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BERTHA DUNSMORE - SENIOR AWARD

Bertha Dunsmore was presented with the Hague Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen of the Year award at the Senior Club luncheon on December 13th.

Bertha is known to all of Hague residents as the smiling face greeting people at the Hague Community Center. She was cited for her special friendship and care to many in town.

Bertha (Frasier) Dunsmore is a life-long resident of Hague and a graduate of Hague High School. She has six children.

The common phrase heard as people were congratulating Bertha was, "No one deserves this award more than you!"



FRIENDS POINT ROAD CLOSING

The Friends Point Roads will have the annual closing for the 24-hour period of Sunday, January 1, 2006 to Monday January 2, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS WELCOMED

The Hague Chamber of Commerce has welcomed Phil and Sandra Swanson of Lake George Lettering. They have done work for several of the local businesses and made the bright red sign which hung over 9N to advertise the Holiday in Hague.

Phil went to school at Butera School of Art in Boston for Sign Painting and Commercial Arts. He and Sandra have been making signs and doing truck lettering for 15 years under the name of Swan Signs. Most of the work was done on heavy equipment and construction vehicles. They renamed the business when they moved to Hague this past June.

Lake George Lettering can be reached at 543-6803 or at lakegeorgelettering@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS FOR NATIONAL GRID??

Do you have questions about the delivery of electric power in our area? Then you will want to attend an important meeting on January 17, 2006 at 1 PM at the Community Center.

Supervisor Belden has arranged an informational meeting with John Murphy, a spokesman for National Grid (formerly Niagara Mohawk), to discuss the concerns about the many power outages in our area.

The public is encouraged to attend.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Despite forecasted snow, November's meeting was very well attended, but unfortunately, the Surprise Guest Entertainer did not show. Instead we just improvised with our comedian members telling jokes while others shared memories of Thanksgivings past. The capper for this gathering was the celebration of George Hannah's birthday, another member of our "90+ Club". With smiles of surprise, George most willingly shared his balloon decorated cake with us. It proved to be a fun afternoon after all.

The Club's 2006 Executive Board will be: Madeline Pelkey, President; Emily Cobb, Vice President; Pat McDonough, Secretary; Gladys Graser, Treasurer. We welcome the new additions to the board & look forward to another active and productive year. Many thanks go to Ethel Andrus, retiring Secretary after many years of service, and to Dottie Henry retiring after two years as Vice President. They both have contributed much to the growth of the Club.

Our Christmas Tree Shop held during the Holiday in Hague Saturday event was a tremendous success. The Seniors baked up a storm and supplied many, many holiday items to sell. All in all, the Club reaped a tidy sum to add to the Memorial Day Parade Fund, thanks to all of you who supported our efforts.

The Senior Christmas Luncheon held on December 13th was truly a gala event with record attendance. Catered by "The Gourmet Gal", Deborah Mackey, the meal was outstanding as always. Nelson Waters on the key board led us in a round of robust carol singing and Santa's jolly elves delivered gifts to all, along with unique Door Prizes to ten very surprised winners. Our invited guests present were Town Board Members Rudy Meola, Dick Gladu, and Lu Megow, Town Clerk Debbie Manning and the Center Staff - Diane Trudeau, Bertha Dunsmore and Mike Manning.

New this year to the Senior Party was the addition of Chamber of Commerce Members David Dunn, Sal Santaniello & Karen Laundree present to announce Hague's Senior of the Year. The winner of this prestigious award was Club Member BERTHA DUNSMORE for her many years of 'unsung' service to so many, many people of Hague. This Lady is always there to help those in need where, when and however possible. She well deserves the town's recognition. CONGRATULATIONS BERTHA!

Also with us was our newest Club Member, Imogene Frasier, to make her annual announcement and plea for Hague's Memory Tree, a project that she instituted 17 years ago. In turn, Sal Santaniello of the Chamber of Commerce, much to Imogene's surprise, awarded her with a plaque in honor of her dedication and service to this worthy project. All funds raised are donated to Hague's Emergency Squad.

2006 is almost upon us. We do hope more of you out there (55+) will consider joining the Hague Senior Citizens Club. Our meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Community Center at 1:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 24th.

Be sure to check these **SENIOR NEWS** articles for details of activities scheduled. New faces are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you. ... mp

TAX EXEMPTIONS ELIGIBILITY

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all **primary residence** homeowners to contact the office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following partial property tax exemptions:

Senior Citizens' exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions:

County	\$23,700
Town	\$17,725
School	\$12,500

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms will be sent in early January to those who had this exemption last year.

