

TICONDEROGA SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE

The vote on the Ticonderoga School Budget and for members of the Board of Education will take place on the State-wide voting date of May 15, 2012.

There is a state tax cap in place which allows an increase of only a certain percentage of last year's tax levy. However, there are a number of flexible conditions in the law and the actual percentage that Ticonderoga must use is still being reviewed. The current gap in the tentative budget between income and expenses is over one million dollars. If the budget does exceed the cap, it must be approved by 60% of the votes. Districts that remain within the cap threshold only need a simple majority.

Superintendent John McDonald has alerted the community to the difficult budget process this year. He has noted that even with a zero percent increase in spending, the budget is not balanced because of several revenue items which will not be available for the 2012 – 2013 school year. The Board and the Budget Advisory Committee are struggling to bridge this gap. Substantive changes in programs will have to be made to cut spending. Mike Cherubini is the Hague representative on the Advisory committee and the open meetings have also been attended by other community members including Dick Gladu and Steve Ramant.

There will be a budget workshop at the Community Center on April 3, 2012 at 7 pm where the latest figures will be outlined. It is hoped by those involved in the budget process that there will be a good Hague turnout at this meeting. There is still an opportunity for changes to be made.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2012 the Board meets for a Budget Hearing and Adoption of the Budget which will be presented to the public for a vote. On May 8, 2012 there will be a final Public Hearing on the budget. These meetings will be held at Ticonderoga High School. Also on May 8, 2012 the polling places in Hague and Ticonderoga will be open from 1 – 5 pm to give the opportunity to register to vote in the school board election.

There are three anticipated vacancies on the School Board and April 16, 2012 is the deadline for candidates to file petitions to be put on the ballot. Martin Fitzgerald, II, is the only Hague resident currently on the Board. The other current Ticonderoga members of the Board of Education are Frederick LaVallie, President, Robert Palandrani, Jr., Vice-President, R. William Grinnell, Mark Russell, Paula Besson, John Reale, Sr., John Lenhart and James Wells, Sr.

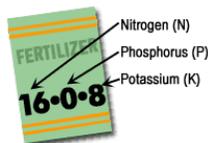
KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW: NYS LAWN FERTILIZER LAW

Just a friendly reminder that a new law regarding lawn fertilizer is now in effect throughout New York State. The new law, which applies only to lawns, not gardens:

- ◆ Prohibits the use of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizer unless establishing a new lawn or a soil test shows that the lawn does not have enough phosphorus.
- ◆ Prohibits the application of lawn fertilizer on impervious surfaces and requires pick-up of fertilizer applied or spilled onto impervious surfaces.



- ◆ Prohibits the application of lawn fertilizer within 20 feet of any surface water except where there is a vegetative buffer of at least 10 feet or where the fertilizer is applied by a device with a spreader guard, deflector shield or drop spreader at least three feet from surface water.
- ◆ Prohibits the application of lawn fertilizer between December 1 and April 1.



- ◆ Requires retailers to display phosphorus-containing fertilizers separately from non-phosphorus fertilizers and to post an educational sign where the phosphorus-containing fertilizers are displayed.

PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER



Mary Ann Eaton - Tulips For Easter 1st Place Botanical 2011

You can begin sending in your digital entries for the 2012 photo contest sponsored by *The Hague Chronicle*. Images must be taken between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to everyone. The categories are 1) Scenery, 2) People, 3) Animals, 4) Birds, 5) Still-life, 6) Boats/Boating and 7) Botanicals. Two pictures per category may be submitted. To see the winners from last year and to get the complete rules, go to our website <thehaguechronicle.org>.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Everyone is invited to join us for our next meeting on March 27, 2012 at 1:30 pm. The Hague Historical Society is co-sponsoring our guest speaker, Christine Campeau, from the Adirondack Museum, who will give a presentation at 2 pm. Her topic is the turn of the century care given at the Tuberculosis sanitarium in Saranac Lake.

On April 18, 2012 we will be on the road again for our annual trip to Saratoga Casino for gaming and lunch. We leave from the Community Center at 9 am.

We are starting to collect items for the famous Hague Seniors White Elephant Sale on May 26, 2012 as part of the Memorial Day activities. Your donations make it possible and we thank you for your past support. If you have items to donate this year, please contact Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

We have had fun activities at our recent events – including Bingo, a St. Patrick’s celebration with corned beef and cabbage, a movie, some trivia and lots of good refreshments – especially the desserts!

Looking ahead to our April 24, 2012 meeting we hope you’ll join us for a treat with a special guest comedian.

... Pat Hintze

HAGUE ALUMNI TO MEET

As the pool of graduates from Hague Central School becomes smaller, the Alumni Association is planning another reunion get-together on July 21, 2012. There will be an opportunity to share memories, a meal and music. All former students of the Hague school are invited to save the date and join in on the reunion. Kathy Santaniello, President of the Hague Central Alumni Association, will be publishing the group’s “Raider Review” soon with more information. The impetus for the event comes from the Class of 1962 which is celebrating their 50th reunion.

