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GROUNDBREAKING FOR PRIMARY CARE CENTER

On August 28, 2019, The University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital broke ground on a new primary care center in Ticonderoga. The one-story medical office building will adjoin the recently-remodeled Ticonderoga Campus, providing patients with easy access to laboratory, imaging, and outpatient specialty services.

Hudson Headwaters Health Network will relocate its Ticonderoga Health Center to the new facility upon completion of construction, slated for September 2020. ▣



(Top photo from left to right) Dr. John Brumsted, CEO UVM Health Network, Dr. Tucker Slingerland, CEO Hudson Headwaters Health Network, John Remillard, president UVM Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital (ECH), Rolly Allen, Inter-Lakes Health and UVM Health Network - ECH Boards, Dominic Eisinger, Chair UVM Health Network - ECH Board; Photo courtesy of Shawn Michener. (Bottom) Drawing of proposed building

INVASIVE SPECIES THREATEN LAKE GEORGE

On the evening of August 15, 2019, an informational program, "Wondering about Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Plants," was held at the Hague Community Center. Over 50 people were present. This was the second forum on invasives in Hague. The town hopes to present additional programs next year.

Hague Town Council Board Member Steve Ramant reported this was the first program that the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) and the Warren County Soil and Water (WCSW) had done together.

Ramant said that at the conclusion of the program, 25 attendees each received Scouting and Restoration Toolkits.

Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional Anthony DeFranco submitted the following report on the meeting to *The Hague Chronicle*:

The overall message conveyed at this presentation was that the land and waters in the Adirondacks are under a relentless attack by non-native invasive plants. This presentation was one of many throughout the Lake George and Adirondack region, all advocating for community awareness and vigilance.

The first presenter, Monica Dore from the Lake George Land Conservancy, covered the many terrestrial invasive plants present in the Adirondack Park's landscape, including Honeysuckle, Japanese Barberry, Garlic Mustard, and Poison Parsnip. Dore noted that terrestrial invasive species cost the United States roughly 120 billion dollars a year in environmental losses.

These plants vigorously spread throughout the forest understory and out-compete our native plants. Ultimately, the native biodiversity of the forest is lost, causing a ripple effect throughout the food chain.

Invasive species are not just limited to plants. Currently, a great threat to our terrestrial landscape is the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*). HWA is a parasitic insect that feeds on hemlock trees, eventually starving them of nutrition. There has been only one confirmed infestation in the Adirondacks. It was on Prospect Mountain in 2017.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The upcoming events for the seniors are:

September 19, 2019 –
Snowbird Dinner

September 24th at 1:30 pm –
Regular Meeting at the Hague
Community Center ■



Please send your birth, marriage, graduation, award, or death announcements to *The Hague Chronicle*. We will be happy to include them in our Soundings article.

Send to our editor, Bobbi Bryant Taylor at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

1st Monday: HVFD, 7 pm

3rd Friday: Sno-Goers, 7 pm

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Every Tuesday:

Champlain Chorale, 7 pm

3rd Tuesday: Ti 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, usually 10 am

Every Tuesday:

Rotary Club, 7:30 am

Every Thursday:

Kiwanis, 12 pm

1st Friday:

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

We had a very busy August, with 35 fire calls and drills, 15 EMS calls, and five marine calls, with over 400 volunteer hours.

We're getting ready for the Second Annual Craft Fair and Town Wide Garage Sale on October 12, 2019 at 9 am. We'll be selling food, have many raffle items, and vendors will sell a variety of items. Anyone wishing to be on the map for the sale, please call me at 518-543-2015. ■



HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

HAGUE RESIDENTS AT BOAT SHOW

by Pat McDonough

Expecting to leave at 5:30 am, our alarm went off at 4:30 am. Alas, at 5:30 am, it was still pitch dark, so we waited 'til 6 am. We were off – headed to the Lake George Antique & Classic Boat Show in Lake George Village. It was a very chilly August morning, but we were well bundled for the ride in our 1938 Hutchinson Sport, the "Gypsy."

This was the 46th annual show sponsored by the Adirondack Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society. They expected their

largest number ever of participants, forty-six in the water and ten parked along Beach Road. As we ambled along the docks, we couldn't help but be impressed with the moored boats bobbing gently in Lake George's waters. The earliest craft Dennis and I saw was a 1910 Hutchinson all decked out with wicker chairs and

staged for the day with flowers and refreshments. There were Chris Crafts, Hutchinsons, Hackers, Lymans, Gar Woods, Van Dams, and other impressive watercraft. In addition to the boats along the road, there were Model T automobiles and classic Triumph sports cars – plenty to see!

If you've never been to this boat show, I highly recommend it for the pure pleasure of seeing these magnificent, often quite historical, boats and vehicles.