Enhanced STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$66,050. This exemption must be renewed each year unless an Optional Verification form is submitted. Renewal forms will be sent in early January to those who had this exemption last year.

Basic STAR exemption: all primary residence homeowners. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year, once the first application is approved.

Veterans' exemption: primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The filing deadline is March 1, 2006.



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

The Hague Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the 2005 Photo Contest. Congratulations are extended to all winners who were chosen in 2 categories: Scenic/Nature and People/Action.

First place prizes of \$100 were awarded to Seddon Beaty and Sandra Swanson. Second place prizes of \$50 went to Christine Ianson and Anita Masten, and third place of \$30 was awarded to Caitlin Lashley and Ed Smith. Honorable mentions were received by Ian Stout and Jim Rypkema. Special thanks are extended to the judges, including Sheryl Bailey, Jim O'Toole and Donna VanWirt, with the assistance of the photo contest committee.



"Spray" photo by Seddon Beaty

The chamber invites everyone to view the winning photos on its website at www.hagueticonderoga.com. Just click on the Photo Contest Winners logo on the home page. Keep your cameras close by, and watch for details about the 2006 Photo Contest soon.

HOLIDAY IN HAGUE WINNERS

The Hague Chamber of Commerce has announced several winners during the Holiday in Hague festivities on December 3rd.

The Wreath Decorating Contest winners were 1st-Beverly Sann; 2nd - Linda Benway and 3rd-Anita Masten.

The participating shops door prizes were won by 1st-Joyce Cooper, 2nd-Joann Wallace, 3rd-Beverly Sann, 4th-Bill Wells, 5th-Judy Stock, and 6th-Vivian Den Bleyker.

The Chamber raffles were won by Jennie Lou Gunning - a Christmas tree, MaryLou Doulin - \$25 gift certificate to Eddie's, Joanne Trudeau - a manicure at Riverside salon and haircut by Kit and Dottie Henry - a \$25 gift certificate to Two Brothers Meat Market.

Winners- Travel/Scenic/Nature

First Prize

"October Hike"

Photograph by: Sandra Swanson, Hague, NY

Second Prize

"Room With a View"

Photograph by: Anita Masten, Hague, NY

Third Prize

"Dual Rainbow"

Photograph by Ed Smith, Bronxville, NY

Honorable Mention

"Grasshoppers in Garden"

Photograph by Jim Rypkema, Hague, NY

Winners-Activity/Action People

First Prize:

"Spray"

Photo by Seddon Beaty, Lexington, MA

Second Prize

"Kayaking North During Ice Out"

Photo by Christine Ianson, Hague, NY

Third Prize

"Outside the Wake, Inside the Sunset"

Photo by Caitlin Lashley, Hague, NY

HAGUE HAPPENINGS by Stan

4 HISTORIC MOMENTS IN HAGUE HISTORY

IF YOU STACKED ONE OF EACH MONTHLY ISSUE SINCE '72 THE PILE OF ISSUES WOULD REACH ABOUT 5 FEET HIGH

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS "CHRONICLE" PAPER WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN JAN. OF 1972. SINCE THEN, AFTER SEVERAL EDITORS, "DOTTIE" HAS EDITED IT SINCE 1979.

DOTTIE HENRY EDITOR

JUDY STOCK PUBLISHER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS-11/17/05

Martin Fitzgerald, newly-elected Deputy Chair, opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Goetsch. Bill Pittman, Mary Lou Doulin, George Ianson and Lindsay Mydlarz were also present and Tina King was absent.

The Board heard that the HVFD requested an additional adjournment. The Beatys submitted new information for their application which they later requested to be tabled.

There being no further business, the ZBA adjourned in record time.

Note: The 12/22/05 ZBA meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

PLANNING BOARD-12/1/05

The meeting was opened by Chairman David Swanson with Rolly Allen, Pam Peterson and Katy Wells present. John Brown, Peter Foster and Tim Costello were absent. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

RAGOT (42.20-1-6), Lakeshore Drive (TR-2) has requested an adjournment on his application for a subdivision until spring to see if the low lying area still floods after the fill has been distributed.

KOSTIDES (26.17-2-2) 8 Lakeshore Terrace (TR1) has requested a subdivision of a 4.62 acre parcel into 3 lots. The site visit report was given and the high elevation noted.

ICKE (16.14-1-16), 39 Waltonian Road. ZEO Cathy Clark reported that a) the septic system was inspected and the leach field will be replaced with a mound system, b) the Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky has designed a Stormwater plan with Ms. Icke and contractor George Farinick, and c) design plans for the new house will be presented in January.