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR TOWN

The Town is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee working on the proposed extension to the Town vault. Help is needed with design work.

A volunteer is also needed to fill a pending vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Please contact the Community Center at 543-6161 if you are able to help.

HVFD STRESSES SPRING SAFETY

It’s the law for small craft, but for anyone boating at this time of year, personal flotation devices and warm clothing just make sense. You should also let someone know where you will be going and for how long. When working outside, always take two and think the job through.

EMS Capt. Renee and Asst. Capt. Meg would like to thank all the Hague EMTs who turned out to help make the Winter Festival Polar Bear Plunge a safe and successful one. Our Dept. would also like to thank all who supported our Firemen’s Breakfast and Chili Cook-Off as well.

In February there were 13 Fire calls using 19 man hrs. and 8 EMS calls and one standby using 322.5 man hrs. The contract renewal with E5, the agency which provides paid EMS coverage during the day has been renewed, and they will begin a 7 day, 12 hour shift in the near future.

Diane Trudeau has announced that \$546 was raised from the Memory Tree. The money goes to the Ambulance Squad toward new equipment purchases for the ambulance.

We will be having a PIG ROAST on April 28 as part of Volunteer Recruitment Week. Look for more details in the next issue, and on the Hague Chamber of Commerce website. The next meeting of the HVFD is Monday, April 2, 7 pm at the Hague Station. New members are always welcome.

... Joe McCranels

EXTRA VACATION DAYS

Thanks to our mild winter, there will be additional days of no school this Spring because of the unused “snow days” – provided there are no loss of days before then!

The Ticonderoga schools will be closed on Monday, March 26, 2012. The schools will be closed for Spring vacation from April 9 – 13 with an additional day on Friday, April 6, 2012.

PICTURES ON FACEBOOK

Have you checked out the 2012 pictures on the Facebook page of *The Hague Chronicle*? There are photos of The Hague Market, Senior Trip to Saranac Lake, Reception Honoring Dan Belden, Snow Queen Pageant, Hague Winter Weekend and Polar Plunge at Winter Weekend.

Add us to your “likes” and get updates as they are posted. We also have links on our Facebook page that may be of interest to you.

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out by volunteers on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of each month. The News deadline is five days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to the Publisher, Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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MEMORIAL DAY 2012 – OUR TENTH YEAR

Saturday, May 26, 2012 will find our village very much alive and smiling as we celebrate the 10th anniversary celebration of Memorial Day in Hague. The Parade Committee has commenced their weekly meetings at the Community Center on Mondays at 9:30 am. Anyone wishing to join us, please do so. Many new and exciting ideas are coming to light and already the planning process is taking shape. Our goal is to make this a very ‘special event’ for everyone.

Attractions for the Funfest at the beach will include the very popular Doggy Show, but with a twist in a concerted effort by the Westport SPCA, Angel Connection of Ticonderoga and Linda Benway and Leslie Midgley. Details are presently being worked out which will be published next month. But do keep this in mind for your pooch. Those of you who would like to be part of the Funfest activity with crafts, etc. or perhaps you just wish to share your willing hands to help that day, do give us a call. The Game Booths will be back again this year and they are always fun to run for a few hours.

Entries are open to everyone (veterans, groups, singles, family floats, clubs, businesses, classics, pets, etc.) for the “God Bless America” parade. Prize Categories are: Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack Theme, Most Humorous, Best Youth and Honorable Mention for Youth and Adults. So join in the fun and start planning now – you could be a winner!

Donations are always welcome. Truthfully, it is the generosity of so many caring people that make this event possible. It is thanks to you that the tradition is back in Town! All checks should be made out to HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS – PARADE ACCOUNT and mailed to us at Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

For additional information, please call Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130, Mike Cherubini at 543-6463 or Emily Cobb at 543-6325. ... Madeline Pelkey

GARDENING TIPS TO PROTECT THE LAKE

The Lake George Association (LGA) has these tips for gardeners about ways to protect the Lake:

- ◆ Leaves and garden clippings are loaded with phosphorus, and need to be raked away from lakes and streams, as well as storm drains.
- ◆ Plant more native plants instead of grass. This will ultimately help preserve water quality, while also providing benefits for wildlife.
- ◆ For an existing lawn, keeping it dense and healthy is important, because a healthy lawn can reduce surface runoff and will filter and purify water before it enters the soil and groundwater.
- ◆ Excess fertilizer in the early spring can promote top growth at the expense of root growth.
- ◆ Most lawns do not need any fertilizer, and are best fertilized only in the fall, after Labor Day. Even then, nitrogen is usually all that grass needs to achieve dense vegetation. Leaving legumes, like white clover, in your lawn adds nitrogen naturally.

WINTER WEEKEND THANKS

The Hague Winter Weekend Committee of the Hague Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who made this weekend a great success. All the events are run by volunteers who work hard to make sure each event goes well.

