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RIDDING THE TOWN BEACH OF WEEDS

The beach at the Hague Town Park is a shining jewel in Hague's crown. That's why, when the topic of grass growing among the sand was raised at the August town board meeting, Councilman Steve Ramant took action.

He sent out an appeal to his fellow townspeople to help clean up the beach. And on the morning of Friday, August 12, 2022, 15 volunteers appeared with rakes, shovels, and other garden tools and set about their work.

A huge thanks to the following people who volunteered for this project: Town Board members Steve Ramant, Maureen Cherubini, and Jack Bast, along with Karen and Leo Lucas, David and Judy Polley, Michael and Karen Cherubini, Rion, Joan, and Molly Marcy, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Meg Haskell, and Steve White.

The before and after photos clearly show the difference these volunteers made. ▣



LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIM HELD IN HAGUE

by Steve Ramant

This year's Lake George Open Water Swim (LGOWS), which was held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, was a huge success!

Since the first swim in 2011, there have been over 3,300 swimmers visiting Hague. With 35 U.S. states, Canada, Germany, Tunisia, and South Africa represented, many folks have seen the beauty of Lake George and our town, in particular.

This year's event had over 375 swimmers, plus their many friends. Their cars filled the Darrin parking lot, the Baptist Church parking lot, the two town parking lots on Route 8, and the Hague Community Center parking lot.

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TOP LEFT: Two swimmers with their winning medals and participant shirts; TOP RIGHT:

The crowd gathers and the swimmers get ready; BOTTOM LEFT: Chris Bowcutt, director of Green Leaf Racing, the company that holds LGOWS, gets ready to start the swimmers; BOTTOM RIGHT: A volunteer safety boat patrols the course

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Hey folks! The Hague Seniors have had a busy summer 2022. In July, we had a great time on a Raquette Lake lunch cruise. On August 3rd, we went to the Tiki Resort, where we had dinner and enjoyed good company and entertainment.

And we aren't slowing down! On September 1st, we'll be going to Lake



Placid for a one-hour boat cruise followed by lunch at the Downhill Grill in Saranac Lake. Then, we'll pay a visit to the Adirondack Carousel, which is a true work of art! This is a trip you don't want to miss!

On September 15th, we will have our Snowbird Dinner. It will tentatively be at Lizzy Keays in Warrensburg.

Our September meeting will be September 27th at 1:30 pm at the Hague Community Center. ▣

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

July was a very busy month for us!

We had 32 fire calls and drills using 411 volunteer hours and 23 EMS calls using 149.5 volunteer hours.

We are always looking for new members and are starting a new ride-along program. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to be part of an EMS squad, this is your chance. This program will give you an opportunity to spend time with EMTs, learn what they do, and ride along on calls. If interested, contact Donna Trudeau at 518-586-0617.

The annual town-wide garage sale will be held on October 8, 2022 from 9 am – 4 pm. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact me at 518-543-2015. ▣



LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIM HELD IN HAGUE, CONTINUED

At each safety meeting, I welcomed the groups to Hague, pointed out Hague's motels and places to get something to eat, and told them that the Hague Volunteer Fire Department ambulances were present, along with many local volunteers who were on the water during the event for their safety.

Many told me they had been here before and there were new folks who were enjoying the area for the first time, with plans to come back again.

All swimmer's received cool event shirts and the winners got nice medals and mugs.

One of the key races this year was the U.S. Masters Swimming Long Distance National Championship. The female winner was Kelly Craig from Valparaiso, IN, with time of 2:23:34.4; she was also tenth overall. First place

in the male division was Anton Janezich from Bethesda, MD, with an overall time of 2:03:32.0.

In the 2.5K race, Maria Jellig was first overall, with a time of 35:18.76 and Michael Schultz was second overall, with time of 35:28.81.

First place in the 5K race was James Pokornowski from Clarence, NY, with time of 1:03:45.0. Kimberly MacDonald from Clinton, NY was fourth overall, with a time of 1:14:28.8.