Hague Volunteer Fire Department (25.5-1-16), West Hague Road (OC-1). ZEO Clark reported that a) the berms for the stormwater plan have been built and seeded, b) with the consolidation of the donated land from Nelson Waters, the percentage of lot coverage has gone from 31% to 28% coverage, c) the leach field is still the most pending issue and the blacktop must be removed.

BEATY (26.18-1-1.2) 9250 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1) has submitted a new application but has asked for an adjournment until a decision has been reached on the sewer extension.



BICYCLE SAFETY CLASS

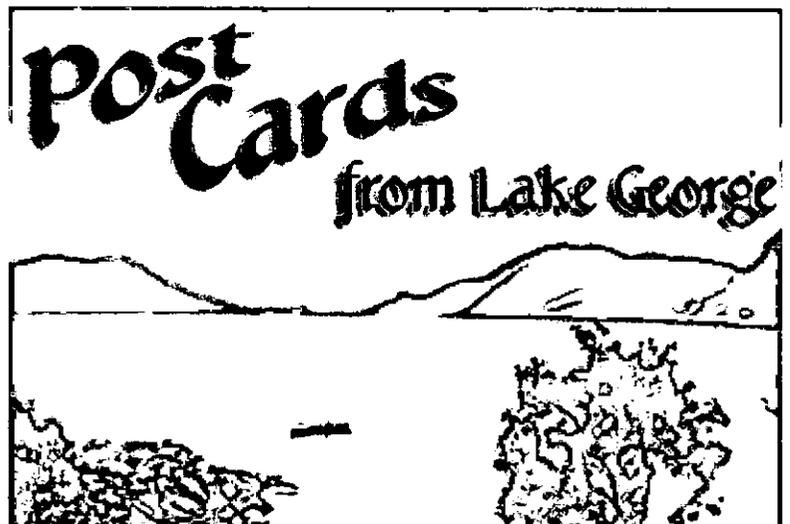
Cornell Cooperative Extension is currently looking for businesses, youth groups, and home school groups who are interested in hosting a free bicycle safety education program "Bike Rodeo" for their youth in the spring of 2006. The "Bike Rodeo" is a series of events or challenges that provide an opportunity for bicyclists to practice and develop skills that they will need to avoid typical accidents on a normal road, street, or highway situation.

Prior to running the course, youth receive instruction from either a local Bicycle Safety Officer or trained Cornell Cooperative Extension staff. Packets will be given to each youth who participates. For more information or to register for a date, please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center at (518) 668-4881 or (518) 623-3291.

LGA CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Lake George Association is selling 2006 calendars which are "Postcards from Lake George". The pictures that are used in the calendar are on the website, with lots of North Basin shots: Hague, Silver Bay, Sabbath Day Point, Rogers Rock, etc.

For information, call 668-3558 or see www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.



TOWN BOARD MEETING-12/13/05

Supervisor Dan Belden and Councilmen Bob Patchett, Dick Gladu, Lu Megow and Rudy Meola were all present. All of the newly elected Board members, Edna Frasier, Tom LaPointe and Art Steitz were also in attendance in the audience.

A moment of silence was held for Chuck Bouvet and Tony Sobel.

Under public comments, Joe McCranels discussed the cross country skiing at Rogers Rock.

Art Belden questioned the Town's purchase of the new truck and thought money would have been saved with other options. He then referred to a suggestion he made that the Town use a truck to pick up trash as well as questioned why he was charged sales tax when depositing his business trash at the transfer station.

Art also made a personal attack on Councilman Meola with regard to the expense he had occurred in complying with the junk law and further questioned why another area hadn't been cited. Meola explained that many properties had already been cleaned up and there are others which need to be followed up. He further stated that it wasn't any one Board member who was responsible for the law because the Town Board as a whole passed the junk law. It is the responsibility of the Zoning Enforcement Officer to carry out the provisions.

Cathy Clark, ZEO, reported on zoning and planning and also requested permission to hold a workshop for the boards with regard to findings, motions and decisions. Town Attorney Viscardi suggested that Attorney Joel Shackner, who works with the Planning Federation, had that specific area of expertise. His cost would be \$150 per hour for the workshop. The tentative date would be Jan 23rd at 7 pm. The meeting would be open to public questions after the board members had their questions answered. Each member of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Board will be encouraged to attend and the meeting was approved.