Thank you to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for supplying personnel and equipment for the Polar Bear Plunge. David Snow, Donna Trudeau and Diane Trudeau did a great job with traffic control. Ernie Trudeau and Teresa Medina, looking great in their suits, were awesome with water support.

A special thank you to the Patchetts for the use of the Trout House Village dock and property. Without their cooperation we would not be able to hold this event. We would also like to thank The New Hague Market, The Hague Fire House Restaurant, Treadway’s Outfitters, and the Wagon Wheel Restaurant for donating the prizes for the plunge.

A very big thank you goes out to all our participants who raised over \$4200 for WOKO’s Big Change Round-up and The Vermont Children’s Hospital. A special thanks to P.A.C. Wrestling for joining our event this year, and to WOKO’s Steve Pelkey and Dr. Lewis First from Vermont Children’s Hospital for emceeding the Polar Bear Plunge. We hope to see everyone back next year!
... Tom and Meg Haskell



BESTE FUND EXPRESSES THANKS

The Beste Scholarship Fund 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. Also included are those who sent in donations after our last list was published in March, 2011.

Fred and Diane Bauer, Peter Belden – Belden Property Services, Ernest Bevins, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, Nancy G. Bryant, Stan and Cathy Burdick, Edna E. Middleton Butler – In Memory of Myra Elethorpe, David and Pat Cornell, Tim and Karen Costello, Margaret Darrin, Anthony DeFranco, PE – Consulting Engineer, DeFranco Landscaping & Construction, Tim and Michele Gautreau, Bob Gladding/Ellen Frishberg, Hague Fish & Game Club, Jules and Gale Halm, Dorothy Henry, Tom James, Virginia Burleigh LaPointe – In Memory of Ruth Streeter Robbins, Bob and Donna Levenstein, Bob and Kay Maiaro, Lu and Linda Megow, Northern Lake George Rotary Club, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Barbara C. Smith, Elaine S. Smith, Judy Stock, Trout House Village Resort – The Patchett Family, Donald and Alane Vogel, Bob and Jan Whitaker.

Your response is greatly appreciated. Thank you. A special thanks to *The Hague Chronicle* staff, who again let us distribute our flyer with their January issue. And it’s never too late to send in a donation. Please send to: Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836.
... Kathy Santaniello

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 3/13/2012

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Martucci, Meola and Ramant were present. Councilman Fitzgerald was absent.

A moment of silence was held for William Morgan.

Joe McCranels asked the Town Board to consider putting bicycle and kayak racks at the Town Park. He read in a recent newspaper insert that small communities present themselves better to tourists if they have bicycle, canoe and kayak racks at or near their park. He said he would ask the Kiwanis to help fund the project.

Joe Stanek presented information from the LGPC committee on aquatic invasive species. He noted that the urgent need is to fund a pilot program at Norowal in Bolton. If boats come to launch and are not “drained, clean and dry”, they will go to a portable wash station. The cost for this program will be about \$40,000 and some of the watershed towns are using their occupancy tax money to fund it. A request was made for participation by the Town of Hague.

Bruce Clark expressed concern about access for launching boats that are kept by residents off the Lake. LGPC commissioner Dean Cook said that the committee meetings are open to the public and are held every other Friday at the Bolton Town Center at 1:30 pm.

Chris Navitsky spoke about his concerns relative to a stormwater management plan. He felt the current system was working and management should remain under the auspices of the LGPC. He felt that if the Town took it over there would be increased costs to taxpayers.

In reports and other business the Board:

Approved \$3,002 for lights at the Community Center and \$300 for water testing.

Learned that the new highway truck should be delivered next week.

Heard an update from Town Historian Jerry Crammond on a plan to expand the storage vault.

Learned that Bill Pittman has resigned from the ZBA but will stay on until the next appointment is made.

Heard from Councilman Ramant that AT&T was planning to put a tower on the Community Center to improve reception and he is still working on Verizon.

Heard from Supervisor Frasier that Paul Belden has started work on sewer district maintenance and will continue working throughout the spring.

Learned from Councilman Ramant that interviews are being scheduled for summer job applicants and that he has created a list of 22 items that need to be done for park maintenance.

Learned that two deficiencies were cited at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center .

Decided that the mileage on the report for employee reimbursement would be based on the car’s trip meter readings and the report form will reflect the change.

Agreed to sell the 1999 Ford Truck to JSSJR Enterprises for the high bid of \$3,490.

Originally decided to charge a vendor maintenance fee for the Town Park and later decided to table the matter since there seemed to be concerns in the audience.

Approved the Senior Club request to use the Visitor Center on 7/3/12 from 3 pm to 10 pm to sell hot dogs and nachos.

Approved a Town commitment of \$5,000 toward the portable wash station to prevent the spread of invasive species in Lake George.

Approved a proposal from Business Automation Services for an internet payment system which would make online payments possible for bills that are handled by the Town Clerk’s office. Customers will be able to view, pay by credit card and search for archived statements for taxes, sewer rent, hunting and fishing licenses, etc. The approval of \$1,745 includes the set-up, first year of hosting service and training. Town Clerk Debbie Manning says she hopes it will be completely functional by the beginning of 2013.

