

ATTENTION TOWN PARK USERS

The available parking at the Town Park and free use of the boat launch is for residents but you must have a Town multi-use sticker displayed. Please get your sticker at the Community Center and DISPLAY it when you use these facilities. Councilman Steve Ramant notes that any issues of residence can be avoided if these regulations are followed.

ROTARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George held its 16th anniversary changeover breakfast on June 26, 2012 at the Silver Bay Boathouse. Susan McTyier was welcomed as a new member; community awards were given to Jeremy Treadway, a Ticonderoga businessman, and Judy Stock, Editor of *The Hague Chronicle*; and an award for distinguished service by a Rotarian went to Walter Thorne. Bill Knauss was cited for his forty years as a Rotarian.

The officers elected for 2012 – 2013 were Beth Barton Navitsky, President; Diane Dickson, President-elect; Past President Chip Devenger, minutes and pianist; John Barber, Secretary; Bob Johnson, Assistant Secretary; Dave Cornell, Treasurer; Bob Whitaker, Assistant Treasurer; Stan Burdick, Public Relations and Historian; Carolyn Close, Silver Bay liaison; and Walter Hartl, Sargeant-at-Arms.



Stan Burdick, Chip Devenger, Susan McTyier, Carolyn Close, Beth Barton Navitsky, Bob Whitaker, Diane Dickson, Walter Hartl, Bill Knauss

SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS MEET

The annual meeting of the Property Owners of Silver Bay will be held on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 1 pm in Watson on the Silver Bay campus. There will be a brief business meeting and reports from various speakers, followed by refreshments.



HALM AND SHARP HONORED BY WIAWAKA



photo by Pat McDonough

Gale and Jules Halm, Mark Frost, Mary and Richard Sharp

Gale Halm and Mary Sharp, both of Silver Bay, were honored by Wiawaka with the Ladies of the Lake Preservation Award at a luncheon on June 25, 2012. As authors of *Lake George Images of America*, they were cited for their significant contributions to increasing visibility of Lake George. The program included an interesting conversation between the authors and Mark Frost of *The Chronicle* in Glens Falls about their research and writing of the book.

Wiawaka is the oldest and longest continuously operating retreat for women in America. It was created by and for women in 1903. For more information see <www.wiawaka.org>.

CLEAR CUT LOGGING OFF NEW HAGUE ROAD

A Town permit was issued in June 2011 for a logging operation off New Hague Road. No permits were obtained from any other agency. It has recently come to light that about 20 acres of land have been clear cut, roads created over wetlands, and logging debris piled up. The owner, DB Partners, has been cited with several violations from various agencies – APA, DEC and LGPC.

A special permit is needed from the DEC for any operation which disturbs over an acre of land; the APA must approve any wetland disturbance; and the LGPC must approve stormwater management programs for land disturbance over 5000 sq. ft.

The Warren County Soil and Water agency (WCSWCD) has been contracted with DB Partners to help with the necessary remediation. It remains to be seen what, if any, fines will be assessed for these violations.

SENIOR NEWS

Our outing last month was to Pottersville to see Railroads on Display – an amazing exhibit of model railroads and one worth visiting. (For more information see their website at <www.railroadsonparade.com>.) We had lunch at Susie Q's and all who went really enjoyed the day.

We had a meeting and luncheon at the Community Center in June which was our Thank You to the Seniors for all their efforts with the parade and Senior View Café. Our latest outing was dinner, shopping and the rodeo in Schroon Lake.

We have a big trip coming up on August 9, 2012 for a boat ride on the Hudson followed by lunch at Dove's Inn.

As you can see, we are a busy club and invite all those 50 plus to join us for some fun. For additional information call 543-6502. ... Pat Hintze

HAGUE RESIDENTS URGED TO JOIN CLEANUP



Trash collected in Hague at the 2011 Lake Clean Up Day

Chris Navitsky, the Lake George Waterkeeper, is urging residents of Hague to join in the second annual "Keep the Queen Clean - A Lake Wide Cleanup of Lake George" event. People around the Lake will work on cleaning up trash pollution on Saturday, August 4, 2012.

If you want to participate, you need to register online indicating where you will be collecting trash - i.e. in front of your property, along the shoreline of a particular beach, or in an area such as from Sabbath Day Point to Snug Harbor. The website information and registration will be available after July 23rd on <www.lakegeorgewaterkeeper.org>.

Chris is recommending a sweep of the area north and south of the Town Beach. After registration, trash bags will be available at the Community Center and will be dropped off there on that Saturday afternoon. If you want more information and to help with the Hague area clean-up, please contact Chris at the Waterkeeper office, 668-5913 x301 or email at <cnavitsky@lakegeorgewaterkeeper.org>.