Art Steitz told the Board that the new heater that was purchased for the Town shed has not been put in and the old one does not keep the shed warm. Also discussed was the new boiler that needed to be installed in the Community Center. The Board will work on these issues.

Leslie Midgley addressed the board about her petition for a speed limit on Trout Brook Road. She wanted to make sure that all avenues necessary would be pursued to get a decreased speed limit on the full length of Trout Brook Road from New Hague Road to Route 9N. Ms. Midgley and Linda Benway, Animal Control Officer, also informed the board about a plan to deal with the feral cat population. These wild cats in town pose a health issue and makes it the concern of the Town Board.

Leslie works with the Angel connection which would catch the cats using Hav-a-hart traps, transport them to be spayed or neutered, and then brought back and released. By rendering the cats unable to reproduce, their numbers would gradually be reduced but still provide some "rodent control". The process would occur over a 60 - 90 day period in the spring. The cost would be \$50 per head to do it from either public or private funds. The Board asked for more information on the proposal.

Councilman Meola also brought to the Board's attention a bill of \$750 that had been paid for a barge for the 4th of July which had not been ordered by the Board but by a resident. Although the process might have been flawed, Councilman Gladu mentioned that the contract with the fireworks company required the town to have a barge so it was needed anyway.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu is working with Supervisor Belden and Assessor Martucci to put information together on the effects of the equalization rates. Supervisor Belden said that it is currently about 71%.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Councilman Megow reported that they are still trying to get results on proposals for work at the Community Center. Supervisor Belden reported that on December 12th there was no heat in the building because Suburban had not delivered any propane. When repeated calls to Suburban were not answered, he signed a contract with Amerigas under the State bid list so that propane could be delivered immediately. It was explained that a contract is required by the company before they can install a tank and that one company cannot use another's tank. The Town will now use Amerigas as their provider rather than Suburban.

CARE - Councilman Patchett again thanked the staff - Sheryl Bailey and Viola Vassalo and reminded residents that anyone eligible is encouraged to use the Food Pantry services on Thursdays from 1 to 2pm.

Finance - Councilman Meola noted that Hague receives roughly a million dollars per year from the county sales tax. He revealed how that money as well as other income is kept in a number of interest bearing accounts.

As of the November bank statements, the sewer district account had a balance of \$67,000; the county occupancy tax account had \$15,000 at 1.39% interest; another money market account had \$315,000 at 3.54%; yet another money market account had \$422,000 at 3.54%; the Accounts Payable had \$22,000 at 1.39% and the consolidate account (checking) had \$800,000 with 1.39% interest. He noted that the monthly bills average from \$50,000 - \$200,000 each month but the account from which the bills are paid had the \$800,000 earning only 1.39%. He suggested that perhaps at least half those monies should be put in money market accounts. The Board discussed persuing a financial plan with a municipal officer in a bank.

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Highway - Highway superintendent Smith reported that they are working with a full crew.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola reported that the museum committees have been set up. The building committee is headed by Jerry Crammond and they will come up with the various options on what to do for the Board of Trustees who will then set up a public information meeting.

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman Gladu reported that the Town Christmas party went well and the Chamber of Commerce is now working on Winter weekend. The Senior Citizens club had their Christmas luncheon and the Chamber announced the Hague Senior of the Year was Bertha Dunsmore.

Supervisor Belden expressed appreciation with a certificate to Kaley Manning for her help with the Christmas party.

Sewer District 1 - Warren County is still working on the figures for the proposals for the sewer extension.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Meola reported that the ultraviolet system installed at the visitor center for water worked well. It should also be installed at the Community Center and at the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

1. Discussed the recommendation of the Enhancement Committee for beautification of the area on Route 8 (Graphite Mountain Road) in front of the Baptist Church where there currently are boulders. They would like to plant bushes and do curbing. Discussed the restocking fee for the street lights that are to be returned.

2. As per suggestion of Town Attorney Viscardi, appointed Mike Maxwell as the appraiser in the Levy v. Town of Hague assessment matter.

3. Heard a report from Councilman Meola on the visit of Joel Fuller from the NYS Department of Labor Safety and Health Bureau. Mr. Fuller visited the community center, highway department and sewer transfer station. He was asked to look for violations of procedures so that the Town could take care of them and be in compliance with the law. He found several problems in the area of health and safety which needed to be addressed. Many of them related to procedures that had to be written and personnel who had to see that the procedures were followed - for example, a respiratory protection plan that needs to be administered by someone trained in the correct procedures. Many of the violations have been corrected and some still need to be worked on. Councilman Meola noted that the Town used to have a coordinator for these procedures and it might be a good time to reconsider the position.