Approved the date of June 15-16, 2012 for the Town Clean Up Day.

Approved sending a letter to the Department of State Local Waterfront Program for de-obligation on an approved project that would have required a contribution of \$60,000 from the Town.

Approved a request from Chris Bowcutt of the LG Open Water Swim to close the Town launch from 8 am to 12 pm on 8/25/2012. Councilman Meola voted against the approval which would keep boaters from launching during that time period.

Supervisor Frasier presented a written report “FROM THE SUPERVISOR’S DESK” which is available in the lobby of the Community Center and she said it will also be on the Town website. Her goal is to keep her constituents informed about what is happening both in the Town and at the County level.

In her statement the Supervisor reports on the solar panels which have been installed on the roof of the Community Center.



She also describes in some detail about the workings of the County Board of Supervisors and the actions that have been taken to date in 2012.

Supervisor Frasier ended her report with the following paragraphs:

“Finally, I would like to thank everyone who made Dan Belden’s Retirement Party on February 18, 2012 such a success. It was nice to see such a good turnout. He certainly deserved it after 40 years of service to the Town of Hague.

"I am available to the public most days from 9:00am until 12pm at the Community Center. If I have County meetings then I will be in the office in the afternoon. Please call for an appointment or feel free to e-mail me at supervisor@townofhague.org."

SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING – 2/23/12

Chairman EJ Siwek and Board members Bob Whitaker, Dick Frasier, Bruce Clark, Pam Peterson, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. and Michael Cherubini were all in attendance at a special meeting called by the Chairman.

The Board met in Executive Session and afterward approved a resolution citing "detailed written documentation from the neighboring property owners" which establishes that Alice and Scott Patchett are in violation of codes related to operating a Tourist Accommodation without the approval of the Planning Board for their property located at 9 Overlook Lane, Tax Map # 26.17-2-44.

To remedy the violation on the property the owners are to submit an application for Site Plan Review and receive approval from the Board for the use of the property as a Tourist Accommodation and to cease renting the property until then.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/23/12 AND PLANNING BOARD – 3/8/12

Zoning Board Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, Maureen Cherubini, Bill Pittman and Lindsay Mydlarz were all present on 2/23/12.

Planning Board Chairman EJ Siwek and Board members Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark and Pam Peterson were present on 3/8/12 while Dick Frasier and Bob Whitaker were absent.

COMMONS (26.10-1-37.11) 31 Commons Way TR-1R

The owners are applying for an addition to a nonconforming house. If approved 199 sq. ft. of the addition would be located within the 50 ft. setback from the Lake, requiring the Zoning Board of Appeals approval. The other 1267 sq. ft. of the addition will require Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board because it is new construction within 100 feet of the Lake.

It was noted that a LGPC Stormwater permit will be required for this permit and that the property is in sewer district #2.

Engineer Bret Winchip appeared before both Boards to present background on the project and the future plans. He noted that a new entranceway had been proposed but they already have a legal right of way to the property and will use this existing entrance. They plan to have a stormwater plan for the addition and the building although the latter is not required.

The ZBA scheduled a site visit and the application will be on the March agenda.

Citing concerns about erosion on the shoreline due to cutting of trees, a motion was made recommending that the ZBA deny the variance and applicant should give consideration to moving the entire dwelling back 50 feet. B. Clark, Siwek and Peterson voted in favor and Cherubini and Fitzgerald voted against which meant the motion failed. [ZEO Clark noted that with a 7 member board a majority of 4 is needed to pass a motion whether or not all 7 members are in attendance.]

The PB then approved a motion recommending that the two-story new addition portion be shifted to the west, back from the Lake, so that no variance would be required. They recommended that adequate stormwater controls be put in place for both the existing structure and the new addition as well as creation of a vegetative natural buffer on the clay bank to prevent further erosion.

CONNOLLY (26.18-1-8) 9236 Lakeshore Drive TR-1

In 2008 the applicant renovated an existing nonconforming house. Part of the renovation involved the addition of a 60 sq. ft raised walkway that received variance approval on March 27, 2008 from the ZBA. A second story covered deck was added above an existing deck on the Lake side. During construction the existing ground floor deck was removed. The owner would now like to replace that deck (8' x 22' 9"). A Certificate of Completion was issued by Warren County which closed the building permit for this project.

The ZBA deemed the application complete, scheduled a site visit and will include on their March agenda.

The PB recommended approval of the variance to the ZBA based upon the fact that it is not going to create any more covered space and plantings will be modified to make it more effective.

QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The owners are requesting a modification to a 8/26/10 ZBA Variance approval for an addition to a nonconforming house. They would like to make adjustments to eliminate the need for steps between a bedroom and the living area and also to add a second story walkway and balcony.