Race Director Chris Bowcutt says that plans are now underway to come back to Hague next year for another Lake George Open Water Swim. That's good news for Hague! ▣

PHOTO BELOW: A group of swimmers start their event



MOHICAN STOPS AT HAGUE DOCK

It was reminiscent of the days of yesteryear when the Mohican steamboat approached the Hague steamboat dock on Friday, July 28, 2022. The majestic ship lingered at the Hague dock while its passengers boarded; ultimately the whistle blew and they were off for a cruise. ▣



STONY CREEK BAND ROCKED THE HAGUE BEACH

by Al Rider

On July 27, 2022, the Stony Creek Band rocked the Hague Beach!

A record crowd enjoyed great tunes by this fabulous long-standing band. They've been playing together for 49 years!

Many thanks to Steve Ramant for making this booking happen! We're already looking forward to hearing the Stony Creek Band again next year! ▣



HISTORICAL MARKERS IN HAGUE

You may have seen the red historical markers at various locations around town. In August of this year, the Hague Historical Society (HHS) installed the latest one – at the entrance to Arcady - on Route 9N. Other markers are located at Mill Road in Graphite; the former site of Hague Central School (now the Community Center); the steamship dock; the former site of Garfield's Hotel and Tavern; the Hague Heritage Cemetery; and Sabbath Day Point.

Each one of these signs provides a concise history of the specific location. The creative process is more complex than one might think. As the first step, the HHS board selects an historic site. Then the research begins. In the case of Arcady, they had a wealth of information about the different uses of that property over the past 100+ years. Using newspaper clippings, old files, letters, and other media, they put together a brief history. For instance, they discovered that Groucho Marx had performed at the Arcady Club. They also learned that Louis Brandt, a New York City movie theater mogul and owner of Arcady for a period of time, also owned the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton, including in 1954, when Richard Nixon showed up for the annual Governors Conference being held at the resort.

They found "Help Wanted" ads for a mechanic and for someone to run the steam laundry as well as a clipping about Olympic swimmers who came in 1940 to open the new dock at the Arcady Country Club. They spent hours reading through Facebook posts from people reminiscing about their adventures in the 50s and 60s when Arcady was a girls' and boys' camp.

The next step was to condense all these fun facts into seven lines, each with no more than 42 characters, including spaces. This is by far the most difficult part and often involves finding synonyms or changing the syntax of sentences. It also involves leaving a lot on the cutting room floor! They then search for just the right historical photo to put at the top of the sign. Once all this is complete, we place our order and wait.

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TERRACE WATER CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY TOUR

On Sunday afternoon, August 7, 2022, the Terrace Water Company celebrated its 100-Year Anniversary by hosting a walking tour of ten historic cottages of its members that are clustered around the areas north of the Silver Bay YMCA and across 9N on Terrace Road. The walking tour allowed Silver Bay guests, Hague community members, and friends from afar to share in the rich history of these multi-generational family cottages, many of which were built in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A map and history of the cottages was provided and current owner family members were available to give further information and often historical pictures of the cottages and generations of occupants through the years.

The event was organized by Tom Yohanan, Terrace Water Company president, who said that the event was a great success, with over 200 people participating on a very hot afternoon. The event was a fundraiser for Silver Bay YMCA, which is the source of water for the company, and raised over \$5,800.

Tom would like to publicly thank all the volunteers, organizers, and host cottage owners who opened their homes to make the event possible. It had been 35 years since the last walking tour of the area had taken place. The hosts were thrilled to open their doors to provide an inside look and an oral history of these special cottages. ▣



TOP: Chuck Gosselink chatting with walking participants on the round porch of Birch Glen;
BOTTOM: Hume Cottage Living room

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/28/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, Ray Snyder, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Jon Hanna was absent.

TONER (26.6-1-17) 4 Forest Bay Road (TRIR)

At the 4/28/22 Zoning Board meeting, the board unanimously approved, with conditions, the applicant's variance to demolish an 800 sq. ft. legal, non-conforming single-family dwelling and, in its place, build a new 2,400 sq. ft., two-story structure. See *The Hague Chronicle* (May 2022) for details. The APA overturned the application and requested that the revised application be sent to them to review, allowing them to provide an advisory opinion prior to Zoning Board approval. The new application reduces the replacement deck to slightly less square footage than the original deck. The application was unanimously accepted and a motion to send the application to the APA for review was unanimously approved. A site visit was scheduled. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 8/4/2022

Chairperson Dick Frasier, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present along with ZEO Matthew McGee and Acting Secretary Cathy Clark.