Under new Business, the Board:

1. Authorized attendance for those who wanted to go to the meeting of the Association of Towns in February.

2. Discussed development of a policy concerning postings on the website which Councilman Gladu will research and will come back with a proposal. Councilman Meola suggested that additional staff personnel be trained to use the financial software.

3. Learned that the end of the year meeting would be held on 12/28/05 at 4pm.

4. Learned that the organizational meeting for the new Board would be held on 1/5/06 at 4pm.

5. Learned that a public informational meeting with John Murphy of National Grid would be held on 1/17/06 at 1pm. The meeting will seek to address questions that the public may have about the many power outages that have occurred as well as other issues with National Grid (formerly Niagara Mohawk).

6. Received a letter from Joyce Martin of the Martin Agency asking if the Town was interested in the building at the intersection of Rts 9N and 8 (formerly Cobb's or later Polino's). She would turn it over to the Town for taxes and attorney's fees. It was noted that gas tanks might still be there but Brownfield money might be available to clean it up. The Board approved a motion to send her a letter that the Board was not interested. Voting for the letter were Meola, Patchett and Megow and against were Gladu and Belden.

7. Approved Resolution #67 to enter into an agreement with Warren County to plow and sand 9.02 miles of County roads for which the Town will be reimbursed \$46,739.

8. Discussed a request to support an application for funding by area towns for the purchase of equipment necessary to inspect sewer lines. Further information will be needed to see if the equipment was appropriate for use in Hague.

9. Approved Resolution #68 to agree, at a cost of \$250, to be a co-applicant for the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project request for funding from the state Quality Communities Grant Program. This project has something to do with a community survey to assess water and sewer infrastructure. Beyond that it's beyond us.

10. Approved the transportation agreement for the Senior Citizen bus to Glens Falls.

11. Approved an agreement with the Convenient Drug and Alcohol Testing Service which is required for testing persons who drive or operate Town equipment.

12. Approved a request by Dick Gladu to keep on file in the Town Clerk's office, those petitions he received relative to the tax assessments. Mr. Gladu will send letters to all the state elected representatives with a copy of the petition and notice that the 271 originals are on file.

~SOUNDINGS~

CHORALE CONCERT GETS OVATION

BORN: A boy, Carter Andrew Waters to Jessica DeGrenier and Lucus Waters in North Adams, MA on October 28, 2005. Grandparents are Janet and Ernie Waters, North Adams and great grandparents are Barb and the late "Tink" Snow, Hague.

DIED: Anhony W. "Tony" Sobul, Jr., on October 30, 2005 in Huntsville, AL at the age of 57. He was the son of the late Anthony and Lillian Sobul, Hague. He attended school in Hague until his junior year and graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 1966 and from West Point in 1970. He served for 20 years in the Army as an aviator and a program manager while earning masters degrees in systems management and business. After retirement from the army he initiated, expanded and managed the MEADS program, one of Lockheed Martin's most successful international programs. Tony is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sherry, and two daughters, Shannon and Tiffany, Huntsville, AL.

DIED: Charles Bouvet, long-time former resident of Arcady Bay Estates, recently in New Canaan, CT. He is survived by two daughters, Cynthia and Christine Bouvet.

DIED: Philip C. Mann, 82, Clearwater, FL on November 20, 2005 during an Elderhostel trip to Branson, MO. He had been a resident of Cape Cod Village and Arcady Bay Estates in Hague. He is survived by his three daughters, Carol, Sue and Marj.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS

The following Hague students are listed on the First Marking Period Honor Roll at Ticonderoga Central School:

6th Grade - First Honors: Corey King, Walter Porter, Joshua Ross, Logan Ross, Harley Trudeau

Second Honors: Edward Kearns

7th Grade - Second Honors: Timothy May

8th Grade - First Honors: Kaley Manning, Qirsten Ross

Second Honors: Taylor Denno, Jamie Patchett, Jessie Patchett

Also the following Hague students have been listed in the Sentinel Merit Society for the first marking period (Middle School): Edward Kearns, Corey King, Walter Porter, Harley Trudeau, Taylor Denno, Robert Kearns, Kaley Manning.

SUCCESSFUL NHS FUND DRIVE

Members of the Ticonderoga High School Black Watch Chapter of National Honor Society held a semi-formal dance on December 3, 2005 to benefit the Tiny Tim Christmas Wish program. They raised \$300, as well as collecting many donated toys.