HAGUE FIREMEN TO HOST ANNUAL STEAK ROAST

The annual Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) Steak Roast is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2012 starting at 3 pm at the firehouse. It will consist of the usual choice strip steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, cole slaw, rolls and dessert as well as beer, soda, hot dogs and hamburgers. Steamed clams will be available for \$6. There will be raffles and music by our own famous DJ Service. A good time should be had by all. This event is a major fund raiser for the department, so we urge that the greater community come out and show us your support.

In June there were 18 Fire calls using 211 man hours, and 12 EMS calls using 405 man hours. Radio and siren tests occurred on July 10, and there have been several training drills for Fire and EMS on the Fire/Rescue Boat. EMS schedules have been posted for July and the E5 squad is now running seven days a week.

The Summer BBQ season is now in full swing, so please use due caution when operating your gas or charcoal grill. Either one can quickly become a dangerous appliance if not used properly.

If you would like to join the HVFD, our next meeting is Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7 pm. Talk to any member for details.

HVFD, making house calls since 1948! ... Joe McCranels

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)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)
- 1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out by volunteers on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of each month. The News deadline is five days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to the Publisher, Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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TRASH TALK

By Ginger Kuenzel

People who live in urban areas – and I used to be one of them – put their trash out by the street and it miraculously disappears. Since moving back to Hague year round, I now have to make my trash disappear myself – by taking it to the dump.

Actually, it's no longer known as the dump. It's now the transfer station. When I was a kid, the dump was a place up a dirt road up past where the fire department is now. There, you could dump anything. In those days, we kids would pile into the back of our faded old red Ford pickup truck, settling in next to the garbage cans, and head for the dump -- with Jamie Fitzgerald, who also delivered our mail, at the wheel. On hot days, the smell was particularly pungent, but we didn't care. This was our weekly excitement. Nowadays, of course, it's illegal to put kids in the back of an open truck. But back then, there was very little that was illegal – including dumping all sorts of toxic waste.

At some point in the 60s, the town decided to abandon this dump and move the site further up the mountain. Or, more likely, they were told by the state that they needed to clean up their act. A new location was selected, with a spectacular panoramic view stretching across multiple mountain ranges, and a gated access road called Valley View Lane. No longer could you dump at any hour and any day. There were specific opening times and restrictions on what you could and couldn't dump. And... we suddenly had to pay to get rid of our trash.

With all these upgrades, it could, of course, no longer be referred to as the dump. It became the Sanitary Landfill. The concept was only slightly more environmentally correct. In principle, you weren't supposed to deposit things like old oil from your car, paint thinner, refrigerators, tires and the like. But if you were friendly with the attendant, you could throw pretty much anything over the bank into the huge hole in the side of the mountain. When the hole got full, a backhoe pushed mounds of dirt over it and then dug a new hole.

There was a large shiny metal shed and an attendant. Over the years, the shed filled up with items that people no longer wanted but couldn't bear to throw away: hundreds of books (and the bookshelves to put them on), chairs, tables, lamps, barbecue grills, garden furniture, toys. The list goes on. A trip to the dump – which is what I will forever call it – was more like a trip to a second-hand store where everything was free.

When the state decided that sanitary landfills were not really all that sanitary, they mandated that they be converted to transfer stations. When they fill up, a big truck comes along and transfers the trash somewhere else.

I still look forward to my trips to the dump – though it's no longer in the back of a pickup truck. When you live in a small town, it's also the small things that make you happy – like ice cube trays that are full and trash cans that are empty. The latter can be particularly crucial when children in diapers are visiting or you serve up a huge lobster dinner. Both of these occurred at once recently. And believe me, even the raccoons weren't interested in my trash that week!

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Paul Belden, plant operator, reports, “Our average flow for June 2012 was up 23% from June 2011 and was 96% higher than the five year average (2007-2011). We set a new record high flow day of 73,870 gallons on July 8.

Please remember, if you have a sewer pump, the power needs to be left on all year round to prevent damage to the pump.

Also a reminder that sump pumps are among the items NOT allowed to be connected to the sewer system as per sewer law section 601. That section states, “No connections shall be made to a sanitary or to a combined sewer which connections are intended to discharge inflow. Such prohibited connections include, but are not limited to, footing drains, roof leaders, roof drains, cellar drains, sump pumps, catch basins, uncontaminated cooling water discharges or other sources of inflow.”

NEW PRICES AT TRANSFER STATION

As of August 1, 2012 new prices will be in effect at the Hague Transfer Station under the agreement between the Town and Casella Waste Management. At the venue there is a large building for garbage bags and areas for flattened cardboard, C & D (construction and demolition), metals, yard waste and recycling. The new prices are as follows: 15, 30 and 50 gallon garbage bags are \$3.25, \$5 and \$8 respectively; C & D is \$70 per yard, metal is \$20 per yard; yard waste is \$40 per yard; furniture and appliances are priced by individual piece. A cubic yard equals seven 30 gallon bags.