We were pleased to find Hague well represented with a Lyman from Fran Sisca's Mountain Motors, a Hacker-Craft from the Hacker Boat Company, a 1928 Hacker-Craft, "Penny," owned by Julie McPartlin, and, of course, our 1938 Hutchinson's Sport.

EDITOR'S NOTE: After this article was submitted, the awards for the show were announced. Out of a field of 56 boats, Julie McPartlin won Exhibitor's Choice with her 1928 Hacker-Craft, "Penny," and Dennis McDonough won best Antique category with his 1938 Hutchinson, "Gypsy."

An impressive showing for Hague! ■



Hague Boatmen: Ricky McPartlin, Dennis McDonough, and Fran Sisca



Penny



Gypsy

MADE IN HAGUE

by Pat McDonough

Sandy Swanson is a talented innovator with artistic crafts, which she offers at Made in Hague. In addition to her glassware and other items, she is again offering her butterfly jewelry and a new line of pinecone jewelry this season.

On a hike last year, she encountered an abundance of dead white admiral butterflies. Ever the craftsperson, she collected them, brought them home, and researched what she could do with them. Make jewelry!

She begins the process by laminating the wings. This enables her to cut them to the shape she wants. Then she applies the clear resin to both sides. The next step is to convert the pieces to earrings and necklaces. In addition to the wings that she finds, Sandy buys wings from farms where the insects have lived out their short life spans. Particularly striking is a pendant to the right that she made from the parts of a Luna moth she found on her property. The butterflies and moths she uses have already died, having lived out their natural life cycle.

This beautiful necklace on the right is part of her line of pinecone jewelry. Her pinecone necklaces are made from a special pinecone that she buys. The cones are sliced on her bandsaw and where there are seeds, she removes them and substitutes pieces of turquoise. On some pieces, she adds an opal to the surface and then covers the whole piece with clear resin.

Sandy tells us she will be working on a new idea in the months to come. We'll watch for new pieces next summer!

Made in Hague will be open Saturdays and Sundays through October. There will be lots of new inventory for year-end gift shopping. So, be sure to stop in! ■



KUENZEL APPOINTED TO LGA BOARD

The Lake George Association (LGA) Board of Directors has appointed Ginger Henry Kuenzel of Hague to complete the term of former Board Member Robert Case, who passed away earlier this year.

"I am thrilled and honored to be asked to serve on the LGA Board, an organization that my family has been involved with and supported for many decades," Kuenzel said. "Over the past year, I have been privileged to serve on the LGA's Water Quality Programs Committee, which has enabled me to experience first-hand the exceptional commitment and expertise of the LGA staff and committee members," she added.



Carla Burhoe, president of the board of directors, said, "Ginger is an advocate for Lake George and is a good friend of Bob and Linda Case, and was the natural choice to fill his term. We welcome her insight and her assistance as we guide the efforts of the most experienced lake protection organization in the country."

"We are truly delighted to welcome Ginger to the LGA Board," said Walt Lender, executive director of the LGA. "She is a wealth of knowledge about Lake George with deep roots in the Hague community. She is a tireless advocate for water quality protection and a long-time member of the LGA."

"Fortunately, there is a lot that is already being done by the LGA and other groups to protect this incredible treasure for future generations," Ginger said. "But there is also so much more to be done and the LGA is leading the way through its hands-on projects and partnerships, citizen science, education, and awareness-building." ■

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

The Hague Chronicle will mail complimentary printed copies of our issues to our readers who are 90 or older and do not have Internet access. We are able to offer this service thanks to volunteer Claire Best, who does the monthly mailing. If you would like to be put on this mailing list, please send your request to: *The Hague Chronicle*, PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/22/2019

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, and Maureen Cherubini were present. Lindsay Mydlarz was absent.

CUOMO (43.17-1-10) 32 Springdale Manor (TRI)

The owners would like to replace a non-conforming one-story house with a new two-story house that will be more than a 25% increase in square footage and no more non-conforming than the original house. The application was approved with the condition that, as much as is practical, storm drainage is to go into the permeable area on the north side of the lot.

STRAUBEL (23.10-1-20) 34 Spring Lane (TRIR)

The owners would like to replace a deteriorating retaining wall with a new lower wall and install a new retaining wall within 50 feet of the mean high water mark of the lake. The board deemed the application complete and a site visit will be held. ■

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MTG. - 9/10/2019

This meeting was held at 5:30 pm to develop a plan of action regarding sewer law enforcement. Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald, Josh Patchett, and Steve Ramant were all present. Sewer Plant Operator Joe McDowell was also present.

Town law requires that all properties within the sewer districts be connected. Bast stated that in March of 2018, letters were sent to the 22 property owners who had not yet connected. In February of 2019, a first notice was sent and in March of 2019, a second notice was sent. Bast outlined the current situation:

Category 1 – Four properties have connected.

