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HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & FUNFEST 2006
sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens' Club

*HONORING
THE US FLAG*

Saturday, May 27, 2006

10 am: Funfest at the Hague Town Park

2 pm: Parade - Route 8 to Town Park

3:30 pm: Memorial Service - Town Park

Hague Volunteer Fire Department - Route 8

4-8 pm: Old Fashioned Chicken BBQ (takeouts available)



During a parade, at the moment the American Flag passes you, all should stand at attention facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts. Persons in uniform should stand at attention, face the flag and render the military salute.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION EVENTS

The Hague's Senior Citizens' Club has coordinated another Memorial Day celebration full of activities for everyone. The Funfest at the beach promises enjoyment for all ages - Games for the kids, Crafts & White Elephant items for the elders, tasty eats & WOKO music with Steve Pelkey along with a live concert by the Cambridge Band at noon. There will be a raffle for a hand made quilt or an Adirondack pack basket.

This biggest Parade yet will include the Peru, NY HS Indians Band who this past March had the honor of marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. The parade formation will cover the full spectrum of marching fare - Shriners, Mini- Horses, Classics, Clowns, Marchers of all ages, many interesting Floats, clowns, etc. All will march to the beat of five great bands.

The judges will have a job on their hands to determine the winners for each category - BEST IN PARADE, MOST CREATIVE, MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST YOUTH PRESENTATION & there will be one prize each for HONORABLE MENTION - YOUTH & HONORABLE MENTION - ADULT.

The first section of the Parade is considered our MEMORIAL UNITS - The Lead Banner reads, "GOD BLESS AMERICA" and will be followed by the Marine Colorguard, the Fife & Drum Corp, American Legion, Veterans, our portable MEMORIAL BOARD with names of all our deceased Veterans & Fire Dept. Members escorted by Classic Flag Jeeps and special marching units. All of these represent the true meaning of Memorial Day.

The Memorial Service at the Beach will immediately follow the parade. We will honor our dead and thank them for giving of themselves to ensure that our country remained free. This dedication will close with a Rifle Salute, Taps, and Prayer. The Program will end as it began, with the words of "GOD BLESS AMERICA." ...mp

NOTICE TO BOATERS

The boat launch at the Hague Town Park will be closed from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, May 27, 2006 due to the Memorial Day activities.

NOTICE TO HAGUE YOUTH

Ride on the Youth Float for the Memorial Day parade. See Debbie Manning at the Community Center before 1 pm on Saturday.

The month of May is a VERY BUSY one for the Hague Seniors preparing for the Memorial Day Celebration. A workshop on May 8th reaped those last minute signs and props needed. Our members are becoming quite adept at wielding a paint brush, and that big road banner you see in the Village was created by the talents of many hands.

May's meeting will be on Tuesday, the 23rd, at the Community Center at 1:30 PM. Many of our summer members have returned to the North Country so we look forward to catching up on their news. There will be a few fun items on the agenda, great refreshments and of course, our final plans discussed for the Memorial Day Saturday activities on the 27th.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - FUNDRAISING

The Hague Seniors and the Parade Committee wish to thank all of you who have already donated to the Parade Fund. YOU make this Celebration possible. Anyone still wishing to contribute, please make your check out to HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - PARADE ACCOUNT and mail to the Hague Community Center, Route 8, Hague, NY 12836. We appreciate your support.

As a Parade Fundraiser, the Seniors will be selling RAFFLE TICKETS for three separate prizes. First prize will be a beautiful HANDMADE QUILT BY SHIRLEY SMITH - Double size in a unique pattern of soft colors perfect for any bedroom decor. The second prize will be a large ADIRONDACK PACK BASKET filled with ADIRONDACK GIFTS compliments of Hague Retailers, & the 3rd prize will be GIFT CERTIFICATES also donated by local Businesses. Tickets will go on sale Memorial Day weekend at the Beach during the Funfest and will continue throughout the summer and fall. Drawing will be held at the Senior Christmas Tree Shop during Hague's HOLIDAY IN HAGUE on December 2nd. - so do your Christmas Shopping early folks!

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PROTECT AGAINST SCAMS

The caller claims you are the winner! You won a dream vacation! You're the beneficiary of an incredible sum of money that will be transferred into your bank account. All you need to do is confirm your personal information--your bank account number and your Social Security number. On the other hand, you are asked for an immediate reply to a threatening e-mail to update your account information. Or you lose your wallet or it is stolen.

Before you know it, your credit cards are maxed-out over the limit and you're a victim of identity theft. It's happening to one out of six of us. "Identity theft is fastest growing scam in the U.S." according to Amy Collins, Northeastern Outreach Coordinator of the Consumer Protection Board at the Office for the Aging in Glens Falls.

