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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE TO THANK VIETNAM VETERANS



The Hague Memorial Day Parade this year will thank all Vietnam War veterans both living and deceased for their service to our country. These men and women are true heroes and will be honored for their service. We invite any Vietnam veterans to come out so we can say thank you. You can either march with all the other veterans or just stand and watch the parade which honors you. Memorial Day is a day we can all stand together and say "Thank you."

Parade committee chairpersons Mike and Maureen Cherubini remind anyone who is interested in marching or entering a float in the parade to contact them at 518-543-6463. This annual event is sponsored by the Hague Senior Club and sanctioned by the Town of Hague.

LGA TO INVEST IN LGPC PROGRAM

The Lake George Association (LGA) Executive Director, Walt Lender, has announced that the LGA will invest \$30,000 into the Lake George Park Commission's Boat Inspection program for the season which started April 15, 2015.

The investment is the latest step in the Lake George Association's century-long commitment to protecting Lake George water. "The Park Commission's Boat Inspection program is an incredibly important part of protecting Lake George from invasive species, and we are pleased to again support the commission's program this year," said Lender. "Our members understand that the boat inspection program is critical to keeping invasives out of Lake George and stopping their spread, and the Lake George Association wants to ensure the commission has what it needs to operate the program."

Half of the cost of the program is provided by New York State through the Environmental Protection Fund; the other half comes from a variety of local municipalities and non-profits, including the Lake George Association. The inspection and decontamination process is offered free to boaters.

Also for the 2015 season the LGA plans to have educational stewards and staff members discuss invasive species out at boat launches and at various events throughout the summer to spread the word about stopping the spread of invasives.

HVFD OPEN HOUSE



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) extends an open invitation to the public to join them on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm at their facility at the corner of Route 8 and West Hague Road. There will be a free blood pressure screening, a car wash, free truck rides for the kids, raffles and hamburgers and hot dogs.



Everyone is invited to see the facility, talk to the volunteers and perhaps even decide to become a member! There are volunteer opportunities for fire personnel, fire police, emergency medical responders and even for folks who can only help with events or department activities.

LGA WINS GRANT

With friends of Lake George frantically voting online over a several day period in March, the Lake George Association (LGA) won a \$10,000 grant from the BoatUS Foundation with over 40,000 votes. Next in the voting was Lake Hopatcong Foundation who received a \$7,500 grant. Two other lake's projects received grants also.

The LGA has thanked all their members and friends around the Lake George watershed, from Ticonderoga to Lake George Village and all their friends, too, for the huge outpouring of support.

They plan to use the grant money to support their Clean Boater program by developing more interactive programs to teach boaters how to keep the Lake safe from invasive species.

SENIOR NEWS

As the weather is starting to get nice, we know it is time to get ready for the annual White Elephant Sale which will be part of the festivities at the Park during the Memorial Day Celebration. We are collecting items now and would appreciate anything you wish to donate (no clothes, please). For pickup or questions about delivery contact Pat Hintze at 543-6502 or Maureen Cherubini at 543-6463.

We have been busy with activities including bowling and game nights which will resume in the Fall. Our road trips have taken us to Warrensburg with lunch in Chestertown and lunch in Schroon Lake. One of our members suggested we share our culinary experiences with *The Hague Chronicle* readers who might be looking for ideas for places to go in the area so a new feature was born and appears in the next article.

We went to Hidden Hollow Maple Farm in Warrensburg <www.hiddenhollowmaplefarm.com>. Then, although not in the plan but a stop which served as a great relief spot, was Martin's Lumber Yard also in Warrensburg. They had a great store that sold all kinds of things including jewelry, soaps, wooden spoons and bowls and we saw a working saw mill and and heard a talk about the processing of wood. They also had a Woodworking Shop and a Blacksmith Shop where they did a presentation. <www.martinlumberhardware.com>.

We had planned a trip to Nettle Meadow Farm, a goat and sheep dairy and cheese farm in Thurman, NY but it was cancelled because of all the rain and we didn't want to go on a "mud walk" so instead we just went to eat at Sticks and Stones.

Our regular meeting at the Community Center was on March 24, 2015 with Baked Potato Day. We had potatoes and all kinds of great toppings and the desserts were over-the-top good.