FUHRER (26.10-1-26) 65 Friends Point North (TR-1R)

The applicant would like to construct an addition to an existing house. The new construction would be within 100 feet of the lake. An existing stone landing is 87 feet from the lake and the new deck would be 86 feet from the lake. The application indicates a 43% increase in the structure footprint. The property is within Sewer District #2. Up-to-date drawings have been received by the board and a site visit was scheduled.

REYNEN (93.16-1-39) 40 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1R) SP

The applicants propose constructing a new four-bedroom, one-and-a-half-story, single-family house within 100 feet of the lake on a vacant lot. The structure footprint will be 2,500 sq. ft., have a maximum height of 31.8 feet, and will be 51.75 feet from the lake. Sideline setbacks will be greater than the ten-foot minimum. The applicant has applied for a septic permit. Water will be supplied by the Sabbath Day water system. The application was unanimously approved, with conditions that a Lake George Park Commission Permit for storm water runoff must be received and the applicant must submit pictures of the existing shoreline for future reference.

CUNNINGHAM (76.20-1-32) 4 Silver Bay Road (TR-1R)

The applicants propose building a new three-story, three-bedroom 3,500 sq. ft. house located ten feet behind an existing log cabin. The log cabin, currently being used as a primary dwelling, would become an accessory building, and would have the kitchen and shower removed. A toilet and sink would remain in the log cabin. The applicant indicated the accessory building would not be used for sleeping. The applicant has applied for multiple waste water variances. The application was deemed complete and a site visit was scheduled.

THE FIREHOUSE/ Ginn-DeLarm (43.5-1-3) 8979 Graphite Mountain Road

The applicants are requesting a modification of their Planning Board approval of June 1, 2006, to include the use of food trucks, which are proposed to be parked in the front of the building. The application modification was unanimously approved with the following five conditions: Food trucks must have both Department of Health approval and Town of Hague food truck permits; the application modification must be renewed annually; the sidewalk and front entrance to the restaurant must remain clear; the service window must face the restaurant; and if problems arise because of the food trucks, the applicant must come back to the board for review. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 8/9/2022

The following members were present: Deputy Supervisor Councilperson Steve Ramant and Councilpersons Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini. Supervisor Edna Frasier was absent.

Also present were: Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Linda Mury, Pat Hintze, Carol Barnwell, Jon Hanna, Peter Carney, Meg Haskell, Lee Cunningham, Leo Lucas, Joe Tinnirella, Walter Peterson, and Samantha Chowski

A Moment of Silence was held for Michael Vassalo, Bill Butler, Norrell Meehan, and Beverly Hudak.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway: Matt Coffin reported that the work on Pudding Island Road and Watts Hill is complete. The state will not be paving Rt. 9N from the boat dock north to the county line this year. The highway department still plans to blacktop Streeter Hill and Holman Hill.

Coffin asked that the board approve the purchase of a John Deere 317G Compact Track Loader for \$67,985. He stated that this equipment will be used for snow removal from the town sidewalks. He said there are monies in the Highway Fund to support the purchase. The motion to approve the purchase was passed unanimously.

Museum/Historian: Patchett reported that the local authors event on July 22, 2022 at Silver Bay was very nice and received much community support.

Personnel: Bast stated that there were three personnel issues that have been successfully resolved.

Planning/Zoning/Storm water: Cherubini stated the board received a report from the ZEO summarizing the number of applications as of August 9, 2022: Land Use Development – 7; Site Plan Review – 3; Subdivisions – 0; Variance – 1; Waste Water – 2; Waste Water Variances – 4.

Town Park/Beautification: Ramant reported that the Music in the Park and the food trucks are still going well and that the Lake George Open Water Swim would take place on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast reported that of the 19 parcels in Sewer Districts 1 & 2 that were not yet connected, all but two of them have been addressed. The owners of these two parcels are actively working with the zoning office.

