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#### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The Hague Chronicle now has its own official website! The web design was done by Nikolay Wilen and the URL is: <thehaguechronicle.org>.

The homepage is complete and the other pages will be developed as we get content together for them. It will be an evolving site which we hope will give visitors correct contact information in addition to information about *The Hague Chronicle* and the Town of Hague. We currently have links to the Town and Chamber websites and the Hague Historical Society web page.

#### GETTING YOUR MAIL

Another regulation is being required by the US Postal Service (not originated from our local post offices) for those whose mailing addresses change during the year. IF you received a notice from the US Postal Service about your address, you must send in a change of address even if your address is the same as always. Otherwise, mail will be bounced back and forth and it may never get straightened out. Please send those notices in now while you are thinking about it.

*The Hague Chronicle*, however, does keep your address on file and you do not need to inform us as long as your date of arrival and departure is unchanged from last year. If not, please let us know.

#### CELL PHONES

The need for cell phones and the controversy surrounding them continue to be an important issue in our area. It is hoped locally that more information on cell service in Hague will be heard at the next Town Board meeting.

On the Northway, local politicians support new towers and environmental groups are calling on the cell phone companies to stop putting profits ahead of public safety. The groups are proposing more cell towers at reduced height which they suggest is not accepted by the cell companies because of the higher cost. For additional information on the issue, see <www.adirondackcouncil.org>.

#### GILLIBRAND ADDRESSES GAS PRICES

Congresswoman Gillibrand recently released a press statement about gas prices. "Rising gas prices continue to hurt our families. Today, drivers are paying over \$2.70 for a gallon of regular gasoline in New York State. This is an astonishing 89% percent increase since 2001. It's time for a change - America needs a new direction on energy policy."

"For the last six years, as our families struggled with high prices at the pump, the oil and gas companies have made record profits. Last year, the big six oil companies made a staggering \$125 billion and consumers footed the bill," commented Rep. Gillibrand.

In the first 100 hours, the House passed the Clean Energy Act of 2007, to repeal \$14 billion in subsidies and tax breaks for big oil companies in order to invest in clean renewable energy and alternative fuels and energy efficiency. Congresswoman Gillibrand was an original co-sponsor of that legislation.

By this summer, the House of Representatives will be working on the first part of their plan to reduce dependency on foreign oil and not be "at the whim of OPEC" as well as to reduce climate change. As part of this effort, they are committed to investing in the development of clean, sustainable energy alternatives including cellulosic ethanol. They will also be working to provide relief for consumers while bringing down gas prices through a new federal law that cracks down on unfair price gouging by energy companies.

For more information from Congresswoman Gillibrand, see <www.gillibrand.house.gov>.

#### ART COMPETITION

The Saratoga and Hudson District Offices of Congresswoman Gillibrand are accepting submissions for the 13th annual nationwide House of Representatives High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery".

For press release with complete details see: <http://www.gillibrand.house.gov/newsroom.shtml>

All 20th District high school students are eligible and submissions must be received by Monday, April 30, 2007.



To the many who attended, February's 'Covered Dish Luncheon' offered a warm welcome after dealing with all those cold winter days. It is easy to see why this annual event is always a favorite. Being able to sample so many of the Senior recipes at one time is truly a delight and this year was no exception. Also in attendance was our guest, Town Board Member Edna Frasier, who came to honor Ethel Andrus by presenting her with a plaque and thanks for all her years of work and dedication to the Hague Historical Museum. However, since Ethel was unable to be with us that day, Christine Ianson accepted for her. Congratulations to Ethel for another 'Job Well-Done'. We are proud of her!

The Club is once again collecting Care Package items for our soldiers in Iraq who are from the Warren County area. Last December we were able to send several boxes, but we understand the need still exists for many things. The soldiers' requests have been made for: Instant coffee and sugar and creamer packets, Slim Jims or beef jerky, gum, M&M candy, licorice, hard candies, canned dips, tuna in pouches, potato chips (hard container), instant soups, disposable cameras, international phone cards, bar soaps, hand creams and shaving items. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can drop off in a box at the Community Center. Once we have a few boxes ready, we will contact the National Guard in Glens Falls for pickup.

