund" remains open and that they still appreciate donations because, as she commented, "You know, problems always arise in an old building." In conclusion, she stated, "Thank you again and God Bless!" ▣

SCHOOLS DISMISS EARLY

The Ticonderoga Central Schools will dismiss early on March 14, 2019 for staff development activities.

Elementary – 11 am
Middle – 11:10 am
St. Mary's – 11:15 am
High School 11:20 am. ▣

HAGUE STUDENTS ON TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLLS

Grade 1: High Honors - Allison DeBuque, Reagan Decker, and Markenna Winter
Grade 1: Honors - Maleena Savage
Grade 2: High Honors - Cohen Winter
Grade 3: High Honors - Wyatt Barnes
Grade 4: High Honors - Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, Kaiden Smith, and Bryant Yackel
Grade 5: High Honors - Dunavinn Harrington
Grade 5: Honors - Aidan DeBuque and Brady Kennedy
Grade 6: First Honors - Alyssa Mydlarz

Grade 7: First Honors - Sofie Hubbard
Grade 7: Second Honors - Dalton Rivard
Grade 8: Second Honors - Quentin Gargan
Grade 9: First Honors: Madalynn Hubbard and Nevaeh Trudeau
Grade 9: Second Honors: Teegan McLaughlin
Grade 11: First Honors: Mckenzie Harrington
Grade 11: Second Honors: Kiela Jordon and Kaileigh Rivard
Grade 12: First Honors: Skye Mason and Austin Stacy

FREE TAX SERVICES

AARP Free Tax Services is kicking off its 14th year in the Ticonderoga/Hague and surrounding area. Last year the team successfully filed 278 returns for residents.

Jan and Bob Whitaker have trained 17 local volunteers, all of whom have completed their testing and IRS certification for 2019.

The schedule and locations for 2019 are:

Hague Community Center – On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 4 pm from February 5th through April 11th.

North Country Community College, Ticonderoga Campus - On the following Fridays: February 8th and 22nd, March 8th and 15th, and April 5th from 10 am – 4 pm.

To ensure that there are no long lines, tax services are by appointment only. Reservations for Hague and

Ticonderoga can be made by calling 518-543-6161.

All taxpayers are required to bring tax information such as W-2, 1099, 1098, and 1095 forms and social security

cards or ITIN letters for all persons on their returns. Additionally, a picture ID (such as a valid driver's license) is required for taxpayers and for their spouses. ▣



NAVITSKY WINS AWARD

Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky has been selected as the recipient of a statewide award for his study of algae near the shore of the lake to identify and prioritize potential sources of pollutants.



Navitsky was presented with the Linn H. Enslow Memorial Award from the non-profit New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA),

at the association's annual meeting on February 6, 2019 in New York City. The Enslow award recognizes an individual outside of the NYWEA membership for an outstanding technical paper presented at an association conference and/or published in a professionally recognized trade journal. Navitsky's presentation was titled, "Algal Biomonitoring Documenting Water Quality Impacts on Lake George" and it was presented at NYWEA's spring 2018 meeting.

"The Lake George region has a tremendous resource in Chris Navitsky," said Eric Siy, executive director of The FUND for Lake George. "The work Chris does on a daily basis to identify and address the risks to the lake's water quality are making a real difference today and for future generations. To have Chris recognized by his peers from across the state attests to the importance of this work."

As Lake George Waterkeeper, Navitsky develops and implements programs that use an engineering and science-based approach to protect the natural resources of the lake and its

surrounding basin for the benefit of the watershed and the community.

"Sources of organic pollution are contributing excessive nutrients to ground water and surface waters resulting in impacts to water quality, decreased clarity, and increased algal growth, with the potential for toxic conditions," Navitsky said.

Chris was named Lake George Waterkeeper by The FUND in 2002 and is one of more than 300 members of the Waterkeeper Alliance worldwide. In 2005, the Adirondack Council named him Conservationist of the Year. Prior to joining The FUND, Navitsky worked for 16 years as a consulting engineer focused on site development and municipal engineering with strengths in wastewater design, stormwater management, and erosion control.

He is a graduate of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and a licensed engineer in New York and Pennsylvania. He lives in Sabbath Day Point with his wife and 11-year-old daughter. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 2/12/2019

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

A moment of silence was held for Jerry Frasier and Dominick Viscardi, Jr.

Bob Vittengl from Apex Solar was to have appeared before the board but because of the storm, he spoke to the board via a conference call and answered any questions. One concern had been glare from solar panels but he noted that there is no glare and not even any shiny surfaces now on the frames. The board accepted the draft of the Town of Hague Solar Code that Cathy Clark had prepared. They also passed a resolution stating their intent to act as the lead agency for creation of the solar energy code.

Art Steitz appeared before the board with concerns about loggers using Fly Brook Road and Old Mill Road, which are town roads and used for county snowmobile trails. The logging has required the plowing of the roads, creating snow banks, which are unable to be groomed for snowmobiling. The stakeholders will work on an informal agreement.

Tony DeFranco appeared in order to discuss a letter he wrote to the board with regard to the condition of the roads, particularly the winter condition of Route 9N over Tongue Mountain. He noted that due to the early winter, the re-surfacing project was not completed and the driving surface consists only of a binder surface, which he said is starting to break down in numerous locations. He said that he thought that it would only be a matter of time before there would be a serious accident if the town doesn't get a handle on how to plow and salt that binder course. Supervisor Frasier suggested that Councilman Ramant of the Highway Committee meet with Mr. DeFranco and others to study the issues. Ramant said he would report their findings.

Councilman Bast reported that the letters have been sent to 21 property owners who have not yet connected to the sewer with the requirement that they respond by March 6, 2019. The board passed a resolution to accept the appeals process as set forth by the Sewer Committee.

Councilman Ramant reported on working with the LGLC on eradication of knotweed. It is necessary to have a licensed technician do the removal. The LGLC is going to give the Town of Hague a direct monetary award to begin this process. Letters have already been sent out to landowners whose properties have been identified with knotweed for permission to be on their properties to work on the removal. The main areas identified are on Summit Drive and West Hague Road.

The board approved use of the Town Visitors Center by the Senior Citizens Club for the period up to Memorial

Day and again for Americade. They also authorized an agreement with the Town of Chester for use of the Chester Animal Shelter. In addition, they authorized a contract with Cedarwood Engineering for 2019 and an agreement with Warren County for an additional \$15,000 in occupancy tax funding. ▣



Lake beginning to freeze over in mid-January. Photo courtesy of Sandy Powell.



Ron Ryder preparing to ice fish. Photo by Lara Smith-Ryder.

BRINING FOR THE LATEST STORM

In preparation for the latest storm (February 12-13, 2019), Councilman Ramant rode with Highway Department employee Tim Fiaillo on Monday, February 11, 2019 as they laid down the first application of brine on the roads. They covered several miles of road including Route 9N over Tongue Mountain. Ramant again rode with him during the storm while plowing to see how the brine performed. Residents were surprised by the



lines on the road which were made by the brine solution as it was being spread. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Dominick Joseph Viscardi, Jr., 68, on January 26, 2019 in Seattle, Washington, after a brief illness. Dom was born on June 13, 1950 in Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga.

Dom worked as a stockbroker until he retired to open his own personal fitness company. Dom was a devoted, generous, and kind man to his family and friends throughout his life.

He is survived by his parents, Hon. (retired) Dominick J. and Rose Marie Viscardi of Hague; his siblings, Michael, Mary Kathleen, John, Rose Marie, Theresa, and Patrick; and their children and grandchildren.

BIRTHDAY: A very happy 95th birthday to Bruce Craig of Hague!

CORRECTION: In our February 2019 obituary for Pauline Hill, we should have said she was pre-deceased by Beatrice Robbins Frasier, not Beatrice Denno Frasier. Our apologies. ■

SILVER BAY YMCA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The free Community Guest Pass Program will be available to residents of Essex County and the towns of Bolton, Brant Lake, Hague, and Putnam until March 1, 2019. For more information, visit the Silver Bay Front Desk between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or call 518-543-8833 ext. 217.

For the most up-to-date information on programs at Silver Bay YMCA, contact Program Director Zac Smalley at zsmalley@silverbay.org or 518-543-8419. ■



HAGUE SNOWGOERS

by Tom Haskell, president HSG

The club purchased a new track groomer and drag. It has made our grooming much better and safer for all types of riders. We are expecting another snowstorm, and we are ready to hit the trails!