In conjunction with his Sewer Districts Report, Bast also reported that the State of New York has a Septic System Replacement Program in which it provides one half of the cost to replace or upgrade an aging septic system, up to a limit of \$10,000. Warren County was previously assigned \$314,000 for this purpose and an additional \$595,000 has recently been assigned. Original Warren County Program requirements included that the septic system be within 250 feet of Lake George shore. The specific requirements for the additional program have not yet been defined. Three Hague property owners have already applied for and have been awarded funds under this program. Three more Hague property owner applications are currently being processed under the new funding. This is good news for Hague and good news for Lake George. Interested property owners can obtain information on the Warren County website or can call Gina Martin in the Warren County Planning Department at 518-761-6410. (The application capability on the website is currently being updated.) Applications and subsequent awards are handled strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.

See the "Septic Replacement Grant Program" on page 7 for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The EDU Appeals Committee unanimously denied Peter Carney's appeal to reduce his EDU assessment from 2.33 to 2.00 EDUs, which was based on changing the usage of a room from bedroom to office.
2. The following concerns were brought up by the audience:
 - a. The poor condition of the beach
 - b. Putting WiFi at the beach area for those who do not have cell service in the event of an emergency

The board agreed that these issues are important and will look into ways to resolve them.

3. A letter to Supervisor Frasier and the Hague Town Board was received from Carol Cady requesting permission to use the basketball court at the community center to play Pickleball. The request included allowing the family to paint Pickleball lines on the court. The board denied consent for the Cady family to paint the lines, stating that if it were done, it should be done by a professional contractor. They are welcome to use the court with temporary lines and their own equipment. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

At 7:05 pm, the board went into Executive Session with the Hague Volunteer Fire Department to review contract negotiations.

At 7:50 pm, the meeting was adjourned. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/25/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Ray Snyder and Matthew Magee were absent.

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LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Lake George Association (LGA) is looking for energetic, collaborative, flexible individuals with a passion for the lake to fill two positions.



One is for a Development Manager and the other is for an Environmental Educator.

[LEARN MORE](#) about these openings and how you could become part of a team dedicated to protecting the water quality of Lake George. ▣

HISTORICAL MARKERS, CONTINUED

When the sign arrives, they select the best place to install it. They want a location that is highly visible for motorists coming from either direction, but which also offers a place for drivers to pull off to read the sign.

In the case of the Arcady sign, they worked with the president of the Arcady Homeowners' Association to find the ideal spot. They then scheduled a site visit from the New York State Department of Transportation to make sure the sign would not be on their right-of-way. As the final step, they asked the Town Highway Department to install the sign, which they did very promptly.

As you can tell, it truly takes a team effort for every one of these historical markers. The HHS encourages you to seek out these signs and to learn about Hague's varied and fascinating history. ▣

SOUNDINGS

MARRIED: The Whiteface Club on the shores of Lake Placid was the venue for the wedding nuptials of Kerri Anne McDonough and Cameron Willis on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Kerri Anne is the beloved daughter of Kevin and Heather McDonough of Silver Bay and the dear granddaughter of Dennis and Pat McDonough of Hague. Congratulations to Kerri and Cam!



DIED: Clifford Davis, 96, of Greensboro, NC and longtime summer resident of Hague, on June 11, 2022, at his residence in NC.

Cliff was born and grew up in Texas. He fought and was injured in WWII while serving in the U.S. Army.

He attended the University of Chicago for his B.A. and then Harvard School of Law.

He served as a professor at the University of Iowa School of Law before moving to the University of Connecticut, where he continued teaching until 1997. His work focused on property, torts,



workers compensation, and water rights.

He was a classical music lover and played the French horn in several orchestras.

Cliff and his wife, Dossie, owned Cliff Cottage above Island Harbor, and were active members in the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

Cliff was predeceased by his stepson, Dr. Robert Westermann.

He is survived by his: loving wife, Dorothea (Dossie); daughter, Cynthia Davis Strausbaugh; son, Mitchell Davis; stepdaughter, Dr. Carola Westermann; and stepson, Gerold Westermann.