The next monthly meeting will be April 28, 2015 at noon. We will be having sandwiches so bring something to share like salad (potato, macaroni, green or pasta) or pickles, olives, etc or dessert. At this meeting we will go over all the plans for the Parade including banner carriers and people to be on the Senior Float, plans for the Cafe and for the White Elephant. We need all your help so we can have another great event.

The Military Museum in Saratoga, NY will be our destination on May 7, 2015, with the carpool leaving the Community Center at 9:30 am. We will then have lunch at Nove Italian Restaurant.

May 23, 2015 will be the Memorial Day Parade and Celebration followed by the regular meeting on May 26, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. ... Pat Hintze

SENIOR REVIEW

Buttino's Italian Bistro, 6382 Main Street, Chestertown, NY (518-494-8145)

Buttino's was a great stop for lunch as they were very welcoming to us even without reservations. For starters we had a variety of things from the menu including zeppoles, garlic knots and a very tasty Buttino's Italian Salad that was enough for everyone who was there to share. Following that we had pasta dishes, chicken parmesan, alfredo tortellini, pizza and garbage bread (stuffed with all good kinds of food) to name a few. Everyone was happy with their meals. So if you are in Chestertown, you may want to stop by and get a bite to eat.

Sticks and Stones Bistro, 739 US Route 9, Schroon Lake, NY (518-532-9663)

We called ahead for reservations at Sticks and Stones and they were very welcoming and didn't mind doing separate checks for our nice sized group. We had a large selection of food including soup and salads, pasta primavera, scallops, fish and chips, assorted kinds of chicken sandwiches and shaved sirloin sandwiches. The waitress was great at making sure everyone had what they needed. We were impressed how well she was able to get out all of the sides while doing it alone. This restaurant with a warm atmosphere is a good choice to stop in the area.

HVFD NEWS

Hague Fire had a total of seven drills/calls for 43 man hours for the month of March while the EMS personnel had two calls for a total of 31 man hours.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) would like to remind everyone that there is a NYS burn ban in effect until May 15, 2015.

Safety officer Tom Haskell would like to remind everyone that with it being warmer during the day the snow and ice that is still left is melting and with lower temperatures at night it is refreezing on the road, so please be cautious while driving.

There will be a Rabies clinic at the HVFD facility on Saturday May 2, 2015 from 10 am - 2 pm.

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TCS D CONSIDERS BUDGET AND BOND REFERENDUM

The Ticonderoga Central School District (TCS D) School Board has been working on the 2015 – 16 budget and holding public workshops. Good news for this year is that there will be a \$235,000 savings in pension costs and only a slight increase in health insurance.

The District must remain within the threshold on the increase in amount to be raised by taxes under the Property Tax Cap Legislation. In addition they must create efficiencies to save an additional one percent of their tax levies in order for rebates to go to the taxpayers. The budget of \$19,654,440 for 2015 – 16 meets these criteria and represents a 2.1% tax levy increase.

The proposed Bond Referendum will address needed site and building improvements at the Elementary/Middle School campus and at the High School. Funds to pay for the Bond will be absorbed in the budget and not incur additional taxes. The total amount of the referendum will be a little over seven million dollars.

There will be additional information on the budget at meetings on April 23, 2015 and May 12, 2015 at 7 pm at the Ticonderoga HS cafeteria with the State-wide Budget Vote to be held on May 19, 2015 in both Hague and Ticonderoga. An informational meeting on the proposed bond referendum will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Hague Community Center at 6 pm and at the THS cafeteria on Tuesday, May 6, 2015

Voting on the 19th will include elections for the Ticonderoga Board of Education. Running for reelection to the Ticonderoga School Board are the current President Fred LaVallie and Jim Wells, Sr. There is one opening (John Lenhart is not running) and Erik Leerkes is the only candidate to date with the deadline of April 20, 2015.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The following people made donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund between March 2014 and March 2015, some in response to our article in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, and some at other times during the year: Fred Bauer, Peter Belden – Belden Property Services, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, Bud and Pam Bresett, Edna Middleton Butler – In Memory of Myra Elethorpe, Margaret A. Darrin, Jules and Gale Halm, Hague Oktoberfest Committee, Dorothy Henry, Tom James, Lu and Linda Megow, Northern Lake George Rotary Club, Chris and Anne Parlin, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Barbara C. Smith, Lynn and Patty Stote, and Trout House Village Resort – The Patchett Family.

