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LGPC REQUESTING FEE INCREASE

In addition to its marine patrols for safety on Lake George, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) oversees docks and marinas, monitors stormwater-runoff plans, manages invasive species projects and works with communities on water quality. It also funds conservation and recreation-based initiatives.

To maintain these programs, the LGPC supports 9 full-time staff, 2 temporary office staff, 12 seasonal marine patrol officers and outside counsel.

The LGPC receives no tax dollars from the New York State (NYS) General Fund. It is funded solely through user fees and some income from hydropower generation. All funds received go into the Lake George Park Trust Fund and the commission draws on that for expenses.

In the last decade, the LGPC has received NYS DOS and DEC "Special Grants to Communities", which totaled more than ten million dollars. The NYS Environmental Protection Fund has supported the vast majority of the Eurasian Watermilfoil control work on Lake George since the 1990s.

The NYS Legislature established the LGPC user fees in 1988 and granted an increase for the first time in 2002. The current expenses exceed income; it is anticipated that the Lake George Park Trust Fund will be depleted within three years at current income levels. As a result, the LGPC is requesting that the NYS Legislature increase the fees for residential docks and moorings to \$50 and motorboat fees to \$40 (for boats 20 feet long and less). Further, the LGPC is requesting that the fees for larger boats increase to \$12.50 more than they currently are and that increases are made in commercial and day-use fees.

An informational meeting for the public on this topic was held on March 2, 2016 in Bolton Landing. To view a copy of the slideshow presented by Executive Director David Wick, see <<http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us>> and click on the link.

HAGUE BOAT LAUNCH AND BEACH HOURS FOR 2016

The boat launch hours will remain the same as last year.

The launch will open on Friday, May 27 and will be open on weekends only from 8 am to 8 pm through the weekend of June 24. From Friday, June 24 through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), the launch will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm and Friday through Sunday from 7 am to 8 pm. After Labor Day, it will be open from 8 am to 5 pm on weekends only through October 10 (Columbus Day).

The beach will be open daily from Friday, June 24 through Monday, September 5 from 10 am to 6 pm.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



According to the *Glens Falls Post Star*, "For the first time in more than 20 years, Warren County residents will be able to legally dispose of hazardous materials through county-sponsored pickup events in the coming weeks." These collections will be especially welcome for Hague residents who are moving toward ecologically-friendly Adirondack landscaping and need to get rid of their Round-Up and other chemicals taking up space in their homes and garages!

May 21, 2016 has been set for the first collection time at the County Department of Public Works Complex at 4028 Main Street (Route 9) in Warrensburg. A second collection date will be June 18 at the Queensbury Highway Department off Bay and Haviland Roads. Persons who have household hazardous waste must pre-register to receive a specific drop-off time, which will be sometime between 9 am and 2 pm; individuals are then responsible for getting the materials to one of the locations at their appointed time.

"Household hazardous waste" is any material that is flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive. Some of these items include used solvents (corrosive liquid and corrosive solid), oil-based paints, used antifreeze, pesticides/herbicides (liquid and solid), fluorescent bulbs/tubes and aerosol cans. Items must be labeled and all chemicals must be sealed in their original containers.

Items that will NOT be accepted are explosives or munitions, asbestos, latex paint (let it dry and take it to the landfill), automotive oil (recycle it at a service station), batteries or electronics (recycle them at a landfill), pharmaceuticals, infectious waste or radioactive materials.

Final details are being ironed out by the Warren County DPW, but it has been decided that pre-registrations are going to be either online or by calling 518-761-6556 for a registration packet which will be mailed out. More information will be in our April issue.

SENIOR NEWS

We had a great "Baked Potato Day" with all the great toppings and wonderful desserts.

All sixteen of us who went bowling on March 11th had a great time and many laughs, as usual.

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the Community Center, will be our annual St. Patty's Day Dinner. There's always lots of tasty food and great desserts. It will be a happy time, so we hope to see you all there, decked out in your green attire.

