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CAROL PITTMAN AT  
HAGUE CREEK CAFE

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## HANCOCK HOUSE EXHIBIT

The newly refurbished Assembly Room of the Hancock House at the circle in Ticonderoga will be exhibiting "Oil and Water Paintings of Lake George 1860-1945, beginning Wednesday, June 28 running through August 26. Featured artists include William M. Hart, Richard William Hubbard, John Bunyan Bristol, John Henry Hill, Nikolay Tysland Leganger, Nelson Augustus Moore, Harry Willson Watrous, Gustave Cimiotti, Walter Paris and Eugene Spiro.

Stuart Cartwright, summer resident of Friends Point, is again a guest curator. The exhibit includes landscape paintings of the area. Hague was the home of several distinguished artists during the period following the Civil War. Harry Watrous served as president of the art world's prestigious National Academy of Design and was a summer resident of Hague for many years. Several "Watrous" houses still exist in Hague. Decker was also a summer resident of Hague and invited many of his fellow artists to his studio on the lake during the nineteenth century.

The Hancock House will host a public reception on Tuesday, July 6 at 6PM. For more information check <[www.thehancockhouse.org](http://www.thehancockhouse.org)>.

## FARMER'S MARKET

PRIDE of Ticonderoga has announced that the Ticonderoga Farmer's Market will again be located on Route 9N, just south of the Liberty Monument beginning Saturday, July 8th from 10am - 1pm.

## HAGUE CREEK CAFE OPENS

The Cafe at Hague Creek Antiques is now open for breakfast and light lunch on Wednesdays through Sundays. The Cafe is located in the second building on the property of Hague Creek Antiques and Gifts on Graphite Mountain Road (Route 8). The building has had extensive remodeling and contains an area for additional large antique pieces as well as a delightful seating section for the cafe. Diane Farinick and Carol Pittman are pleased to offer this latest venture into providing more eating facilities in the hamlet section of Hague. For further information they can be contacted at 518-543-8155.

## NEW HAGUE ROAD WILDLIFE

Several sightings of interesting wildlife, from geese to moose, have occurred on the New Hague Road. Geese with young goslings have been seen wandering as well as a young bear spotted by Debbie Reid and a moose calf by Donna Charboneau. That these animals are coming out in the open may be due to extensive logging in the area.

## PRIDE HOSTS DUCK RACE

PRIDE of Ticonderoga will host the Fourth Annual LaChute River Duck Race on July 4th at 5 p.m. Thousands of unflappable plastic ducks will be numbered and released into the LaChute River off the Frazier Bridge above the lower falls and will race to the finish below the lower falls in the Bicentennial Park. The plastic ducks are available for temporary adoption by individuals for a \$5 donation or businesses for \$25 and the chance of winning cash prizes and trophies.

SENIOR NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY SUCCESS

Congratulations go to Pat McDonough, designer of the Senior Club Float - WHAT'S COOKING IN HAGUE - it won BEST IN PARADE! All that scurrying around seeking antique cooking artifacts for the kitchen scene paid off, Pat - job well done. Actually, all the Senior endeavors were a success during Hague's Memorial Celebration. The Food Concession, the Memorial Day Raffle & the White Elephant tables did well. Couple all that with a great parade and those seniors with the red sweatshirts with the white 'H's made quite a team!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27th at the Community Center STARTING AT NOON!! Note the time! Club Members will enjoy a Luncheon catered by Burleigh's Cafe - our reward treat after such a hectic month of rather robust activity in May. Also, we will be arranging plans for our August picnic as well as discussing plans for the fall outing in September. Entertainment after lunch may include the viewing of the parade video if we have it in house by then. Also we may have the Memorial 2006 Album to share as well. Both of these will eventually be placed in Hague's Historical Museum, along with those of the previous three years. ...mp

The celebration of Memorial Day on Saturday, May 27th was a wonderful day in the Town of Hague. The Funfest at the Beach was a hive of activity all day. WOKO radio personality Steve Pelkey and the Cambridge Band Concert filled the air with festive sounds, tempting aromas came from the various foods available, kids enjoyed the games & face painting, vendors offered enticements for the browsers and new this year was the Fish & Game Club's 'Dunking Booth' which provided laughter galore to an audience of all ages. People did indeed find our park a fun place to be.