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity, and *The Hague Chronicle* for including our donation appeal in their January issue. We also thank those who participated in raffles and other fundraising efforts over the 2015 Winter Weekend. And it's never too late to give. Send your donations to "The Beste Scholarship Fund," c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

PUBLIC ACCESS FOR ANTHONY'S NOSE



The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently completed the purchase of more than 18 acres in the Town of Putnam that provides a point of public access to LGLC's 189-acre Anthony's Nose property.

LGLC purchased Anthony's Nose, which includes Record Hill, in December of 2000. Home to nesting peregrine falcons, the property's rocky cliffs are an iconic feature in northern Lake George. The land also includes 3,350 feet of Lake shoreline, and abuts the 244-acre Flat Rock property to the north, part of the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

The newly acquired property consists of 15.5-acres adjoining the southeast edge of Anthony's Nose, a 2.6-acre block on Schwerdtfeger Road, and a 50-foot easement of right-of-way connecting the two.



Already enjoyed by locals, the property's half-mile hiking trail to the summit of Record Hill will be made official with LGLC blazing trails this spring, and a parking area on Schwerdtfeger Road constructed by the end of the summer. The preserve also will now be part of LGLC's annual Hike-A-Thon, which is held each July 5th.

A fundraising campaign is in progress to pay for the purchase, which was made possible thanks to a private loan and donations from individuals, families and foundations to complement the recent \$35,000 grant from The Conservation Alliance.

With its public access secured, the entire Anthony's Nose property is eligible for purchase by New York State, which has expressed interest in adding the land to the Adirondack Forest Preserve, further ensuring its protection in perpetuity, and providing public access to Flat Rock.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 4/14/15

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board members Marty Fitzgerald, Steve Ramant, Rudy Meola and Ginger Kuenzel were all present.

Before the regular meeting, Ben Dickerson from Solar Project Solutions (SPS) gave a presentation on their solar proposal for the Town. George Badcock, owner of Hacker Boat in Silver Bay, NY is the founder and President of Overseas Lease Group and Solar Project Solutions. Dickerson noted that their corporate structure means that Solar Project Solutions can build solar power systems as well as have the financial backing of the corporation.

SPS has solar farms in a Washington County location and the solar energy they produce goes to National Grid for kilowatt hour credits for their clients. Hague would actually pay the company a set fee and then use the credits to pay their electric bill. The Board members were given some handouts with financial data but no contract. They agreed to proceed with a utility interconnection study, which will take about 2 months, in order to get it started before the NYSERDA deadline of May 1, 2015. Mr. Dickerson said the Town could back out at any time until the day they physically start installing the solar panels.

When the regular portion of the meeting began, a moment of silence was held for Peter Plass, Steve Priore, Victor Stacy, Marjorie Nass, Doug Quesnel, Lore Culver and Mr. Gautreau.

Under the committee reports and other business, the Board:

Heard that the tentative Assessment Roll will be out on May 1, 2015 and the grievance date will be May 26, 2015.

Learned that the DEC is now requesting that the line from the in-ground fuel oil tank to the boiler in the Community Center be replaced in case there is a leak. Councilman Fitzgerald will get a price for replacing the 3000 gallon tank with one above ground as it might be a less expensive option.

Heard that the Town Historian and Hague Historical Society would now like to have a vault instead of cabinets located in the space where the archival shelves are in the Historical Society office. Supervisor Frasier said she was going to contact a company in Middlebury that built the Silver Bay archives.

Learned that no other companies expressed interest in bidding on Town insurance so they will stay with Upstate Insurance.

Approved purchase of a new John Deere loader with a broom attachment for sweeping roads for the Highway Department. The old loader will be traded in and the cost will be about \$120,000 using the NYS contract price.

Learned from ZEO Clark that National Grid has a program for collecting refrigerators and she will contact them about possibilities for Clean-up Day.