Our regular meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, with Trivia as our program. Bring your Hague trivia brain and your thinking cap as there will be many challenging questions about our wonderful people and our beautiful town of Hague. You can also bring a dessert to share if you would like.

The last Game Night will be at 6:30 pm on April 6, 2016, tentatively at Pat Hintze's home, so come on out and join the fun, which promises to be filled with laughter, delicious food and good company.

We will be collecting for the White Elephant Sale starting on April 13, 2016, so please contact Maureen at 543-6463 or Pat at 543-6502 after 9 am for items to be picked up.

On April 16, 2016, we'll take a trip to Nettle Meadow Farm in Warrensburg. We'll meet at the Community Center at 9 am and will go out to lunch after the trip.

April 22, 2016 will be the last bowling event until September, so come on out at noon and bowl with us and enjoy the pizza and soda that are provided by the club. We throw the ball and just hope it stays in the lane – and, if not, no matter - we still have a laugh or two. Join the fun with this delightful group!

Remember, we are getting closer to the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2016, one of Hague's biggest events. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Mike or Maureen Cherubini at 543-6463.

If you would like to be part of an active, fun group of people, come check us out at one of our meetings or contact a board member for more information. You must be at least 50 years young and the dues are \$5 per year. Looking forward to seeing you soon!
... Pat Hintze

THANKS TO THE HVFD

One of the great joys of North Country living is feeling the warmth, smelling the outdoorsy fragrance and listening to the crackling of a genuine wood fire in our fireplaces. We are aware that our fireplaces, even if well-built, should be cleaned out every year because if we don't, we know we might have a chimney fire. And yet, do we always do that? No, unfortunately, most of us don't.

On the morning of Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016, a chimney fire is exactly what happened in the home of our publisher, Judy Stock. She reports, "You'll know when you have a chimney fire when you hear a great roar as the air sends the fire up the chimney and poured out the top."

Fortunately, a call to 911 had Fire Captain Ray Mury at her home within ten minutes and the rest of the team arrived shortly thereafter. Jamer Belden was quickly up on the roof pouring chemicals down the chimney to douse the fire. Judy says, "I was lucky as there was no other damage done." She thanks our ever-ready Hague Volunteer Fire Department for being there when she needed them!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION!

The local AARP Tax-Aide Program provides FREE 2015 income tax preparation for area residents. Trained and certified every year, volunteer counselors will assist low and moderate income taxpayers prepare 2015 federal and state returns. You do not have to be retired or to be a member of AARP for this service and it is available for all ages, with special attention for those over 60. Taxes are usually filed electronically and refunds can be direct-deposited to checking or savings accounts, giving quick refunds to taxpayers.

FREE tax assistance is available in Hague, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 4 pm, through April 14; or at North Country Community College-Ticonderoga campus on Friday, April 1, 11:30 am - 4 pm.

Returns are prepared in both locations by appointment only. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment in Hague or Ticonderoga. Bring the following to your appointment: photo ID, Social Security card, W2s, 1099s, interest and dividend statements, any other tax-related documents and health insurance coverage information for taxpayer, spouse and all dependents.

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BURGLARY AT HINTZE HOME

When Pat Hintze returned to her home on West Hague Rd. from a trip to New Jersey on Monday, March 7, 2016, she found her home had been ransacked. Drawers were pulled out and her personal effects were strewn about. She was especially disturbed to find the box with the ashes of her late husband, Ron, had been thrown on the floor.

Pat then realized that the perpetrators had stolen money and all her jewelry. A box with all her personal papers including social security information and her birth certificate had also been taken. The State Police were called to the scene and an investigation is ongoing. The perpetrators used a crowbar, which was found at the scene, to gain entry.

If anyone has any information on suspicious movement in the area during that weekend, please report it to the authorities.