President Sarah Bissell, officers Karalin Weilacher, Linnaea Chapman, Zach Pratt and Megan Walls, and members Ashley Pohlironakis and Sara Defayette organized the toy drive and dance, with the help of the other forty-one members.

If the Champlain Valley Chorale had been in a contest at their concert on December 4, 2005 at the First Methodist Church in Ticonderoga, they would have received a "Bravo" in all the categories of tone quality, diction, breath control and vocal expression.

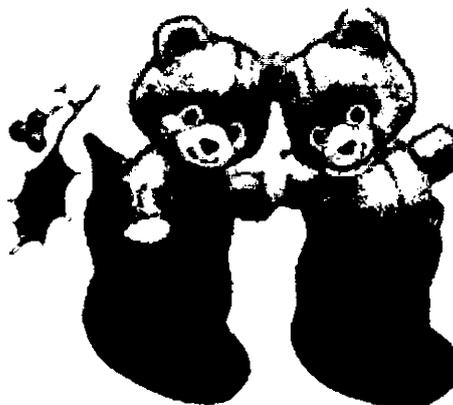
Of the 53 vocalists, 8 were from Hague, some from the Carillon Garden Club, and some from local church choirs. All were directed by Valerie Dixon and accompanied by Jennifer Moore, with solos by Malinda Chapman, flute, and Megan Walls, vocalist. A chancel bell choir consisting of Joyce Barry, Enid Bousfield, Joyce Mouradian and Ann Westervelt, accompanied the chorale in Hopson's "Ding Dong Merrily on High". Following the final selection, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", conducted by Megan Walls, a local high school musician, the audience gave a loud appreciative applause. All were invited to enjoy refreshments and Christmas displays in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Carillon Garden Club following the performance.

... Laura Meade



WOODRUFF NEW ABC CO-ANCHOR

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Woodruff who has just been appointed, along with Elizabeth Vargas, to co-anchor the ABC's World News Tonight, beginning on January 3, 2006. Bob is married to Lee (McConaughy) Woodruff, daughter of Terry and David McConaughy, long-time summer residents of Silver Bay. They are the parents of four children ages 5 through 14. The Woodruffs own a summer home in Silver Bay.



MEMORY TREE

The following names have been added to the Memory Tree in Hague. It is not too late to add names to the tree. Any additions will be included in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. Checks should include \$1.00 per name, either in memory of, or in honor of, a person or persons you would like to include. Checks are to be made payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce and mailed to Imogene Frasier, Cemetery Road, Hague, NY 12836. All donations are for the benefit of the Hague Emergency Squad.

Jamie Achey, Sharon Aiken, Robert "Eggy" Alkinburg, Pauline Allison, Bertha Alteri, William B. Andrus, Francis H. Andrus, Arthur Anisansel, Dorothy Anisansel, Laura Archibald, Les Archibald, Ruth M. Auerbach, Morris E. Auerbach, Sox Bailey, Donald Bailey, Sr., Barnaby Family, Barnett Family, Joseph Barnett Family, Mary Beadnell, Maud Belden, Mable Belden, Jim Belden, Esther Belden, Leatha Bennett, M. C. Beste, James Bly, Richard Bolton, Mame Bolton, Fred Bondgren, John M. Braisted, James H. Braisted, Helen K. Braisted, Jody Lambert Braisted, Barbara Brant, Brink Family, Brock Family, Catherine Brock, Louis Brock, Charlotte Brock, Howard Brod, Melba Brod, Jim & Margaret Broderick, John L. Brown, Arlone H. Brown, Robert Bryant, Marg Burgey, H. Gordon Burleigh, George Byrnes,

Hilda Carello, Harold Carpenter, Jane Carpenter, John Carpenter, John Carpenter, Jr., Richard S. Carpenter, Zella Carpenter, George Carter, Roland Carter, Ruth M. Carter, J. Edsal Case Family, Edward Cassidy, Morgan E. Chester, Phyllis & Tony Ciarlo, Frances Clifton (Honor), Donald Close, Wallace Conlon, Eleanor Conlon, Wally Conlon, Branson Lee Connery, Patrick Connery, James Cooke, Jimmy Cooke, John B. Costello, John M. Costello, Lucille Costello, Miquel Cubano, Connie Curtis, Charlie Curtis, Roland Dame, Ryan D'Avignon, Queenie S. Davis, Betty Decker, Emerson Decker, Mary Jane Decker, Wilbert Decker, Keith DeLarm, Gene Denno, Marion Denno, Westill Densmore, Louise Densmore, Elizabeth Densmore, Willard Devenger, Ezra Devenger, Myrtle L. Devenger, Thelma Drake, Kenneth Drake, Elizabeth Duell, Annette Dufrane, Charles Dufrane, Ida Dulin, Merritt Durgy, Samuel Eannace, Jayne E. Earl, Mildred Eddy, Gladys Elethorpe, Earl Elethorpe, Charlotte Elliott, Josie M. Emery,