There is no charge for recyclables of any amount as long as garbage is also being deposited. Otherwise the charge is \$1 per bag. There is no charge for E-waste (computers, stereo and other electronic related devices). Tires are \$7 each.

Some examples of items a non-commercial user might deposit in C & D are wood picture frames, small bits of wood, an old wooden trunk, broken ceramic ware and large broken glass. Packaging (peanuts, bubble wrap) and small batteries go into the garbage; a metal toaster, metal file cabinet or any item predominately metal go into the metals container; books (both hard and soft cover) and non-returnable bottles go into the recycling containers.

A complete list of prices, along with the hours of operations, should be available both at the Community Center and the Transfer Station.

REMEMBER TO GET NEEDED PERMITS

Cathy Clark, Hague ZEO, noted that she has had to issue recent violations for fences. Residents are reminded that permits are needed for fences and decks among others. Check with ZEO Clark before starting any building projects to make sure you are in compliance.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 7/10/2012

Supervisor Frasier and board members Fitzgerald, Martucci, Meola and Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Frederick Lance Spreeman, Joe Martucci, Shirley Weisgerber, Jim Andes and Ruth Kiligas.

The Board had convened earlier to meet with Elan planners. The original bids for enhancements to the parking lots and boat dock came in over what was anticipated. Elan's recommendation to go with the low bidder, and then negotiate the price down by eliminating some of the requirements, was approved.

Judy Stock mentioned that Silver Bay was hosting an E-Waste Disposal Day. Supervisor Frasier noted that those electronic items can also go to the Transfer Station for free where they are wrapped and sent on for recycling.

Bruce Clark asked again about the difference in fees for the two sewer districts and how repairs would be allocated. Supervisor Frasier said she would send the information to him. Bruce also suggested considering a change in cable companies.

Committee Reports:

Buildings – Councilman Fitzgerald discussed various maintenance issues and suggested that they look into having one company service all the buildings.

Insurance – Councilman Meola asked about written assurance of the insurance coverage for the Oktoberfest Committee. Supervisor Frasier will check on it.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Don Smith noted that they had assisted with the Triathlon and had paved Shamrock Hill Road which completes their paving for the year. On the Town Clean Up Day he said the Department collected 140 yards of non-process items and 30 yards of metal.

Comprehensive Plan Revision - Supervisor Frasier reported that she has appointed the following people to this committee: Robert Goetsch, Graham Bailey, Dan Belden, Peter Belden, Pam Bresett, David Dunn, Bruce Rust, Donna Wotton, Ken Schultz, Dick Frasier and Cathy Clark. The committee will only be looking at the first part of the plan dealing with business.

Other business:

The Board accepted the resignation of William Pittman from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regrets. This vacancy still needs to be filled.

Supervisor Frasier issued a public apology to Karl Van Wirt on the way his application for the Zoning Board of Appeals was handled. She noted that he is a compassionate and community-minded person who volunteers for several local programs including Meals on Wheels.

Supervisor Frasier noted that her update for June/July is available in the lobby and on the Town website. She has included several items of business from the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 6/28/12

Chairman Robert Goetsch, Jon Hanna, Lindsay Mydlarz, Ray Snyder, Christopher Navitsky and Maureen Cherubini were all in attendance. Bill Pittman has resigned so there is a vacancy.

RYTHER (93.19-1-2) 7796 Lakeshore Drive (RC) VAR 05-12

The Board denied a variance to place an 8' x 8' shed on the property. The percent of coverage of their lot is currently 51 % and the shed would make the percentage of coverage 53% in a Resource Conservation area which has a maximum lot coverage of 5%.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-37) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

The Board approved an after-the-fact application reversing a condition of a 2000 variance and approved a new variance for the construction of a basement apartment with the conditions that no future after-the-fact variances will be approved by the ZBA on this lot and the owners must satisfy the LGPC for the installation of stormwater prevention measures needed for this building. The Board also reversed their 2000 condition for the removal of a building with the condition that it must only be used as an employee break room.

PLANNING BOARD – 7/12/12

Chairman EJ Siwek, Pam Peterson, Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Mike Cherubini, Bruce Clark and Bob Whitaker were all present.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-44) 9 Overlook Lane (Hamlet) SP 04-12

A public hearing was continued on the application for an after-the-fact approval for a house used as a tourist accommodation. There were no comments and the hearing was adjourned to next month.

The Board said that this property is still under an order from the DOH to provide proper water. The owners were planning to have a well dug in September but agreed to contact the driller to have it done as soon as possible.

Apparently no further action will be taken on this application until the water issue has been corrected.

QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Drive (TR1) SP 05-12 VAR 06-12

The applicant is applying for a permanent ramp that will go from the parking area of their property to the second story of their house. The Board made a referral to the ZBA to approve the application.