The GOD BLESS AMERICA PARADE was the biggest yet. People lined both sides of the village streets and the looks on their faces, showing emotions of pride, awe, and overall enjoyment as the unit themes marched by, indicated that Hague's parade was a hit! During the Memorial Service which followed, guest speaker, James O'Toole, Brigadier General, US Army Retired, aptly shared his thoughts with us on the meaning of Memorial Day. Added to this were music, prayers by Father Steven Moore & Rev. Rusty Bissell, dedications by the American Legion & Fire & Rescue, and the very moving sound of drum rolls followed by the echo of taps which concluded Hague's fourth DAY TO REMEMBER. ...mp

PARADE WINNERS & NOTE OF APPRECIATION

- 1) BEST IN PARADE to Hague Senior Citizens Club - "What's Cooking in Hague"
- 2) MOST CREATIVE to Carolyn & David Dunn - " Locust Inn Bed & Breakfast"
- 3) MOST PATRIOTIC to JoAnn & David DeFranco - "Colonial Portrayals"
- 4) BEST YOUTH to Debbie & Mike Manning & Crew - "We Are All in This Together"
- 5) HONORABLE MENTION - ADULT to Jim Reale & Joan Schultz - "Hague Winter Carnival"
- 6) HONORABLE MENTION - YOUTH to Brendan Carberry - "The Unicycle Whiz"

The Parade Committee - Madeline Pelkey, Chair & Emily Cobb, Co-Chair, Pat McDonough, Dottie Henry, Shirley Smith, Joan Steitz, Gladys Graser, Christine Ianson, Katie Wells & Denise Smith - extends their appreciation to all those who supported, participated and/or attended Hague's Memorial Day Celebration. Special thanks go to the Hague Town officials and staff, the Hague Chamber of Commerce, The Kiwanis Club, The Northern Lake George Rotary Club, the Stewarts Shops, Walmart and all the private donors who helped meet the budget expenses.

For advertising, we thank The Chamber, WOKO Radio & The Reale Construction Co. who placed our event on their Electronic Board at the Ti Monument. We also thank the Marines and our Hague Veterans - Gen. James O'Toole, Bruce Craig, Dottie Henry, Steve Ross, Tim Costello, Howard Ticknor & American Legionnaires Frank Koenig & Vinnie Jones. We also thank the Parade Judges, Joyce Barker, John McDonald, Jr. & Craig Lonergan. We especially thank the Hague Fire Department for all their assistance & for holding their Chicken Barbecue to cap the day. A warm thank-you, too, to our families, friends and every Hague citizen or visitor who supported, pitched in, or came to the parade to cheer us on. ... mp



photo by chris ianson

CREW OF BEST IN PARADE

Don Smith, Don Carey, Shirley Carey, Ray Snyder, Bill Pelkey, Shirley Smith, Gladys Graser, Madeline Pelkey, Pat McDonough, Jim DeLarm, Pat DeLarm

...and to  
**Maddie, Emily & Pat**  
the Seniors  
say **THANK YOU!**

### ONE NIGHT ART SHOW

The Hague Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its third annual Art Show on June 30 from 7- 9 PM in the Cafe at Hague Creek Antiques.

Paintings by Maryann Kuhn, watercolors by Hague's Jim O'Toole, and photographs by Cal Heilman and Jerry Shelton, a summer resident of Arcady Bay Estates, Hague will be on display.

The public is invited to attend.

### MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

The annual series of summer concerts in the Hague Town Park will begin on Wednesday, July 5 and continue each Wednesday thereafter until Aug. 23 at 7:30PM. In case of inclement weather the concerts will be held in the Community Center.