The Seniors meet again on Tuesday, March 27th at the Community Center at 1 PM (note the time). We are planning a Bingo Party and each person is to bring a White Elephant item for prizes. Refreshments will be served and prospective members are always welcome. Annual membership is only \$5.00, so do plan to check us out. See you then. .... mp

### GOOD OLD DAYS IN GRAPHITE

On Tuesday, April 24th, at 1:30 PM at the Community Center, the Senior Club's Guest Speaker will be Craig Lonergan, a retired social studies teacher who lives in Ticonderoga. Just recently Craig presented his program, "Good Old Days in Graphite" at the Hancock House for the Ticonderoga Historical Society and on the 24th he will come to share with us this bit of 'Hague History'. What could be more appropriate during our Bicentennial Year!

This program will be open to the public and refreshments will be served. You do not need to be a Senior Club Member to attend, so set aside the date and time and plan to join us. See you then... mp

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
and START PLANNING NOW!

Several people have already called to sign up for the Parade, we have our Bands under contract, and several great new units are in process. Plus - the Funfest at the Beach has an exciting new addition in the works which promises to be VERY BIG! We'll have more on this next month! The prize categories for the parade are: Overall Best in Parade, Most Patriotic, Best Historical Hague, and following any theme are Best Youth Presentation, Honorable Mention/Youth and Honorable Mention/Adult. Anyone wishing to participate in the Funfest call Emily Cobb at 543-6325 and for Parade sign up call Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130.

Hague's Bicentennial Memorial Day Celebration is going to be our best ever without doubt! However, you can surmise just from these brief comments, that all of these prospects will have a price! DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOME. The Parade Committee thanks you in advance for your assistance. All checks should be made out to: Hague Senior Citizens Club - Parade Account and mailed to the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. .... mp

### TAX RETURNS DUE APRIL 17, 2007

Free tax help for those qualified is available through the AARP sponsored program which was organized by the Chamber of Commerce and staffed by volunteers. Karen Laundree, Chamber coordinator, reports that the program is going well and encourages more seniors and other qualified individuals to make an appointment before April 15. She reminds taxpayers to pay special attention to the gas tax rebate provision this year. Call the Community Center at 543-6161 for more information or to make an appointment.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Hague Historical Society will celebrate the 1807 formation of Hague (called "Rochester") with a program on *The History of Hague through Postcards*. The program will be held at 7 pm on Monday, April 2, 2007 in the Watson Center of the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. Silver Bay is also providing technical assistance and a celebratory birthday cake.

There will be a presentation with slides of postcards and some local collections will be on display. There is no charge and all who are interested in the unique role of postcards as an historical record are invited to attend.

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### NEW TFCU BRANCH

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new branch of the Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) will take place at 43 Meacham St. in Port Henry on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 10 am. In addition, TFCU is inviting the public to a "Port Henry Branch Warming" on Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9 am to noon. For more information <<http://www.ticonderogafederal.com/>>.

### WESLEYAN CHURCH EXPANDS SERVICES

The Hague Wesleyan Church has purchased a 6000 sq. ft building in Chestertown in order to expand their services. The new building is being used for a 9 am Sunday service plus weekly children's programs. The church has made a 10 year commitment with "Youth Works" a non-denominational youth missions organization that coordinates week-long ministry trips for high school students. Over 500 students and their leaders will be working in the area painting homes and doing minor repairs, from June to August. There is no charge to anyone needing "Youth Works" services, because the paint and materials are donated. The students will use Hague Wesleyan Church's satellite building in Chestertown as a base. The church is also making plans to expand to other communities. ...sb

### BRIDAL GOWN EXHIBIT

The Ticonderoga Historical Society is planning a Bridal Gown Exhibit for the month of June. If you are interested in loaning your wedding gown to be put on display or know of someone who would loan their gown, please contact Robin @ 585-7868 or <[ths@capital.net](mailto:ths@capital.net)> or Nancy @ 585-7732 for more information. They are also looking for vintage gowns to display.

### WINTER CARNIVAL WINNERS

The Hague Fish and Game Club has announced the winners of their events during the February Winter Weekend. The Grand Prize, provided by Dockside Landing Marina, went to Shane Dillon. In the fishing contests 1st Place Lake Trout was won by George Brightly and 1st Place Perch by Scott Hartwell. In the ice auger contests 1st Place Ice Auger was won by Walt Wells and 1st Place Ice Chisel by Greg Fitzgerald with 1st Place Junior Ice Auger going to Walter Porter. The Double Raffle winners of a Club Fleece and handmade ice chisel (by a famous local artist) were Don and Denise Smith.