Learned that the Town has a DEC permit to eradicate geese from April 1 to August 31.

Learned that Silver Bay has sent out letters to all youngsters who have previously gone through their summer program under agreement with Hague. The letter outlines who is eligible and what financial assistance is available.

Heard that John Sheehan is doing a good job as the Wastewater Treatment Plant trainee in spite of having to deal with several frozen lines and other issues. Cedarwood Engineering continues to act as Plant operator until someone is hired in that position.

Heard a report that the Sewer Asset Management Committee is continuing to meet and is working through a process necessary under the consent order from the DEC. The sewer bills will have additional information.

Learned that with a new programmable system for locks on the Town Park bathrooms, the hours can easily be changed.

Agreed to hire Donna Trudeau, Kacheena Trudeau, Judy Gourley and Bob Gavaletz as Town Park attendants and Susan Adair, Kathi Ramant and Evelyn Gravelle for the Visitor Center. Several applications have come in for lifeguards and Councilman Kuenzel will have recommendations next month.

Approved attendance at the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference for ZEO Clark, Councilwoman Kuenzel, Supervisor Frasier and Planning Board Chairman Frasier.

Learned that the Fund for Lake George will be giving a \$10,000 grant to the Town of Hague for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Cedarwood Engineering is working with Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky on the project.

Approved attendance at a Ticonderoga conference for training purposes for several members of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Received suggestions from ZEO Clark for the Code Committee on the use of the multi-use permits. This report was followed by several comments from the audience and discussion with the Board. After the meeting, Councilman Meola expressed his frustration with the open discussion saying, "Discussion on the report to the Board should be limited to Board members and not a lengthy interaction with the public."

Received a written report from Mike Cherubini on activities of the Chamber of Commerce. Among other activities, they are continuing to work on a video for the Visitors Center.

Learned that the annual free Clean-up Day would be on June 12 – 13, 2015.

Passed a resolution that a new road off Hollow Road, going to Patchett, be named Oak Lane for the Enhanced 911 system.

Passed a resolution that the Town of Hague will participate with Warren County on the Efficiency Plan. As this reporter understands it, in addition to keeping within the tax levy, Towns will be given funds for having additional "efficiencies" in the form of savings of 1%, then 2%, then 3% in ensuing years. By participating with other towns in the plan, the "efficiencies" can be shared. There is apparently no cost to participate. ...JRS

REMINDER TO OUR READERS

Please note that the "official" Town Board minutes are posted online after they have been approved which takes place the following month. To see them, go to the Town of Hague website <www.townofhague.org>, find Town Board on the menu and scroll down to Meeting Minutes.

PLANNING BOARD – 4/2/2015

Chairman Dick Frasier, Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Dan Belden, Pam Peterson and Judy Gourley were present. Bob Whitaker was absent.

The only agenda item was a courtesy presentation by representatives for the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks – Head of Maintenance Skip Hourigan and Tom Jarrett of Jarrett Engineering. The plans they discussed are allowed by right in the Secondary Hamlet and they will be getting all other necessary permits.

Silver Bay YMCA has plans for multi-phase projects and the ones being discussed were concerning a new septic system for the Oneida Bay cottages and creating a new main parking area where the current maintenance barn is located. Later the area where there has been parking by the ERC will be used for a wastewater area to help relieve stress on the current system.

TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after MAY 1, 2015 at the Hague Community Center, on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll on the following dates, by appointment only: Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP- 524) are available at the Community Center or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp524_fill_in.pdf>.

A NEW STEWARTS TO BE BUILT IN TI



New building to go in behind gas pump area.

Ticonderoga is getting a new building on the Stewart's property. The current store is still open for business while the new store is being built behind the current lot. They hope to be in the new facility by the beginning of June. A couple of weeks later, the current building will be torn down and the area will be used for parking.

With the enlarged building will be expanded food selections as well as an additional bathroom and diesel fuel. They will be serving pizza which can be ordered ahead for take-out. There will be a walk-in beer cave with cold items, walk-up ice-cream service and outdoor seating.