BANDS 'N BEANS IN LAKE GEORGE

Bands 'n Beans, a benefit for the Lake George Arts Project (LGAP), presenter of the Lake George Jazz Weekend, the Summer Concert Series in Shepard Park and the Courthouse Gallery Exhibition Series, has become the biggest party of the year in the North Country, a sign of winter's end and the beginning of spring.

You can get all the chili you can eat at the 25th annual event at Roaring Brook Ranch in Lake George on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Tickets are \$20 at the door or call LGAP at 518-668-2616.

The LGAP was established in 1977 to offer comprehensive programs in the arts. Its mission is to provide exposure and income opportunities to professional and emerging artists and to provide quality arts programming for the residents and visitors of the Lake George region.

EASTER SUNDAY IN TICONDEROGA

A sunrise service will be held at Fort Ticonderoga at 6 am on Sunday, March 27, 2016. Many area clergy will participate in this ecumenical service and all faiths are welcome to attend. Everyone is advised to wear warm clothing to the service. Donations to the Ticonderoga Area Clergy Association will be received to help those in need in the area.

Following the service, "Chef Bunny" and the crew will continue a long-time tradition by serving a family-style Easter morning breakfast buffet at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 1045 Wicker Street (Rt. 9N). It will be from about 6:45 until about 8 am and is open to early risers, whether or not they attend the sunrise service at the fort. The menu will include a "Breakfast Eggs Bonanza" (from the buffet or made-to-order), pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice and hot coffee, tea and cocoa. A free-will donation will be accepted. High chairs and booster seats will be available for the younger set.

The Easter Sunday Service at the FUMC will start at 10:30 am. Pastor Scott Tyler will lead a family-friendly traditional Easter worship service that will include a Children's Message and special music by the choir. Communion will be served.

For more information about the services or the church, please call 585-7995 or visit the church website at <www.tifumc.com>.

Fur-Fetched Animal Metaphors

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

It's March – the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. That got me thinking about all the 'animal' terms we use as idioms. For instance, we say someone is sly as a fox, stubborn as a mule or quick as a bunny. And anyone who can find a needle in a haystack must have an eagle eye. If someone calls you a rat, it's a sure bet that they don't think too highly of you. If you rat on someone, it means that you're a stool-pigeon or an informer. On the other hand, are all those people who get caught up in the rat race really rats?

Or how about mice? While being quiet as a mouse might be a good thing in some settings – such as in a library – you definitely don't want someone to describe you as being mousy. You also don't want to be known as someone who drinks like a fish, nor do you want anyone saying that you eat like a pig, which implies either that your table manners are sloppy or that you overeat – aka pigging out.

Not all animal metaphors make sense. For instance, it's beyond me why we say someone is a silly goose. I've seen a lot of geese (many of them in the town park), but silly is not a term I would use to describe them. Or how about the term, "He works like a dog." I don't know about you, but I've never seen a dog work all that hard. All the dogs I know seem to get up in the morning, bark or whine until someone feeds them, go dig in the yard a bit and then lie down and sleep for most of the day. They might chase their tail for a while later in the afternoon – maybe we should say silly dog instead of silly goose. Truth be known, dogs are doggone lazy. In fact, there's also an expression 'lazy as a dog.' So I don't quite get it. How can someone work like a dog and also be lazy as a dog?

And speaking of nonsense terms, how about this one: It's raining cats and dogs. It's a phrase that nobody really seems to know the origin of. On the other hand, fighting like cats and dogs makes perfect sense. That's simply what they do!

Shooting the bull with your friends does not mean that you're out stalking this animal with a bow and arrow or a gun. And if one of those friends starts relating some fish story, you might want to interrupt with, "That's bull!" to let him know that you don't believe a word of what he's saying. A fish story is generally not an outright lie, just an exaggeration. But if someone tells too many fish stories, you can just take the bull by the horns and tell him you're a wise old owl, so he can stop trying to pull the wool over your eyes.

And speaking of wool, that's what we'll see when March goes out like a lamb!

SUNRISE SERVICE AT HAGUE BEACH



The Hague Baptist Church will be holding a sunrise service at 6:30 am at the Hague Beach on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Breakfast will be served right after the service in the Hague Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. There will also be a 10:30 am service at the church.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 3/8/2016

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel, Michael Cherubini and Steve Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for John Hobbs, Hannah Brosche, Doug Edwards and Peg Shaw.

John O'Donnell, a forester from Benchmark Forest Management, spoke to the board about his inventory of the town property adjacent to Carney/Bloomer Mountain. He submitted a review-of-property, which indicates that \$4,000 - \$5,000 in income might be brought in from log harvesting. He is planning to get someone to do the logging and then market it; he will keep the town informed on the process.

From the committee reports:

- Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement - Councilman Fitzgerald reported that he hopes the outside tank can be left in place and just filled.
- Highway - The work of the Highway Department has continued, despite several members being out with illness.
- Recreation & Promotion & Youth – Councilman Ramant reported that for the \$3,500 budgeted, a portable blinking “Your Speed Is” sign can be purchased and then moved to various spots around town to collect data on car speed. The board approved ordering the system, which will take about 4 weeks to get here. Ramant also noted that Time Warner will be completing their lines in the near future for upper Dodd Hill Road, Decker Hill Road and Battle Hill Road.
- Sewer Districts #1 & #2 – The board approved the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to Sewer District #1 to cover bills that need to be paid. The district will repay the General Fund both the principal and the interest. The Sewer Asset Management Committee continues to review the existing sewer law at its monthly meetings.
- Town Park & Beautification – Councilman Ramant has obtained a permit to eradicate geese at the Town Park from April 1 to August 31, 2016. Ramant also read a letter from Lake George Waterkeeper Navitsky, thanking the town for their financial support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. Councilman Kuenzel reported that a crew from Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility in Mineville will be helping the highway department with clean-up at the beach, cemeteries and other town-wide areas. The board approved hiring the following returning personnel for summer employment: Donna Trudeau, Kacheena Trudeau and Judy Gourley will be launch attendants and Susan Adair, Kathi Ramant and Evelyn Gravelle will be manning the Visitor Center.

In other business:

Councilman Kuenzel reported that over the weekend an individual opened the launch gate without permission and the chain was left down. A state trooper investigated and the owner of the boat trailer that was in the parking lot while the chain was down was identified. However, since there was no criminal damage and no eyewitness, the incident cannot be prosecuted. The LGPC and DEC will be informed.

Councilman Cherubini reported on a burglary that took place at the home of Pat Hintze. Lindsay Smith reported on a

car accident on Old Mill Road that involved an out-of-state driver who should not have been on that road. Both of these incidents point to the need for Hague residents to be aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods and to get license plate numbers and descriptions of suspicious vehicles.

LIFELONG LEARNING WORKSHOPS AT NCCC TICONDEROGA CAMPUS, SPRING 2016

“Planning and Planting the Herb Garden”, Wednesday, March 30, 5 - 7 pm, presenter: Nancy Scarzello. Fee: \$20, supplies provided.

“American Red Cross – Responding To Emergencies”, First Aid/CPR/AED taught by American Red Cross presenter: Pam Fischer. Fees: \$150 - includes American Red Cross Certificate fee. Dates/Times: 30 hours total for 2 consecutive weeks.

- Friday, April 1, 5 - 10 pm
- Saturday, April 2, 9 am - 5 pm.
- Friday, April 8, 5 - 10 pm
- Saturday, April 9, 9 am - 5 pm.

“Relax Yourself to Good Health”, Tuesdays, April 5 and 12, 5 - 6 pm, presenter: Mae Pagan. Fee: \$10 for 1 class or \$15 for both.

“Things to Know When Buying a New/Used Car or Farm Machinery”, Wednesday, April 6, 6 - 7:30 pm, presenter: Casey J. King, J.D. Fee: \$20.

“Selling on eBay”, Wednesday, April 13, 7 - 8:30 pm, presenter: Nataliya O’Neil. Fee: \$15.

“Tinctures, Elixirs & Syrups”, Friday, April 15, 1 - 4:30 pm, presenter: Nancy Scarzello. Fee: \$30 + \$10 for supplies.

“Drumming Circle for Women”, Tuesday, April 19, 5 - 6 pm, presenter: Mae Pagan. Fee: \$8 for class/instruments provided.

“Empowerment in Times of Lyme”, Wednesday, April 20, 5 - 7 pm, presenter: Nancy Scarzello. Fee: \$30/supplies provided.

“Health After 50”, Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 - 7 pm, presenter: Pam Fischer. Fee: \$15.

“Exploring Circus Arts”, Thursday, April 28, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, presenters: Amy and Pete Nelson. Fee: \$25, must be 10 years old and up.

Pre-registration is required for each workshop. Call Edna at 518-354-5179 or sign-up on campus: 11 Hawkeye Trail, Ticonderoga, NY.

RABIES CLINIC



A rabies clinic will be held at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department at Rte. 8 and West Hague Rd. on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 10 am to noon.

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Pets must be three months of age to receive their first immunization, which will afford them protection for one year. The next shot (booster) will afford protection for three years and is required one year after the first shot was given. From then on, a booster should be given every three years. Both initial and booster shots will be given at all clinics scheduled by Warren County Public Health.

A \$10 donation is requested for each pet, but no one will be turned away due to financial hardship. Please bring dogs on leashes and cats or ferrets in carriers. Call Warren County Public Health at 518-761-6580 with questions.

RABIES

- What is rabies? Rabies is a virus that affects the brain and nerves in mammals.
- How is rabies spread? The rabies virus is spread through the saliva of a rabid animal usually because a rabid animal bites or scratches another person or animal. The virus may also get into the body through open cuts or wounds, or through eyes, nose, or mouth.
- What animals can spread rabies? Rabies is spread mostly by wild animals. In the United States rabies is usually found in raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, and bats. Domestic animals and farm animals can get rabies from wild animals. That is why it's so important to vaccinate pets and livestock. These are the animals that people are around the most. Pets and stray animals can be the link between wild animals and people. Any mammal can get rabies. Although it is possible for rodents to get the disease, animals like mice, rats, and squirrels almost never carry rabies.
- How can I tell if an animal has rabies? You can't tell if an animal has rabies. When an animal is sick with rabies, it may behave strangely, but a rabid animal may also appear healthy or even tame. The only way to tell if an animal has rabies is by testing it in a laboratory or, for some pets and livestock, by a quarantine to see if rabies develops.

Information from the Warren County Health Department website

OFFER A LAKE GEORGE EXPERIENCE TO A STAR TREK CELEBRITY

This year's TREKonderoga, the premier Upstate New York pop culture convention, will take place Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14, 2016. The convention is a partnership between James Cawley and the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance for the purpose of boosting tourism in the area.

Last year, several of the celebrity guests stayed in lake and mountainside cottages and raved about the experience. Now other celebrity guests want a real Lake George experience as well! So, the organizers are looking for several cottages where original Star Trek celebrities can stay while they are here.

If you are interested in offering your cottage to a Star Trek celebrity for the 4 nights of August 11-15, please call Nancy Archer, TRA Co-Director, at 518-503-5357. TRA will pay \$100 to cover a cleaning fee and will provide you with a donation letter from TRA for the rental amount you would have received had the cottage been rented. This is your chance to meet a real Star Trek celebrity and make a charitable contribution!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT SILVER BAY

On Friday, March 18, 2016, join Silver Bay's newest program director, Darrell Fedchak, for an evening of food and trivia. He will do his best to stump the masses. Teams of four will compete for prizes and you do not have to have a pre-determined team to participate. A dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, salad bar and dessert will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Silver Bay YMCA Dining Hall. The trivia will follow from 6:30 - 8 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations should be sent to <dfedchak@silverbay.org> or made by calling 543-8833, ext. 316.

On Friday, April 8, 2016, Silver Bay will host its "Dinner and a Movie" at Brookside Community House on the Silver Bay campus. Dinner (pizza or soup) will be served at 6 pm for a donation of \$5 followed by the movie "Still Alice."

"When 50-year-old linguistics professor Alice Howland begins having trouble remembering words, her symptoms ultimately lead to a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's -- which forces Alice and her family to make radical changes in their lives. 2014 PG-13 101 minutes."

Reservations for this evening should be made by contacting Carolyn Close at <cclose@silverbay.org> or 543-8833, ext. 211.

These programs are open to the public and many local residents enjoy them each month.

1775 BRITISH GARRISON

"1775 British Garrison" will be held at Fort Ticonderoga on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10 am – 4 pm. During this one-day event, visitors will discover British garrison life in March 1775, two months before Ticonderoga was thrust into war once more.



Guests will experience a living history of how British soldiers and their families lived in peacetime at Fort Ticonderoga on the eve of the American Revolution. They'll find out what it was like to be a British soldier, soldier's wife, or a child at Fort Ticonderoga. They'll discover how the British Army was both prepared and unprepared to fight for control of Ticonderoga – the key to the continent.

Tours highlighting Fort Ticonderoga's defining role in the Revolutionary War will be presented throughout the day. Admission to the "1775 British Garrison" event is \$10 per person and payable at the gate. Members of Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga Resident Ambassador Pass holders and children 4 years and under are free. For more details, call 518-585-2821.

NEW EXHIBIT AT TI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society is opening its newest exhibit on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 7 pm at the Hancock House. The exhibit, "A Terrible Beauty", focuses on how Irish Americans in the Adirondacks and New York State provided support to the fight for Irish independence. The evening will include remarks, the opening of the exhibit and refreshments. For more information on the exhibit and its duration, you may call 518-585-7868.





Grace Hudowalski - 46er#9

In celebration of Women's History Month, I'd like to share the story of Grace Hudowalski (1906-2004), an extraordinary Adirondack woman who was a "Dolbeck-Leach", born in Ticonderoga. Grace was the youngest of six and learned early on that if you expect to fail, you probably will. Her motto was, "Can't never did anything."



When Grace was 11, her mother died and four years later, her father moved the family to Minerva. When she was 16, a friend organized a group to make a three-day journey to visit Lake Colden and climb Mt. Marcy. She was among the youngest of the climbers and excited to be in the party. Her father advised her, "It's not important whether you reach the top of the mountain, but it is important how you make the climb." It was not an easy trek. She wrote, "My legs ached: if only I could sit down! Perspiration ran down my face and black flies tormented me. Between catching breaths I asked myself, 'Why did I ever come?'"

Some turned back, but Grace faced her choices squarely and pushed on. She came to know the personal triumph of reaching the summit. She was hooked! The mountains became her passion.

While living in Troy with her sister, she attended high school and taught a Sunday school class. Her students threw a Halloween party and that's where she met her future husband, Ed Hudowalski. Their marriage lasted 40 years and, after Grace introduced him to the mountains, they were both in love with the Adirondack High Peaks. Ed continued his hiking and, with a friend, in 1936 climbed his 46th peak. He and his friend were the 6th and 7th persons to accomplish that feat and they formed the Forty-Sixers of Troy. It was a social club for climbers and members pledged to climb at least one peak each year.

Grace, too, continued her climbing and, in 1937, she reached the summit of Mt. Esther, her 46th peak. She was #9 and the first woman. She was elected president of the Troy Club in 1940. They began keeping records on the climbers. As the numbers of 46ers grew, they knew they had to expand their membership past Troy and so they formed the Adirondack 46ers. She was the first president.