The Planning Board will wait until new plans are submitted before making a determination on the application.

Chairman EJ Siwek announced that he will soon be resigning his membership on the Planning Board due to travel requirements with his new job.

HAPPENINGS IN THE GALLERY

The August 2012 line up for artists at the Gallery at Hague Creek is Andrew Thompson and Mary North from August 3 – 9, Rich Stout and Vicky Stewart from August 10 – 16, and Cris Shakeshaft from August 17 – 22.

CONCERT AT GRACE CHAPEL IN AUGUST

On Saturday, August 18, 2012, the Prometheus Brass Quartet will perform at 7:30 pm. The program will include a mix of popular and light classical music, with works by Duke Ellington, John Philip Sousa, and others, and is sure to be fun for all ages. The group, made up of professional musicians from New York City, is led by Silver Bay resident Sandy Coffin on trumpet.

Come enjoy the wonderful acoustics and physical beauty of Grace Chapel on Sabbath Day Point. Donations will be accepted at the door. All funds will be used for the maintenance and preservation of this historic site.

LAKE PLACID SINFONIETTA IN TI

On Friday, August 3, 2012, the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance, in partnership with the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, will be hosting a concert by the Lake Placid Sinfonietta at 7 pm at St. Mary's Church. The Sinfonietta is the longest standing orchestra in the Adirondacks, approaching 100 years. It contains 20 superb musicians performing under Music Director Ron Spigelman. This enchanting musical evening is free and open to the public as the Alliance and its partners continue to engage the public in various cultural arts initiatives.

YOGA CLASSES EXPAND

Yoga has become so popular that classes at the new Ananda Yoga center located in the Gallery at Hague Creek have been expanded from three mornings (9:30 am) a week to daily classes (Mon - Sat). In addition, since many residents who have never tried yoga have expressed an interest in learning what it's all about, new beginner classes are being held every Monday and Wednesday at noon in the gallery. Men's night and Thursday evening classes will be held at 6 pm.

For further information or fees contact instructor Donna Levenstien <donnaajlev@gmail.com>.

CCE SEEKING BOOK DONATIONS

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is seeking donations of children's books for the Warren County Rural Heritage Festival and Youth Fair's Reading Room to be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012. Each year the Reading Room is stocked with new and gently used books donated by the community for children attending the fair to take home for their summer reading enjoyment. Donations of gently used or new children's books will be collected until August 1st and can be dropped off at the CCE Center, 377 Schroon River Road in Warrensburg. For more information, contact Roxanne Westcott at 668-4881.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

The "Music in the Park" series of concerts will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm at the Hague Town Park. In case of inclement weather, performances will be held in the Hague Community Center.

July 25 STAN BURDICK SQUARE DANCING
Square and Folk dancing in the Park.

August 1 BOB STUMP & THE BLUE MT BAND
Original Bluegrass, American Country and Folk Music

August 8 NICK HUMPHREY
Singer Entertainer

August 15 JABEZ POND BAND
Men's vocal trio perform a mix of Bluegrass, Gospel and Kingston Trio favorites

August 22 MICHAEL VASSALLO W/THE HAGUE TRIO
Standard songs and romantic melodies with a light jazz treatment

JOHN COSTELLO MEMORIAL COFFEEHOUSE

The 9th annual Flippancy Fest will be held on Friday, July 27, 2012 from 6:30 - 9 pm in the Hague Park (or Community Center). This year's Coffeehouse organizer and scholarship recipient is Nadia Stefanik, a second year Silver Bay Emp from Manhattan. Nadia has studied music and PE and attended Mannes College Prep, Hunter College HS and recently graduated from Springfield College. She sings and plays classical guitar.

The scholarship, a life enrichment award, is given annually through Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks in memory of John Costello. John, a Hague native, passed away after a tragic accident in the summer of 2003. He loved music and good times with friends.

Flippancy Fest is a fun evening of sharing talents and memories. Attendance is free with donations accepted. If you wish to participate as a performer, please contact Nadia at <nadia.stefanik@gmail.com> or Karen Costello at 543-6590. Please join us!

T'AI CHI CONTINUES

T'ai Chi, "Meditation in Motion", will continue at the Community Center on Mondays from 10 – 11 am through August 20, 2012 and walk-ins are welcome. Instructor Mae Pagan also teaches T'ai Chi on the Silver Bay campus. For additional information and fees please contact Mae at 543-6605 or <returntomountain@yahoo.com>.