The PB recommended approval to the ZBA of the option that would have a balcony over the entry replacing the peak roof with a flat roof but not have a second story ramp connecting balconies. This plan increases the height of the bedroom ceiling which will make it unnecessary to have dormers in the front. This option was felt to be less visually intrusive on the Lakeside.

The ZBA will have this new request on its next agenda.

BRAUNER (60.13-1-7) 39 Red Fox Lane (TR-1)

In other business, the Planning Board approved a request for a modification of a previous landscape approval. An existing shoreline deck will be replaced by a rock patio with native plantings. Rich Morris and Amber Rohe of Toadflax Nursery were in attendance to discuss the project. They will bring in better soil to establish the plantings so no synthetic fertilizer is needed. The plan is to put this area back into a natural state.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD NEWS

After a successful Twelfth Night Celebration in January, the Guild will sponsor a concert by the Curbstone Chorus of Rutland on April 29, 2012 at 3 pm at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Ticonderoga. Many other programs have been planned for this season as well. The Arts Trek programs for children are thirty years old in 2012 and a full schedule of these events is also planned.

Budgets have been pared down the past two years but the programs have continued and the Guild has managed to end each fiscal year in the black because of generous donations of individual members, businesses in the area, and several grants. Already supportive this year have been the Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union and the Arts Council of the Northern Adirondacks, with a DEC grant that was awarded March 16.

Individual memberships are welcomed and for any further information contact Executive Director Cathie Burdick at 585-7015.

FREE SWIM LESSONS

The Glens Falls YMCA is providing free swim lessons for beginners/non-swimmers ages 6 – 11 during the spring break from April 9 – 13, 2012. Registration will be on March 26th at the YMCA in Glens Falls. For additional information call the YMCA at 793-3878.

CYCLING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Centurion New York will hold a cycling event in Lake George from June 22 - 24, 2012 with routes covering 100, 50 or 25 miles as well as a kids course. The 100-mile route will pass through Hague.

Six non-profit organizations are recruiting riders to join their efforts and help raise funds. The organizations are Water.org, Best Buddies New York, Center for Donation and Transplant/Albany Medical Center Donor Resource Team, I WILL Foundation, Double H Ranch, and Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. To get involved as a cyclist or volunteer, visit <<http://centurioncycling.com/newyork/>> or send an email to <info@centurioncycling.com>.

BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship, sponsored by the Hague Baptist Church, meets in the Fellowship Hall for food, activity and scriptures relevant to a theme. The next get-together will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10:30 am with the theme "Seeds of Kindness: Cultivating compassion and growing patience and fruits of the Spirit." The Ladies Fellowship invites other women in our area to join them. For more information call 543-8899 or 543-8060.

FOUND ON THE WEB

*For an amazing visual treat,
do a web search for <[chalk man is back](#)>.*

WITH THE LGLC

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is offering the first of what will be annual scholarship awards. Eligibility is restricted to high school seniors, including home-schooled students, whose school district lies mostly within the Lake George watershed: Bolton, Lake George or Ticonderoga Central School Districts. One \$500 first-place and one \$250 second-place prize will be awarded and an additional \$250 will be awarded to the first-place student's school science program.

To apply, students must submit an essay, submitted by April 1, 2012, between 1000 and 2000 words addressing this year's question: "If you were elected the Wizard Mayor of the Lake George watershed, what would your first three projects be and why?" Visit <www.lglc.org> for more details or contact Helen Barton Benedict, LGLC's development manager, at 518-644-9673 or <hbartonbenedict@lglc.org>.

LGLC OWL PROWL

Chad Knisely of the LGLC will lead a special night-time hike in search of owls along the "Last Great Shoreline" in Putnam on Saturday, April 6, 2012 from 8:30 – 11:30 pm. Learn the different sounds of common owls of our area and try to coax one to call back. You may even catch a glimpse of one! Participants will each receive their own owl call device to take home. The moderately challenging hike is approximately 3 miles round-trip. Registration is required and a donation of \$10 is suggested to cover materials. For further information and to register contact Sarah Hoffman at <shoffman@lglc.org>.

CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE

Billed as a forum for educators, practitioners, community leaders, industry professionals and others to share information about clean energy opportunities in the North Country, the North Country Clean Energy Conference will be held June 21 - 22, 2012 at the Lake Placid Conference Center. It will focus on five energy areas: solar, wind, hydro, biomass and conservation. For more information, to be a sponsor or to submit a paper, contact Dan Mason, Conference Director at <dhmason.uppermeadow@gmail.com> or Adirondack North Country Association, Conference Host at 518-891-6200 or <anca@adirondack.org>.

KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT



The Kiwanis will hold an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 8 and under at the Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga at 10 am sharp on Saturday, April 7, 2012. In case of snow or heavy rain, the hunt will be held at the Ticonderoga Armory.



HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society occasionally gets “history” letters from folks so this month we’d like to share some excerpts. Marilyn Rive Miller wrote us last year:

“My parents Melicent and Frank Rives were friends for several years with Betty and Harold Howe, vacationing together on the Maine coast. One day Mom ducked into a news stand while waiting for a bus in the rain and saw an ad in the Schenectady paper for lots for sale in “Forest Bay”. Both families made the trip up from the Albany area and decided to split 3 50’ lots. Mother liked a lot on the North side but they decided it was too expensive. They paid \$600 for the land in 1941. They were the first lots sold in Forest Bay.

“Dad decided to build a 10’ x 20’ tent platform. Harold said lumber was cheap and why didn’t he put up wooden walls and a roof? The back room had shutters which could be raised and the openings were screened. Bunk beds were built on one side (they are still there) and Mom and Dad had a double cot. A chest of drawers and poles for hanging clothes completed the room. The porch was screened and held a table, benches and counter for Coleman stove. An ice box completed the “kitchen”. No running water – we carried buckets from the lake and a spring.

“For some time we shared the Howe’s outhouse that was made out of a coffin case. (Scary for a little girl!) Dad built us a sturdy outhouse painted forest green to match the house. It sported a hand-carved seat.

“One summer Mother had brought a ham from home for dinner I did not care for ham so she drove me to the Hague Market to check out what was available – still during World War II. In the meat case was a lamb chop. Mother bought it for me – it cost 50 cents, a fortune at the time. I never forgot it.”

Lynn Stote has fond memories of Hague from the 1950’s – 1980’s:

“Hague was my favorite place to be. I came up there as a kid and stayed at the camp on Dock Road.

“I was always fascinated by the tales of the old timers and especially the tales of Graphite. I recall going down into that graphite mine on Route 8 where the elephant is painted on the rock. I went in there with a group of Hague kids who wanted to show me the mine. To their credit they tied the end of a ball of twine at the entrance – and we unrolled it as we went in – We went in as far as an airhole could be seen when you looked up – I will always remember the total darkness in that mine.

“In 1973 Ed Doulin, Cliff Hayes, Doug Englert, and I bought the old Charley Fitz property on Route 8 across from the Baptist Church. We had a great ten years. We had cookouts. We had the local kids over – our home was always open. “

Our thanks to Marilyn and Lynn for sharing their fond memories of Hague. ... Pat McDonough

Please join us on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 2 pm at the Community Center when Christine Campeau, School Programs Manager and Educator at the Adirondack Museum will be our guest speaker. Christine’s program will focus on Saranac Lake’s “Wilderness Cure” for tuberculosis. The program is jointly sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens Club. Hope to see you there!

We’re still looking for old photos and memorabilia of the various markets and stores in Hague. Give us a call and we can meet you at the Community Center to quickly scan and return your photos! Contact us at 518-543-6725 or email at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. ... Pat McDonough

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A showing of the documentary “Search for the Jefferson Davis: Trader, Slaver, Raider” will be presented on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 starting at 7 pm at the Church of the King, 685 Bay Road, in Queensbury, across from SUNY Adirondack.

The Jefferson Davis is a “lost” shipwreck, and one of the last great maritime mysteries from America’s Civil War. After several incarnations - first as a commercial trader; then an illegal slaver and finally a feared rebel privateer, it sank off the ocean sands of St. Augustine, Florida, our nation’s oldest port. The “Jefferson Davis” was produced locally in Glens Falls: Peter Pepe of Pepe Productions directed, narrated and produced the DVD. It was co-written by underwater archaeologist Joe Zarzynski of Bateaux Below, based at Lake George. Both Joe and Peter will present the “Jefferson Davis” from their perspectives and answer audience questions

The program is free and open to the public, with light refreshments served after the presentation. Copies of the “Jefferson Davis” will be available for purchase at this time. For further information contact the Warren County Historical Society via email <mail@warrencountyhistoricalsociety.org> or at 518-743-0734.

AMTRAK - FORT TICONDEROGA PARTNERSHIP



For the first time, Fort Ticonderoga and America’s National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) have partnered to connect people traveling between New York City and Montreal to one of the nation’s oldest and most significant historic sites, Fort Ticonderoga.

Amtrak will offer one free companion rail fare with the purchase of one regular adult rail fare, on the state supported *Adirondack* line to and from Fort Ticonderoga, New York, beginning April 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Customers simply need to purchase tickets a minimum of 3 days in advance and enter discount code V430. The Northbound *Adirondack* operates daily between New York City and Montreal, departing New York Penn Station at 8:15 am arriving in Ticonderoga at 1:17 pm. The Southbound *Adirondack* departs Montreal at 9:30 am, arriving in Ticonderoga at 2:33 pm and New York City at 8:40 pm.

~SOUNDINGS~

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kaley Manning, Jessie Patchett and Jamie Patchett who have all been named to the Dean's Lists at their respective colleges. Kaley and Jessie attend the College of Saint Rose in Albany and Jamie is at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kerri McDonough, daughter of Kevin and Heather McDonough of Silver Bay, and granddaughter of Pat and Dennis McDonough of Hague, on her third place finish in the Women's Super G and 3rd Place in Women's Combined Ski Racing at the 2012 USSA Eastern J1/J2 Finals at Okemo, VT. Kerri is a senior at Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY.