Category 2 – Six property owners have committed to hook-up by December 31, 2019.

Category 3 – Seven property owners plan to appeal for an extension.

Category 4 – Five property owners have not responded.

The board members agreed to divide the list of property owners in the last three categories and to contact them to find out where they are in the process. ■



TOWN BOARD - 9/10/2019

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

A moment of silence was held for Marietta Luberto and Art Klein.

Judy Stock asked when the dates would be set for the 2020 Budget Meeting. Frasier said the town board would set the dates at their October 3rd meeting.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committees except the following had nothing to report:

• Buildings and Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett -

Patchett said he was pleased to see the walkway to the community center had been repaired quickly after the August meeting.

• Highway: Ramant/Bast -

Deputy HWY Superintendent Matt Coffin stated the highway crew has been working on stormwater projects. He said the department needs two items. The board approved the requests for a new Sidebar Flail Mower for \$21,585 and a 2020 International Truck Chassis for \$58,078, both of which were in last year's budget.

• Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett -

Ramant reported that Burkum Plant Health treated 18 lots for Knotweed. He stated the town would need to plan more work for next year, as the project was more extensive than expected.

• Sewer District #1 and #2: Bast/Frasier -

Bast reported he has been working with the WWTP Operator Joe McDowell and the Budget Officer Diane Trudeau on the Sewer Budget for 2020. He also said that John Sheehan will be licensed by the end of the year and the board should re-evaluate his salary with these additional qualifications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Since the Hague water boundary extends to the east side of the lake, there were two requests from Putnam residents for buoys to be installed. The board approved one five mph buoy (rather than the two that were requested) between the shore of Royal Anchorage Estates and Rock Brothers Island and two five mph buoys (rather than the five that were requested) in the waters of Indian Bay at Huletts Landing.

The board reappointed David Martucci as Sole Assessor for the Town of Hague for another six-year term from October 1, 2019 to September 31, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was then a discussion about Cleanup Day, which began with Frasier thanking Ramant and Bast for their work in devising the new pilot plan and to the office staff

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TOWN BOARD - 9/10/2019

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for their help in sending Hague residents a letter from the supervisor and instructions on the new procedures.

Frasier noted that Cleanup Day policy changes were put place due to a past lack of compliance with the rules, which resulted in town financial losses. Questions were raised as to how the program had been administered, as well as the way costs were calculated.

Since it was stressed that this is a pilot plan, Patchett indicated he thought that until a final plan is established, it would have been fairer to the seniors to have their material picked up, as has been done in the past.

Ginger Kuenzel asked who would pay for the contractors' services. Frasier stated the contractors had offered to pick up one large item free of charge. If they want them to take additional items, residents should make those arrangements privately.

Written by Bobbi Bryant Taylor from the draft minutes taken by Interim Town Clerk Melissa Patchett and other submitted reports ■



Fall colors are coming! This photo was taken from Silver Bay in 2018!

PLANNING BOARD - 9/5/2019

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald II, Meg Haskell, Judy Gourley, Pam Peterson, and Dan Belden were present. There is one vacancy.

JACKSON (43.5-2-21)

24 Holman Hill Road (Hamlet)

The applicants are proposing a two-lot subdivision of a 1.29-acre parcel. If approved, Lot One will consist of 27,007 sq. ft. and Lot Two will consist of 24,829 sq. ft. (With off-site sewers, the required land area is 10,000 sq. ft. per principal dwelling in the Hamlet of Hague.) The board declined to approve the application until the owners get a clarification on an easement.

STRAUBEL (23.10-1-20)

34 Spring Lane (TRIR)

The owners would like to replace a deteriorating retaining wall with a new lower wall and install a new retaining wall within 50' of the Mean High Water (MHW) of the lake. The board made a recommendation for approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

JORDAN (25.4-1-33)

26 Sunset Hill Road (TRI)

The applicant is requesting a modification to an existing Site Plan Approval (10-6-16) so he can store an additional 25 boats on his property. A previous condition of approval noted: "To assure that no additional sprawl onto the abutting neighbor's property, a condition of approval is to have the applicant install four-foot high fencing along the perimeter of his property prior to placing boats and/or boat trailers on parcel #25.4-1-33." A public hearing on this new application will be held at the next meeting. ■

TOWN OF HAGUE ANNUAL FREE CLEANUP

Hague's Annual Free Cleanup will occur on September 19 and 20, 2019, as a pilot program. There has been an increasing and overwhelming lack of compliance with and abuse of the town's Annual Free Clean-up. Therefore, this year, the procedure has been modified to be fair to all residents and to be cost effective for the town. If this 2019 pilot procedure is violated this year, the town will cease the Annual Free Cleanup.

The major points of compliance are:

1. This service is limited to Town of Hague individual residences only; NO BUSINESSES
2. Utilization is controlled by a Cleanup Authorization Card, which will be issued by the town, one per residence.
3. Allowed volume per resident each year is limited to three yards (one standard-sized pickup truck load)
4. Pickup by the Highway Department is available only for physically disabled and handicapped residents.

5. Only "acceptable" items are allowed.

6. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. Advance registration must be completed by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in person, with proper resident identification, at the community center. Registrants will be issued a Cleanup Authorization Card. Registration is open weekdays between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

TOWN DUMP PROTOCOL - Registered town residents with a Cleanup Authorization Card may bring one standard-sized pickup truck load

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Why are changes necessary for the Annual Cleanup Day? The Town Administration under my leadership acknowledges that this year's changes are significant. The Town Board has given very serious consideration to this important Annual Cleanup Day service.

Your full attention to these relevant factors is warranted and requested.

- The Town of Hague is the only one out of 122 Adirondack towns that does not have a Town Tax.
- The Town is being tightly managed to stay within the budget increase of 2% or less per year.
- A recent NYS audit confirmed that Hague's finances, unlike some Adirondack towns, are well managed and properly cared for.
- Our Landfill is currently operating at a \$90,000 per year loss. Unfortunately Cleanup Day has added to that loss as six 40' containers that were used in last year's cleanup means a loss of revenue.
- As a Town Board we do not wish to impose a town tax to cover landfill expenses as many residents pay for their own curbside pickup.
- Thus this year's Cleanup protocol is deemed necessary to get the annual procedure back in control, efficient and cost effective. This includes but is not limited to specifically limiting the free volume to 3 cu. yds. per resident at the landfill and/or at roadside pickup. In the past this is where substantial abuse occurred—hoarding of excessive amounts until Cleanup Day, Town Highway having to make multiple trips on multiple days, as well as dumping after hours.

We implore everyone's cooperation because we believe all these changes are necessary for the best interest of all Town residents. We also have a fiduciary responsibility to get a handle on this. I have called other towns in the county and most do not do a cleanup day. We have worked hard to try to make this process run smoothly, including gaining specific help by several of our local companies for all our residents and with your cooperation I know it will.

Sincerely,

Edna A. Frasier

Town Supervisor



TOWN OF HAGUE ANNUAL FREE CLEANUP

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(three yards) to the Hague Town Dump on Thursday, September 19, 2019 or Friday, the 20th from 8 am to 1:30 pm. [NOTE – This is to the Hague Town Dump, not the Hague Town Highway Shed, as in the past.]

PICK-UP PROTOCOL - The Town of Hague Highway Department will do pickups for pre-registered Hague residents who are physically disabled/handicapped *only*. All items must be sorted and placed at the roadside prior to 6 pm on Wednesday, September 18th. Pickup will occur between 7 am and noon on Thursday, September 19th or on Friday, September 20th.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include, but are not limited to: white goods such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc., furniture such as chairs, sofas, rugs, mattresses, etc., and metal.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED include: recyclables, garbage, brush/leaves, construction materials, tires, propane tanks, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, TVs, or electronics.

The following companies will assist senior and physically disabled/handicapped residents who contact them directly: Adirondack Landscapes (518-570-7170), Belden Property Services (518-543-6504), and DeFranco Landscaping (518-543-6089). All Hague residents regardless of age, can ask these companies to pick up one large item (e.g., dryer, couch, large table, etc.) and take it to the dump. At pickup, residents must provide their Cleanup Authorization Cards that have been marked for one large item.

The dump is being monitored by security cameras and no dumping is allowed after designated hours. *Non-compliance with or abuse of these instructions may result in the discontinuation of an individual's privilege to participate in annual cleanup day or in the discontinuation of the entire town program.*

For answers to questions, call the community center at 518-543-6161. ■

SOUNDINGS

DIED: William T. McFeely, 78, of Silver Bay and York, PA on July 25, 2019, after a battle with lung cancer.



He majored in economics at Penn State Main Campus, where he was active in ROTC. He served in the Army Reserves for six years, where he was a Sergeant.

Bill was an avid golfer and a loyal and active member of First Presbyterian Church.

He started coming to Silver Bay YMCA in 1948 and served as an "emp" for three years in the early 1960s. He spent 71 consecutive summers at Silver Bay.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to landscape and fix things around the house. His humor brought joy to family and friends.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Anne; his sons, Sean (Amy) and Todd (Nicole); and four grandchildren:

Abbey, Rebecca, Fiona, and James. He is also survived by his sister, Vanetta McFeely Hunter; brothers-in-law Charles and Peter Wilhelm; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Helen Hughes Chapel at the Silver Bay YMCA, on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 3 pm. A reception will follow at the family home, Twin Oaks.