LEARNING IN FORT TI'S KING'S GARDEN

The King's Garden is alive with an amazing variety of trees, shrubs, flowering plants and vegetables all displayed in a tranquil setting that encourages relaxation and exploration. A variety of learning opportunities is available this summer for adults and children. A new program highlighting vegetable gardening at the Fort is featured July 23 through August 10. The history and care of the bearded iris will be held from August 13 – 31. The programs are on-going from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

The King's Garden is open through Columbus Day from 9:30 am – 5 pm daily and is included with Fort admission. For information on these and other programs, you may call 585-2821.

“DEFIANCE & INDEPENDENCE ” BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT

Join Fort Ticonderoga for a two-day battle re-enactment highlighting the climatic summer of 1777 as the Fort's American garrison was outflanked by a British invasion force descending from Canada. The event takes place Saturday and Sunday, July 21 - 22, 2012 from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Highlighted programming featured throughout the weekend brings to life the surprising American retreat and British capture of Fort Ticonderoga in early July 1777 .

Admission to “Defiance & Independence” is included with Fort Ticonderoga's general admission ticket. For a complete event schedule and more information please visit <www.fortticonderoga.org/learn/re-enactors/defiance-independence> or call 518-585-2821.

FORT TICONDEROGA'S GHOSTLY PAST

Explore the unexplained past at Fort Ticonderoga during Garrison Ghost Tours offered on Friday nights through August. The tours, which begin at 8 pm, highlight Fort Ticonderoga's haunted history and recount stories featured on Syfy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*. The tour is recommended for guests 10 years and older. Tickets are \$35 per person and advanced reservations are required. For details call 518-585-2821 or visit <www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/what-to-see/living_history/evening>

FOURTH ANNUAL STREETFEST IN TI

Ticonderoga's Streetfest will be held Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm. Streetfest, an annual community celebration of arts and crafts, shopping, food, fun, entertainment, and family activities to bring people to Ticonderoga's historic Montcalm Street district, is a “must do” event for area residents and visitors alike.

Featured entertainment includes the Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps led by Mike Edson who will again kick off the event at 10 am marching down Montcalm Street. There will be other featured music groups, Penelope the Clown, All 'Bout Critters and additional activities. Montcalm Street between Lake George and Champlain Avenues, the downtown area of Ticonderoga, will be closed to traffic from 8 am to 5 pm.

FESTIVAL GUILD PLANS PARTY

President Casey Skahan of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild has chosen Emerald's Restaurant as the site for the President's Party on July 24, 2012. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. This year's theme is Irish, and following the dinner, Tom O'Carroll will present the program. The event is open to the public and the all-inclusive price for dinner, door prizes and entertainment is \$28 per person. Tickets and reservations are now available from board members or by calling the Guild office at 585-7015.

Tom O'Carroll, a Dublin-born folklorist, folk-singer and instrumentalist, will bring a wealth of stories, humor, wit, music and history to his performance. He has played all over the U.S. and Canada, in his native Ireland, and in Seoul, South Korea. He is sure to delight the audience with his lively program of Irish culture.

For information about any Ticonderoga Festival Guild programs or about membership, call the executive director, Cathie Burdick, 585-7015.

ARTS TREK CELEBRATES THIRTY YEARS

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild is celebrating thirty years of the Arts Trek programs for children. On July 25, 2012, Debbie O'Carroll will bring the “Magic of Fitness” to the group, followed on August 1, by the Diane Kordas Puppets with “Sir George and the Dragon.” Mary Jo Maichack's program, “Or Would You Like To Be A Fish?”, will take place on August 8, with songs and stories of creatures that live in lakes and rivers. Finally, on August 15, Stan Burdick will present “Animals I Have Known,” stories and poems illustrated with giant cartoons.

A special Arts Week program will feature a children's play about Hercules at 4 pm on July 26. These programs at the K of C Pavilion in Ticonderoga are free to all area children and those who bring them. Donations toward program expenses are gratefully received on the day of the program.

The Guild is also presenting two evening programs at the K of C Pavilion. The Ti Talent Night will be held on July 31 at 7 pm and the Ti Community Band will play on August 7 at 6:30 pm.

ANNUAL LOON CENSUS

The Lake George Association (LGA) is looking for volunteers to help with the Wildlife Conservation Society's annual loon census on Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 8 – 9 am. Volunteers are needed to cover 176 miles of shoreline simultaneously during the hour of the census. The LGA will provide information on how to participate, and a data sheet.

This census is part of a loon count conducted in other states throughout the Northeast at the same time on the same day. One of the major findings of the 2010 census: The Adirondack loon population has almost doubled since the last pre-census analysis in the 1980s, and now totals some 1,500 – 2,000 birds.

To volunteer, contact the LGA at 668-3558, or send an email to <info@lakegeorgeassociation.org>.