Ms. Collins was the guest speaker at the April Senior Citizen's meeting. Seniors are not the only

vulnerable targets she said. Children, teens, college students, and young adults are all preyed upon. Even an eight-year-old's identity was used to get a mortgage, a driver's license, and a credit card. The age group between 18 and 25 is the fastest growing group filing for bankruptcy today. Clearing your name could take from two to seven years, and could cost you \$1,000 out of pocket.

To protect yourself against identity theft and other scams, the NYS Consumer Protection Board and Ms. Collins recommend the following:

- Never give your bank account number over the phone or on the internet.

- Never list your social security number, account number, or phone number on your checks. Use a different type of ID numbers on checks.

- Store your credit cards, social security card, PIN numbers and other personal information in a safe place. Keep these out of sight. Take special care if you hire outsiders to help do work in your home.

- Carry only the credit card you plan to use. Memorize your Social Security number and don't carry it in your wallet. Photocopy what you do carry. In case of loss or theft, you won't have to guess.

- Use uncommon passwords and PIN numbers for credit card, bank, and telephone accounts. Make it easy for you to remember, but don't use your birth date, phone or mother's maiden name, .

- Shred personal information or documents that you discard. Don't be careless with junk mail.

- Drop important mail into a US postal mailbox or else bring outgoing mail to the post office. Take mail inside promptly.

- Don't let credit cards out of your sight when paying waiters, gas station attendants, or store clerks.

- Use ATM cards cautiously. Be wary of people loitering nearby.

- Carefully review bills and credit card reports. A missing statement may be a red flag that someone has your financial information.

- Check your credit report for accuracy.

- Always ask for identification. Review a contract carefully before signing. Ask questions.

- Report a lost or stolen credit card within two business days in order to minimize liability.

- If your checkbook or debit card is lost, alert your bank to stop payment or close your account immediately.

- Get on the National DO NOT CALL Registry list to limit unsolicited phone calls at 1-888-382-1222.

- If you are a victim of a scam or identity theft, call the police right away, or call 911.

- Alert neighbors in the community if you know that scam artists are in the neighborhood. Some wear uniforms and impersonate repairmen, handymen, utility workers, etc.

- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it generally is.

If you need help with a consumer fraud issue, want information, or wish to schedule a presentation, you can contact Ms. Collins at <Amy.collins@consumer.state.ny.us > or 518-798-3517. Her office is at 333 Glen Street, 3rd Floor, Room 306, Glens Falls, New York 12801.

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SILVER BAY SERVICES

The worship and preaching Schedule for 2006 at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks

- May 28 Rev. Bruce Tamlyn
- June 18 Rev. Gerard Van Heest
- June 25 Camilla Parlin Smith
- July 2 Rev. Bruce Tamlyn
- July 9 Rev. Dr. Mary Luti
- July 16 Rev. Gail Wolling,
Lutheran Summer Conference
- July 23 Rev. Charlotte P. Gosselink
- July 30 Rev. Deadra (Johns) Ashton
- August 6 Rev. John Hay
- August 13 Rev. Robert Beringer
- August 20 Rev. Geoffrey Black
- August 27 Rev. Bruce Tamlyn
- October 8 Rev. Bruce Tamlyn

The standard schedule for Sunday Morning
Worship at Silver Bay is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship

GOODBYE FROM THE WATERS

Nelson and Dottie Waters have left for California and shared some thoughts on their leaving. Nelson was born and raised in Hague and they previously lived in California.

Nelson said, "Our fifteen years here in Hague have been very meaningful and enjoyable. It has been a heart touching experience reacquainting with many people I grew up with and getting to know many of their children. I have also been privileged to serve my community in many ways and appreciate the confidence that was placed in me."

Nelson and Dottie continued, "We have experienced the additional joys of so many others who have found this beautiful place and made it their home. We have many mixed feelings as we prepare to leave. We have come to appreciate so many of you and thank you all for reaching out to us with love and care. We will take many wonderful memories with us and look forward to a visit back home every now and then. Our thanks to so many of you who shared your lives with us making this past fifteen years a pleasant journey. God's best to you all."

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE CONCERTS

The Champlain Valley Chorale presents "Anniversary of Song" at St. Patrick's Church, Port Henry, NY on Friday, June 2, 2006 at 7:30PM and at the First United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga, NY on Sunday, June 4, 2006 at 3PM. The public is invited to these admission-free concerts.

CARILLON GC CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

The Carillon Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day on April 28 by donating a Sergeant Crab Apple tree at the emergency entrance to the Inter-Lakes Health campus. Joyce Mouradian, president of the club presented the tree to Pat Chamberlain, director of nurses, who accepted it in behalf of Inter-Lakes Health. In her statement Pat accepted the tree saying that it is was a sign of growth and blossoming future of the facility. "It's beautiful and we are very thankful."