BORN: Annalise Hailey, daughter of Myles and Melissa Peterson of Delanson, NY, on February 8, 2012. Annalise, who joins big brother, Noah, is the granddaughter of Myles and Pam Peterson and great-granddaughter of Dolly Kennedy all of Hague.

DIED: William (Bill) Morgan, 84, on February 21, 2012, a long-time resident of Silver Bay. He was an internationally known boat-builder who started Morgan Marine in Silver Bay in 1953. He built, restored and serviced countless wooden and other powerboats and in 1959 he revived the building of Hacker-Crafts. In addition to his Silver Bay marine operations he had added a production facility in Ticonderoga before the business was sold in 2004.

TASTE OF TI COMING IN MAY



The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum will host the 10th annual Taste of Ti on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria. (Please note new location.)

Tickets are \$17.50 and are on sale now at Rathbun Jewelers and the Chamber of Commerce Office or by calling 585-6178.

All money raised from this event benefits the Museum's Free Summer Children's Workshops and other free programs that take place at the Heritage Museum.

FOOD, FILM, AND FELLOWSHIP AT SILVER BAY

The next movie and fellowship evening will be April 13, 2012 at Brookside Community House on the Silver Bay Campus. After a 6 pm dinner of pizza or soup, the 117 minute PG movie "Mao's Last Dancer" will be shown.

In this movie, a delegation from Madame Mao's Beijing Dance Academy selects 11-year-old peasant villager Li Cunxin to study ballet in far-off Beijing. There he trains for seven grueling years to become one of China's greatest dancers. His efforts win him the opportunity to dance in America, opening his eyes to a new love and the possibility of a dramatic defection from China in this remarkable true story based on Cunxin's autobiography.

A suggested donation is \$5 and everyone is welcome but please RSVP to Chip Devenger at <cdevenger@silverbay.org> or 543-8833, x 215.

PORK LOIN DINNER

A public Roast Pork Loin Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of the Masons and Stars will be served on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available starting at 4:30 pm and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under and will be available both by advanced sale by members of the Masons and the Stars or at the door.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT EDDIE'S

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will hold a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 4:30 - 7 pm at Eddie's Restaurant on Route 9N. Eat-In or Take-out will be available at \$9 for this spaghetti and meatballs dinner with salad, bread, coffee and dessert included. The dinner will benefit the landscaping project at the Hancock House. For additional information, contact Ticonderoga Historical Society at 585-7868 or <tihistory@verizon.net>.

REMODELING AND BACKYARD EXPO

The 7th Annual North Country Home and Backyard EXPO will be held on March 31 and April 1, 2012 at the Lake George Forum, 2200 Route 9 in Lake George. The hours are 10 am - 6 pm on Saturday and 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday. Free parking is available. The adult admission is \$10, Seniors \$4, Youth \$1 and free to children under 6.



North Country building professionals will be there to help with your home projects - whether building a new home or remodeling an existing one; adding a deck or sunroom; a stone wall or complete landscaping project; and even a pool or spa. There will be hundreds of products and services as well as daily seminars. For more information and details see <www.northcountryhomeexpo.com>.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Threads that Weave the Tapestry

For the last week or two I've been putting together a computer slide show I've named "Backyard Farmacy" that I presented recently to the Carillon Garden Club at the Hague Community Center. The photographic "journey through the seasons" highlights the many familiar plants that grow in our lawns, gardens, fields and forest ~ our backyards ~ that we can use to make a fully stocked home medicine chest of natural remedies. Plants for making cough syrup, poultices for drawing out splinters, washes to soothe poison ivy's rash, salves for healing wounds and scrapes, tea for headaches and insomnia...all the ingredients right under our noses. Becoming aware of what literally grows up between the cracks in the pavement can be quite amazing! Noticing what shows up in your yard can be interesting to consider if you are of the belief that, "What grows near you is what you need," for food and medicine.

It is quite remarkable to think of the relationship between plants and people, a relationship that develops whether the people are aware of it or not. Take for example Japanese Knotweed ~ the invasive plant causing much concern environmentally because of the way it spreads. Japanese Knotweed has also been discovered to be one of the most effective treatments for Lyme disease...and here's the part that I find most fascinating ~ the spread of Japanese Knotweed has mimicked the spread of Lyme disease ~ showing up where it is most needed. Purple Loosestrife and Teasel, two other invasives, are also key ingredients used in effective protocols for treating Lyme...makes one consider the impact of this synchronicity.

"The weed that will not go away and that you continually notice in irritation, the plant that regularly trips you as you walk through the field. Such plants are often some of the most powerful medicines you will find. They stir something in your unconscious, breaking through your habituated not noticing, and intrude on you until you begin to take a real look at them," writes Stephen Harrod Buhner in his *Lost Language of Plants*.