DIED: Arthur A. Klein, Jr., 89, of Hague and Sykesville, MD on September 1, 2019. Art died peacefully after a brief illness, with his wife, Marianna, at his side.

He was born on April 15, 1930 in Flushing, NY to Arthur A. Klein, Sr. and Virginia D. Klein, summer residents of Hague for more than 60 years.

Art graduated from Colby College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and worked as an insurance agent and real estate appraiser in New York City.

He and his family have a home on Lakeshore Drive in Hague, where they spend their summers. He was a photographer, avid foodie, and friend to everyone.

He was a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, the Ticonderoga Rotary Club, Ticonderoga Kiwanis, The Masons, and the Hague Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marianna, to whom he was married for 61 years; his daughters, Christine Quinn (John) and Susan Stone (Bruce), and his grandchildren, Bruce, Jr., Amy (Nick), Erik (Courtney) and Kelsey.

A memorial service was held for him at Valley View Cemetery in Ticonderoga on September 7, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Gertrude Raczkowski on her 98th birthday on October 4, 2019. Gertrude is presently the oldest resident of Hague. She is the mother of Christine Ianson and grandmother of Michael Ianson, both Hague residents. We wish her a very special Happy Birthday!

CORRECTION: Shirley Rose (Shattuck/Bly) Smith died on July 15, 2019, not May 15, 2019 as was reported in our August issue. ■

ROGERS ROCK AND MOSSY POINT GATES CLOSED

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) began closing the gates at the Rogers Rock and Mossy Point boat launches on September 6, 2019 to protect the lake from aquatic invasive species. The overnight closure will continue through October.

"NYSDEC and the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) are seeking to balance protecting the lake from aquatic invasive species and providing public access for boating," said Regional Director Bob Stegemann.

Stewards from the LGPC will be present when the launches are open to inspect boats, trailers, and equipment for the presence of aquatic invasive species and to educate boaters of the importance of adhering to the policy of "Clean, Drain, and Dry," which is described at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/92700.html.

The gates will open and close as follows:

Now through 9/20: 5 am – 8 pm
9/21 – 10/11: 6 am – 7 pm
10/12 – 10/31: 7 am – 6 pm

Boaters who do not get off the water in time can use callboxes that were provided by the FUND for Lake George to call DEC Emergency Dispatchers. They will provide instructions to open the gates.

The FUND commends the NYSDEC for taking another critical step in securing the strongest possible protection of the lake from aquatic invasive species. This closes a critical gap in the boat inspection program and will prevent uninspected and contaminated boats from entering our lake.

Hague Town Councilman Steve Ramant, who worked tirelessly on this issue, commented, "Credit for leadership on this issue needs to go to DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and his team, Deputy Commission of Natural Resources Judy Drabicki,

Regional Director Bob Stegemann, the LGPC, other non-profits serving the lake, and the following supervisors and mayors from around the lake:

Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier, Bolton Supervisor Ron Conover, Ticonderoga Supervisor Joe Giordano, Putnam Supervisor John LaPointe, Queensbury Supervisor John Strough, Fort Ann Supervisor Richard Moore, Lake George Supervisor Dennis Dickinson, Lake George Village Mayor Robert Blais, FUND for Lake George Director Eric Siy, Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board Member Fred Monroe, Lake George Park Commission Director Dave Wick, and Lake George Park Commission Operations Supervisor Roger Smith. Their understanding of how important the lake is to all of us and their commitment to helping to preserve it for the future was key." ■

NATURALLY SPEAKING & WATER QUALITY MATTERS

A SPECIAL REPORT

by *Connie Smith and Mike Strutz*

Oh, the shame of it! We all try to do the right things in life to make the world a better place, but my husband and I just found out we have an invasive species in our property and you may too! Here's the scoop.

Scientists tell us that the native earthworms in North America were eradicated by glaciers from the last Ice Age and that they were later brought back to our continent by European settlers. Those are the worms we are accustomed to seeing in our soil and the ones my husband uses when fishing. So, that was the type of worm he expected to see when he was raking leaves on the north side of our house.

Instead, he noticed worms just under the leaf layer that were very active, had a dryer skin, and just looked different than the night crawlers he used as bait. "No big deal," he said.

The next day our son came for his summer visit and a story popped up on his cell phone about jumping worms. "What! Are you kidding me?" we thought.

The *Chicago Tribune's* front page article was about jumping worms! It said that in Chicago, the species is basically everywhere!

The Alabama jumping worm, aka snake worm, Asian worm, crazy snake worm, or *Amyntas agrestis*, to be exact, originated in Japan and on the Korean Peninsula. These invasive worms have an effect on the "nutrient cycles in temperate forests," according to Wikipedia.

These jumping worms don't actually jump, but they are very active and move in a snake-like motion, hence their nicknames. They grow more rapidly, reproduce more quickly, and have greater flexibility in their diet than other species. These jumping worms can also exist at higher densities than European earthworms, like the common night crawler, which is also non-native. It is thought that these characteristics may allow jumping worms to outcompete their competitors. They can consume organic matter more rapidly, stripping

the soil of organic matter and temporarily flooding the system with nutrients. Northeastern forests evolved under the slow decomposition and release of nutrients. It is still unclear how the forests and soil will respond to the rapid breakdown of organic matter.



One tell-tale indication that there are jumping worms on your property is the coffee ground-like surface soil the worms leave behind. The soil is granular in appearance and increases the porosity of the soil, but I'll leave the truly scientific facts for my husband to relate to you.

According to Mike, "Right, my first thought was, these will be great for fishing! I can pick a dozen in no time!"

Coincidental to this discovery, it was the same week as the invasives meeting at the Hague Community Center. I brought some worms in and no one knew anything about them. Two days later I

took them to the Department of Environmental Conservation office in Warrensburg and they confirmed their identity as jumping worms.

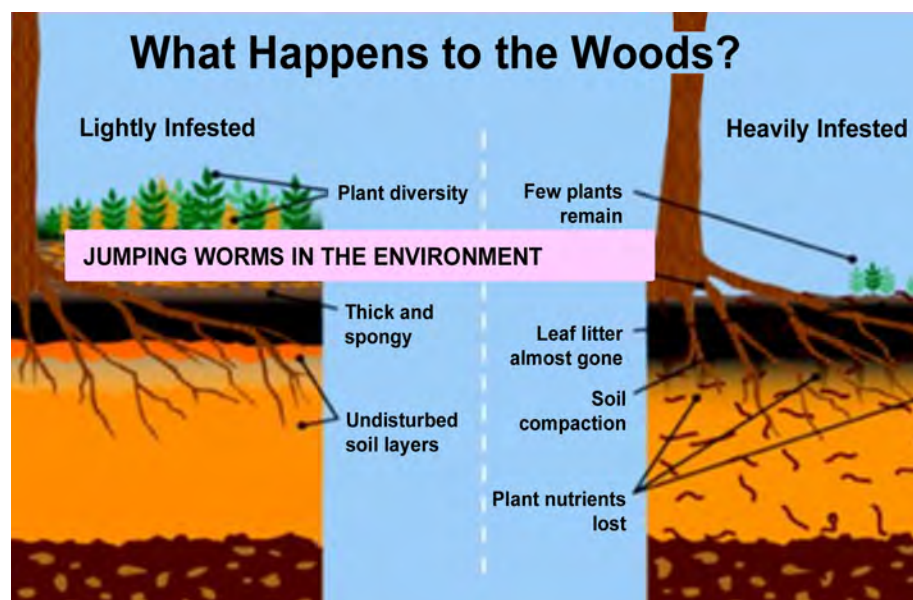
From a water quality perspective, the concerns are erosion from the rapid consumption of the organic layer on top of the soil and nutrient penetration into the groundwater and surface waters. The science is relatively new on this topic and I have not found a definitive study that links jumping worms to water quality issues. It's something to watch for in the future.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources published the diagram below that depicts what happens in the forest due to jumping worms.

According to Cornell University, there are currently no control methods and the best thing you can do is to prevent the spread by:

- Do not buy or use jumping worms for bait, vermicomposting, or gardening.
- Only sell, purchase, or trade compost that was heated to appropriate temperatures and durations following protocols for reducing pathogens.
- Clean compost, soil, and debris from vehicles, personal gear, equipment, and gardening tools before moving to and from sites.
- Check your property for earthworms by using a mustard pour (it won't harm plants). Mix a gallon of water with

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INVASIVE SPECIES

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However, continued monitoring is essential to protect our forests, as hemlock trees cover approximately eighty percent of the Adirondack Park.

The second presenter, Marin Alexander of Warren County Soils & Water, discussed invasive species affecting the riparian corridors of the region. Riparian habitats, including wetlands and the fringes of lakes and streams, are known to be the most ecologically-productive and biodiverse landscape on earth. Alexander's presentation covered the following threats to the Adirondack's riparian corridors:

Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), commonly referred to as "Phragmites," has been in the Adirondacks for the last ten years and can be seen along both the Northway median and our local roads. Phragmites take root in wetlands and shallow waters, completely pushing out other species.

Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is currently in bloom (late July and August). Its purple-spiked flowers can be spotted in ditch lines throughout the region. Although pretty to the eye, it is one of the most aggressive invaders of our wetlands and extremely damaging to riparian ecosystems. Currently, New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is introducing three different species of beetles to help control the spread of this plant.

Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), a European native, was brought to the United States as an ornamental erosion-control method. Hague naturalist, David DeFranco, noted that it was originally sold in the Sears Roebuck catalog in the 1920's for homeowners to purchase. It has hollow stems and shallow roots and is easily washed downstream, establishing colonies wherever it lands. Reaching ten to fifteen feet, it shades out most native plants of the riparian understory, impacting the health of the stream and its fish habitats.

Both mechanical and chemical methods can be used to mitigate the spread of invasive species encroaching on our riparian corridors. Chemical



Eurasian Watermilfoil

herbicide application may be required for absolute eradication of some of these plants from the environment. A person licensed in pesticide application should be used in many of these incidences.

The final presenter was Bob Bombard of Warren County Soil & Water, who covered aquatic invasive species. His thirteen years of experience eradicating aquatic invasive species led to an insightful presentation on Watermilfoil and other invaders of our Adirondack waters.

Native aquatic plants provide our waterbodies with oxygen, enhancing the biodiversity and overall health of the lake. Aquatic invaders pose a major threat to the native aquatic life in our waters, as they push their way in and smother existing vegetation.

Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) was first found in Lake George in 1986 by Larry Eichler of the Darrin Freshwater Institute.

It grows three to four inches a day in 55-degree water and can reach eight-feet-tall by the end of June.

Although still a problem here at Lake George, Bombard pointed out that due to the lake's small littoral zone (shallow shoreline areas), Watermilfoil has less area to grow than in shallower lakes such as Brant Lake and Saratoga Lake, where they are experiencing much larger problems with this invader.

Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*) was found in Dunham's Bay on Lake

George. Although full eradication from there has been successful, continued monitoring is vital.

Brazilian Elodea (*Egeria densa*) and Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) are two aquatic plants yet to make their way to the Adirondacks, but have the potential to create major problems in our lakes and waterbodies.

Hydrilla has been located in New Jersey and there is fear of its spreading up the Hudson River. ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING & WATER QUALITY MATTERS

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one-third cup of ground yellow mustard seed and pour it slowly into the soil. This will drive any worms to the surface. If you have jumping worms, report it at www.iMapInvasives.org and avoid moving plants or soil from your yard.

- Be careful when sharing and moving plants. Always check for worms and know where your plantings come from. Buy bare root stock when possible.
- Dispose of all live worms in the trash or place them in a bag and leave out in the sun for at least ten minutes. Then, throw the bag away.

The good news is I have not seen any negative effects on our property. The plants in the garden are healthy and our forest is unchanged so far. Could be we only have a light infestation at this point. We'll keep you posted.

For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me, Mike Strutz. ▣

NEW PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Hudson Headwaters Health Network is adding a new primary care physician and two nurse practitioners to its primary care providers at Ticonderoga Health Center.



Dr. Kristin Mack

Dr. Kristin Mack and Nurse Practitioners Elizabeth Anderson and Nicholas Montello will be at Ticonderoga Health Center on Racetrack Road.

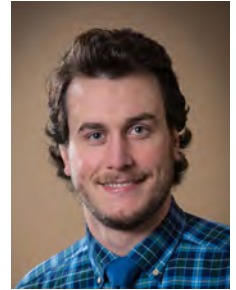
Dr. Mack holds a Bachelor of Science in molecular and cellular biology from Vanderbilt University, along with a Master of Science in Immunology and Microbiology from University of Cincinnati. She attended medical school at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. She brings extensive experience in family medicine, women's health, rural and community-based care, telehealth, home visits, palliative care, and treatment for opiate use disorder.

Nurse Practitioner Nicholas Montello received a bachelor's degree in biology from Middlebury College before enrolling at University of Vermont, where he received his doctorate in nursing. He has worked as an RN, volunteer EMT, and residential care assistant at a local assisted living and memory care center, providing important perspective regarding various patient needs.

Nurse Practitioner Elizabeth (Ellie) Anderson received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Rockhurst University in Kansas before continuing her studies at the University of Vermont, where she received her doctorate in nursing. Her recent work at an outpatient addiction treatment center, primary care offices, a youth summer camp, and a VA medical center provide experiences working with patients with various health care needs.

Another recent addition to the team at Ticonderoga Family Health is Family Nurse Practitioner Loren Allen, who joined the practice earlier this year. Allen offers an extensive and varied background in nursing, having worked in emergency departments, behavioral health units, home care agencies, and

orthopedic departments. Allen received his BS in Psychology from SUNY Buffalo before continuing his education in nursing.



Loren Allen

According to CEO of Hudson Headwaters Tucker Slingerland, MD, the addition of new providers in Ticonderoga in recent months will help to ensure that local residents and visitors to the region will have access to important primary care services nearby.