The tree was planted by David DeFranco Landscaping Co. of Hague.

It was noted by Mrs. Mouradian that this is just one of the many projects that the Garden Club has been involved in over the past years in Ticonderoga and Hague. The object of the club is: "To promote interest in gardening; to aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources; to protect civic beauty; to study and advance the fine arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design, and horticulture."

Prospective new members and/or guests are cordially invited to attend meetings of the club, which are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Hague Community Center at 11AM. Bring a sandwich for lunch - dessert and beverage are provided. A program follows lunch.

For information, please call Mrs. Mouradian at 585-6131.

THE VIEW OPENS FOR SEASON

The View Restaurant opened for the season on Friday, May 5th with a party on the deck attended by several local residents. Music was presented by Nelson Shapiro of Ticonderoga.

View owner, Brad Whisher, announced that his staff will include David Fitzgerald, of Hague, as Manager and Scott Hartwell will return as Chef.



The View Restaurant Personnel with Supervisor Belden
l. to r.: Scott hartwell, Dave Fitzgerald, Mary Anne Eaton, Brad Whisher and Dan Belden
photo by j. stock

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/27/06

Martin Fitzgerald served as Acting Chair since Chairman Robert Goetsch was absent. All other members were present - Mary Lou Doulin, George Ianson, Tina King, Bill Pittman and Lindsay Mydlarz.

Puckette, (42.12-1-18) Lakeshore DR. TR1

A public hearing was held on the application to add a 6x12 ft addition to the rear of an existing non-conforming house. The addition will maintain the current 4 ft. sideline setback.

The Planning Board had recommended that the plan not be approved as submitted. A ZBA motion to approve the plan did not carry as there was a 3-3 tie. Voting for the approval were Ianson, Pittman and Fitzgerald and voting against were King, Mydlarz and Doulin.

Berger, (12.18-1-17) Lakeshore Dr. TR1

A public hearing was held on the application to remove a portion of an existing deck and staircase which encroaches on the neighboring property. A new staircase would be built to meet a set of existing stairs that lead to the boat dock. Variances are needed for sideline and shoreline setbacks. The house was built in violation of the sideline setbacks prior to the Bergers ownership.

The Planning Board had recommended that the application be denied. The ZBA denied the variance citing that it does not address the setback issues and another solution is possible. Voting to deny were Doulin, Mydlarz, King and Pittman while Ianson and Fitzgerald voted to approve.

Whisher, (43.5-2-15) Graphite Mt. Rd. Hamlet

A public hearing was held on the request for a sideline setback variance in order to build a 9x16 ft. addition to the rear of a pre-existing non-conforming building (where previously bagels had been made) for the purpose of housing a refrigeration unit.

Attorney Pat Carney spoke for the owners of the neighboring commercial building which houses apartments, the Silver Bay Construction Co and Alison Craig Real Estate. Among other things they are concerned about the proximity to their property lines and the driveway access to the rear of their property as well as the potential noise from the addition. They believe that the unit could be placed on the other side of the building.

Brad Whisher indicated that it would be expensive to move the electrical and water lines and noted that a previous similar variance had been granted for the same building.

Alice Patchett spoke in favor of the proposal which she felt would allow for the creation of a new business that would have a positive impact on the Community.

The Planning Board made no recommendation and the ZBA denied the request citing other ways of doing the project albeit more expensive. Voting to deny were Pittman, Mydlarz, King and Doulin and voting to approve, based on the previous granting of a variance, were Ianson and Fitzgerald.

Whisher and Eaton, (12.18-1-15.1 and 12.18-1-15.2) Lakeshore DR. TR1

A public hearing was held for the application for a lot line change which would allow the angle of the property to change in order to accommodate a larger dock at their residential property.

Both the Planning and Zoning Boards approved the request.

Rebenack, (93.16-1-33) Sabbath Day Pt. Rd. TR1r

The applicant wishes to replace the existing house with a new log home within 100 ft. of the lake. The Board accepted the application with a request for further documentation. A site visit will be conducted.

Stanford, (43.13-1-29) Bayberry Lane. TR1

The Board accepted the application to build a 10x20 ft. sunroom maintaining the current 6 ft sideline setback.

PLANNING BOARD - 5/4/06

Present were Chairman David Swanson, Rolly Allen, John Brown, Tim Costello, Pam Peterson, and Katy Wells while Peter Foster was absent.

Frasier, (25.3-1-11.1) Graphite Mt. Rd. OC1

A completed survey for the subdivision was presented to the Board confirming the smaller lot will measure 3.72 acres with indication of placement of the house, garage, driveway and septic and approval was given.