TACC OVERSEEING ANOTHER BUSY SEASON



The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will hold their 13th annual fundraiser dinner and auction celebrating their 90th anniversary with a cruise aboard the Mohican. The event will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 with boarding to take place at Mohican Landing in Ticonderoga. Included in the cruise event will be a silent auction, live auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$50 per person and include the cruise, appetizer station, pasta station, dessert station, and gratuity. Early reservations are suggested as seating is limited. Contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce office at 518-585-6619 or <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com>.

There are multiple events and activities taking place in the Ticonderoga area. To find out more about them see the TACC website <www.ticonderogany.com>.

CROWN POINT - TICONDEROGA CHAMBER MERGER

The TACC has also announced that at the Annual Meeting of the Crown Point Chamber which was held in March, the Crown Point Chamber Board of Directors along with members present, unanimously voted to merge into the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce. The TACC already serves, markets, and promotes Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Hague, Moriah, and Putnam, and this merger will solidify and strengthen the role of the Chamber throughout the Ticonderoga Area.

The mission of the TACC is to initiate and provide programs, services, and leadership which will enhance a cooperative business community and create a vibrant economy, making the Ticonderoga Area an exceptional place to live, work, and visit.

LGPC CLARIFIES DOCK REGULATIONS



The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has clarified its "interpretation of certain regulations relating to its jurisdiction over accessory and incidental structures associated with docks and wharfs" which will help staff with plans submitted for new projects and help dock owners understand better what needs to be permitted.

They note that as long as height restrictions are not exceeded, permits are generally not required for cleats and other attachments to the docks including certain boatlifts, diving boards, slides, ladders, flagpoles, weathervanes and temporary furniture.

For the complete document outlining these regulations, see the home page of the LGPC at <<http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us/>> and click on the written description.

Ti'COUSTICS

The Ti'Coustics Coffee House is now in its second year. Every first and third Wednesday of the month, Ti'Coustics brings local musicians to the stage in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The shows are from 7 – 9 pm at the Burleigh House at 120 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. The musicians play for free, and the donations contributed by the audience go to the Ti Arts organization, to support arts and cultural events here in our community.

Everyone is invited to join them for the Wednesday night programs to hear some great music, have a good time, and contribute to an important charity in Ticonderoga.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED TO MEET

The Ticonderoga Church Women United will celebrate their May Luncheon at the Hot Biscuit on May 7, 2015 at 11:30 am. A talk entitled "Frances Perkins: Through the Open Door" will be presented by Chris Breiseth, carrying out the CWU 2015 theme of "Women's Journeys."

CWU is a national ecumenical organization through which women band together for fellowship and to help other women. The local group has a mission to support the Ticonderoga mealsite with funds to buy items not provided by Essex County. Dues of \$10 for the year 2015 may be paid at this meeting to further this mission.

The cost of the luncheon is \$12. For reservations, call treasurer Joyce Barry at 585-7770.

MASON/STAR ROAST PORK DINNER

A public Roast Pork Loin 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, April 24, 2015, from 4:30-6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of 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 available at the door. Take-outs will also be available.

TASTE OF TI

The 13th annual "Taste of Ti" fundraiser dinner will be held at the Best Western Plus Inn and Suites in Ticonderoga (located on Burgoyne Avenue just off Route 74 past McDonalds) on May 14, 2015 starting with appetizers at 6 pm. This annual event is a benefit for the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum.

SILVER BAY HEALTHY KIDS DAY

The Silver Bay YMCA will host their Healthy Kids Day/Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 11 am to 3 pm. The event will take place at the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center at the Armory on Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga and there will be many fun activities for kids.

SUMMER APPROACHING



JUNIPER ON 2

The best indicator that summer is just around the corner is the activity at the Hague Firehouse Restaurant and the Hague Market/Juniper on 2. The Hague Market and Juniper on 2 are planning their opening for May 1, 2015 while the Firehouse Restaurant will open for the season on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

The Firehouse will be open from Thursdays – Sundays. They are happy to announce that their chef David Cioppa will be returning as well as the sous chef Tim Ackerman.