You may recall that in our July 2009 column we told you about shoemaking equipment that had recently been found at Jill Stull's home. In August 1892, Mrs. Hoyt Johnson wrote in the *Ticonderoga Sentinel*, "When shoes were wanted for the family a shoemaker came with his bench and tools, and a corner of the kitchen was usually assigned him, as he must keep his waxed threads warm. Each member of the family stood up and had his foot measured preliminary to work. The families were all supplied, the men with heavy and light boots and shoes and women and children with such as was needed. The shoemaker gathered up his kit and went to the next family until the neighborhood was supplied."

There was never any corroboration that the shoe forms Jill found had been left behind by Mrs. Johnson's "shoemaker", but recently another piece of the puzzle came into play when we were given an 1873 Seneca Ray Stoddard book, "Lake George, (Illustrated) A Book of To-Day." Stoddard writes of Hague: "The store kept by Lewis Burgess supplies the luxuries to a large circle of country round about. A cobbler's shop comprise the remainder of the public buildings at Hague." What an oddity, to find a cobbler's shop in such a small community! One might surmise that a settler with shoemaking skills had arrived on the scene and set himself up in business. Might it have been the same tradesman of whom Mrs. Johnson wrote? How fortunate for Hague residents of the time!

HAGUE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Visit the Clifton F. West Memorial Room at the Hague Community Center Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm (except Town holidays) to view the exhibits on the history of Hague. The exhibits highlight Hague's long tenure as a popular Lake George resort community and the former extensive graphite mining operations.

Prior programs presented by the Historical Society are also available to view on the Museum computer.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

We recently had a member call us and come in with a little shopping bag full of goodies to give us. Opening each group of items, we found pictures of the flood of 1947, post cards of Hague and its environs, a Mother's Club Cookbook, and other items of historic interest and significance. What a treasure trove it was! Just a reminder to our readers and members: We are always happy to receive old pictures, documents, and archival items. If you're not quite ready to part with your items, electronic scanning makes it possible for us to scan and immediately return things. If you'll call us, we can make a date to meet.

Some of you have already purchased the Hague Market ornament and we will have them available at our upcoming programs this summer. Only \$15, they are a wonderful keepsake of Hague and would make a nice gift to family and friends who've enjoyed a visit to Hague. If you're an out-of-towner, we're happy to ship you one or more; just add \$3 each for shipping and handling and we'll get them in the mail to you.

For your convenience, ornaments can also be purchased at the Hague Market and Juniper's.

We can be reached at 518-543-6725, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836, or <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

... Pat McDonough

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS

The next program of the Hague Historical Society, "Indian Kettles" will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 7 pm. Mary Ann Eaton will be the presenter and she has pulled together an interesting and fun program for the evening. So many people in our community have fond memories of the Kettles- we hope to see many of you there.



Charles Gosselink's program on the Van Buren family will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 7 pm at the Community Center. Chuck writes: "Benjamin Van Buren, an African American . . . , and his wife Jane were among the first settlers of Silver Bay, living there for thirty years after their arrival in 1847. Together they farmed and raised their family of eight children. . ." Chuck will share his experience of tracking down the Van Buren family history to bring back to light the story of one of Hague's pioneer families. Please come out to learn more of this fascinating story.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: Lakely Gray Burris to Erin Gray Dunn and Joseph Michael Burris on June 21, 2012. Lakely is the first grandchild for Carolyn and David Dunn of the Locust Inn, Hague.

DIED: James S. Andes, 80, of Lewisboro, NY and Hague on June 28, 2012. Mr. Andes is survived by his wife of more than 25 years, Joan B. Andes; by a son and daughter-in-law, James S. Andes II and Peggy Andes; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Charles Anderson; three grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Ann Andes. Mr. Andes served his country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

TICONDEROGA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Hague students who are on the fourth quarter honor roll at Ticonderoga Middle School.

GRADE 6: First Honors: Gilbert Cox, Kacey Lynn Fish
Second Honors: Caiden Meehan

GRADE 7: First Honors: Kaylee Coon, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Samantha Holmberg, Logan Jordon, Connor Lawrie
Second Honors: Charish Johnson

GRADE 8: First Honors: Jamie Cox, Cassandra Martucci
Second Honors: Cassidy McKee

LGLC DINNER AND AUCTION

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) annual benefit dinner and auction will be held Friday, August 10, 2012 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join in the fun and help to support land conservation around Lake George. The list of live auction items includes a one-of-a-kind creation by renowned painter and furniture artist Barney Bellinger, a private group hike on Tongue Mountain with timber rattlesnake researcher Dr. Bill Brown and more! For more information, visit <<http://www.lglc.org/NewsAndEvents/Gala.asp>>.

LGLC WEDNESDAY EVENING ART TALKS

The LGLC is offering free Art Talks every Wednesday evening in July and August, starting at 7 pm at the LGLC office in Bolton Landing. Each talk will be led by a different artist or presenter from the Lake George area who will lead a discussion on their own work and artistic process, or the work of another artist or art-related topic. Presentations generally last about one hour. Light refreshments are provided. For a schedule, visit <<http://www.lglc.org/NewsAndEvents/ArtTalks.asp>>.