The sponsors of the successful events are Dockside Landing Marina, Fort View Inn, Gino's TiPi, Norm's Bait & Tackle, Fish 307, Tony's Ticonderoga Sports, Christopher Chevy, Wicker Ford, Ticonderoga Agway, Stewart's, Silver Bay Store, Aubuchon Hardware and Hague Market.

### BESTE SCHOLARSHIP THANKS

The Beste Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank the following people/organizations who so generously sent in donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund in response to our recent fundraising appeal through *The Hague Chronicle*.

Seddon and James Beaty, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, The Buck Family, Karen and Tavish Costello, Jane and Jerry Crammond, Peggy Darrin, Frank R. Fowler, Tim and Michele Gautreau, John and Ginny Geils, Stu and Mary Ann Harmon, Thomas M. James, Bob and Kay Maiaro, Dan and Ann McGowen, Lu and Linda Megow, Anne and Chris Parlin, Dan and Abby Reingold, Brian and Beverly Sann, Sai and Kathy Santaniello, Lynn Stanford, Judy Stock, Patty and Lynn Stote, Trout House Village, Tony and Caroline Clifton Turner, Ray and Sue Valade, The View Restaurant, Nancy Young and special thanks to *The Hague Chronicle* for the flyer distribution in the January issue.

Your response was greatly appreciated. It's never too late to send in a donation to the Beste Scholarship Fund, Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836.

### A VIEW FROM THE DECK

Just prior to his untimely death we received an email from Brad Whisher about the successful Deck Party held at the View Restaurant on the Winter Weekend. Brad had cleared the parking lot of the mounds of snow and had put heat on in the building in order to host the Deck Party which drew about 50 people. Brad's efforts helped to raise \$165 for each of the Costello and Beste Scholarship Funds. Brad Whisher was a great supporter of civic events in Hague and will be greatly missed.



BRAD WHISHER AT THE VIEW RESTAURANT

The ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS meeting scheduled for 2/22/07 was canceled.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds - The Board continued to discuss the work needed on the hallway in the Community Center. Councilman LaPointe is to get some prices and then proposals will go out. David Dunn will be asked to do the minor repairs around the building.

CARE/Enhancement Committee - Board member Frasier reported that it is hoped that the enhancement project planned for the area around the boat slip will be ready by Memorial Day. The project calls for an enhanced boardwalk, plantings and lighting. A plan for a bridge over the park going to a park near the American Legion building will not be possible since the state actually owns some of the property along the brook and will not grant an easement. They do hope to be able to do some work in that area including the building, however. A grant of \$85,000 has been approved to help with these enhancement projects.

Museum & Historian - Board member Frasier reported that the Town resolution thanking Town Historian Ethel Andrus for her work and elevating her to Emerita status was accepted on her behalf by Christine Ianson. Ethel was unable to be at the Senior Citizens luncheon in February when the resolution was presented.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Work is planned to make adjustments in the Town parking lots and put in lines for parking spaces. The lot near the Baptist church will be cut back and a retaining wall and curbing will be put in resulting in over 20 spaces.

A zoning workshop for the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards will be held here on April 25 from 4-9 pm. The APA will invite participants from other towns.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth - Councilman LaPointe reported that there has been a lot of activity on snowmobile trails and also that he is working on securing the performers for the Music in the Park summer series.

Approval was given to Rudy Meola to take students to the Warren County Youth Leadership Conference at Adirondack Community College.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Supervisor Belden has met with both Congresswoman Gillibrand and Assemblywoman Sayward on the need for grants for Sewer District #2 to help decrease the user fees. Both will try to do everything they can to secure funding. He also mentioned a meeting that Ms. Gillibrand set up to discuss issues with the local supervisors. He was impressed with her willingness to listen and learn about the local needs - especially relating to tax relief.

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Chairman Dave Swanson called the meeting to order with John Brown, Rolly Allen, Tim Costello and Pam Peterson also present. Peter Foster and Erwin Siwek were absent.

WATERS (25.4-1-18.111) 239 Decker Hill Road (SCUZ/OC1)

A public hearing was held and the application for a four lot subdivision of a 16.1 acre parcel was approved.

NIELSEN (76.12-1-15) 20 Tower Point Rd (HS-R)

Approval was given for an 845 sq. ft. deck addition with hot tub, 65 feet from the Lake after discussion about where the drained water would go. It was determined that it would flow into a grassy area west of the house and away from the Lake.