Ragot, (42.20-1-6) Lakeshore Dr. TR2

The Board approved the request for a four lot subdivision with the condition that that no development can occur on lot #1 until the flooding situation is solved.

Ginn and Smith, (43.5-1-3 and 43.5-1-2) Graphite Mt. Rd. Hamlet

The applicants are requesting a lot line change of .007 acres to correct an error of a propane tank belonging to the Ginns inadvertently being buried on the adjoining (Smith) property. Approval was given based on meeting certain criteria to the satisfaction of the ZEO.

More, (93.12-1-13) Sabbath Day Point Rd. TR1

The application to build an addition and a two car garage to an existing residence was approved under Site Plan Review. R. Allen recused himself from the vote.

Puckette, (42.12-1-18) Lakeshore Dr. TR1

No action was taken by the ZBA due to a tie vote on the application for a 6x12 ft addition to the rear of an pre-existing, non-conforming building. The application will return for review at the next ZBA meeting. The Planning Board previously voted against a recommendation and decided to delay action until after the next ZBA meeting.

Rebenack, (93.16-1-33) Sabbath Day Point Rd. TR1r

Based on additional documentation the Board gave conceptual approval for the request to replace the existing house with a new log home within 100 ft. of the lake. The ZBA will still be holding a public hearing.

Dan Belden, Art Steitz, Dick Gladu, Edna Frasier and Tom LaPointe were all present.

Several people spoke in the time allotted for public comments:

Scott Olsen from Casella Waste Management discussed the hours at the transfer station, the fees and the handling of the "free" day. The Board agreed to stay with the current rates and hours. In response to requests from seasonal residents, the dates for the "free" day will be later in the month than last year and will be held on Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23 from 8 am to 4 pm. There will not be a voucher system as last year. Seniors, 60 & over, may arrange for pick-up by the Town Highway crew by calling 543-6161. Casella doesn't charge for these items but any items other residents bring up to the station will be billed to the Town. Metal and construction debris will be accepted but no garbage, refrigerators, tires or yard waste.

Judy Stock suggested that Board clarify its procedures for both the Town "Citizen's Committees" and the Town "Board Committees", including stating the mission and goals of the committee, method for selecting members and choosing a chairman, and improving record keeping. Each Town Board committee currently consists of two Board members and reports are given each month at the Town Board meeting. She noted, "It appears that much of the topic of discussion at the Town Board meetings could be done by the committees. The Town Board would only need to discuss a particular motion on a recommendation by the committee."

Linda Benway, Town Animal Control Officer, stated that she wanted to start the trap/neuter and return program soon but will need additional traps. The Board has approved money for the program and the traps may be purchased from that fund.

Rudy Meola noted that the Town has maintained large balances in the operating account (over \$810,000 in January, \$750,000 in February, \$654,000 in March and \$724,000 in April) with a yield of 1.4% and asked, "Why can't some of these funds be invested in a higher rate?" Supervisor Belden said that all current bills are paid from this account and it "can't be drawn down to nothing." Meola suggested that with more sales tax money coming in they could consider investing just \$200,000 at 5%. Council member Frasier responded that the Finance Committee looked at this issue carefully and felt that they have made the best decisions for the investing of the money and that it was not necessary to keep revisiting the issue.

Sean Lobdell again appeared to ask about the status of the follow-up on the lawsuit which the Board promised at the last meeting. Councilman Gladu reported that he had been continually trying to contact the lawyer, Mr. McNally, and had just today received a fax with the recommendation. He wanted to discuss it with the Board later in executive session before making a public statement. In response to a question from Mr. Lobdell on the amount of money the town has spent on this matter, Supervisor Belden responded about \$3000.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that the tentative assessment roll is available. About 80 properties have been informed about changes and appointments are being scheduled. The equalization rate is 79.5%. If you divide your assessed valuation by the rate (.795) you will get the market value of your property. Considering the current sales prices, there will probably have to be another revaluation in Hague soon. Bolton, Lake George and Queensbury will do a reval in 2008. He would like to see Ticonderoga and Hague do one together in 2008 and suggested that Supervisor Belden talk with Ticonderoga Supervisor Bob Dedrick to "get on same page".

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Councilman LaPointe reported on bids by Silver Bay Construction for several of the projects that need to be done. The Board approved some and will hold off on others.

Other issues that were noted were a petition for a library in the newly acquired American Legion building, the need for a tree to be removed from the cemetery on Route 8 and the status of the streetlights which will not be used on Graphite Mt Rd (Route 8) in the hamlet. It is possible that some of the streetlights might be used elsewhere. They will be stored in the Town Shed until a decision is made.