"We are excited to welcome these health care providers who will be caring for our community members, ensuring that patients are able to access the primary care that they need," he commented.

Each of these providers is accepting new patients.

Contact Ticonderoga Health Center at 518-585-6708 for additional information or to schedule an appointment. ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Pat McDonough

Hague has an abundance of interesting history. How do you learn about it? Well, let me ask you: How many times have you gone to The Hague Market and walked right past this sign? I know I have! My suggestion is that you stop and read the Hague Historical Society's Walking Tour plaque, which is affixed to the door at the left of the building.



There are three other such plaques in the downtown area. You can find them at the Firehouse Restaurant building, the Uptown building, and the Allison V. Craig Real Estate building. Each of these has a thoroughly-researched plaque that includes the history and photographs.

Signs for the three churches in Hague have been completed and are ready for placement. A walking tour tri-fold brochure will soon be available at The Hague Market.

Even without the brochure, if you find history interesting, I encourage you to meander along Route 8 to see the plaques and learn more of Hague's fascinating past. ▣



TICONDEROGA FALLFEST



The 2nd Annual Ticonderoga FallFest will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 with a variety of fall-themed events for all ages, kids and family activities, business promotions and specials, and more. Many of the activities scheduled are free. For more information visit www.timainstreet.org, www.ticonderogany.com, or call 518-585-6619. ▣

TI'COUSTICS

Ti'Coustics, which are twice-a-month shows featuring guitar music from local musicians, will be held from 7 – 9 pm (please note the time change) on each of the following Wednesdays: September 18, 2019, October 2nd, and October 16th.

The shows are at the American Legion in Ticonderoga. The September 18th show will feature Ed Raquet, the Hague trio of Lance Clark, Bob Offerman, and Mark Tyburski, and Dan Kirsner and Joanne Lake (the "Nashville Performers"). The show on October 2nd will include Jim Hock, Terry Carpenter, and Joe Vilardo. The performers for the October 16th show are yet to be determined. ▣

FREE MOVIE AT HANCOCK HOUSE

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will host its last free movie night of 2019 on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7 pm at the Hancock House. The film will be *Some Like It Hot*, marking the 60th anniversary of this classic comedy starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, and Tony Curtis.

It is about two jazz musicians who witness a gangland shooting in 1929 and dress in drag to escape. This film is considered among the top comedic films ever produced. It received six Academy Award nominations, including Best Actor, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.



Reservations are not necessary, but seats may be reserved by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ▣

CHORALE REHEARSALS

As of September 10, 2019, the Champlain Valley Chorale resumed weekly rehearsals in preparation for its Christmas concerts. The rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga.

New singers are welcome. Contact Bob Elling at 518-585-2173. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Corn Maze by Moonlight will be on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, 2019. Visitors can explore the six-acre corn maze using their own flashlights as guides and under the light of the full moon and crisp October air.

The cost is \$10 per person; tickets are available at the door. The admissions booth and the maze open at 7 pm, the last ticket will be sold at 9 pm, and the maze closes at 10 pm.

In September and October, the maze will be open for group visits on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am until 2 pm. Group tours require advanced registration. Call 518-585-1023 or email rwiktorko@fort-ticonderoga.org.

Rare Native American artifacts will be on display at Fort Ticonderoga in the exhibition "The Art of Resistance: Selections from the Robert N. Nittolo Collection" only through October. These items have never been put on view before and this is considered the most significant private collection of 18th century militaria.

Objects include a rare Native American bag with ornamentation known as "quillwork" and a war club, which represents the distinctive martial material culture of Native Americans in the late 18th century. These items stand as a reminder of the significant place Native Americans held in the conflicts that shaped North American history. ▣

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A roast beef dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, September 27, 2019, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple in Ticonderoga.

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. ▣

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CALENDAR

Sept 2019

SEPTEMBER

17	Deadline to pre-register for Hague Free Cleanup
18 7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at American Legion
19 – 20	Hague Free Cleanup
19 noon	Carillon Garden Club Luncheon and Meeting at Hague CC
	Senior Club Snowbird Dinner
21 2 pm	Memorial Service for Shirley Smith at the Hague Baptist Church
24 1:30 pm	Senior Club Meeting at Hague CC
26 7 pm	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
27 4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star Roast Beef Dinner
28	Ti FallFest

OCTOBER

2 7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at American Legion
3 7 pm	PLANNING BOARD
4 7 pm	<i>Some Like it Hot</i> at the Hancock House
7	Deadline for October issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
8 6 pm	TOWN BOARD
12 9 am	Second Annual Craft Fair and Town-Wide Garage Sale
14	Town Offices closed
16 7 – 9 pm	Ti'Coustics at American Legion
16	Latest October issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> will be sent

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

September 2 through June 30: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday: CLOSED