SZABO (24-1-35) 9150 Graphite Mt. Rd (OC-1)

Applicant requested a six lot division of a 15.5 acre property under Section 160-61 Gifts, Devises and Inheritance. Applicant has owned the property since 1968 and intends to gift one newly created parcel to each of five children. Approval was given with the stipulation that it meets all the criteria for the gifts and devises section of the zoning code.

CORBO (26.6-1-8) 36 S. Forest Bay Road (TR-1)

Applicant requested a 12' x 10' deck addition to a pre-existing cabin. If approved the deck will be 88' from the Lake. A site visit was planned.

In other business the Board members, ZEO Clark and Attorney Viscardi continued to discuss code modifications for which there still seems to be misunderstanding.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/13/07

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Art Steitz, Edna Frasier and Tom LaPointe were present. Councilman Dick Gladu was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Gary Peiffer, Brad Whisher, Mary Ann Harmon and Connie Miller.

Karen Laundree reported that the Chamber organized tax help sponsored by the AARP is going well. More clients are encouraged to use the service before April 15.

Dottie Henry reported for the Senior Citizens Club that Linda Benway will be conducting a dog show at the Town Park prior to the Memorial Day parade. The Board approved the use of the Park and waived any fees since it is a local event.

Martin Fitzgerald, II, made a suggestion to the Board that the possibility of using the old sand pit at Sabbath Day Point for a sliding hill be investigated. He thought it could be similar to the hill in Chestertown but on a smaller scale. A feasibility study might cost from \$1,000- \$3,000 and should be eligible for bed tax funds since it would be an attraction for visitors. Chris Navitsky volunteered to help and will work with Martin and Supervisor Belden to look into it further.

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Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Steitz said the Town will hire a full-time worker in addition to part-time worker David Snow for summer work in the Park. They will also advertise for more lifeguards.

In other business the Board:

- Awarded the contract for the new highway truck to Christopher Chevrolet with a bid of \$70,590.
- Learned of the Rabies Clinic to be held on May 19, 2007 at the Hague Fire House 10 am to noon.
- Approved request from Tim Costello to attend training in Saratoga 5/9/07.
- Agreed to provide for requests received from the Memorial Day Parade committee.
- Approved the use of the Town Park by Randy Engler for a Triathlon on June 30 and a Bluegrass Festival on July 2 from 3 - 7 pm. Supervisor Belden also reported that Elvis would be performing on the 2nd followed by fireworks.
- Approved resolutions on the sewer warrant, polling place and snowmobile maintenance agreement.

Supervisor Belden reported that Warren County is considering raising the sales tax to 8 percent (currently 7%). The Board of Supervisors is split on the proposal. Counties around us are at 8% or will be going to 8%. It would give the county \$13 million more in revenue.

### 200TH CELEBRATION YEAR EVENTS

This 2007 Bicentennial Year for Hague is filled with activities for both residents and visitors alike. In April, the Hague Historical Society will celebrate with a program called "The History of Hague Through Postcards" and refreshments will include a birthday cake. In May, the always terrific Memorial Day Parade promises to be even bigger and better under the planning by the Senior Citizen's Club and its president, Madeline Pelkey. An added event will be a dog show at the Town Park planned by Linda Benway.

On the last weekend of June, the Town will buzz with activities from two new events. Graham Bailey has organized the Lake George Open Water Swim and Randy Engler has organized the North Country Triathlon. On Saturday, June 30th, swimmers in the Triathlon will start from Hague Beach at 7:30 am while at 8 am top professional swimmers will leave Lake George Village and arrive at the Hague Beach in the late afternoon. The Triathlon participants will emerge from swimming to bike 40K to Ticonderoga and the running segment will be 10K from Hague to Silver Bay and return. During the day there will be vendors at the beach and many guests and tourists here to watch these events.

On Sunday, July 1st, the Lake George Open Swim has organized local swim events for

the Hague Beach area and from Silver Bay to Hague. Then on Monday, July 2, Randy Engler is planning a Bluegrass Festival in the Town Park. That day will be capped with the Town of Hague fireworks spectacular at the park.

The townwide celebration of Hague's Bicentennial will take place from August 17 - 19, 2007. Judy Stock, Vice-Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, reports that many special events are being planned including games, rides and demonstrations for children, antique car and antique boat shows, concerts, a barbecue in the park followed by a Bicentennial fireworks display and a brunch in the park with a celebration ceremony attended by governmental dignitaries. In addition, planning for that weekend includes an All School Reunion for former students and teachers of the Hague Central School which will begin on August 16th.