Enhancement Committee - Council member Frasier reported that she and Supervisor Belden met with Lisa Nagle about plans for the area behind the brook by the American Legion building such as a gazebo and picnic table. Inside there might be displays (eg. crafts) changing each month. The Board approved no more than \$2500 to hire Ms. Nagle to write a grant application for matching funds to do the work. Mrs. Frasier also met with the Enhancement Committee and reported a possible alternative of planters rather than a flower bed near the Baptist Church. Work needs to be done on the triangle at the intersection and Dave DeFranco and Pete Foster will be consulted. A watering cart is needed to pull along the sidewalk to water the flower baskets. The Board approved a total of up to \$4000 for the Enhancement Committee projects.

CARE - Council member Frasier reported that the food pantry is overloaded with food and only 8 people are using it regularly. She felt there needs to be some way to get more of the food distributed. If there are not enough eligible people then more could be given to each individual, it could be opened every week or the pantry should consider accepting less food. These suggestions will be discussed with the Food Pantry volunteers.

Highway - Councilman Gladu stated that the 3 trucks that the Town can potentially sell are in fair to poor condition. He is also continuing to work on the respiratory plan due to OSHA. The CHIPS money for the highway is coming and it will be \$32,700 rather than the budgeted \$24,000.

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Museum & Historian - Council member Frasier reported meeting with the Museum Board and it is felt that the priority need is to preserve the paper items they already have. There is still some confusion about building and she feels a survey is needed about community support.

Councilman LaPointe is going to try to build a mobile case which could be used for displays to promote the museum and to test for size. He is working on ideas with Michelle Gautreau. The fundraiser money is in the Town general fund and the Museum would have to ask the Board in order to use the money.

The Town Board previously set aside about \$265,000 for the Museum. Art Hatfield spoke to the Board and felt that only one person in ten is interested in a new museum and that people aren't willing to pay more taxes to support it. He concurred that a survey of the community is needed.

George Ianson suggested that other small museums should be checked and a plan has to be generated that "this is what we have and this is where we want to go and do we want it."

Mr. LaPointe said that maybe we don't need a building yet and just need display cases. Supervisor Belden said that we already have money which can be used to preserve what we have which is the first goal.

Town Clerk Debbie Manning noted that a needs assessment has already been done and that there is an inventory of all the paper records.

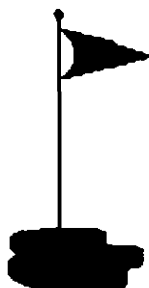
Judy Stock mentioned that there is currently some discussion on the integration of the Museum and the Historical Society.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Councilman Gladu recommended that the hours for the Zoning Enforcement Officer be increased from 24 hours to 32 hours per week. This increase is needed in order for the ZEO to do all the necessary inspections, surveys, meetings, site visits as well as still have scheduled office hours. He hopes to also have a proposal at the next meeting on an increase in the fee schedule to bring in more income to cover the extra hours. The Board approved the change. The ZEO submitted a written report of the month's activities.

Town Park/Beautification - After much discussion on the merits of various lawnmowers, the Board approved \$2500 for a new one.

GOLF HUMOR

In golf, if it goes left, it's a hook. If it goes right, it's a slice. If it goes straight down the fairway, it's a miracle.



In other unfinished business, the Board:

- Accepted a petition from residents on Trout Brook Road to decrease the speed limit to 35 mph
- Heard a update from Councilman Gladu on the current proposal for property tax and school funding reform. (See related article below on "Taxes".)
- Declined to accept the opportunity to purchase the print of a painting of a photograph of the "Leaping Fish" for \$450.

Under new business, the Board:

- Discussed letter from the Hague Motel on the need for dredging at the boat launch site.
- Approved use of the Visitor Center by the Fish & Game Club for 6/5-6/11.
- Approved use of well water for the drinking fountain in the community center.
- Approved \$4,900 to Clough Harbor for the annual landfill post closure work.
- Set Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30pm for an informational hearing about plans for the new sewer district #2.
- Approved a resolution of support in an appeal to the APA by Adirondack Wind Partners to construct a temporary wind and weather monitoring tower on the Barton Mine lands.
- Learned in a report from Graham Bailey that the next period for grant funding will be in 2008 for the pedestrian/bicycle path along Route 9N.

PROPERTY TAXES

The new budget of the Ticonderoga Central School District contains a tax levy increase of 2.89 percent. The tax levy will go from \$8.1 million to \$8.4 million. The tax levy is the amount raised from property taxes, but a projected tax rate hasn't been set yet according to Ticonderoga Superintendent John McDonald. The biggest increase in the new budget was for debt-service payments on a previous building project. Spending is up 6.29 percent, or \$897,000, over the 2005-06 budget. The current budget totals \$14.26 million; the new plan is \$15.16 million. The district is slated for a 6.8-percent increase in state aid -- from \$5.04 million to \$5.38 million.