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE AT FORT TI

On July 28, 2012, a complete day of music, food, history, and family enjoyment will mark the anniversary when the Declaration of Independence was first read at Fort Ticonderoga in 1776. Spend the day marching to the beat of the Fife and Drum Corps music, join the Community Clambake for a delicious event for the whole family, and enjoy an evening concert featuring the Adirondack Jazz Orchestra performing on the beautiful King's Garden grounds. Tickets will be available while supplies last. For details call 518-585-2821 or visit <www.fortticonderoga.org>.

LG KAYAK COMPANY TO HOST BENEFIT

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is partnering with the Lake George Kayak Co. for a family BBQ and paddleboard benefit on Sunday, July 29, 2012 from 4 - 7 pm. It will be held at the Kayak Co.'s boathouse on Green Island in Bolton Landing. The event will feature paddleboard demonstrations, with the opportunity to try one out yourself. War canoes will also be available for guests to use. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 6-15, and free for kids 5 and under. No reservation required; pay at the door. For more information call 518-644-9673, or visit <lglc.org>.

NEW GALLERY OPENS IN TI

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance invites the public to celebrate the opening of The Downtown Gallery, 119 Montcalm Street, on Thursday, July 19, 2012 from 5 to 9 pm. Live entertainment for the opening will be provided by local recording artist Ashley Sophia and refreshments have been donated by Montcalm Liquors and Eddie's Restaurant. Richard Timberlake, a professional photographer will also be offering personal portraits in exchange for a donation to the Alliance.

The Gallery, located in the vacant space that formerly housed Curves, will present local artists and others who have connections to the area from a wide variety of mediums, displaying their work in a lively and creative manner. The artwork will all be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds being donated back to the Ti-Alliance to support economic development and cultural arts initiatives.

TICONDEROGA AREA CAR SHOW



The 20th Annual Car Show will be held Sunday, August 5, 2012 in Ticonderoga's Bicentennial Park. There will be 27 classes with awards in each class. The show is a judged show and the first 150 people registered will receive a goody bag and dash plaque.

During the Car Show there will be food, vendors, a 50/50 Raffle, Car Show Raffle and music by Jerry's Juke Box as well as the Kiwanis Duck Race, a Piston Toss and a Muffler Wrap.

On Saturday, August 4, 2012, there will be a Community Cruise starting at the Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn & Suites as well as a Downtown Cruise In with business promotions and specials and music by Jerry's Juke Box.

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a raffle with tickets available for a \$10 donation. The first prize is \$3,000 and the second prize is \$2,000. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place at the Car Show on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be available until they are sold out at the Chamber office, area businesses and from Chamber volunteers.

KING'S GARDEN PARTY AT FORT TICONDEROGA



*Susan Darrin, Chairperson
of the July 15, 2012 Garden Party at the
King's Garden, welcomed the guests.*



*Lois and Ed Konikowski received thanks for their support of the King's Garden
at Fort Ticonderoga from Beth Hill, Executive Director.*



*Virginia Rowan Smith, winner of the
prize for "best use of flowers" at the
Garden Party.*



*Karen Gladu won a prize for her
most unusual "wine and roses" hat.*

Photos courtesy Joyce Cleveland

FARM-TO-TABLE AT THE UPTOWN By Ginger Kuenzel

The Uptown Restaurant on Route 8 in Hague is open for business with a new chef and a revamped menu. Owner Lauren Parlin explained that the menu changes daily, depending on what's in season. "We are focused on serving local products, including produce and meat directly from nearby farms," she said. The fish comes from a bit further afield, but is as fresh as it gets, coming straight from the docks in Rhode Island, Massachusetts or Montauk, Long Island, she added.

Jeanne Jordon, the new chef this year, actually got her start at The Uptown some years ago, where she discovered just how much she loved cooking. She went on to attend the Culinary Institute of America before working in the kitchens of high-end Italian restaurants in Boston and New York City. "It's really great because Jeanne is able to combine her flair for Italian cuisine with our concept of farm-to-table," Lauren said.

Lauren and Jeanne take weekly trips to visit the farmers who are supplying the meat and produce. "This is really exciting for us," Lauren said, "and it gives us the opportunity to learn more about how they are operating their farms. It's fascinating." Jeanne is also excited about returning to The Uptown. "It's great to have the opportunity to actually meet with the farmers who are growing the food that we are preparing here in the kitchen," she said. "When you're working in an urban restaurant, you generally don't have that opportunity." She also noted how friendly the guests are. "They come into the kitchen and actually thank me for their meal," she said, with obvious pleasure.