Donations in his name may be made to the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, 200 N. Davie Street, Greensboro, NC 27401.

DIED: Michael D. Vassallo, 87, of Hague, of natural causes, on July 24, 2022 at his home in Arcady Bay Estates.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens, Michael was a classically-trained composer/musician, graduating from the Manhattan School of Music with a Master's Degree in Theory and Composition in 1962.

Michael straddled two genres of music: the classical music world, as a composer of a piano concerto for piano and orchestra, an opera, and numerous chamber works, fugues, and



passacaglias; and the world of jazz, as a pianist and composer/songwriter, working solo and in a trio.

In his 20s, Michael knew and worked with many of the giants of jazz. His most ambitious accomplishment was writing, composing, and producing an off-Broadway musical, "Domenica," (later re-titled "It's A Great New World"), which ran at the Provincetown Playhouse in Greenwich Village for six weeks in 1975.

He spent the major part of his professional career as a music educator, teacher, and mentor, bringing the gift of music to thousands of students over the course of three decades.

In 1961, he was the featured pianist at the opening of The Georgian Hotel in Lake George Village.

In retirement, Michael was on the board of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and played at Hague's "Music in the Park", special events in Bolton, Hague, and Ticonderoga, and regularly at the Sagamore Hotel.

In addition to music, Michael was a talented artist and avid fisherman.

Predeceased by his parents Michael and Filomena, Michael leaves behind his: beloved wife of 62 years, Viola; sons Michael (Maggie), Nicholas (Christa), and Stephen (Josie); and grandchildren Michelle, Jason, Christopher, Josh, Ryan, Justin, and Nicole.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital by clicking [HERE](#). ■

WORKING AT SILVER BAY FALL 2022

For anyone who has always wanted to visit Silver Bay outside of the summer season or wondered what working at Silver Bay would be like, there is now a fall opportunity. They are looking for Workcation Program volunteers and Weekend Warriors to help them serve their guests through the fall season.

The Workcation Program is a volunteer program where people commit to working four hours per day and Silver Bay houses and feeds them onsite. They can then take advantage of Silver Bay's fall programming during their down time.

For those people looking for paid work instead of volunteer hours, there is the Weekend Warriors program. The employees work eight-hour shifts, receive free housing and meals, and

are paid over the course of the following weekends:

September 16th – September 18th
September 23rd – September 26th
October 14th – October 16th
October 21st – October 23rd
October 28th – November 6th

If interested, contact personnel@silverbay.org or call 518-543-8502. ■

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith

"Beauty's only skin deep.

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Beauty's only skin deep.

Oh, yeah."

This message from The Temptations certainly applies to spotted lanternflies and the disturbing news is that they are hatching again according to an article in *USA Today*.

Dormant this winter, the spotted lanternfly has hatched and is destroying plants and trees across the northeastern U.S. First seen in Pennsylvania in 2014, the insect sucks the sap from plants and trees and secretes a sugary substance that will weaken and eventually kill the plant or tree.

The invasive bug, which evolves into a colorful moth-like insect, does not fly, but hops from leaf to leaf. This species is thought to have been transported into the U.S. from

China in 2012, according to a Cornell University study. The grape growers and wine producers of this region are very concerned, as are the growers of almonds, apples, walnuts, cherries, hops, peaches, plums, and apricots.

With few predators and no parasites to keep them in check, each year's population of spotted lanternflies will be bigger than the last, experts say.

The insect hatches from egg clusters in mid-spring. They are black and very small but can jump a foot or more. In July, the insects gain red, black, and white colors. Subsequently, the winged adult emerges and egg laying begins. The adults do not live through the winter but the eggs survive to hatch the following spring.

The spotted lanternfly infestation was first discovered in NY in Staten Island in August 2020. The insect poses a significant threat to the state's agricultural and forest health. According to officials, there are no current reports of spotted lanternflies in the Adirondacks, but if



you suspect a colorful insect may be a spotted lanternfly, you are urged to "please squish and dispose."