Currently we have just over 40 members, most of whom are from out of our area, which means they have been to Hague, they know someone here, or they may have property here.

Overall, we are having a pretty good year even with Mother Nature being as fickle as she has been.

We would like to thank each and every landowner for making our trails possible! Without them, we wouldn't have the awesome trails that connect to Brant Lake and hopefully to Ticonderoga soon. ■

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

by Maureen Cherubini

The Hague Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Come on out and enjoy the parade, which will include a variety of floats, bands, fire trucks, old cars, etc. We will be honoring ALL men and women who served.



Maureen and Mike 2017

We will have the Family Funfest at the beach at 10 am, the parade at 2 pm, and the Memorial Service right after the parade.

If anyone wishes to march, have a float in the parade or be a vendor, please contact me at 518-543-6463 or at mmcherubini@aol.com. Please also contact me if you are willing to help.

We are seeking ALL military veterans to march or ride in the parade along with Hague's Memorial Unit. Uniforms would be great, but are not necessary. We know that our town and surrounding towns have many veterans, so please do come be a part of this event. Just contact me at the above number or email address.

We also need funds to make this event happen. Contributions would be greatly appreciated. No amount is too small. Checks should be made out to "Hague Senior Citizens Club Parade Account" and mailed to the Hague Community Center, P.O. Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. We thank you. ■

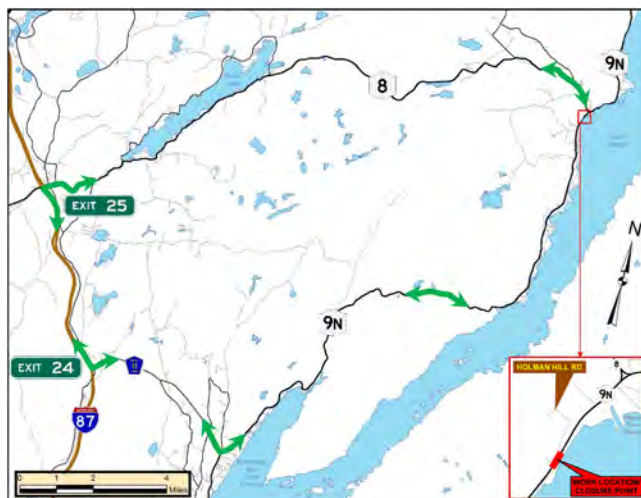
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pickup, local deliveries, and other services in the area will continue to be provided.

For more information, contact NYSDOT Engineer-in-Charge Timothy Farrell at 518-512-3248 or at Tim.Farrell@dot.ny.gov.

The Hague Chronicle will keep you posted as the work continues. ■



Detour routes during 9N closing.

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

You probably didn't know it, but I am a bagpiper. I play a few gigs around the area and one day last fall I was asked by a funeral director to play at a service for a local man at a private cemetery on the back roads of Hague.

“
Dedicated to
Protecting
the Water
Quality of
Lake George
”

Ok, I have lived in town for quite a while, but I am not that familiar with the backcountry and I got lost on the way to the service. I got there about an hour late and the hearse and the funeral director were nowhere to be seen. Only a couple grave diggers were left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the graveside and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started playing.

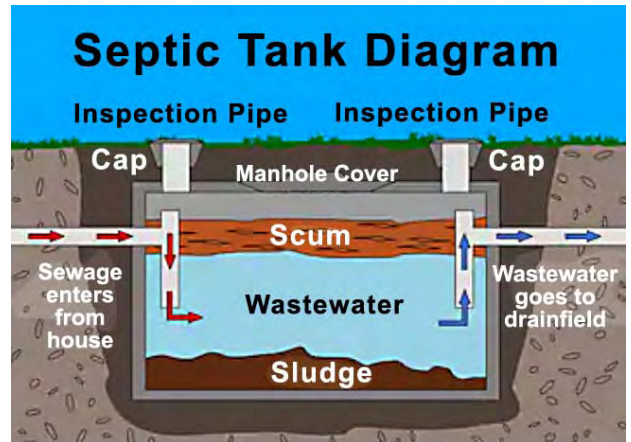
The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. As I

started playing “Amazing Grace,” the men began to weep. I wept and we all cried our hearts out.

Afterwards, I packed my bagpipes in the car. As I was closing the car door I overheard one of the men say to the other, “I’ve never seen nothin’ like that before and I have been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years.”

Well, yes, it is a joke, but had this been a real situation, I should have recognized a few key components of a septic tank. Two inspection pipes near the front and back of the tank should have been visible and the manhole in the center might still have been uncovered with dirt. The inlet and outlet pipe would also have been a giveaway. After all, a septic tank in its simplest form is merely an empty watertight vault not unlike a cemetery vault.

Next month, I will be talking about advanced technology that can be used to replace the typical septic tank and



provide a much cleaner effluent, including nitrogen removal.

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, Josh Patchett, or me. ▣

CORRECTION: In the January Water Quality Matters column, I incorrectly changed the song title to "Georgia On My Mind." It should have been "Always On My Mind." Apologies. BBT

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

Most of us rejoice in opportunities to commune with Mother Nature. We enjoy hiking to see scenic views of Lake George or panoramic vistas of our state from towering Adirondack Mountains, but some people are not so enamored of the natural world. They reject these activities with racing hearts and trembling hands. Environmental phobias may be difficult for most of us to understand, but they are very real for those who suffer from them.

Most phobias, which are defined as “irrational, overwhelming fears that may be genetic, learned, or caused by traumatic experiences,” can be overcome with therapy and techniques. So that we can be compassionate toward folks with phobias, we should try to

comprehend some of the more common phobias of the natural world.

When you mention lakes (and, for us, Lake George, of course), most of us think of swimming, sailing, kayaking, and water skiing. For a few persons, though, the thought of sticking even a toe into a body of water brings on the shudders. *Limnophobia* isn't a fear of water per se, but “an all-consuming fear of what might lie beneath the water.” Most lakes have limited clarity, so limnophobes might have a problem there, but we are fortunate here at Lake George. Our water is crystal clear, so it's easy to see between 20 to 30 feet down. Thus, it seems to me that a limnophobe would have little to fear here at beautiful Lake George.

Hylophobia is explained as “the fear of a forest;” having it would discourage any exploration of the Adirondack Mountains. We all

remember childhood tales like “The Big, Bad Wolf” and scary campfire stories, but as adults, most of us no longer fear imagined wild animals or drooling evildoers. But, hylophobes fear exactly those things. Any walk in the woods becomes an experience filled with horror.

I truly feel sorry for those who suffer from a fear of forests, but I totally understand *nyctohylophobia*, which is “the fear of forests at night.” I sure don't want an up-close-and-personal meeting with a skunk in the darkness. It seems to me that having *nyctohylophobia* is just simply common sense!

Natural environment phobias are only a small segment of the phobias that affect about 6.3 million adult Americans. I think it's interesting to learn about them. I find myself wondering something, though...what would be the name for a fear of swimming at night in a murky lake that is surrounded by forest??? ▣

HIKE-A-THON 2019

With an expected attendance of more than 600 hikers, paddlers and volunteers, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is getting ready for its 7th annual Lake George Hike-A-Thon, set for Friday, July 5, 2019. The public is welcome to register for the free, family-friendly event starting Monday, March 4, 2019.

The 2019 Hike-A-Thon will include 17 simultaneous hikes and paddles all around Lake George, with aerial photography of each group by Carl Heilman, II, who will once again be flying in a helicopter donated and piloted by Bruce Mowery of North Country HeliFlite.

The biggest change to this year's event is the addition of an After-Party, to be held at the Festival Commons at the

Charles R. Wood Park in Lake George Village. Participants and their friends



Ryan and Hayley Fink at Rogers Rock Hike-a-thon 2018. Photo by Sarah Fink.

and family will be invited to gather there after their hike or paddle to swap stories, pick up merchandise, visit with sponsors, and enjoy a cold beer or root beer provided by Adirondack Pub and Brewery.

The online early-bird registration period runs from March 4th through April 30th and includes a free event t-shirt for each registered person. General registrations may be made until June 14.

To register for the Hike-A-Thon and for more information visit <https://lakegeorgehikeathon.org/>, contact Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673, or email shoffman@lgc.org. For news and updates, follow the Hike-A-Thon on Facebook. ▣

MOM PROM

The 5th Annual Ticonderoga Area Mom Prom will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 7 – 11 pm at the Ticonderoga EMA Club at 9 Maplewood Drive. The theme of the event is "Great Gatsby" and it will benefit the Best 4th in the North Celebration.



This is a ladies' night out; you don't have to be a mom, but you must be 21. Tickets are \$40 per person at Glens Falls National Bank or the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) and will NOT be available at the door.

The committee is looking for sponsors and raffle items; all donations are tax-deductible. Contact Starr Smith at 518-321-4246.

For more information, visit the Best 4th in the North or Mom Prom Facebook pages, call 518-585-6619, or email chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com. ▣

"ICE IN" ON JANUARY 22

According to Lake George Association (LGA) Executive Director Walt Lender, "Ice In for 2019" occurred on January 22, 2019.

The lake is considered frozen when a person can ice skate from the southern end all the way to the northern end without running into open water.

According to the LGA's records, the lake has frozen completely three times in the last five years (including this year) and six times in the last ten. ▣



LOOKING BACK

VALENTINES AND WEATHER

by Judy Stock



I wondered what people did for Valentine's Day 70 years ago. It may be no surprise that candy and flowers were as popular then as they are today. The February 10, 1949 issue of *The Ticonderoga Sentinel* contained two interesting advertisements. Meyer's Pharmacy (the precursor to the former Arthur's Drug Store) offered a two-pound Whitman's Sampler for \$4.



According to the website DollarTimes, \$4 in 1949 would have a value today of \$41.70 if adjusted for inflation. Rather expensive for a box of candy!

Then, for flowers, you could get a Heart Vase special at Grimes Floral Company, which was the precursor to The Country Florist.



While perusing that same issue of *The Sentinel*, I came across a short piece on the weather, which could have been written about our Hague weather this month. The article noted, "Sunday morning hatched the coldest day of the current weather. The mercury here dipped to 10

below....Thermometers repented their Sabbath nosedive, and on Monday, the quick silver soared to 40 above." We have been experiencing similar weather with deep cold waves and heavy snow followed by warmer weather and lots of melting. Looks like we might be in for more of this seesaw weather this winter.

I then wondered what old Valentine images might be on the web. Although there are thousands of them, this one caught my eye. Here's a special Valentine for all you Lake George boaters! ▣



MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A roast turkey breast 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 Friday, February 22, 2019, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street.

Take outs will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ▣

END OF WINTER CARNIVAL

The 5th annual Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival will be on Saturday, March 2, 2019. It will begin at 11 am with a comedy and variety show at the Ticonderoga Armory. From 11:30 am - 3 pm will be a carnival and activities at the armory and at various recreational areas. From 5:30 - 7:30 pm will be an outdoor campfire and family movie night. The day will be capped off with fireworks over Bicentennial Park.

In addition to the carnival, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is coordinating business promotions and specials at the 16 local sponsors of the event on the weekend of March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. They are encouraging people to THINK LOCAL by supporting the sponsors. For more information, call 518-585-6619, visit www.timainstreet.org, or go to www.ticonderogany.com. ▣

CHORALE RESUMES REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of rehearsals for its upcoming Spring concerts. Weekly rehearsals are scheduled for each Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga. They began on February 19, 2019 and will continue until the concert presentations. New singers in all sections are welcome and no audition is necessary. For further information, contact Bob Elling at 518-585-2173. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT?

On March 17, 2019, at 2 pm in the Mars Education Center, "Remembering the Ladies: Anglo-American Women in the Lake Champlain Valley, 1759-1781" will be presented.

Museum Registrar Margaret Staudter will examine the roles of women at Fort Ticonderoga and in the Lake Champlain Valley during times of peace and times of war.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door. Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga Members and Ticonderoga Ambassador Pass holders.

For information, call 518-585-2821 or visit www.fortticonderoga.org. ■

TICOUSTICS – MUSIC BY LOCAL MUSICIANS

TiCoustics music shows take place the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 – 8:30 pm on the second floor of the Elks Club in Ticonderoga. Come enjoy the fun!

Upcoming shows include February 20, 2019 with Lance Clark and Jessica Stoddard; Steve Donat; Dan Kirsner and Joanne Lake; and Mary Jo Vontury and Dwynal Smith.

Pat Pengitore and Mike Donahue, Mike Ianson, and Brad Peria, Don Cossey and Ron Cossey will headline on March 6th.

March 20th will feature St. Patrick's Day music with Ken McAlpine; Larry Conley; Chris LaPointe; and Ray Burlingame and Lance Dolbeck. ■

TI PI RE-OPENING

Ti Pi has recently been purchased, renovated, and will be operating under new ownership. The new name is Olive's Ti Pi and there will be a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on February 28, 2019 at 4 pm. Menu samples will be served and tours of the restaurant will be offered. The first 30 people in attendance will also receive a certificate for a free medium one-topping pizza.

The restaurant is located at 24 Wayne Avenue in Ticonderoga and is owned and operated by Olivia Harrison and her father, Mark Harrison. Olive's Ti Pi is an Italian restaurant with dine-in or take-out. Menu items include brick-oven style pizza, wings, burgers, salads, and Italian favorites.

For additional information, go to Olive's Ti Pi Facebook page, call 518-503-5084, contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) at 518-585-6619, go to www.ticonderogany.com or visit the TACC Facebook page. ■

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

The Ticonderoga Middle School Drama Club will perform the musical "Annie Jr." on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Elementary/Middle School Auditorium. Sofie Hubbard from Hague will play Tessie.

Admission is free, but donations will be graciously accepted to support the Drama Club's future productions. ■

BOARD TO MEET

The Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School System will meet on February 26, 2019 (postponed from February 12th) and on March 19th at 7 pm in the high school cafeteria. ■

GRANT RECEIVED FOR CONSERVATION OF MURAL

The Ticonderoga Historical Society (THS) has received a \$7,500 grant for the conservation of a battlefield mural depicting the significant historic battlefields from Plattsburgh to Saratoga. Funding is being provided by the Greater Hudson Heritage Network in partnership with public funds provided by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA).

English graphic artist Ernest Clegg created the four-foot by eight-foot mural.

It is scheduled to leave the Hancock House early in March for three months. Carolyn Frisa of Works on Paper, LLC in Vermont will oversee the conservation work. ■

DINNER THEATER MYSTERY

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild Players will present the play "Solving Mr. Appleton's Demise," on February 22 and 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm and on February 24th at 12:30 pm at the Best Western Plus in Ticonderoga. The play was written by and will be directed by Vincent Smith of Hague. It will be produced by Maletta Hourigan, who works at Silver Bay and lives in Ticonderoga.

This is an interactive "who done it," in which the audience will grill the cast and then vote on who they think is responsible for Mr. Appleton's death.

The price of \$35 includes the show and dinner, which will include appetizers, a salad, a choice of entrées, and a dessert. A cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call Judy at 518-984-0088. ■

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Episcopal Church of the Cross at 129 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga is holding its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5, 2019 from 4 - 6 pm. Pancakes, sausage, milk, and coffee will be served. The supper is free, but donations are appreciated and will benefit the church's local outreach program. ■

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CALENDAR

Feb 2019

FEBRUARY

20	6 – 8:30 pm	TiCoustics
22	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
22	5:30 pm	Ticonderoga Festival Guild play
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24	12:30 pm	Ticonderoga Festival Guild Play
26	12 noon	Senior Club Baked Potato Day
26	7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
28	4 pm	Olive's Ti Pi Grand Opening

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

September 2 through June 30

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday: CLOSED

MARCH

1 – 3	THINK LOCAL specials in Ticonderoga
2 11 am – dark	End of Winter Carnival in Ticonderoga
2 6:30 pm	Middle School play
4	Hike-a-thon registration opens
5 4 – 6 pm	Pancake Supper at Episcopal Church
6 6 - 8:30 pm	TiCoustics
7 7 pm	Planning Board
12 6 pm	Town Board
14 4:30 pm	Senior Club St. Patty's Dinner
17 2 pm	"Remembering the Ladies" at Fort Ticonderoga
19 7 pm	Board of Education Meeting
20 6 - 8:30 pm	TiCoustics