McDonald said that the School Board held several work sessions and received input from the community and school staff to come up with a budget that "pays attention to education needs and needs of the taxpayers."

Hague Councilman Dick Gladu has been working with other concerned taxpayers around the state to encourage legislation for property tax relief. He reported attending a rally in Lake George of about 35 activists, representing many thousands of taxpayers, to encourage bipartisan support for the measures.

The concern about rising property taxes has become an issue all across New York State and pressure is mounting to pass significant legislation.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A girl, Helena Elizabeth Batha, to Courtney (Van Voorhis) and Jack Batha, Wevertown, NY, on April 17, 2006. Happy grandparents are Rudd and Peg Van Voorhis, Hague and Wevertown.

BORN: Luke Barton Engler to Bart and Jennifer Engler of Daytona Beach, Fl on May 7, 2006. His proud grandfather and step-grandmother are Gilbert and Barbara Engler of Annandale, VA and Hague, NY.

DIED: Karen Kowalsky Ravis, 42, of Lewes, DE on April 23, 2006 from complications of diabetes and heart disease. Karen graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 1981. Her remaining family includes her mother, Nancy Getta of Lewes, DE and Hague, NY and her siblings Stanley Kowalsky of Bloomsburg, PA, Michael Kowalsky of Ronkonkoma, NY and Nancy Perkins of Winhall, VT.

DIED: Charles Cronin, 73, of Buckingham, PA and 40-year summer resident of Forest Bay, Hague on April 10, 2006 of lung cancer. Chuck was an avid golfer and member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Margaret "Peggy" Edwards Cronin; a daughter, Elizabeth Cronin Caviness and her husband, George, of NY, NY; a son, John Cronin and his wife, Julie, of Baltimore, MD; a granddaughter, Julie Caviness and a brother, Arthur Cronin of Michigan.

TICONDEROGA MS HONORS

The following Hague students have been listed on the Third Marking Period Honor Roll at the Ticonderoga Middle School:

Grade 6: First Honors - Edward Kearns, Corey King, William Lawrie, Victoria Tompkins, Harley Trudeau

Grade 8: First Honors - Kaley Manniing, Jamie Patchett, Qirsten Ross

The following Hague students are listed in the Sentinel Merit Society for the Third Marking Period:

Grade 6: Corey King, Victoria Tompkins, Walter Porter, Harley Trudeau

Grade 7: Kalene Ross

Grade 8: Taylor Denno, Kaley Manning, Qirsten Ross

Harley Trudeau was one of two sixth graders in Ti Middle School chosen as student of the month for March 2006.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

In a May 12, 2006 letter to District Parents, John McDonald, Ticonderoga Superintendent of Schools, enclosed two flyers he had received from the Warren County Sheriff's Department. The flyers indicated that there are two level 3 sex offenders whose addresses are listed in Hague.

For futher information see <<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/index.htm>> or <<http://www.familywatchdog.us/Search.asp>> or call 1-800-262-3257.

MORE BESTE THANKS

The Beste Scholarship Committee thanks the following people who have sent in donations to the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Fund since the last donor list was published in the Hague Chronicle: Robert W. Mayer and Tony and Carol Clifton Turner. Any additional donations can be sent to: Beste Scholarship Fund c/o Hague Community center, Hague, NY 12836.

WARREN COUNTY YOUTH TALENT SHOW

A Talent Show, open to Warren County youth, will be held on Saturday August 5, 2006 during the Warren County Youth Fair. This event, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County, is solely for the purpose of providing an opportunity for encouragement, development and discovery of amateur entertainers.

Youth who reside in Warren County for at least 2 months of the year, attend a Warren County School, or are a member of a youth group located within Warren County are eligible to enter. All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2006 to participate.

For more information or to enter, please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center in Warren County at (518) 668-4881, (518) 623-3291, or email to <warren@cornell.edu>.

SANTANIELLO CONTINUES STREAK

Ted Santaniello, SUNY Plattsburgh senior, continues to impress with his success on the track. On April 29th, at the SUNYAC Championships at Brockport, he placed third in the 400M and second in the 4x100M relay for a new school record. In the 4x400M a first place finish was a new facility record and a new championship meet record - besting the old record set in 1981. On May 5th at Oneonta State, Ted placed first in both the 100M and 200M races.

- "HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD", theme party and fundraiser for the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at the View Restaurant on Friday, June 2. Cocktails/ silent auction/great food buffet, music and dancing, "limited live auction". For reservations, call 585-6619 or email tacc@bluemoo.net.

- AMERICADE Touring Rally will be held in Lake George from June 5 to 10. Hague Fish and Game Club will man a concession stand at the Hague Town Park Visitors' Center for the bikers and the general public.

- TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD progressive dinner on June 6, 2006 with seatings at 4:30PM, 5:30PM and 6:30PM. Tickets (\$30) and info call 585-6716.

- CRANDALL Library in Glens Falls will hold a library book sale on June 9 - 11 at the library. Books, audio and video cassettes, cd's DVD;s records. Fri. 9AM-5PM; Sat. 9AM - 4PM, Sun. 12N -4PM

- LARAC Art Festival will be held in the City Park, Glens Falls on June 10 and 11. Juried arts & crafts show. Food, music, activities. For information call 798-1114.

- ZONTA Country Faire to be held on June 10 and 11 across from the LARAC Festival. Homemade crafts, kiddie corner, food booth, raffle. Sat. 10A-5PM. Sun. 10AM-4PM. For information call 743-1844.

- BASS season opens statewide on June 17 through Nov. 30. Verify regulations on ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. For information call 897-1200.

- BREAKFAST on the first Friday of every month is open to the public at the Ti Armory, Champlain Ave. 6:30AM - 9:30AM, \$2.50. Call 585-7682.

- The OSTEOPOROSIS Exercise Group meets every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30PM at the Moses-Ludington Hospital Cafeteria. For information call 547-8306 or 585-7732.

- H.O.P.E. Cancer Support Group meets the third Sunday of every month at the Blessed Sacrament Rectory in Hague. For more information call 543-6525.

- FORT TICONDEROGA opened May 10. For events information, call 585-2821.

- HANCOCK HOUSE is open Wed - Sat 10AM - 4PM.

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum will present the music of pianist Sonya Lifschitz at a benefit concert at 3PM Sunday, June 4 at the museum, 4800 Rt. 9N Bolton Landing. Lifschitz will perform works by Chopin, Scriabin and Schubert. Proceeds from the concert will go to the conservation of the museum's costume collection. A reception follows the concert.

The museum opens for the season on June 15. Hours are daily from June 15 through Sept. 15 from 10AM to 12:30PM and from 2:00 to 5:30PM. Admission is by donation. Call 644-2492 or visit the Web site at www.operamuseum.org for more information.

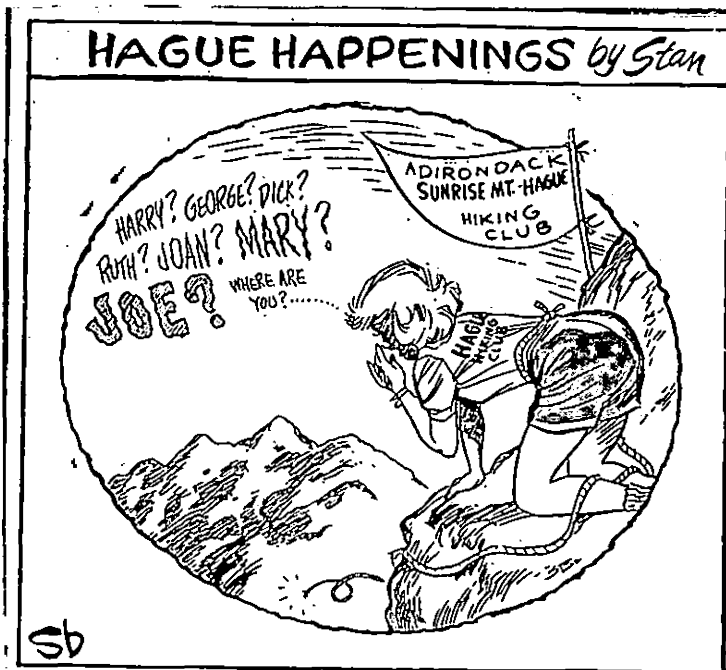
LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION

Throughout the Lake George watershed applications for subdivision development are being submitted at an accelerated rate. To lake protection advocates it is a troubling trend. The LGA is urging towns to carefully review their Comprehensive Plan to ensure that all subdivision approvals correlate to the town's long-range goals, if they have been defined. If the Comprehensive Plan has not addressed the specific issues of what constitutes appropriate development, then this should happen before current approvals are granted.

According to Kathy Bozony, LGA Land Use Management Coordinator, the number of subdivision plans being presented to Planning Boards for approval will certainly change the look of the viewshed from Lake George and the surrounding lands. "It will be unfortunate if people that live around Lake George and enjoy its beauty look around in the near future and say 'What happened?'"

The LGA is urging residents to monitor the work of its municipal boards and to take an active role in shaping their community.

Walt Lender, executive director of LGA points out that LGA is not the only group looking at the future. "The Lake George Park Commission has hired a consultant to evaluate and make recommendations regarding 'Tree Clearing and Stream Corridor Management' and the Fund for Lake George has produced a document on upland development. This is a good time to decide how all of us can better protect Lake George."



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Tree Leaves

In a week's time, the view of Anthony's Nose has changed. Rust, brown and gray have become pea-green, lime-green, spring-green as the tree leaves have unfolded from the pink and red buds.

As I write this, on Mother's Day, the colors are even more vibrant in the rain, outstanding against wet, dark trunks. I went for two walks yesterday. The first, in the morning when it had stopped raining for a bit, was to just get out and breathe the freshness in the air and see what was "awake" from the winter. Maples were leafed out already and the striped maples were flowering ~ long, green, paper-chains hanging beneath soft open leaves. Poplars and red oaks with shiny new leaves still half the size of fully grown, beeches the color of new grass, their coppery-skinned bud sheaths still clinging to the branches and elms leaves were breaking through their fuzzy white coverings as well. The ash trees were slower to come along but the flowers had dropped and the leaves were out about a quarter of the way, as were the birches.

The most interesting, the white oaks, brought me back for a second walk later in the day with my camera. The leaves are usually so high in the tall trees that I cannot get a close look at them as they emerge, and from the ground they looked as though they were still in the bud or flowering stage with fat red clumps at the tips of the branches. But my walk along the road had led me to some saplings where the branch tips were eye level and I was able to get a close look at the reddish clusters. They turned out to be clusters of tiny, one-inch leaves of the white oak (yes, red leaves of the white oak). The leaves will turn green as they mature, and although they seem to be the last to arrive in the spring, they persist the latest in the fall, even holding their leaves into the winter.

We assume that the leaves on a single tree will all look the same, but that is not the case. Once fully leafed out, a tree will have leaves of different sizes and constitutions. Leaves growing in shade deep inside a tree's crown or growing from interior and lower branches are called "shade leaves", whereas the leaves growing on the exposed surface of the tree's crown or anywhere where they get full sun, are called "sun leaves", as you might have guessed.



photo by N. Scarzello

Shade leaves are usually thinner, but much larger (often many times) than sun leaves. The larger surface area allows the leaf to capture more of the dim sunlight filtered from above and the thinness of shade leaves allows what little light there is to easily penetrate into the photosynthetic cells inside. Sun leaves are built to take advantage of the full sunlight that can penetrate deeper with thicker leaves that have more layers of photosynthetic cells. But all that direct sun can overheat and dry out a leaf, so sun leaves are smaller, which limits their losses under dry conditions, and they tend to have more protective hairs and waxy surface coatings than do shade leaves. Leaves that emerge into full sunlight will align themselves vertically, nearly parallel to incoming sun rays to minimize overheating and water loss, whereas the shade leaves generally align themselves in a horizontal fashion, parallel to the ground to maximize light exposure.

This explains my confusion last fall when I was attempting to identify the different oak trees in our neighborhood, finding some leaves only 3-4" in length and others 8" or more, that seemed to come from the same tree. Now I know that this is not only possible, but probably was the case in fact. I'll be looking for confirmation this summer.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

"It's all good"...the dear, dry sunny days, the cloudy and the rainy. Each day the beauty of spring continues to emerge. This time of year is gorgeous no matter what the conditions. In the last thirty days even though it was spring, I often felt the summer. Nineteen days were spectacular with full sun and comfortable temperatures, but the nights did get cold. Nine were cloudy with some showers and as of the last two the rain has been steady. A flood watch was posted for Mother's Day weekend as the current precipitation is derived from a slow moving storm off the coast. It appears we are leaving the past dry spell and entering into a wet phase as the predictions for the next week are for showers each day. We are receiving a much needed soaking, as wells were low and the soil was very dry below the surface.

The rain has done a great job of purifying the previous dusty air. The moist air makes the flowering lilacs scent drift more potently through the atmosphere, and the vegetation dramatically more lush as the leaves from the deciduous trees begin flowering and emerging. These current rains must be the belated April showers as not much was received last month.

It is such a pleasure to live where the grass is green and the birds sing. This has to be another of the great joys of spring with the return of the bird songs. The melodies in addition to our regular avian visitors coming from the trees indicate that there are some additional warblers. Such "sweet, sweet tunes!"

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CROWN POINT MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 28th in Veteran's Park:

11:00AM - Ecumenical Church Service

2 - 4PM - Loon Works Entertainment: magic, clowns, face painting & balloon sculpturing; afternoon and evening - Civil War Reenactors, crafters, vendors, children's rides, games and food in the Park

6-9PM - Daniel Ray Edwards Band

9PM - Fireworks

Monday, May 29th:

8:15 - 12PM - the Solemn Cemetery Tour

2PM - PARADE up Main Street.



Memorial Day Balloons
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