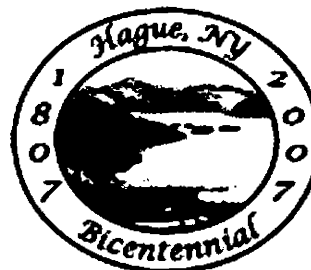
More information on these activities will be published each month. Information is also available online. All these events are being planned by volunteers and anyone wishing to help can get in touch with the organizers. The logos and website addresses are listed below.



<[www.northcountrytri.com](http://www.northcountrytri.com)>



<[www.swimlakegeorge.org](http://www.swimlakegeorge.org)>



<[www.townofhague.org](http://www.townofhague.org)>

We receive numerous notices from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County with information about many excellent programs. We highlight some of them below but the website, <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren>>, has more complete information and other offerings.

A recent videoconference "The Cutting Edge: What Parents and Others Need to Know About Self-Injury in Adolescents" indicated "that the increase in the number of youth who self-injure by cutting, carving, burning, scratching or punching oneself is alarming for adults who work with or parent youth but it is not normally a suicide attempt". Worksheets from this conference are available.

A workshop "Making Ends Meet" included topics on how to develop and use a household spending plan, ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use.

A workshop "Save Energy, Save Dollars" will be held on March 28th at the Center in Warrensburg from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This program will explore ways to reduce electricity and home heating bills through no-cost/low-cost means. Participants will be able to identify specific action plans that will work for them and save money. Attendees will receive an energy saving kit containing: caulk, plastic window insulation, and more. (Limit one kit per household.) Seating is limited -- please register by March 23rd by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County at 518-623-3291 or 668-4881.

A workshop "Exploring Credit and Debt" will be held on April 4th at the Center in Warrensburg from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Topics include: selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and reviewing your credit report, and understanding credit scores. Participants will receive a free packet of credit management tools.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center is located at 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885. For more information or to register, call 623-3291 or send an email to <[warren@cornell.edu](mailto:warren@cornell.edu)>. Registration deadline is March 30th.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

A free consumer information workshop on preparing for the possibility of needing nursing home care, care in home or assisted living services will be held on March 29, 2007 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY. It will include information on a program combining long-term care insurance and Medicaid Extended Coverage. The sessions are co-sponsored by the New York State Partnership for Long-Term Care, Warren County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County.

For more information or to register for this program please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-668-4881 or 623-3291.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension also sponsors 4-H programs. More information on these programs can be found at <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/4h.html>>. The opportunities include a 4-H Adirondack Guide Program, the Teen Ambassador 4-H Club and local 4-H groups.

For more information on joining or forming a 4-H Club within Warren County, contact the Extension Education Center at 668-4881. Also, vendors are being sought for the the Warren County Youth Fair, with an anticipated attendance of 2,500 people, to be held in Warrensburg on Saturday, August 4, 2007 from 10 am to 8 pm.

The Greater Adirondack RC & D Council has announced an extension for the opportunity for a scholarship to a one week stay this summer at DEC's Pack Forest Camp in the Adirondacks for Environmental Education. The deadline for the required essay has been extended for entries to be received by March 26, 2007. Students from 12-17 who are permanent residents of Warren County and have an interest in environmental education are encouraged to apply. We have details or contact <[garcd1@hughes.net](mailto:garcd1@hughes.net)> in Chestertown.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Cornell Cooperative Extension will host the first in a series of Energy Town Meetings "Taking Energy Efficient Lighting To The Next Level" in Warrensburg on April 5, 2007 From 9:30 am to noon.

For more information see the flyer at <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/>> or call the Extension Center at 668-3291.

LGLC NEWS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has received a \$1,000 grant from the Timberland Company Foundation to support projects for an Earth Day event to be held at Gull Bay Preserve with students from St. Mary's School of Ticonderoga. They also plan to use Timberland's grant to help purchase an interpretive panel to be placed by the rookery as an educational tool for visitors.

The LGLC has welcomed Marion Munley Cartwright, as its newest member of the Board of Directors. Marion is a partner in the law firm, Munley, Munley & Cartwright, P.C., in Scranton, Pennsylvania, practicing alongside her husband Matt, her three brothers and sister, her cousin, and her father. She and Matt have two sons who are the fourth Cartwright generation to spend summers on the Lake. They live at Friends Point and belong to the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

The LGLC has also announced its spring events schedule. A complete event listing and descriptions, including the LGLC's new evening Lake George Nature Talks hosted in conjunction with the Lake George Association, may be found at the LGLC's website, <[www.lglc.org/LGLC-News-And-Events.asp](http://www.lglc.org/LGLC-News-And-Events.asp)> or by contacting 644-9673.

# ~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: Charlie McMillan Halm on November 14, 2006 to Joe and Joey Halm, Alexandria, Virginia. "Mac" is the latest grandchild for Jules and Gale Halm, Sabbath Day Point.

BORN: Alyssa Claire Mydlarz on February 24, 2007 to Michael and Lindsay Mydlarz, Hague. Her grandparents are Richard and Edna Frasier of Hague.

BORN: William Eli de Buys on February 28, 2007 to Paige and Bill de Buys of Cincinnati, OH. He joins a sister, Riley who will be 2 in July. Proud grandparents are Holly and Bob de Buys of Birmingham, AL and Hague.

BORN: Derrick Wesley Hoover on March 3, 2007 to Shannon and Zack Hoover, Morristown, NJ. Grandparents are Bob and Diane Dixon of Sabbath Day Point.

DIED: Constance B. Miller, 78, of Delmar and Overbrook Road, Hague on February 22, 2007. Connee summered in Hague for over 20 years. She is survived by her five children, Douglas, Carol, Jayne, David and Nancy and her eight grandchildren.

DIED: Bradley E. Whisher, Sr. on March 3, 2007 in Dublin, Ireland. Brad was the owner/operator of The View Restaurant in Hague, the former Indian Kettles Restaurant. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann C. Eaton Whisher, mother, Angela Molinero Whisher, brother Randall, three children, Lindsay, Kimberly and Bradley, Jr. and three stepchildren, Tara, Lisa and Thomas Eaton.

DIED: Ian T. Lawrie, 39, Ledgewood, NJ on March 8, 2007. He is survived by his former wife, Lara Smith, and four sons: William, Sean, Ian and Connor Lawrie, all of Hague. He also leaves his mother, Olive Lawrie, two sisters, a brother, and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Mary Ann Harmon, 71, Silver Bay, on March 8, 2007 at her home. She summered in Silver Bay since 1959 and became a permanent resident in 1995. Survivors include her husband, Stuart Harmon, two sons, Kendall of SC, and Randall of MD, one brother and three grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for August 5, 2007 at 3 pm at the Silver Bay Association Chapel.

DIED: William K. Doran, summer resident of Silver Bay, on March 14, 2007 in Springfield, VA. Mr. Doran was a retired U. S. Army Col. He is survived by his wife, Judy (Burford) Doran, sons, William and Kendall Doran and daughter Nancy Doran. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ashley Abare, Hague, in the Class of 2007 at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, who has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement for the Fall semester.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Clive and Liz Monroe Foster who are celebrating their first wedding anniversary. He is in the Navy and stationed in Guam.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Julie Cook who received the Bishop Kortz Pastoral Counseling Award from The Alumni Board of Governors of Moravian Theological Seminary on March 7th, 2007. Julie maintained a successful private practice in Pastoral Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy in Bethlehem, PA and is continuing her counseling work here in Hague where she now lives year-round.

THANKS: To the Hague Ambulance Crew from Rena Dykstra for their quick response and kindness in a recent emergency. Rena adds, "We are fortunate to have so many qualified people who are willing to drop everything and donate their time at any time of the day or night - and stay with you until they know you are stabilized."

## THS HONOR ROLL

We reported the 1st Marking Period last month and apologize for the omission of Samantha Abare, Grade 10 with First Honors.

For the second marking period:

Grade 12

First Honors:

- Janine Best
- John Breitenbach
- Christopher McTyier
- Jason Siwek
- Kacheena Trudeau

Grade 11

First Honors

- Samantha Abare
- Second Honors
- Alanna Swinton

Grade 10

First Honors

- Jared Best
- Brendan Carberry
- Molly Ginn

Second Honors

- Frank Lafferty
- Amanda McCoy

Grade 9

First Honors

- Kaley Manning

### HVFD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD), like many of its counterparts, is seeking new members to fill losses created by normal attrition. We are seeking active members (firemen and fire police), support members (volunteers at special events), and especially E.M.T.s.

A new certification course will be starting soon for anyone who is interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. For more information call Chris or Rene Swinton at 543-8035.

As a member of the HVFD you will be taking an active role in making Hague a better and safer place to live. ...jm



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### TICONDEROGA HS POPS CONCERT

The Ticonderoga High School Music Department is proud to announce that their annual "Pops" Concert will take place on Wednesday, March 28th, at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium.

The theme of this year's concert is "The British Invasion" as the music takes you back in time to the early sixties with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Herman's Hermits, Cream, and many others. Ensembles include the high school band, chorus, "Trebled Voices," and "The Night Shadows" show choirs. Also featured is the "Sentinel Big Band," celebrating the "second wave" of British Bands with a tribute to "Queen."

Admission is three dollars for adults, two dollars for children. Free refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the performance. All proceeds benefit the music program.

### TICONDEROGA MS BOOK FAIR

The Ticonderoga Middle School will host a Book Fair the evening of Wednesday, April 4, 2007 between 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Middle School Resource Center. Books, computer games and stationery items will be available. All items at the Scholastic Book Fair will be eligible for a "buy one - get one free" special offer. There will also be an "Extra Special Pricing" section, which will be 2 for \$2. This is a gift back to the community for all the support that they offer the school.

During this time there will also be a "wish list" where hopefully community members will purchase books to fulfill teachers' classroom requests. This is also a perfect time to purchase an item and have it donated to the library in the name of a special someone in your life. Bookplates will be placed in the books to acknowledge the giver. It could be for a child's birthday or in memory of someone, making it a lasting tribute.

### SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Each spring, the 6th grade class at the Ticonderoga Middle School presents the annual Science Fair in the Ticonderoga Middle School cafeteria. This year the Fair will be held the evening of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

### TICONDEROGA MS EVENTS WEEK

The Book Fair and Science Fair are two of the Ticonderoga Middle School Week events. Each year the Ticonderoga Middle School designates one week for Middle School Week, sponsors special events throughout that week and invites the community to join in the celebration. Other special events happening at the Middle School during the week of April 2 - 6 include: a Career Fair and 5th Grade Parents' Night. For more information, call 585-7442, ext. 216.

### CARTOON SHOWS PLANNED

Several exhibits of editorial cartoons by Stan Burdick of Ticonderoga are being shown through the area. Admission is free. The original framed cartoons, spoofing national and regional topics, all appeared during 2006 in the *Lake Champlain Weekly* of Plattsburgh.

The cartoon show entitled "A Year of Change - 2006" is presently on exhibit at the Chestertown Public Library through the month of March. At the end of March will be a showing at the Ridge Street Coffee Cafe in Glens Falls and during April and May at the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum.





by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

## Perch, A Fish Story

Growing up in a fishing family, my sisters and I were taught to bait our own hooks and clean our own fish at an early age. One day, when I was about eight years old, I decided to fish off our dock in Forest Bay. My parents and grandparents could see me from up on the porch, but they were confident enough in my fishing skills to allow me to be unsupervised. While my dad would fish for lake trout, bass and other larger fish, we kids were more than satisfied with the sunnies that hung out under the dock. So, on this particular day, when I hooked a fish that bent my pole right over and that I could hardly reel in at all, I was sure I had hooked a monster. I screamed for help at the top of my lungs because I didn't want to lose this one and was more than a little excited, but my dad thought I was in mortal danger and ran down to the dock to rescue me. He was really mad that I had frightened him with what he considered a false alarm, and my only redemption was that I had a huge perch on the line that required his help to bring it in. I swear the thing was a foot and a half long and weighed about five pounds. To this day, I'm not sure whether it just seemed that big to a little girl or that I have developed a fishermen's memory that inexplicably causes the fish to grow in size each time the story is told.

Yellow perch seldom reach large sizes, certainly not even close to my fish story. An average adult of 4-10 inches, with a weight of 4-10 ounces is more likely to be found in our waters. Their identifying characteristics are the two dorsal fins separated into a spiny and a soft-rayed portion, and the seven blackish bars on the bright yellow sides. They travel in schools; preferring shallow waters less than 30 feet deep and congregate in grassy, weedy beds for feeding and breeding. Their preferred diet is primarily immature insects, larger invertebrates like crayfish, and the eggs and young of other fish. Bass, walleye and northern pike all prey on perch so they in turn, represent an important link in the food chain. Perch spawn in the spring when the water temperatures are in the 45 - 50 degree range. The female swims in shallow water and emits a long, gelatinous ribbon of spawn woven among the grass and weeds. As many as a dozen males will swim along behind her fertilizing the eggs that may number between 10,000 and 48,000 eggs. The eggs hatch in approximately three weeks, and the tiny perch begin feeding on zooplankton while they themselves provide abundant forage for larger fish.