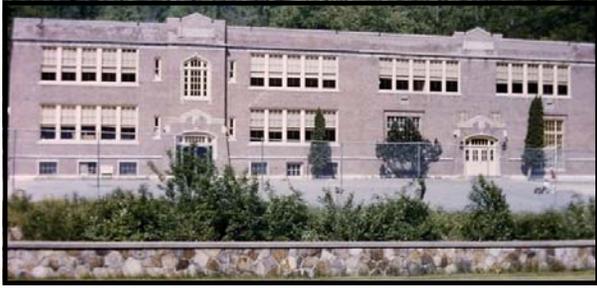
NLG ROTARY CLUB



The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George entertained residents of Montcalm Manor in Ticonderoga recently. It was agreed with the management of the Manor that residents would enjoy a "live" show presented by Rotary members. As a result, the show involved recitations, trick illusions and Bingo, enjoyed by many of the residents. Participating Rotarians were Jean Yager, club president; Chip Devenger, Diane Dickson, John Towey, Julie Cook, Stan Burdick. Rotary wives Betty Towey and Cathie Burdick also joined the group.



HAGUE CENTRAL SCHOOL 1927 - 1979



The Hague Central School welcomed students through its doors from 1927 – 1979. More than 400 of Hague’s youngsters went to school here. In 2006 the Hague Senior Citizens Club published “What’s Cooking in Hague, Recipes and Reminiscences” and among the numerous “reminiscences” were a few from folks who spoke about their years at Hague Central.

Nelson Waters shared his memories: “My brothers and sisters and I went to Hague Central School. Morgan Chester was principal. He was a prince of a man. He did it all. He was a Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader and took us boys everywhere – on fishing and camping trips up around the woods and the pond in the area where Wintergreen Lake is today. And he took us on Camporees. He could teach any class in need of a substitute. He assisted with the band and helped with the marching band. I played the alto horn in the band and first trumpet. I was in the Drum & Bugle Corps.

“But he (Principal Morgan Chester) took no guff from anybody. He also used that red rubber hose on occasion. Never on me – well almost, once: He just slammed that hose on the front of my desk and he must have seen how white my face got. Everybody loved him and the town highly respected him. He used to stay at Harold Carpenter’s during the week – where Danny King now lives (on Graphite Mt. Rd.) and on Streetroad (his family’s home) in Ticonderoga on the weekends.

“I remember the first school lunch. I was in grade school. It cost eight cents a meal. The potatoes were hard. The meal was really quite pathetic. But things improved from then on. My favorite cook was Mabel Denno. I loved her and she loved me. She cooked good, wholesome meals. I’d go down and help her clean up the kitchen and the dishes. She would always hug me and give me two small chocolate milks she’d tuck away and save for me. The school milk came from DeLarm’s Dairy in glass bottles. The chocolate milk was a-h-h – so good!”

Emilie Middleton Lushia and her mother Julia Middleton chatted with the authors of “What’s Cooking in Hague.” “Emilie recalled that you got a hot lunch for ten cents. The teachers insisted that you finish your lunch – eat up or you couldn’t go out to play! There were peas under the table and mashed into the potato salad – the kids were always looking for ways to reduce their plates! ‘The school got lots of surplus food from the government: cheese – Really good cheese,’ said Julia,

‘peanut butter, canned meats in gravy that they served with mashed potatoes.’”

Julia had a special friend growing up in Hague – Helder Rising -- and they got into plenty of mischief while her family lived on Rising Hill (today’s Lakeview Terrace). “In first grade the teacher held Julia back. That’s when Helder and Julia were first ‘parted’. Julia says she fooled around quite a bit; she thinks the teacher just wanted to separate them. The next year Julia just fooled around a lot more! You couldn’t really separate them anyway as they walked home together every day.” Julia passed away earlier this year and the 97-year-old was always known for the mischievous twinkle in her eye!