The spotted lanternfly's looks may be appealing, but it definitely is harmful to our environmental health. ▣

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY HIKES

Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) Discovery Series offers themed hikes geared toward learners of all ages. Hikes are limited to 15 participants, and registration is required.

September 3rd, 8:30 - 9:30 am — [Cat and Thomas Mountains Preserve](#), Cat's Edgecomb Pond Road parking lot, Bolton Landing

Naturalists are masters of observation. Sharpen your skills by creating a nature journal to record some of the things you'll see on a visit to Edgecomb Pond. Bring something to write in and something to write with. Blank, unlined paper and pencils work best! The hike is less than one mile round-trip, following the Red Trail. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#).

September 17th, 9 - 11 am - [Amy's Park](#), Padanarum Road, Bolton Landing

Come walk along the wetlands at Amy's Park and observe how water moves into the Lake George basin. 1.4 miles round-trip, following the Yellow Trails. [CLICK TO REGISTER](#). ▣

SEPTIC REPLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Warren County recently received a second round of funding for septic replacement grants. If you are planning to replace or upgrade your septic system, you should sign up for this program as soon as possible since the money will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. If eligible, you may be reimbursed for up to one-half of your costs, or a maximum of \$10,000, whichever is lower. All septic system projects must be designed by a licensed engineer, approved by the Warren County

Planning Department, and receive all required local permits. [LEARN MORE](#).

If you applied to Warren County for the 2021 round of funding and did not receive a grant, your name should still be on the waiting list as long as you remain eligible. Check with the [Warren County Planning Department](#) to confirm.

You can also visit the Lake George Association's [Safe Septic Systems website](#), where you will find a wealth of information about septic systems, including details on low- or no-interest loans for upgrades.

The Lake George Park Commission is in the process of creating a mandatory septic inspection program for systems located within 500 feet of the lake or within 100 feet of a tributary. [LEARN MORE](#) and read the [FAQs](#).

See the Hague Town Board report on page 5 for further information. ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Pat McDonough

BASEBALL

In 1908, American songwriter Jack Norworth wrote the lyrics for the song that started, "Take me out to the ballgame . . .," a tune that became a classic baseball theme song. Baseball had become popular in the United States in the previous century and certainly in the early years of the 20th century, it was well established in Hague, New York.



The team pictured above must have been more than a "pick-up" team as they had uniforms! Sally DeLarm Rypkema has suggested that the player standing on the left could be her father Keith. As Sally said, "My father played baseball for Cornell. He was a sidearm pitcher, so if there was any baseball going on in Hague he would have been part of it." We'd love to identify the other players, so if you have any idea, please let Sally or me know.

In Hague's environs, in addition to a team of local fellows, baseball games benefited from the presence of the guests of the many hotels that fielded a team of their own. *The Troy Daily Times* often reported on Hague's baseball activities in the early 1900's. Here's what the Troy newspaper had to offer in 1908:

"Hague is represented each summer by a strong baseball team, made up from the Hotel guests and other residents. Ralph P. Spooner of Cornwall is by common consent manager of the team. He is an enthusiastic ball player, is one of the tallest of First basemen and uses it all in guarding the base. The earlier games this year were played on the broad acres of Cook's Point, but the use of the Burgess lot, on the hill back of the Trout and Hillside Houses, has been given by the owner, and the ball players have been grubbing out small trees and picking stones from the prospective diamond until they couldn't tell a strike from a lockout or a ball from a reception. The Hague team has vanquished the Glen Eyrie camp, 19 to 4, and will meet Silver Bay, Hulett's Landing, and others."

"There have also been games between the Trout House and the Rising House, with straw and launch rides to the grounds and rooters of the gentler sex with banners,



megaphones and horns. The Hague battery has been Milton Severance, pitcher, and Alvin Barton, catcher. Mr. Severance is the West Hague schoolmaster and expects to enter Syracuse University in the fall. Mr. Barton, who winters in Troy, is clerk at the Trout House, and is known as 'the little trout.' Though small in size, he is as versatile as they make 'em, for he can play first violin in the orchestra, go behind the bat, make out a guest's bill or draw the plans and specifications of a menu in two or three languages. G. Miller of New York is second baseman, Alvin Phillips of Hague shortstop, Edward L. Flammer of New York third baseman and Howard and Lester Millington of Troy center and left fielders. Harry Strauss of Derby, Conn., is also a reliable outfielder."