Her climbing continued and she wrote many articles for magazines and newsletters. The New York State Conservation Department hired her to be a publicity writer and then moved her to the Commerce Department, where she was a travel promotion writer, storyteller, and radio personality from 1945-1961. She was amazed that her salary grew to \$3,100 a year and she was making more than her husband!

In 1953, she and Ed bought a camp on the east shore of Schroon Lake. They spent summers there as well as weekends and always welcomed hikers to come and chat about their climbs. She encouraged high peakers to be responsible on the trails. Despite the death of her husband in 1966, she continued her climbing. At age 70, she began to re-climb the peaks and, at age 80, she opted to climb Cascade Mountain. Her doctor had said she should use a cane, but as she said, "He didn't tell me not to make the ascent." When she was 91, she rode up the Whiteface Memorial Highway and took the last steps to the summit to celebrate the 60th anniversary of her 46th peak accomplishment. Simultaneously hikers summited on the other 45 peaks waving flags and blowing whistles to mark the occasion.

Grace lived to be 98 years of age and left a legacy for climbers for future decades. 46er #2110, L. John Van Norden, wrote, "Grace dedicated her life to helping others follow the trail of the first forty-sixers, guiding, educating and entertaining each climber in the 46er pursuit. Her tales of those early days are legendary and have always been an inspiration."

After a twelve-year effort by the ADK46ers Club, on June 12, 2014, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names granted the 46ers' petition to rename East Dix Mountain. "Grace Peak" honors Grace Hudowalski, her indomitable spirit and her service on behalf of the High Peaks and those who share her joy in climbing them.

... Pat McDonough



IDENTIFICATION NEEDED!

Here's an interesting photo of the nurse at Graphite when operations there were at full thrust. Trouble is, we don't know who this wonderfully-garbed woman is; there is no identification on the photo. Can you help us? Perhaps you have the same photo with a name on the back or perhaps you just know this woman as a relative or friend of your family. If you've got a clue for us, please call me at 543-6725 or email us at <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com>. ... Pat McDonough



~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Joseph F. Cacici, 63, of Hague, on February 5, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Raised in Brooklyn, Joe was a graduate of Boston College and held an MBA from New York University. He was the founder and co-owner of the Windward Insurance Brokerage Company (later acquired by Integro). His career in the marine insurance business lasted more than 40 years. Joe and his wife, Susan, were known as the "Honey Pies." Joe lived life to the fullest, was always the life of the party and hosted many gatherings for family and friends.

Joe is survived by his loving mother, Ida A. Cacici; his devoted wife, Susan Cacici; his daughter, Carly Cacici; his stepsons, Robert Theoret and Austin Theoret; his sister, Donna Holmes (Curtiss); his nephew, Matthew Holmes (Kristen); his niece, Stephanie Dubuc (Ross); his great-niece, Ruth Marie Holmes and many other relatives and friends. At Joe's request, a private memorial celebration of his life will be held a later date.

DIED: John "Jack" M. Hobbs, 100, on February 24, 2016, in Albany.

Jack graduated from Iowa State University and was employed for almost 50 years with General Electric. He enjoyed painting and furniture caning. Jack loved spending summers with family and friends at their Sabbath Day Point home, which he referred to as "The Gathering Place." Jack was featured in an article in the August 2015 issue of *The Hague Chronicle* when he celebrated his 100th birthday.

He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth Scully Hobbs, son John Hobbs and brothers Harold and Edgar Hobbs. He is survived by his children: Lawrence M. Hobbs (Sue), Eileen Hobbs Ruppel (Gary), Jean Hobbs Conte, Kevin J. Hobbs (Monsie) and Brian R. Hobbs (Kelly). He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN — HIKE-A-THON

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold its 4th annual Hike-A-Thon on July 5, 2016 and Early Registration is now open.

There are three new sites for 2016 (Rogers' Rock/Little Slide in Ticonderoga and Pole Hill Pond Preserve and Northwest Bay in Bolton) for a total of 14 sites around the lake. The Northwest Bay site will be a paddling experience. The Hike-A-Thon is still free and when you register between now and April 30, you'll receive a free event t-shirt!

Experienced volunteers are needed to help lead (or "sweep") hikes and to serve as ground crew. All volunteers receive free t-shirts and must be available for a pre-event training/meeting on June 25.

For more information about registration or volunteer opportunities, go to <http://lakegeorgehikeathon.org> or call Sarah at 518-644-9673.

RockSport will be leading a group of adventurous climbers on the face of Rogers' Slide this year! Those interested in joining the group must sign up and pay a fee through RockSport. Just let them know that you want to join the "Hike-A-Thon Climb". Visit their website at <http://www.rocksportny.com/index.asp> or call (518) 793-4626 for details.

LGA AWARDED GRANTS

The Lake George Association (LGA) has been awarded a total of \$47,908 in grants by the Lake Champlain Basin Program for programs, projects and equipment for 2016. The grants will allow the Lake George Association to continue to protect Lake George's water quality and to provide education for the future.

The largest of the grants totals \$19,608 and will be used for major stream repairs, which is the LGA's 2016 Project Focus. The two streams targeted with this grant money are Hague Brook and Jenkins Brook, both in the town of Hague. The work that the LGA is planning with its partners is expected to stabilize stream banks in order to prevent sediment and other material from entering Lake George and degrading the lake's water quality. The stream repairs are also expected to improve fish habitats in both areas and allow fish to move farther upstream than is currently possible.

With a long history of educational outreach on invasive species, the Lake George Association plans to hire two interns for the season who will help educate visitors and the community about the threats of invasive species and about ways the public can help prevent their spread, both on land and in the water. The second grant, which is for \$14,300, will help to pay for these Invasive Species Spread Prevention Education Interns.

The third grant, amounting to \$10,000, will be used to allow the Lake George Association to continue offering their award-winning Floating Classroom Program free of charge to schools within the Lake George watershed including the towns of Lake George, Bolton, Lake Luzerne, Hague, Warrensburg, Ticonderoga, Putnam, Fort Ann, Whitehall, Queensbury and the Village of Lake George. On the floating classroom trips, aboard the LGA's custom-built vessel, the students learn about the formation of Lake George, measure the clarity of the water and search for plankton.

The final grant of \$4,000 will allow the Lake George Association to replace its 15-year-old large-format printer that is no longer operational. The printer is used by the Lake George Association to print GIS-based maps, project plans, signs, and outreach, educational and informational materials, as well as for use in membership drives and other in-house programs.

The Lake Champlain Basin Program works in partnership with private organizations, local communities, individuals and government agencies from New York, Vermont and Quebec to coordinate and fund efforts that benefit the Lake Champlain Basin's water quality, fisheries, wetlands, wildlife, recreation and cultural resources. For more information, please visit <http://www.lcbp.org>.

MASON/STAR DINNER

A public roast pork loin dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served on Friday, April 1, 2016, from 4:30 pm - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be also available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street and also at the Hancock House parking lot.

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HAGUE CALENDAR

MARCH

- 17 Senior Dinner
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 5:30 pm Silver Bay Dinner and Trivia
- 22 1:30 pm Senior Club Meeting and Trivia
- 24 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25-28 No school
- 27 Easter

APRIL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 6 pm Silver Bay Dinner and Movie
- 12 6 pm Town Board
- 13 News deadline for April issue
- 15 Taxes due!
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and online
- 22 Earth Day No School-unused snow day

DEC REMINDER

Residential brush burning is prohibited from



March 16 through May 14.



SPRING IS COMING

The official date for the start of spring is March 20, 2016. However, for some people it is already here with the appearance of our local omen - the Wind Chill Factory bear! According to an advertisement in *The Sun (Times of Ti)*, the bear has come out of hibernation and the Wind Chill Factory opened on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Most folks love to make the trip, but Wind Chill delivers for a \$5 fee for Hague orders. The number is 518-585-3044.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

September 2 thru June 30

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