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Tug Hill Times

Tug Hill Times is published semimonthly by the Tug Hill Commission for its board members, staff and associates, and the local representatives of the region's communities.

Plan Your Summer Vacation Next Year Cycle the Adirondacks August 23-29, 2015

Don't let the name fool you – the bicycling tour also includes two days on Tug Hill, with overnight stays in Boonville and Camden!

Hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and partially funded by a Consolidated Funding Application, this full amenity, week-long bike tour is meant to foster appreciation of the wildlife and breathtaking scenery of the Adirondack and Tug Hill from the seat of a bike. The hope is that riders will create deep and lasting ties to the area and enjoy the region as much local residents do. The tour is an outgrowth of the Adirondacks-Tug Hill Wildlife Connectivity work that has been underway the past several years in the northern Oneida County area. Wildlife experts will be on hand all week during the bike tour to explain what riders see and help them understand and appreciate the region and the wildlife that live here.

A week-long bike tour relies on the hospitality of its host communities. Without the support, the resources, and the spectacular locations of these towns, it would be difficult to organize. WCS strives to be a good neighbor to the communities of the Adirondacks and Tug Hill regions as they do conservation work through various programs, and Cycle Adirondacks is an opportunity to broaden the ways they can do that.

Each host community (and some along the route as well) is asked for teams of volunteers to help with event logistics – baggage, food service, site setup and teardown, etc. A local liaison in each community works to identify appropriate local nonprofit groups to staff these teams, and then those organizations are provided with cash in the form of stipends after the event.

The schedule for the 2015 tour goes is as follows:

Day 0: Saranac Lake

Day 1: Saranac Lake to Star Lake

Day 2: Star Lake to Boonville

Day 3: Boonville to Camden

Day 4: Camden to Old Forge

Day 5: Old Forge Layover

Day 6: Old Forge to Long Lake

Day 7: Long Lake to Saranac Lake

The tour is modeled after Cycle Greater Yellowstone, which has successfully held bicycle tours for several years. For more information, visit www.cycleadirondacks.com or find them at [Facebook.com/cycleadirondacks](https://www.facebook.com/cycleadirondacks), [Twitter.com/cycleadk](https://twitter.com/cycleadk), or [Instagram.com/cycleadk](https://www.instagram.com/cycleadk).

Tug Hill Commission to Meet September 8

The Tug Hill Commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Tailwater Lodge located at 52 Pulaski Street, Altmar, NY. Highlights of the meeting will include routine business of the Commission, latest updates of the Regional Economic Development Councils, and discussion with the North Shore Council Of Governments and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments and review of major projects and activities in the region. The public is welcome to attend and there will be a public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Exploring Shared Service Options and Opportunities

The towns of Champion and LeRay are exploring shared service options and opportunities through the Assessor's Office for more cost effective and efficient collection and transmission of data. According to the assessor for both towns, William Vargulick, the purchase of a new tablet computer and software will allow for greater mobility in preparing and submitting reports to the county while reducing overall costs to each town. According to Terry Buckley, Town of Champion Supervisor, "the new equipment and software will streamline the service while making the assessor's job easier and more accurate – he can do the measurements, take pictures and send them to the county."

Get Involved in National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)!

Each week in October is dedicated to a specific cyber security theme with corresponding messaging. The themes listed below offer the opportunity for everyone to get involved in cyber security activities most relevant to them. Details on the weekly themes are as follows:

- Week 1 (October 1 - 3): Promoting Online Safety with Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign
- Week 2 (October 6 - 10): Secure Development of IT Products
- Week 3 (October 13 - 17): Critical Infrastructure and the Internet of Things
- Week 4 (October 20 - 24): Cyber security for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses and Entrepreneurs
- Week 5 (October 27 - 31): Cyber Crime and Law Enforcement

Join others across New York State and the country in celebrating NCSAM by:

- Visiting the NYS Office of Information Technology Services, Enterprise Information Security Office (NYS ITS EISO) web page at www.its.ny.gov/eiso to download and distribute the Cyber Security Awareness Toolkit filled with posters, calendars, informational sheets, and other materials
- Encouraging employees and citizens to sign the Cyber Pledge at www.its.ny.gov/eiso
- Branding and distributing the Cyber Tips Newsletter available at www.its.ny.gov/eiso
- Hanging Cyber Security Awareness posters from the Awareness Toolkit in common areas
- Planning an activity in your community
- Including a Cyber Security Awareness article in your organization's newsletter
- Following @Cyber, #NCSAM, and #NysCyber on Twitter

Visit the following sites for more ideas and to learn more:

- NYS ITS EISO: www.its.ny.gov/eiso
- StaySafeOnline.org: www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month-2014
- Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign: www.stopthinkconnect.org

DEVELOPING MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

<p>Thursday, September 4, 2014 6:30-9:30 p.m. Boonville Town and Village Offices 13149 State Route 12, Boonville Sign in starts at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, September 15, 2014 6:30-9:30 p.m. Albion-Altmar Municipal Building 15 Bridge Street, Altmar Sign in starts at 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Presented by:
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- What is a Budget?
- Who is Responsible for the Budget Process?
- What is a Structurally Balanced Budget?
- Fund Balance – What Is It?
- What Is a Reasonable Amount?



There is no charge for this workshop.

To register please call the Tug Hill Commission at 1-888-785-2380.

Sponsored by the Tug Hill Commission, Cooperative Tug Hill Council, Northern Oneida County Council of Governments, River Area Council of Governments, North Shore Council of Governments, and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments.

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Attention all Town and Village Planning Board and ZBA Members

The Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning is offering a Fall land use training session.

Topics will include:

- Special Use Permits
- Role-Play in a Mock Meeting and Hearing on Use and Area Variance Applications

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 from 5:30-8:30 PM

2nd Floor Legislative Board Room #200
Lewis County Court House Office Building
7660 North State Street
Lowville, NY

RSVP's are strongly encouraged by
Friday, September 19th

Please call Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning to register at 315-376-5422 or E-mail: skuzer@lewiscountyny.org.

Save the date!

SUNY Potsdam 23rd Annual Local Government Conference

The 23rd Annual Local Government Conference will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. hosted at SUNY Potsdam.

For the conference schedule and to register visit:
<https://secure.potsdam.edu/conf/localgov/>

4th Annual Lewis County Economic Development Conference

The 4th Annual Lewis County Economic Development Conference will be Thursday, October 23 2014, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ridgeview Inn, Lowville, NY. Sponsored by the Lewis County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Lewis County Department of Recreation, Forestry & Parks, Lewis Chamber of Commerce and the Lewis County Industrial Development Agency.