Helena Fish, Herm Fish, Floyd Fish, Charlie Fish, Jane Fitzgerald, Paul Folkemer Sr., Frank Paul, Marilyn Frank, Samuel R. Frasier, Marilyn Frasier, Samuel R. Frasier, Carl William Frasier, Verily Mary Fish Frasier, Donald Lee Frasier, Stanley Carl Frasier, Clinton Lee Frasier, Clifford & Mary Frasier, Elaine Frasier, Slip Frasier, Geraldine Frasier, Peggy Frasier, Mitchel Frasier, Dale W. Frasier, Frasier Family, Leona Gallo, James Galusha, Helen Galusha, Donald Galusha, Robert Gildart, Thomas E. Girard, Evelyn F. Girard-Monroe, Dennis Glennon, Dorothy W. Goodfellow, Donald M. Goodfellow, Dee Goodrich, Harry Gordon, Barbara Gordon, Mildred Grimaldi, Richard W. Grinnell, Maryalice Hall, James Beezer Hall, Buzzer Hall, Helen Haughey, Bristol Hourigan, Joe (Smiley) Hayes, Bea Hayes, Frances Herbert, Destie Herbert, Peter Heinrich, Jack Henry, Henry grandchildren (Honor), Alyce Heroy, Gert Herrick, Archie Herrick, Jim Herrick, Bob & Ada Hoyt, Marion & George Hudler, Ethel Isinger, Bessie & Louis Johnson, Curt Jordon, Margaret Jordon, Jack Kennedy,

Betty Lamb, Florence Lambert, Janet Lauder, Edmund O. Loos, Jr., Cliff Lund, Margaret MacWilliams, Robert MacWilliams, Hope Manning, Myrtle Manning, Eber Masten, Bessie Masten, Elizabeth Mattison, Norma Megow, Ludolf J. Megow, Irene Megow, Raymond H. Monroe, Ursula Montbriand (Honor), Doris Morse, Joseph B. Morse, Lena Myers, John Myers, Robert Nelson, Nelson Patchett, Grace Patchett, Janet Urice Perreault, Robert Eugene Peters, Tim Philips, Sue Pocket, Lee Pocket, Louise Prentiss,

Lucio Ramagli, Connie Ramagli, Roman Family, Wesley Ross, Charles Rowland, Helen Rowland, Carrie Rowland, Mike Russo, LeRoy Ryder, Daniel Sanderson, Sr., Sierra-Rose Santaniello, Theodore J. Santaniello, Camille Santaniello, George Savage, Alice M. Schneider, Mary P. Shattuck, John M. Shattuck, David Shattuck, Elizabeth Corbee Skahan, Harry Smith, Uncle Jim Smith, Louis Spellman Sr., Judy Stock (Honor), Carl Sunderland, Frank Swinton, Vera Thomas, Josephine Thomas, George Traver, John & Meirlda Trombley, Trudeau Family, Mildred Tuminsky,

Jay A. Urice Sr., Marguerite N. Urice, Jean A. Urice, George N. Urice, William & Anne Van Kleeck, Marion Van Kleeck, Hatch Van Kleeck, Hank Vickerson, Julie & John Vickerson, Clayton Warner Sr., Stella Daniel Warner, Walter G. Watts, Ethel M. Watts, Henry W. Watts, Mary F. Watts, Edward G. Watts, Walter L. Watts, Alice R. Watts, Margaret Wells, Leo Wells, Clifton West, Herbert Wilen, Gabriel Wright, Milton Wright, Grace Yacovone

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Ice

With the end to our unusually warm fall this year, I noticed that I have been thinking a lot about ice. People buying bags of de-icer for their steps to avoid slipping, the town trucks going past the house with salt and sand to make the icy road safe for driving, power outages caused by ice encased treetops snapping off and downing power lines, ice-eaters on the lake.

