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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the town beach on Easter morning (April 11) at 6AM. A pancake breakfast will be served immediately following the service at the Hague Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All are cordially invited to attend both the inspirational service and the breakfast.

TRANSFER STATION MANAGEMENT CHANGE

Under a current proposal the Transfer Station hours will be reduced to 3 days per week (Mon/Wed/Sat) during July and August and be open only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the other months.

A public informational hearing was held on February 26, 2004 on the proposal by Casella Waste Management to take over the operation of the Hague Transfer Station. The prices would remain equivalent with any 15 gallon bag costing \$2 for disposal and any 30 gallon bag costing \$3. A few residents were in attendance and expressed some dismay with the proposal. Myles Peterson asked what arrangement would be made for residents who already have Town of Hague bags. That question and others should be addressed if the final contract is signed.

IF IT IS MARCH... IT MUST BE ASSESSMENT TIME

Michael Maxwell of Maxwell Associates who has been doing the latest revaluation of real property in Hague has sent letters to all taxpayers with information on their new assessments. As expected, the lakefront homeowners saw staggering increases in their assessments. The increase was much greater than the 2003 revaluations which were not used. Several property owners have scheduled appointments with Mr. Maxwell to review their assessments. The next level of recourse is the local Board of Assessment Review and after that a court filing of an Article 78. Unlike last year's March Town Board meeting, there were no questions raised this year for Town officials.

HAGUE REAL ESTATE

With the latest assessments Town conversation again turns to real estate values and discussions of sales. To help our readers be better informed about the Hague Real Estate market we are initiating this column to contain real estate news and a list of current sales.

At the latest Planning Board meeting, the engineering firm of Jarrett-Martin, representing Roger Wilson, unveiled a plan for development of 15 lots at the corner of Summit Drive and Graphite Mountain Rd (Rte 8).

A perusal of local real estate websites shows approximately 10 lakefront or lake-access homes for sale from cottages to estates with asking prices ranging from \$189,000 to \$1,600,000. There are 4 off-lake homes with asking prices ranging from \$81,000 to \$495,000. A listing of sixty plus acres of vacant land is being offered at \$186,000.

On the commercial side, Lakeside Bagels is back on the market and King Boatworks is for sale. The Lakeshore Garage property may be purchased by the owner of the Algonquin Restaurant and he has plans for a restaurant and storefronts.

According to the Warren County Record of Deeds, the substantial residential real estate sales in Hague since the beginning of 2004 were as follows:

Barone to Scully - \$999,999; Wallace to Serricchio - \$57,500; IHH to Beaty - \$390,000; Weldon to Werner - \$625,000; Coon to Rudolph - \$104,900; and Borton to Dunsmore/Zacharenko - \$108,700. ...js

TO OUR READERS

The next issue of the Chronicle will be mailed on April 22nd. If your mailing address will be changed by then please let us know by April 18th. We try to keep our mailing lists accurate but we need your help. Thanks!

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION

The LGPC Law Enforcement Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 9:00AM at the Fort William Henry Conference Center, Canada St., Lake George, NY. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 10AM at the center.

HOMELESS YOUTH COALITION

The Warren/Washington Counties Homeless Youth Coalition is hosting a dinner, "Pizza, Wings and Baskets of Things", on Saturday, March 27, from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rt. 9 in Queensbury. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes pizza, chicken wings and beverages. The evening will feature a Chinese auction with over 60 theme baskets filled with items donated from local businesses and organizations. To purchase tickets or donate items for the auction, please call 798-2077 or email <hvcEvent@hotmail.com>. All proceeds benefit the Homeless Youth Coalition which operates a shelter for homeless youth ages 16-21.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Hague Historical Society for 2004 was held on March 15 with Bill Dolbeck, former president of Ticonderoga Historical Society, as guest speaker. His topic was *Montcalm Street in Years Gone By*.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19 at the Community Center and will continue to be held the third Monday of each month. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 PM with a business meeting and program following at 8PM.

FOOD PANTRY REVITALIZED

Sheryl Bailey, CARE Program coordinator and her assistant, Earlene Steger, have set new hours for the Food Pantry and are getting information on the CARE program out to the community. Any Hague resident who meets the income criteria is eligible to participate in the Food Pantry. The income limit for 1 person is \$17,960; for a family of 2 is \$24,240; for 3 is \$30,520; for 4 is \$36,800; for 5 is \$43,080 and for 6 is \$49,999. According to 2000 census information there are 67 households in Hague which meet the criteria and are encouraged to participate. Emergency situations, such as fire, illness or high medical costs, may qualify for food even if the income limit is not met.

The food distribution will take place each Thursday at the Community Center from 1-2 PM. Income verifications are needed such as pay stub, tax return or social security statement. Sheryl or Earlene can be reached for questions or concerns through the Community Center at 543-6161.

GROCERY WORKSHOP

Are you interested in learning more about how to stretch your grocery dollars? Cornell Cooperative Extension will conduct a free one hour workshop at the Hague Community Center if at least five people register. Call 543-6161 if interested.

TICONDEROGA CARTOON MUSEUM

The Grand Opening of the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum will take place at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 1 PM. Displayed will be 700 framed cartoons from the collection of Stan Burdick of Silver Bay. These cartoons were previously displayed in the Hague Cartoon Museum. Other activities will include signings by guest artists and refreshments. The Museum will be open on April 1 and 2 from 1 to 4 PM.

The Museum is located on the lower level of the Ticonderoga Community Center on Lower Montcalm Street. For further information contact Stan at 543-8824.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT SILVER BAY

Giselle Hoffay and Heather Constant, of the Silver Bay Association, have organized a day of health and fun for kids and all area residents on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 9 AM to 5 PM. "Healthy Kids Day" is a nationally celebrated YMCA event. The activities will take place in several venues on the Silver Bay Campus and there will be plenty of parking.

Some of the planned events include a climbing wall, St. Jude's trike-a-thon, guided hikes, sand volleyball, a teen room, blood pressure screening, canine and car seat safety demonstrations by the NYS Police, dental and nutritional seminars followed by healthy snacks, arts & crafts, a cakewalk, and appearances by the Hague Fire Dept and Warren County Sheriff.

The day is free and designed for all ages. There will be a full day of music and refreshments will be available. For further information, call SBA at 543-8833.

LOCAL AUTHOR PUBLISHES

Ruth Heins Klingler, a resident of Silver Bay and Tottenville, NY, has recently published her first novel, Embers. The story is a love story and is set in the World War I era. Although this is Mrs. Klingler's first novel, she has had poetry published in The Poetry Guild.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/26/04

Robert Goetsch, Chairman, opened the meeting with members George Ianson, Bruce Clark, Nelson Waters, Bill Pittman and Tina King present. Mary Lou Doulin was absent and Tina King recused herself "on the advice of the Town attorney" from both discussions and left the room.

The ZBA accepted the preliminary application of Turnamian (26.18-1-16), Lakeshore Drive, who wishes to add a partial second floor onto an existing house. A variance is needed because of required setbacks. A public hearing will be held next month.

Three lawyers and several residents spoke at the next public hearing relative to the Reingold's request to vacate a Stop Work order (issued by Tim Costello when he was ZEO) on their Abenakis Drive property (43.13-1-5) off Lakeshore Drive. The accessory structure which the Reingolds have built is substantially different from the original plans submitted to the Planning Board. The original approval was for a 24 ft high accessory workshop structure with 858 sq ft which is now 1350 sq ft in a 28 ft high building. The Reingold's lawyer noted, however, that each of the changes was approved by a Zoning Administrator (Paul Barone, Bill Bothe, or Tim Costello). The building includes an approved sink and toilet and a second floor dormer with livable space headroom. Hague Zoning prohibits new construction which would create two buildings for living purposes on one property. Both Mrs. Reingold and their lawyer insisted that it is to be used for storage and as a workshop and is not intended for living quarters.

Robert McNally, a lawyer representing the Town of Hague, indicated that the Town is not bound by mistakes made in the approvals. The ZBA must now study the codes and documents submitted by the lawyers and make a decision at the next meeting. ...js

PLANNING BOARD - 3/4/04

Chairman Dave Swanson called the meeting to order with members Catherine Clark, John Brown and Pam Peterson present. Rolly Allen, Nancy Harrigan and Peter Foster were absent.

Wilson (25.1-1-17 and 25.1-1-18), corner of Graphite Mt. Rd (Rt 8) and Summit Drive, has submitted a Sketch Plan for a major subdivision of the 2 parcels into 15 lots ranging from 5 to 17 acres. APA permits will be needed. PB site visit will be held.

Linda Benway (2-1-22), New Hague Road, wants to convert an existing barn into a crematorium for the disposal of the remains of small animals. This use would be in addition to the currently operating kennel and dog-grooming business on the property. Linda, who is also the Town of Hague Animal Control officer, stated that the company which manufactures the crematorium has worked with the DEC and assures that there would not be any odor or other environmental problem. The

PB will conduct a public hearing and go through the applicant's environmental check list. APA approval has been requested.

Whisher (12.18-1-15.2), Lakeshore Drive, presented final house plans which were confirmed as previously conditioned.

Frasier (25.2-1-2), West Hague Rd, wishes to build a 6,250 sq. ft. commercial building with storage for truck fabrication and restoration. Mr. Frasier would be moving his Lakeshore Garage business to this new location on property where he resides. A site visit and public hearing will be held.

Under old business the PB voted 4-0 to send the Simunek (12.18-1-29.2) request for a lot line change to the ZBA for a variance.

The PB reported conducting site visits for 3 properties and approved requested additions for Goff (93.19-1-9), 7767 Lakeshore Dr, Dickson (93.16-1-23), Sabbath Day Pt Rd and Penfield (76.16-1-15), Lakeshore Drive. ...js

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/9/04

Supervisor Belden began the regular meeting with Board members Gladu, Megow and Meola present. Councilman Bill Bothe was absent due to a fall. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for Joan Dillon, Herb Wilen, Lewis Simmons, Lollie Armes, Del Bullock, and Dick Rottier.

Virginia Westbrook was invited to discuss plans for the Town of Hague Museum. She noted that having a museum room in a community center is unique as it is usually a separate space and not as centrally located. She has done research in the museum which has the beginnings of a good collection. She felt that the photo collection was the strongest part of the museum thanks to the efforts of the late Clifton West for whom the museum is named. Ms. Westbrook described a process she used at the Heritage Museum in Ticonderoga and outlined some suggestions for Hague. A day of planning where interested residents and representatives from government and other museums can discuss ideas and work in groups was proposed. The Board would like to have Ms. Westbrook organize this type of activity in the Spring. The cost would be around \$2500.

Under public comments, Judy Stock suggested that the Board delay any final approval of the change in management of the transfer station to a private concern until more residents had a chance to know about the proposal.

Nelson Waters discussed information at the boat launch which would indicate where trailers can be taken. He has gotten the insurance and has a place for the trailers on his property on Decker Hill Rd but last summer posters were taken down and attendants were not always there to direct people to his parking area.

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Mr. Waters also questioned what was happening with the salary/insurance for the Highway superintendent. That issue was addressed later in the meeting.

Committee Report Highlights:

Finance - The annual report should be done by the end of the week. There is a need for a better telephone system.

Fire - Councilman Megow said that Fire Department volunteers have been able to attend good training sessions which are now available here in town.

Insurance - Councilman Meola reminded the Board that the policy is due on May 1 and may include a 10% increase.

Personnel - Councilmen Meola and Bothe have been working on possible regulations for the new parking lots. They are also working on staffing for the summer.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Councilman Gladu reported on a wastewater symposium. He acknowledged the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), Graham Bailey, who has "done a super job" working on new forms which the planning board will discuss before the Town Board approves. He reminded interested persons about the March 31 workshop being organized by the ZEO. He also said that the Board needs to get a copy of the clarification on height definition proposed by the Planning Board and decide what to do.

ZEO Bailey reported on applications issued and agenda items for the Planning and Zoning Boards. He announced that the ZBA meeting scheduled for March 25th would be held on the 24th since there is a conflict with an Association of Towns meeting. He also noted that there is additional money available through PRIDE for removal of junk cars.

Supervisor Belden discussed a stormwater problem on Pine Orchard Rd where water is coming across Rt 9N and into Lake. He felt we may be able to get county money to help.

Recreation/Promotion - The Town will be receiving about \$25-30,000 from the county bed tax. Supervisor Belden stated that there are certain restrictions on how it can be used.

Sewer District 1 - Councilman Meola noted that there have been problems with the sewer during the winter - eg. broken lines, tests not passing DOH criteria. He requested that a meeting be set up with Bill Lamy from the County, Tracy Smith, Hague certified sewer operator and Tim Costello, onsite supervisor to give us an update on the problems and how they are being addressed. He also stated that the Board passed a resolution last fall requiring hookups, or at least a permit, by Dec 31st. Those who have not complied should be notified that they will incur additional expense.

Town Park/Beautification - Donations for basket dedications are coming in. It is not too late to send in a \$25 contribution in for a memory basket.

Transfer and Recycling - Income for last month was \$2500.

Youth - Councilman Meola reported on attending a Warren County Youth Bureau meeting and learned of a workshop for young people that again our Hague youth were not

made aware of. Mr. Meola continues to request that the County inform the Ticonderoga schools about programs because the Hague students there are Warren County residents. Bruce Clark suggested that the Supervisor should bring it up at the County level.

School - Councilman Gladu noted that there will be three openings on the Ticonderoga Board of Education and urged any interested residents to consider running. The last day for filing petitions is April 16th.

Mr. Gladu spent that morning in Albany with Theresa Sayward who is soliciting suggestions on school taxes.

Councilman Meola said we should impact what they do in the budgeting process, that something should be done to reduce expenses. He then questioned Mr. Gladu about when to expect a report from the Tax committee and said that "this committee should not go on in perpetuity."

Mr. Gladu responded that the report was in the final stages of being "reknit" together and that a lot of work was done looking at sales.

Mr. Meola said, "If people can afford to buy a piece of property for a million dollars then they should be able to afford the taxes."

Mr. Gladu responded, "Some people already live in these homes and can't afford it."

In Unfinished business, the Board:

- voted for family health insurance for the Highway Superintendent.
- approved resolution 46 on sewer use.
- voted to dispose of outdated computers.
- planned another meeting with Casella for the Transfer Station.
- will get specifications together for a bid on a new backhoe.
- discussed more on proposals for new computers.
- noted more people eligible for sewer grants.

In New business, the Board:

- appointed Earlene Steger as Assistant Care Program Officer.
- discussed cable connection extension.
- will consult Town Attorney about need for a professional engineer in the design of wastewater treatment systems.
- approved exterior painting for the Visitor Center.
- approved Verizon request to install anchor and guy pole on Dock Rd.
- approved attendance for Supervisor, ZEO and CARE officer at Local Government Day in Saranac.
- discussed the Residential Assessment Ratio for Hague.
- discussed refinishing the floor of the large room in Community Center.
- approved a carpeting plan from Ti paint.
- clarified position on outside vendors at Town Park.
- reminded residents that all dogs need to be licensed and the law will be enforced.

SEWER CONNECTIONS GRANTS

The Community of Hague received \$237,000 from a Small Cities Grant to fund income eligible residents with connections to the new sewer line. If your home is located within the sewer district, you may be eligible to receive funds to assist with the connections to the new sewer line. The program will not be available much longer.

Please contact the Warren County Planning and Community Development Office, Martin Fitzgerald, at 761-6410 to obtain an application.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Town Clerk Debbie Manning and Dog Control Officer Linda Benway remind all dog owners that any dog four months of age or older must be licensed. A certificate for rabies shots must be presented with the application. The fee for spayed/neutered dogs is \$2.50; otherwise it is \$10.50.

The Town Board has reaffirmed that this law must be enforced so all owners are encouraged to license their pets. For more information, contact Debbie at the Community Center at 543-6161 or Linda at 585-6884, Monday - Friday, 9AM - 1 PM.

HAGUE BROOK STREAM CORRIDOR PROJECT

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District featured an article on Hague in its latest issue. Hague received \$361,500 from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for work on the Hague Brook and delta. Stream bed and bank erosion has ultimately led to the creation of a large delta at the mouth of Hague Brook in Lake George. In 2003, the project completed over 1,000 feet of retaining wall repair with pumped concrete and stabilized over 300 feet of bank with riprap. Planned for 2004 is installation of 500 ft of riprap to protect the streambanks, installation of 200 ft of pinned/stacked stone along the stream, bridge repair over the stream in front of the Hague Community Center and various conservation plantings along the stream.

BOTTLED WATER: WORTH EVERY DROP?

Boiled water sales in the United States have grown nine-fold over the past 20 years, and 20% of US consumers refuse to drink tap water. What most Americans don't realize however, is that tap water is often the safest option.

Bottled water is the product of a largely self-regulated industry, and is not held to the same standards as tap water. Studies have found that bottled water is not any cleaner or healthier than tap water. One recent study even found arsenic in some of the water that was sampled.

Bottled water also has environmental implications in energy use and waste disposal. It takes enough fuel to run 10,000 cars to transport bottled water each year. And although the bottles that the water is sold in are recyclable, it is estimated that only one out of ten bottles are actually recycled.

A better bet for conscientious consumers are filters. If you are still concerned about your tap water, or dislike the taste, filters will help meet your needs. Filters can remove the taste of chlorine from the water, and specialized filters can filter out biological contaminants. Filters also are reusable, and use less energy for transport than bottled water.

(From "Conservation Comments" Dec. 03 and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, 2004 Winter Newsletter.)

SENIOR CLUB NEWS by Madeline Pelkey

February's Covered Dish Luncheon was a "scrumptious" delight with lots of chatter, smiles and even some new faces to join our group. The Seniors certainly did themselves proud in the kitchen. No wonder our cookbook is such a success! If you do not have your copy of WHAT'S COOKING IN HAGUE yet, call 543-6130.

Janet Hoffay proudly introduced our speaker for the day, her granddaughter, Giselle Hoffay Price, from the Silver Bay Association. Giselle explained some of the programs and activities available at Silver Bay that might be of interest to the Seniors and also invited members to take part in a reading program for the children. Discussion and questions ensued with Giselle making a list of other activity ideas that perhaps could be developed also. We appreciated Giselle taking time from her busy schedule to speak with us.

The Parade Committee is planning the Memorial Day Celebration for SATURDAY, MAY 29TH. However, we are finding that the cost of marching bands is adding up and anyone wishing to support the parade effort may send a donation to THE HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB PARADE ACCOUNT and mail to the Hague Community Center.

The next Senior Citizens meeting, 1:30PM, Tuesday, March 23, will be a BINGO PARTY! Each member/visitor is to bring a gift wrapped White Elephant item which will be used for prizes. Check your calendar and plan to come...remember, anyone 50++ is welcome to our meetings. Bring your lucky rabbit's foot to the party and JOIN THE CLUB. See you all then.

*Where there is greed there is War,
Where there is love there is Peace.*

SOUNDINGS

HAGUE'S SENIOR SENIOR

DIED: Delbert Bullock, 77, former resident of Hague, on December 31, 2003 in Windon, VT. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters, Pam, Emily and Kate Bullock and his former wife, Audrey O'Brien, Hague.

DIED: Laura Belle (Lolly) Armes, 82, Split Rock Road, Hague, in Arkansas at the home of her daughter. She was the widow of the late Rev. Jack Armes and served with him as a missionary/nurse, teacher and translator in Kenya, East Africa from 1950 - 1983. She is survived by 8 children; Stan Armes, Laura Propst, Esther Talley, Kathy Lesondak, Janet Hooten, Ann Tidenberg, John Armes and Mertie Klingler and 26 grandchildren.

DIED: Lewis Simmons, 84, Zephyrhills, Florida and Hague. He is survived by 1 son and 3 daughters including Linda Coffin of Hague, 3 grand children and 2 great-grandchildren.

DIED: Richard Rottier, Pine Cove, on March 3 in Lake Placid. He is survived by his children Patricia Evans, Steve Rottier, Barbara Rottier and Rick Rottier and 6 grandchildren.

ENGAGED: Bernadette Denno, daughter of the late Buck & Anna Denno, Hague, to John (Josh) Michalak, son of John and Alice Michalak. A July wedding is planned.

ENGAGED: Myles Peterson II, son of Pamela & Myles Peterson of Hague to Melissa Them of Endwell, NY. An October 9th, 2004 wedding is planned at Silver Bay. Myles is the grandson of Dolly Kennedy.

LOCAL WOMAN DEPLOYED TO GERMANY

Cpl. Tracy Bolton recently returned from a two-week humanitarian mission in Equador with the 348th GH Army Reserve Unit, Albany, NY. Tracy has now been deployed as part of the 348th GH Army Reserve Unit to backfill vacancies with the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Wuerzberg, Germany.

Tracy is a graduate of SUNY Oswego and holds a Masters Degree in Nursing and a Post Masters Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner from Russell Sage College. She is employed at Albany Medical Center as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Critical Care/cardiology.

Tracy is a life long summer resident of Hague and a member of the NLGYC. She is a member of the National Ski Patrol and enjoys hiking, kayaking, sailing and swimming. Tracy completed her 1st marathon in Orlando in January 2004.

Tracy is the daughter of James and Cathleen Bolton, Ticonderoga, formerly of Hague.

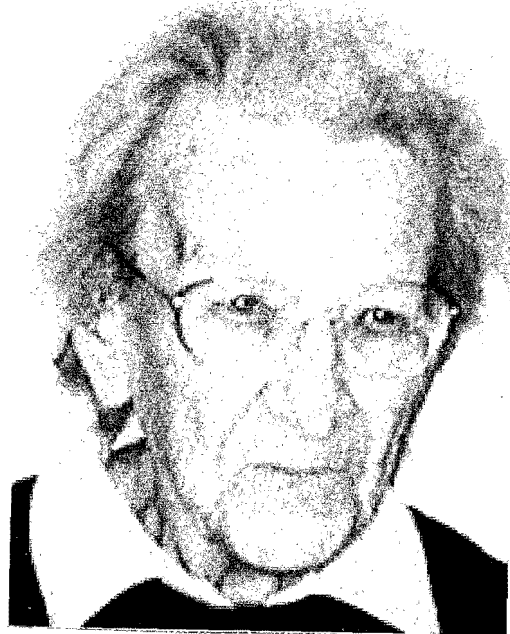
Hague's most Senior of Senior Citizens is Katie Hunter who turned 97 last month. Katie was born on February 18, 1907 in Hague to Charlie and Mabel Conlon. She was one of 7 children and her 2 remaining siblings, "younger sisters" Hannah Cameron and Margaret Del Signore, live near her on New Hague Road. Katie greatly enjoyed her birthday as she had lots of cards, phone calls and visitors.

In our conversation with Katie she fondly remembered her early days at the Rising House, where the "kids worked because they didn't serve liquor." She met her husband, Joe Hunter from Fort Edward, at a dance. They were married in 1924 and lived in Long Lake where Joe ran a mail route. Her husband later worked in construction jobs which required much travel and Katie settled back in Hague. They had two sons, Robert and Richard who are both now deceased. Katie has 2 remaining grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Katie shares her immaculate home with a collection of over 100 mostly stuffed bears. Although using a cane to help with steady walking, she remains active and alert. When asked to what she attributed her longevity Katie noted that she does not smoke or drink and has always had an active life style with "good fresh air." We congratulate Katie on her milestone and wish her continued good health and happiness.

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97TH BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS!



KATIE CONLON HUNTER

3/04

NATURE NEWS
by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Peregrine Falcons on Anthony's Nose

In 1991 the first nesting pair of Peregrine Falcons to return to Lake George nested on Anthony's Nose. One of the world's fastest and most spectacular birds of prey, the Peregrine Falcon was seriously endangered in the mid 20th century due to the effects of DDT and other pesticides. Reintroduction efforts have been successful and over the last 20 years we have seen the numbers of nesting pairs steadily grow to the point where we now have confirmed 26 pairs in upstate New York. The falcons that established at least 2 or 3 sites on Lake George have been the offspring of this first pair on Anthony's Nose that return every year to produce one or two chicks. This pair of falcons can be observed easily with binoculars from the shore across the lake or by boat under the cliffs.

Falcons prefer cliff ledges or an abandoned stick nest from another large bird for their nesting sites. They will even nest on building ledges in cities where they find that pigeons make a fine meal. The dramatic calcareous cliffs of Anthony's Nose provide an optimal nesting site for the falcons, who mate for life. They arrive sometime in late March to begin their mating ritual. No nest is built, but the 3-4 whitish to pale reddish brown eggs with warm brown markings are laid in a simple scrape on the ledge. Here the female incubates them for about 32 days, the male bringing the female food while she keeps the eggs warm. Weighing only 1+ ounces when newly hatched, the chicks are blind, covered only with a sparse down and require constant brooding from the female for the first 10 days in order to keep warm in the cool days of early May.

During this time the male supplies the food to both the female and the chicks. The hunting technique of the falcon is a most spectacular display indeed. Flying very high and circling until the prey is spotted, then a swooping dive of over 100 miles per hour to strike the prey right out of the air, returning its prize to the eyrie for the family to share. Their diet consists mainly of fairly large birds: ducks, geese (can we send them over to Hague Beach?), gulls, some songbirds and occasionally small mammals, and both the male and female will feed the young bits of meat torn from the catch.

By five weeks the chicks have developed their regular plumage and can flap about with their wings and eventually, often by accident in a strong wind, discover that they can leave the ground. Taking their first flight at around six weeks of age, they are still dependent upon their parents for food until about 8-9 weeks when they will successfully capture their own first prey. By 10 to 12 weeks, in late July/beginning of August, they will disperse the nest site leaving a tell-tale splash of white guano upon the face of the cliff where the nest site remains for them to return again next year.

WEATHER NEWS
by Mary Lou Doulin

Not having experienced first hand the weather for the past two months in the northeast, I have been busy asking locals about their 2004 winter experience. All agree this has been a wickedly cold time. In fact the weather bureau states it has been the fourth coldest winter on record.

December brought us lots of snow but January and February delivered an extended bone-chilling Arctic freeze. Most days never made it half way up to the 32 degree mark. Lake George is 20 inches thick and there were numerous reports of broken pipes. Actually, because of the recent warm-up, local skiing conditions are excellent. The industry was hurt the first two months because of the very problem of extreme cold.

The end of February surprised us with a warm-up and several days of 50 degree temperatures. The warmest trend continued into the first week of March. Saturday, March 3 was 58 degrees. When the rains arrived and combined with the warmer temperatures flood worries surfaced. Ice jams on the Hudson and Schroon Rivers brought subsequent flooding. We were o.k. in Hague.

By the second week of March temperatures were back to a more seasonal range of 35 to 40 degrees by day, 20's by night. Customarily for March we can anticipate the winter, spring conditions to vacillate. March is famous for its heavy wet blizzards, and also for its sunny, slightly warm days that hint of the exhilaration and hope of spring.

ZONING OFFICE PERMITS

ZEO Graham Bailey has issued permits for a fence to Johnson (12.18-1-16) and for a boathouse for deBuys (43.05-2-29) (also received a LGPC permit).

FROM THE LGPC ANNUAL REPORT

As summer approaches, our thoughts turn to boating. LGPC has sent us a report of the boat count on the lake for the past two years. In 2002 and 2003, inboards and outboards on the lake were about the same in number, accounting for over 5000 of the total boats on the lake. Sailboats were more in abundance in 2003 as were outboards. PWCs were approximately the same in both years.

Public safety remains the Commission's primary objective and the Marine Patrol's focus remains on fast response, first aid, rescues, fire fighting and law enforcement. However the Commission is also trying to insure a quality recreation experience for lake users. The Commission's over-riding approach has always been one of balance. With respect and courtesy, the lake is a more enjoyable place for all. 3/04

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2004

March

- 23 Senior Citizen meeting - 1:30 PM (p.2)
- 24 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7 PM (note date change)
- 26 - 27 K-Community Art Show at THS (see 2/04 HC p.6)
- 27 Homeless Dinner (p. 2)
- 30 LGPC meeting (p. 2)

- 6 Elementary School Concert and Art Show - 7 PM
- 7 6th grade Science Fair - 7 PM
- 9-16 Schools Closed for Vacation
- 11 EASTER
- 12 Senior Bus to Glens Falls
- 13 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 15 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM
- 16 Last Day for School Board Petitions
- 19 Hague Historical Society - 7:30 PM (p.2)
- 20 Hearing on proposed Ti School Budget - 7:30 PM
- 21 Ti School Budget Vote
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1 - 2 PM
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7 PM

April

- 1 Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum - 1 PM (p. 2)
- 1 Hague Planning Board - 7 PM
- 1 Ti High School Pops Concert - 7:30 PM
- 3 Healthy Kids Day at Silver Bay (p. 2)
- 6 Special School Budget Meeting in Hague - 7 PM

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004

HAGUE'S SECOND IN OVER 30 YEARS!!

All are invited to join in the fun. Parade unit prizes will be awarded for:

- Best in Parade
- Most Creative
- Most Patriotic
- Best Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND START PLANNING NOW.

FAMILY FUN FEST - 10AM - 4PM

Crafts, Demonstrations, Youth Activities

Anyone wishing to participate should contact one of the Committee members:

EMILY COBB - 543-6325

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