In the years 1907 and 1908, we learn from *The Troy Daily Times* that the Hague team traveled a circuit that included Silver Bay, the Sagamore Hotel, Glen Eyrie, Hulett's Landing and other communities, where baseball was part of the local scene.



Here's an undated photo of a Silver Bay team - "... root, root, root for the home team . . . at the old ball game." ▣

FOR TICONDEROGA: BROWN'S RAID BATTLE REENACTMENT

On September 17-18, 2022, Fort Ticonderoga will present an exciting two-day battle reenactment highlighting the epic 1777 surprise attack by patriot Colonel John Brown on the British-held fort. Follow the American raid as it unfolds across the landscape, and explore the mechanics and weapons of this attack through living history demonstrations. Don't miss the battle briefing at 12:30 pm each day to get the real story behind all the recreated action. The battle reenactments begin at 1:15 pm both days.

Guests can explore the incredible story on the water aboard the Carillon, or step into the moment in 1777 in the American camp and British fort to be an eyewitness to the common soldiers' experience during this weekend event.



Admission to Brown's Raid is included in a Fort Ticonderoga general admission ticket. For the full event schedule and to learn more about the event, visit www.fortticonderoga.org. ■

FREE COURSE IN BUSINESS PLAN BASICS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), in partnership with the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), is offering a free ten-week business course on how to launch or grow a small business. This Business Plan Basics course will be a weekly web conference, held from 5:30 – 8:00 pm and running from September 7 – November 16. The course covers an array of topics, including self-assessment, research, business planning, marketing, law/regulations, cash flow, books, record keeping, and more.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please contact AEDC's Stephanie Donaldson at sdonaldson@aedconline.com or call 518-891-5523. For more information, please contact the TACC at 518-585-6619 or visit www.ticonderogany.com. You can also contact the AEDC at 518-891-5523 or visit www.aedconline.com. ■

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GEORGE C. SINGER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND FOR SKILLED CAREER TRAINING

Thanks to a generous donation of \$100,000 from George Singer and his family, Ti-Alliance has created the George C. Singer Scholarship Endowment Fund. The fund is a tribute to George's vision and passion for the practical skills that are the lifeblood of a healthy community. A strong advocate for education and a lifelong learner, George has been a generous contributor to Ti-Alliance's workforce development programs, which provide opportunities for young people in our area.

The newly-created fund will help provide Skilled Career Training Scholarships to encourage students to pursue careers in skilled trades, remove the barriers to the education needed for these careers, and ensure student success. The hope is that the scholarship recipients will decide to live and practice their skills in our community. Each scholarship is a commitment to the student for up to two academic years or the length of their program.

Additional contributions to the George C. Singer Scholarship Endowment Fund have been made by The Stuart Family Foundation and the Henry M. Rowan Foundation. Ti-Alliance hopes to grow the fund's principal to \$250,000 by 2023 to achieve even more financial sustainability for scholarships. To learn more and/or to donate, visit Ti-Alliance. ■



George Singer (center front) with his family

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CALENDAR

September 2022

SEPTEMBER

1		Seniors to Lake Placid
	7 pm	Planning Board
3	8:30 – 9:30 am	LGLC hike at Cat and Thomas Mountains
5		LABOR DAY
7 – November 16		TACC/AEDC business course
13	6 pm	Town Board
15		First day of Hispanic Heritage Month
		Seniors Snowbird Dinner
17	9 – 11 am	LGLC hike at Amy's Park
	12:30 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Briefing and Battle Reenactment
23		DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF <i>THE HAGUE CHRONICLE</i>

27 1:30 pm Seniors Meeting

OCTOBER

1		October issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published
6	7 pm	Planning Board
8	9 am – 4 pm	Town wide garage sale
10		COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

September 1 to 13, 2022:

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm

September 14, 2022 to July 6, 2023:

Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm and

Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm