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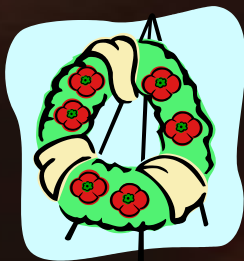
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# Tug Hill Times

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## Commission Designates Six New Tug Hill "Sages"

The Tug Hill Commission will honor six new Tug Hill Sages at its Annual Meeting/Dinner on May 31st at the Delta Lake Inn, 8524 Fish Hatchery Road, Rome, NY. "Tug Hill Sages" were first designated by the Commission in 1983. Sages are people who have lived a life close to Tug Hill and its traditions. Most Sages have been loggers, sawyers, fiddlers, conservationists, maple syrup producers, or have other similar ties to things Tug Hill.

The Commission will be honoring the following on May 31st:

**Irvine "Dutch" Buchal** of Montague, who has served as Trustee of St Peter and Paul's Church in New Boston and operated a dairy farm, logging business, maple sugar business, saw mill and is the curator of the Deer River Museum in Copenhagen. He is active with Flywheels and Pulleys, New York State Old Tyme Fiddlers' Association and loves showing off his Lynn tractor and steam engines. Dutch has a real sense of community, he always looks for the good in people and enjoys helping out his new Amish neighbors.

**Bonnie and Don Colton** of Lowville were original founders of THRIFT (Tug Hill Resources Investment for Tomorrow). They have a great interest in Tug Hill and have worked tirelessly to get others interested in the Region as well.

**Chet Kwasniewski** of West Leyden has a vast knowledge of the Tug Hill forest industry and loves to share his memories of the logging camps, driving dams, saw-mills, contractors and logging roads from his early days. He and his brother started J& C Lumber Company in West Leyden in the 1950's. Chet purchased and ran the West Leyden Hotel for 7 years and served as Town Justice for 23 years.

**Arlene Moore** of Lorraine has been an active member of her Tug Hill community her entire life. She helped run the Moore's Store in Lorraine for many years, which was the hub of the town. Arlene is a member of the Lorraine United Methodist Church where she has served as the organist for 66 years and she has served as the town's Historian since 2001.

**Francis Yerdon** of Redfield was actively involved in the effort to introduce land use planning in the original "nine towns" in the heart of Tug Hill in the early 1970's. He has been an active member of the Redfield Fire Department, the Redfield Fish & Game Club, the Stave Mill Club, the Oswego County Sportsmen's Federation, and the Oswego County Sportsmen's Foundation. Fran is an avid

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hunter, trapper, fisherman and recreationalist, who is always eager to share his advice and knowledge of the Tug Hill region.

With the designation of six new Sages, the Commission has recognized a total of 32 individuals.

Sages designated in 1983: John Constable Jr. (1916-2006) of Constableville; Truman Greene (1899-1983) of Boylston; Hunt Rowe (1898-1993) of Orwell; and Elwin Rowell (1908-1990) Osceola.

Sages designated in 1991: Livingston Lansing (1911-1992) of Boonville.

Sages designated in 1993: George Bibbins Sr. of Pinckney; Alice Clemens (1922-1999) of Osceola; Harold Petrie of Parish; and Courtney Winn (1921-2011) of Bernhard’s Bay.

Sages designated in 1996: Elva Maciejko (1923-2007) of Turin; and Neil Wright (1917-2007) of Osceola and Camden.

Sages designated in 1998: Harry Capron of Boonville; and Dr. Edwin Russell of Rome.

Sages designated in 2003: John Hughes (1913-2004) of Highmarket; Randy Kerr (1924-2010) of Croghan; Bernard Macklen (1921-2007) of Worth; Warren Mathis of West Leyden; and Robert Sauer of Camden.

Sages designated in 2006: Ray Cheresnoski (1940-2009) of Lorraine; Charlie Gallo of Camden; Neil (1929-2007) and Beverly Harden (1929-2012) of Camden; Louis Hodgkinson (1920-2009) of Barnes Corners; and John Mahaffy of Boonville.



### Black River and Maple Traditions Scenic Byway Meetings Scheduled



Corridor Management Plans (CMPs) for both of these byways are in draft form and have been reviewed by the Statewide Scenic Byway Advisory Committee. In an effort to address comments and finalize the plans, three public meetings have been schedule in communities along the routes. If you have any questions, please give us a call!



<p align="center"><b>June 5th</b> <b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b></p> <p>Dulles State Office Building - 1st Floor 317 Washington St Watertown, NY</p>	<p align="center"><b>June 12th</b> <b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b></p> <p>TAUNY Center 53 Main Street Canton, NY</p>	<p align="center"><b>June 13th</b> <b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b></p> <p>Black River Canal Museum Main St. and NYS Route 12 Boonville, NY</p>
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## Economic Development Training - June 19th

On Tuesday, June 19th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency and National Grid will be sponsoring a Crash Course in Economic Development. The event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1290 Arsenal Street in Watertown.

Featured guest speakers are: Mark Waterhouse of Garnet Consulting; Wade Beltramo, Counsel, NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials; and Michael N'dolo of Camoin Associates.

Topics for the evening include: Principles of Economic Development; Incorporating economic development strategies into local land-use planning; What Governments can do to foster Economic Development; and Impacts of Economic Development on local economies and taxing jurisdictions.

The workshop is recommended for all local officials: Town and village boards, planning and ZBA boards, county legislators, school boards, local development corporations, and interested parties. If approved by the municipality, this workshop can provide 4 hours training to meet the NYS Municipal Training requirement for Planning and Zoning Board members.

**Pre-registration and payment (\$25/Person) are required and must be in by June 14, 2012.** Click <http://www.jcida.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Economic-Development-Crash-Course-Agenda-Registration-and-Guest-Speakers-Bios.pdf> for the Agenda, Registration, and Guest Speakers Bios. If you have any questions, please call the JCIDA office at 782-5865.

## Local Government Efficiency Grants Available

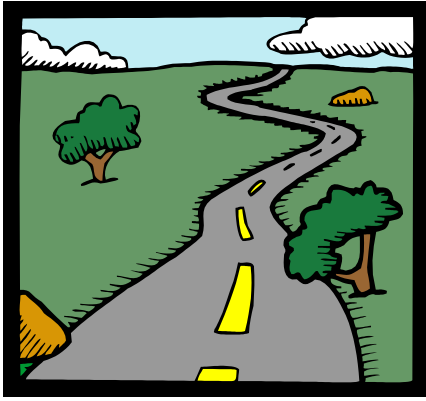
\$40 million is available via a competitive grant fund for local governments that have demonstrated recurring savings for taxpayers from streamlined operations and innovative, cost-cutting projects. Established in the 2011-12 State Budget, the \$40 million competitive fund is meant to incentivize performance to reduce costs to local taxpayers. The Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Program provides technical assistance and grants to local governments for the development of projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, cooperative agreements, mergers, consolidations and dissolutions.

Projects eligible for awards must have commenced on or after January 1, 2010 and winning applicants will receive as much as \$25 per resident, up to a maximum of \$5 million. The \$40 million fund is available to counties, cities, towns and villages, which may apply individually or jointly. The amount of an award will be based on the municipality's population and the percentage of fiscal impact on the applicant's total government expenditures. Awards will be provided in three annual installments, disbursement of which will be contingent upon the demonstration of recurring savings.

View grant opportunities at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/LG/lge-grant.html>. Applications are available on the Department Of State website at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/>. Prospective applicants can also obtain applications by calling (518) 473-3355 or 1-800-367-8488. Contact the Commission if you are interested and would like assistance.

### **Important Dates:**

RFA Release Date:	May 17, 2012
Questions Due Dates:	July 3, 2012
RFA Updates & Responses:	July 11, 2012
<b>Applications Due Date:</b>	<b>4:00 pm, July 25, 2012</b>
Resolution Due Date:	4:00 pm, August 29, 2012



The NYS Mandate Relief Council has solicited ideas, and several Tug Hill towns have responded by requesting relief from excessive State road standards. Low-volume roads bills S.3641/A.6325 has been the latest attempt to codify more appropriate rural low-volume and minimum maintenance town road standards into state law. While versions of these bills have passed in the Senate for many years, the bills have stalled in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

So far, eight towns and the River Area Council of Governments have enacted resolutions in support of the bills urging the Mandate Relief Council to work with the State Legislature and Governor to get the bills enacted.

### Commission to Host Public Forum on NC REDC

The NYS Tug Hill Commission is hosting a Public Forum in Jefferson County for local officials, community residents, business owners/entrepreneurs and interested parties on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the Dulles State Office Building in Watertown, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room. Tony Collins, Ph.D., President of Clarkson University and North Country Regional Economic Development Council (NCREDC) Co-chair and President of the North Country Chamber of Commerce and NCREDC Co-chair Garry Douglas will present a brief overview and elicit public comment on efforts by the council over the past year to promote economic growth and development within the seven county Region of upstate NY.

Formed in 2011 by Governor Andrew Cuomo to design and implement recommendations outlined in the "Open for Business" 5-year strategic plan, the NCREDC built upon the first years success to attract an additional \$750 million to support job creation through 2012 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). A second forum will be held in Lewis County on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the Lowville Academy and Central School in the Large Group Instruction Room. Your assistance in planning for the event is appreciated by contacting the THC at 785-2380 or [Kathy@tughill.org](mailto:Kathy@tughill.org) to confirm your attendance. To review the strategic plan for the North Country and/or to nominate a priority project please visit the following website: [www.northcountryopenforbusiness.com](http://www.northcountryopenforbusiness.com).

### Local Government Leadership Institute Training

The Office of the State Comptroller and Cornell University are hosting a Local Government Leadership Institute: "Managing New York's New Fiscal Reality" on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY.

The Local Government Leadership Institute is a free event and will feature panel discussions on the following topics:

- The State of Upstate Cities: Why All Local Governments Need to Be Concerned With the Financial Condition of Urban Cities
- Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health

You can also access the Leadership Institute page by going to <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/lgli/index.htm>. There you will find online registration, Institute agenda, driving directions and hotel reservation information. Seating is limited, so please register early! If you have any questions, please email [LocalTraining@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:LocalTraining@osc.state.ny.us) or call (518) 473-0005.



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Thank you!



**Remember to Register for the  
Second Annual  
Black River Watershed Conference  
June 6, 2012  
Carthage Elks Lodge, Carthage, NY**  
Go to [www.tughill.org/proj/2012-black-river-watershed-conference/](http://www.tughill.org/proj/2012-black-river-watershed-conference/) for an agenda and registration form.

**RSVPS ARE REQUIRED BY MAY 25th!**

## North Country Clean Energy Conference 2012

This event will take place from Thursday, June 21st 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm to Friday, June 22nd 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Lake Placid Conference Center. This conference, organized by the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA), is a forum for educators, practitioners, community leaders, industry professionals and others to share information about clean energy opportunities in the North Country. With the largest wind farm concentration in the State, the production of 2,200 megawatts of clean hydropower, and the potential to develop a thermal energy economy based on local biomass (wood and grass), the North Country is poised to provide clean, renewable energy to its own businesses and residents. This conference will also help guide the NYSERDA-funded Cleaner Greener Communities Sustainability Plan for the North Country, and to identify the projects and investments that will help the region achieve its Clean Energy vision.

### Conference objectives:

- Share techniques, technology and project learning as related to clean energy projects in the North Country
- Assist participants in identifying potential projects, and lead organizations, who would consider submitting projects in the next round of proposals that will be considered by NY State development process
- Share technical, staffing and regulator issues as related to clean energy projects
- Share funding sources and opportunities for clean energy projects

**Early registration, by May 25th, is \$50** and includes Thursday night's dinner, as well as breakfast and lunch on Friday. **Starting May 26th, the fee is \$65.**

Go to <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=bhdfypdab&oeidk=a07e5r449ep54279008> to register. The Conference Center at Lake Placid has a list of accommodations at <http://www.meetingslakeplacid.com/discover/motels-inns-and-lodges>. For more information, visit [www.adirondack.org](http://www.adirondack.org) or call the ANCA at 518-891-6200.