Yellow perch remain active all winter and become great sport for ice fishermen. Several years ago my dad and husband caught a bucket full of small perch in Hague Bay. We brought them back to the Trout House Village where we were visiting friends and were taught a delicious way to prepare them called "Poor Man's Shrimp". The small fish are quickly filleted and the skin removed;

the finger-sized filets are then dropped into boiling chicken broth and simmered briefly until they curl like a cooked shrimp. Drain immediately and chill completely (we place the bowl of drained filets in a snow bank!). When served with cocktail sauce, they become a deliciously sweet appetizer that I prefer over shrimp any day. Depending on who you talk to in our family, some will say it's more fun to eat them, others say it's in the catching, but either way the pleasure is all ours.

## WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

February 17 - March 17

The Valentine's Day storm provided enough snow to help everyone thoroughly enjoy Hague's Winter Weekend. The cross country skiing at Roger's Rock was excellent for about 2 weeks. We had many days at the latter part of February with sunshine and seasonable temperatures in the mid twenties to mid thirties. I love those sunny days when the sky is bright blue!

March roared in like an angry polar bear on the 2nd with another snow storm. We had 8" of snow before the precipitation changed over to rain. It changed back and forth many times before ending with all rain. It was a very soggy, wet, and heavy snow to shovel. I noted many people out there shoveling off roofs and porches. All that rain made the snow crusty and icy - no longer any good for cross country skiing but great for snow shoes.

From March 5-8 there were wind chills of 20 to 30 below zero and actual thermometer readings of well below zero. However, the following week, March 8-14, we experienced a warming trend where temperatures moderated to daytime highs in the upper 40's and 50's. March 14 topped out at 60 degrees. Low's for March 13 and 14 were in the 40 degree range. A lot of snow melted causing the usual March 'Muddiness'.

On March 15 we had rain. Flood watches were posted in Vermont and NY due to a combination of rain, melting snow and possible ice jams. By the end of the day on March 15, winter storm warnings were posted for Albany and north. Just when we thought winter was breaking up more heavy snow was predicted. March 16 and 17 we received another 13" of snow. Happy St. Patrick's Day! It's just a little more white than green. Actually the luck of the Irish was with us because the storm did not come as far north as predicted and moved out rather quickly. Albany got 20" which canceled their St. Patrick's Day parade.

Daylight savings began early on March 11. The hours of daylight have been increasing gradually. Sunrise is about 7:07 and sunset is about 7 pm, giving us 12 hours of daylight. The strength of the sunlight is also increasing. Both these factors signal the plants and animals that spring is just a few days away on March 21. Let's hope the last days of March are as gentle as a lamb.

March - April 2007

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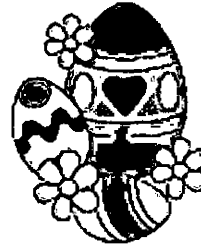
20 First Day of Spring  
 22 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals  
 27 1pm Senior Citizens (p. 2)  
 28 1pm Ti Schools early dismissal  
 28 1pm Extra Helping Distribution

April

2 7pm Historical Society Program (p. 2)  
 5 7pm Planning Board  
 10 6:30 pm Town Board  
 15 Happy Easter  
 17 Ti School Board  
 17 Tax return deadline  
 19 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed

ONGOING EVENTS

2nd Monday: Senior Bus to Glens Falls  
 1st Monday: Fire Department  
 1st Tuesday: Mohican Crafters  
 3rd Monday: Chamber of Commerce  
 3rd Tuesday: Mohican Crafters  
 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club  
 3rd Tuesday: Sno-goers  
 3rd Thursday: Carillon Garden Club



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesdays  
 & Saturdays:  
 9am - 5pm



MIND & BODY EXERCISES

Wednesdays T'ai Chi classes with Mae Pagan  
 6:15-7:15 pm at the Community Center  
 Saturdays Pilates Mat classes with Brenda-Jean Rider  
 Upstairs at the Hague Creek Cafe  
 10 am - Beginner; 11 am - Intermediate

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL

May 26: Memorial Day Parade & Funfest  
 June 30 - July 2: Swim Marathon/Triathlon  
 August 16 - 19: Hague Central All Student Reunion  
 August 17 - 19: Bicentennial Celebration Weekend

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