Marguerite Leach West was another contributor to “What’s Cooking . . .”. She recalled that she met her husband, Clifton West (class of 1928), at school. She graduated in 1930 in a class of three! She was class valedictorian as Clifton had been. “I was Cook’s Helper for two years at the Hague Central School from 1947 to 1948 until my daughter (Betsy) was born. I peeled apples – a machine did the potatoes – set tables; did the dishes afterwards. We made spaghetti. Vegetable soup. We used to get these big cans of *Spam* and cut it up for the soup. They liked that. Then we had mashed potatoes and big baskets of apples. Lunch was ten cents a day then. Of course we had government meat –hamburger. We had turkeys for Thanksgiving. Big boxes of cheese – no, the government was very generous back then.”
 ... Pat McDonough



The Hague Historical Society is pleased to be hosting a program sponsored by the Warren County Historical Society on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. The speaker will be Steven Engelhart of Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) and he will be presenting a program on *Historic Bridges of the Adirondacks*. You won’t want to miss this interesting program; Steve Engelhart, Executive Director of AARCH, is reputed to be an excellent presenter. It should be noted that AARCH is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year – 25 years of historic preservation efforts in the Adirondack Park.



Please note a date correction on your calendar. Our Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. The program for the evening will be “Houses Two!” and we look forward to having you join us then.



It’s not too late to get your items in for our “Hague Apparel” exhibit. Our office is filling up with things to be included, but there’s always room for more! Hats, shirts, uniforms – young and old! Help us to make it fun! Call me at 543-6725 and I’ll pick up your duds or drop them off to Bertha Dunsmore at the Community Center. An opening date for the exhibit will be some time in June and we’ll let you know in the next issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.
 ... Pat McDonough

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Barbara Putnam Marr, 91, on March 16, 2015 in Suffolk, VA.

Having a lifelong interest in education, she was the librarian at the former Suffolk High School for several years, served as a reading specialist, and later became an adjunct English instructor at Tidewater Community College. A published poet herself, she was an avid fan of the poetry of Emily Dickinson and others.

She was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Rev. Robert Marr, a minister at Suffolk Christian Church for 23 years.

She is survived by five children: Wayne Putnam Marr (Naomi) of Damascus, MD; Lauren Marr Wood (David) of Middle Grove, NY; Diane Marr Asiel (John) of New York, NY; Bruce Burrell Marr of Chicago, IL; and, Sarah Alice Marr of Colorado Springs, CO; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces, a nephew, cousins, step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren.

Barbara and her husband had a summer home in Hague. She was also grateful for the friendships developed through her stays at Silver Bay YMCA.

DIED: David McConaughy, 82, peacefully in Concord, MA on March 25, 2015.

David is survived by his wife of 58 years, Terry Stokes McConaughy of Concord, MA; children, Lee Woodruff of Rye, NY, Nancy McLoughlin of Tarrytown, NY and Megan Lucier of Wayland, MA, as well as three sons-in-law, and nine grandchildren.

After serving in the Army, he spent his entire career with Albany International, retiring as a Corporate VP and President of several divisions. David's many years of community service include a 35 year position as trustee for Silver Bay YMCA in NY with 6 years as president of the board and eventually an emeritus trustee designation, a 15 year trustee position at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY, an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY, and chairman of the Silver Bay Capital Campaign. He also played a central role in preserving land from development on Lake George on behalf of the Nature Conservancy.

A celebration of David's life will take place at Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George, NY in early August.

ART GALLERY PLANNING LINEUP



The Hague Creek Gallery is finalizing their summer lineup but there are still some openings available for art shows. The Gallery is a great place to display your art.

Anyone who is interested in showing should contact Rich Stout at <rhstout816@nycap.rr.com> or call him at 543-8884.

THE FRENCH AT FORT TICONDEROGA



The French are rowing to Fort Ticonderoga and visitors can experience this immersive living history event at Fort Ticonderoga highlighting the return of French soldiers to Carillon (now Fort Ticonderoga). On Saturday, May 9 through Sunday, May 10, 2015, visitors will step into New France in 1756 as French soldiers return by boats from posts down Lake Champlain. This event kicks off the 2015 season at Fort Ticonderoga and captures the site's epic story on land and water. Event tickets are included with daily admission. Two-day admission ticket discounts apply. Members of Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga Ambassador Pass holders, and children age 4 and under are free. For more information, call 518-585-2821 or visit <fortticonderoga.org>.

WANIA ELECTED TO STATE POSITION



*Pat Wania, President,
Federated Garden Clubs of NYS*

Pat Wania, a member of the Carillon Garden Club of Ticonderoga and Hague, was recently installed as President of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Pat has been active in the garden club at the local and state level for many years. She served as District IV director for four years and has been on the state board for six years.