Ice has a way of inconveniencing our busy, modern human lives, a force of Nature that appears to be negatively impacting our ability to enjoy the winter months. We must realize though, that all of these inconveniences are not the result of the wrath of Mother Nature, but are in fact, a result of our own human intrusion into a natural world of occurrences that were happening in perfect balance for millennia before we elbowed our modern ways into the picture. Granted, we must "deal" with the ice when it comes to our safety, but we also must be aware of our impact on the world in doing so. What we put on the roads and sidewalks to prevent slipping can so easily end up in the lake, and we have been attentive to that issue in our continuing stormwater programs.

Ice-eaters, on the other hand actually create a safety problem for anyone who wishes to be out on the ice this winter. I am reminded of last winter when my husband and I wanted to access the lake from our house in Forest Bay and couldn't venture more than 50' out because one ice-eater had created a current of open water that reached nearly all the way across the bay, cutting us off from the lake.

The most prominent feature in the winter is our frozen lake. We are dependent upon it for economic tourism. Ice-fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and snowshoeing are ways many of us enjoy being on the lake. But, watching it form, hearing it grow, the colors: black ice, blue and green; the way frost crystals scatter across the surface, pressure cracks booming and snapping in the night are other ways we enjoy it. With a force so magnificent we often overlook other forms of ice and the way they transform our world.

So, I am thinking about ice. I have been watching daily as anchor ice forms in the brook. Tiny pieces of ice form as water splashes and tumbles downstream. These tumbling ice bits are called "frazil" ice which can stick to rocks or other structures on the streambed forming blobs of green or gray colored ice that grows towards the surface as it accumulates. Frazil ice is especially likely to attach to a rock or stick that is partially out of the water creating a solid frozen mass from streambed to surface called "anchor" ice. Normally, ice forms over the surface of

rivers, streams and lakes where it insulates the water below from colder temperatures, but here it grows in the opposite direction causing problems for the creatures that dwell on the bottom of the streambed.

Caddisflies and stoneflies, the eggs of trout and small fish that hide between rocks are often suffocated or are carried downstream into open water when the ice breaks apart. I note this possibility as I admire the beauty of the natural ice sculptures formed that no human could create.

I remember the ice storm of '98 that caused such devastation to our forests, and the people that suffered from the loss of power ~ lasting for weeks in some areas. But I also remember walking in a crystalline world of incredible beauty that I will never forget.

The taste of balsam frozen into an icicle dripping from the tip of a branch, frosty patterns on an icy window, twinkling reflections of light in icicles hanging from the roof's edge, how many ways can we find to admire this formidable force of Nature?

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

It appears to be pay-back time for the lingering warm beautiful days and the bonanza of conditions that we enjoyed until almost Thanksgiving.

This was a year that even the fall foliage, what there was of it, was belated. We had our first dusting of snow lakeside the night of 11/17 and a week later our first major snowstorm of the season on 11/24. We endured severe weather and received seven inches of the white stuff. Between the 17th and 24th of November we experienced three snow events, one being major. That storm insured a very white Thanksgiving. To the snow enthusiasts it has been a time to revel and have fun. To others it is a hardship, but to all it looks resplendent.

December continued to be colder than normal. We had record breaking nocturnal temperatures of 0 degrees and below on the 13th and the 15th. We were hit with two big storms, one on 12/9 (5 in. of snow) and most recently on 12/16 with an additional seven inches. So far the total snow amount is 25 inches. The event of the 16th was a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain. Roads were especially icy due to the temperature dropping which caused the slush to freeze and created abundant amounts of black ice. All this, and it's not yet officially winter!! It will arrive with the solstice on the 21st at 7:22 PM.

For the sky watchers among us, we were treated to a great show featuring the Geminid meteor showers on the night of 12/13.



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December



- 28 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
- 28 4pm End of Year Town Board meeting
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 1 Friends Point Roads Closed (p.1)
- 4 7pm Planning Board
- 5 4pm Town Board Organizational meeting
- 10 6:30 pm Town Board
- 17 1pm Public Mtg on Power (pp. 1,6)
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- 24 1:30pm Senior Citizens meet (p .2)
- 25 1pm Extra Helping Distribution

RECIPE FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

First take the eager wonder
 Of a pair of childish eyes
 That watch for Santa's reindeer
 Through the evening's starry skies ---

Add a sprig of waxen holly
 Add a dash of fragrant fir
 Mix with the glow of candlelight
 And very gently stir

Then set the mixture now to rise
 In the warmth of happy dreams
 Of peace on Earth good will to men
 And a holy star's bright beams ---

Now decorate with shining balls
 And lovely Christmas trees
 Then garnish it with friendship
 And serve with memories.

... Thanks to Dolly Kennedy



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