Further reading on the ecological benefits and healing abilities of invasive plants can be found in Timothy Lee Scott's book, *Invasive Plant Medicine* published by Healing Arts Press.

Not limited to the relationships between the plants and humans, the threads that weave intricate patterns into this tapestry of life are both complex and simple. Scientists wanted to look at the relationship between music and the way plants grow. Many studies had shown that music stimulates plant growth but they wanted to see if it made any difference what *kind* of music was played. Classical music stimulated plant growth, while loud and harsh music stunted it. They took their studies further and found that even particular pieces of music had a stronger influence than others...Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" concerto was a winner, with one season's music most effective ~ "Spring". They found that this piece of music most closely resembled the singing of birds in the spring! The time of accelerated plant growth in nature! Delving deeper into the implications, they found that spring bird songs actually stimulate the emergence of tree leaves, and that areas devoid of birds (for whatever reason, mostly human impact caused) were showing that trees in those areas were later in producing leaves and showed stunted growth.

The trees provide food and shelter for the birds and the birds help foster the trees' growth! How amazing that they actually help each other to have a better life...now that's community!

Life just keeps weaving all the threads along into newly emerging patterns...we're a part of that community *and* the tapestry whether we notice it or not, whether we engage in it or not. I'm finding that life is more fulfilling and exciting when I wrap myself up in the closely examined tapestry of the earth community.

"Listen to the birds...it's God singing to you," Dr. David Hawkins.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

February 17, 2012 to March 16, 2012

We have been on a steady warming trend since February 19. Daytime highs ranged from the upper 30's to a high of 70° on 3/13/12. The last few nights have been above freezing. The maple producers are probably not too happy with this warm weather.

We did get 3-4" of snow, mixed with freezing rain on February 24 - 25. There was light snow again on February 29 - March 1. I measured 7" after the squall. In the wee hours of March 3, freezing rain made the roads slippery but a high temperature of 54 degrees melted most of the snow.

A cold front moved in on March 5. The high was 31 and the low 1 degree. Since then we have had a warming trend with temperatures rising to mid 60's and warmer. There was a brief return to winter on March 9 as a snow squall dropped 3" in a short time.

Daylight savings began March 11. Sunrise is 7:09 am and sunset is 6:59 pm. The next full moon is April 6. Spring begins March 20.

"NO BURNING" REMINDER



All residential brush burning is prohibited during the state's historically high fire-risk period (according to the DEC) from March 16 through May 14. The state regulation prohibits the burning of garbage at all times and in all places. Violators of the open burning state regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense.

For more information contact a DEC regional office or see < <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html> >.

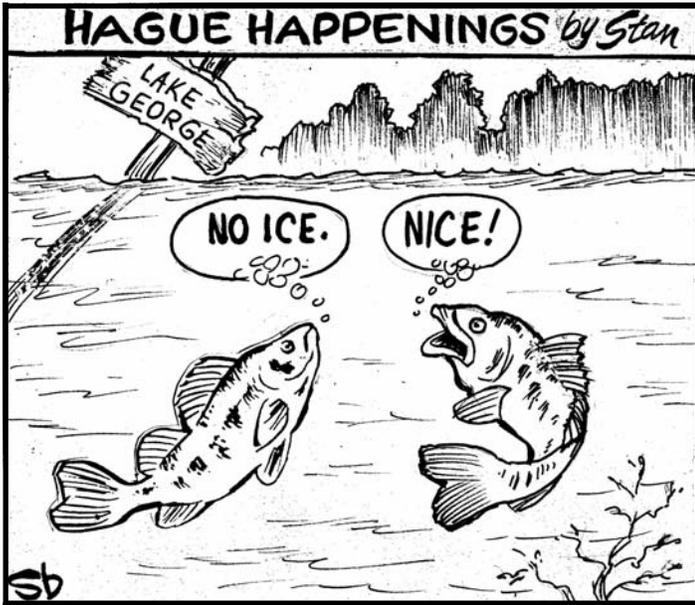
HAGUE CALENDAR

MARCH

- 22 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23 5 – 6:30 pm Pork Loin Dinner in Ticonderoga
- 24 7 pm Ticonderoga HS 3-act play
- 25 2 pm THS 3-act play
- 26 No Ticonderoga School
- 27 1:30 pm Senior Club meets followed by...
- 27 2 pm Program co-sponsored by Historical Society
- 29 4:30-7pm Ti Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner
- 29 7:30 pm THS Pops Concert

APRIL

- 3 7 pm Special Ti School Bd meeting on budget
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 LGLC Owl Prowl
- 6 - 15 Ticonderoga Schools closed
- 7 10 am Kiwanis Egg Hunt for Kids
- 8 Easter
- 10 6 pm Town Board
- 11 News deadline for the April issue
- 13 6 pm Silver Bay dinner and movie
- 14 10:30 am Baptist Ladies Fellowship
- 16 4 pm Petitions due for School Board candidates
- 18 9 am Senior Trip to Saratoga
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 19 7 pm School Board meeting and budget adoption



ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)
- 1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

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