Pat has selected "Liking Community Gardeners to Protect Our World" as her theme for the next two years. She believes it is important for the members of the community garden clubs to be connected to each other and the state and national organizations.

SCOUTS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR AUCTION



Hague Boy Scout Troop 73

Hague Boy Scout Troop 73 is starting to collect items for their annual auction in July. They would appreciate townfolk to think of them during the spring cleaning season as they accept furniture, tools, small appliances, antiques, collectibles, house hold items, etc.

Proceeds from the auction have been used for registration fees for the troop, Boy Scout Camp and Troop activities. One year they went to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Anyone interested in donating items can contact Troop Leader Bonnie Martucci at 543-6923 or Connie Swinton at 543-8747.

ONGOING EVENTS

1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)

2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)

3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)

Every Tuesday: **Champlain Chorale** (7 pm)

3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)

3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7 pm)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays: **Ti'Coustics** (7 pm)

4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)

3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)

Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)

Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)

Mark your Calendars

June 12 & 13, 2015 will be the annual free Clean-up Days.

LARAC AWARDS GRANT TO MARY BEHR



Mary Behr

Hague artist Mary Behr has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) to develop her "Lake Girl" artistic theme.

Mary is exploring the lives of notable women who have lived in the Hague area and had a strong connection to Lake George. Mary is an artist of many talents including having an exhibit of her collection of vintage water skis, display and sales of her quilts with a Lake theme, and recently co-curated the Winter Sports Exhibit in the Hague Historical Museum. She has been a featured artist at the Hague Creek gallery and is one of the artists with work at the Made in Hague shop.

HELPING THE TICONDEROGA COMMUNITY

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) is organizing a Ticonderoga Community Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 10 am – 3 pm. A variety of clean-up activities and community enhancement projects will be worked on this day. Volunteers can meet and be organized into teams at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office at 10 am. They will be encouraged to sign up for the activity where they have the most interest and where they feel they can best contribute. The anticipated list of specific activities will include sweeping, window washing, trash pick-up, refreshing of natural areas including landscaping, painting, weed pulling, trail clean up and flower planting, as well as a number of community projects and tasks.

"We want to put a fresh face on Ticonderoga and the community as a whole. We encourage other groups and organizations to join us in enhancing our community and the Ticonderoga Area before the summer season starts," said John Bartlett, TMSP Promotions Committee Chairperson.

As part of the community clean-up effort, an opportunity to recycle old electronics equipment will be available in the back of the old Rite Aid Parking lot near the LaChute Trail in Downtown Ticonderoga. Good Point Recycling from Middlebury VT will be available from 10 am to 2 pm on the Clean-up Day. They will take TVs, microwaves, small kitchen appliances and electronics for varying prices. Free items to recycle include VCRs, stereo, DVD players, CD players, computers, computer accessories, and phones.

HAGUE CALENDAR

APRIL

- 22 EARTH DAY
- 22 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals (date change)
- 23 7 pm Regular Board of Ed Meeting and Budget Hearing at THS
- 25 10 am – 2 pm HVFD Open House
- 28 noon Senior lunch and meeting
- 28 7 pm Ti Elementary Spring Concert and Art Show

MAY

- 2 10 am – 2 pm Rabies Clinic at HVFD
- 4 6 pm Information on TSCD Bond Referendum at the Hague Community Center
- 7 9:30 am Senior trip to Saratoga
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 12 6 pm Town Board meeting
- 12 7 pm Public hearing on Budget at THS cafeteria
- 14 News deadline for April issue
- 19 noon – 8 pm TSCD Board of Education elections and budget vote
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed and online

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Sunday: CLOSED

POST OFFICE HOURS

Hague Lobby:

Mon - Fri from 7:45 am - 4:45 pm
 Sat from 7:45 - 11:30 am

Hague Window:

Mon - Fri from 8 am - noon and 1 - 3 pm
 Sat from 9 - 11am

Silver Bay Lobby:

Mon - Fri from 7:30 am-4:30 pm
 Sat from 7:45-11:45 am

Silver Bay Window:

Mon - Fri from 7:30-11:30 am
 Sat from 7:45-11:30 am



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