"Customers tell us that they enjoy the served meals because they taste like traditional homecooking," Lauren said. "This is a result of having really fresh ingredients from small, local farms and having an excellent chef," she added.

The Uptown also offers a bar menu this year, with lighter fare. The bar has a wide selection of beers and an out-of-the-ordinary wine list. "Our wines are selected to complement the dishes we are serving," Lauren explained. "We have an excellent collection for the summer season."

The Uptown is open Tuesday - Sunday from 5:30 pm. On Sunday evenings, the menu is more casual, with offerings such as fish tacos, burgers or gyros with Greek salad. Reservations and walk-ins are welcome. For more information call 543-6202.

WARREN COUNTY YOUTH TALENT SHOW

A talent show, open to all Warren County youth ages 3 - 21, will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 during the Warren County Rural Heritage Festival and Youth Fair. Each contestant's performance will receive recognition. Prizes, sponsored by local businesses, will be awarded to the top contestants in both the mini (ages 3-12) and maxi (ages 13-21) divisions. In addition, those who place in the top spots in both divisions are eligible to compete in the New York State Fair Talent Showcase in Syracuse. All entries must be received by 4:30 pm on July 26, 2012. For more information or to enter, please contact CCE at 668-4881 or email <mlb222@cornell.edu>.

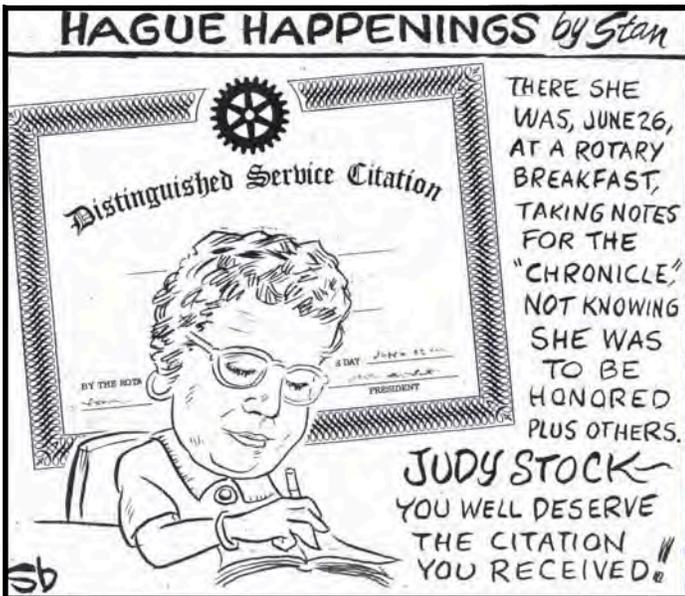
HAGUE CALENDAR

July

- 19 5 - 9 pm Downtown Gallery opening in Ti
- 19 7 pm Art Lecture by Richard Stout on "Post-Impressionism" at CC
- 21 8 - 9 am Annual Loon Census
- 21 2 - 9 pm Hague Central School Alumni Reunion at the HVFD firehouse.
Must be pre-registered (518-543-6441).
- 24 5:30 pm Ticonderoga Festival Guild Party
- 24 7 pm Hague Historical Society program on "Indian Kettles" at CC
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals meets
- 27 6:30 - 9 pm Flippancy Fest at Town Park
- 28 All day Community Celebration at Fort Ti
- 28 10 am - 3 pm Ticonderoga Streetfest
- 29 4 - 7 pm LGLC Family BBQ /Paddleboard Benefit
- 30 1 pm Silver Bay Property Owners Meeting

August

- 2 7 pm Planning Board meets
- 3 7 pm Lake Placid Sinfonietta, St. Mary's Church
- 4 All day "Keep the Queen Clean" (see page 1)
- 4 10 am - 4 pm Hague Arts Fair at the Community Center
- 11 am Winners of *The Hague Chronicle* Photo Contest announced.
- 4 3 pm HVFD Annual Steak Roast
- 5 10 am - 3 pm Hague Arts Fair at the Community Center
- 5 9 am - 4 pm Ticonderoga Car Show at Bicentennial Park
- 11 am Kiwanis Duck Race on the LaChute
- 10 6 pm LGLC Benefit Dinner and Auction
- 11 9 am - 4 pm Warren County Festival and Youth Fair
- 14 6 pm Town Board meets
- 15 7 pm Hague Historical Society program on Van Buren at CC
- 16 7 pm Art Lecture by Richard Stout on "Cubism" at CC
- 17 News Deadline for the August issue.
- 18 6 pm Music Along the LaChute at Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga
- 18 7:30 pm Prometheus Brass Quartet Concert at Grace Memorial Chapel
- 22 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out.



TRANSFER STATION HOURS
July 1 thru September 1

Wednesday:	9 am to 5 pm
Saturday:	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday:	12 noon to 3 pm

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