Scheduled events are as follows:

- July 5, Capital Zen
- July 12, Rick Bolton & Sharon Dwyer
- July 19, Too Human
- July 26, Nelson Shapiro
- Aug. 2, Mary Jo von Tury & Dwinal Smith
- Aug. 9, Silver Bay Quartet
- Aug. 16, Stan Burdick - square dancing
- Aug. 23, Loose Monkeys

Please bring your own lawn chair, sit back and enjoy an evening in the park.

### FISH & GAME CLUB EVENT

On July 1, 2006 the Hague Fish & Game Club will be holding a Chicken BBQ at the Clubhouse on West Hague Rd. They will be serving from 1 - 6 pm and the cost is \$8.00

The Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse.

### CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Hague, will be holding its 3rd annual GARAGE SALE July 15-16 from 8am - 2pm. This will be a super spectacular with lots of STUFF, old and new. We will be having some quality furniture. Sunday will feature a bag sale until closing. Donations of good usable items in working condition will be gratefully accepted. We cannot accept clothing or TVs.

For further information call 543-6444 or 585-6236. ... Pat DeLarm

### LIBRARY BOOK SALE

On Saturday, June 24, 2006, the Black Watch Library in Ticonderoga will have a book sale from 9am to 2pm.

There will be hundreds of books to choose from - fiction, nonfiction, romance,, harlequin, travel, how-to, coffee table books, biographies, cookbooks, videos, books on tape, etc. etc.

The library is accepting books in good condition, (no magazines or textbooks please) during regular hours.



### SEAGLE SINGERS AT SEMBRICH

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum in Bolton Landing will present Highlights of Seagle Colony's 2006 shows at 1:30 PM on June 28. The performance features singers from Seagle Music Colony in Schroom Lake. The cost is \$10.00.

The Sembrich Opera Museum is open daily from 10AM to 12:30PM and from 2 to 5:30PM through September 15. The museum features memorabilia from Opera Singer Marcella Sembrich's era including fine art she collected, her costumes and music. Admission is free.

For information on museum events, call 644-9839 or visit the web site at <www.operamuseum.org>.

### GARDEN CLUB TRIP OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Carillon Garden Club is sponsoring a Tour to Quebec City on September 11 - 13, 2006. The tour includes two nights (double occupancy) at the Chateau Repotel, two Continental breakfast buffets, box lunch on bus enroute to Quebec, assorted snacks and beverages throughout the trip, lunch and dinners. The bus is a modern coach with restroom and there is also a ferry ride on the St. Lawrence River and much more. The fee of \$395 includes all transportation costs from Ticonderoga, entrance fees, taxes and tips with a bilingual tour host and guide. \$200.00 US is due at registration which includes a \$100.00 US nonrefundable deposit. A second payment of \$195.00 US is due on or before August 1, 2006. For more information and brochure on this trip, call Sharon Lonergan at 585-4477.

### NEW FESTIVAL GUILD SEASON

Tickets are on sale for the Ticonderoga Festival Guild concerts at Rathbun's Jewelers and Montcalm Liquors, both on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. All adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5. The first event is a Gospel Hymn Sing on June 27, featuring area choirs and stirring, inspirational music. The program begins at 7:30 PM and is free to all, with baskets for donations.

The Tuesday evening concerts will open on July 11 with a return engagement by The Brits, the group everyone enjoyed in 2005 as they presented Beatles music. They are returning by popular demand, so those who missed them last summer may be sure to attend, and the others will relish a second look and listen with this popular group. On July 18, Rich Bala will entertain with his songs, followed by Jennings and Ponder on July 25 with songs and stories. All the evening concerts begin at 8 PM under the Festival Guild tent. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs.

Wednesday Arts Treks begin on July 12 with the Zucchini Brothers. The time has been changed this year to 10:15 AM to accommodate those students from Ti who must be bussed back to school at 11:15. Rich Bala will present the children's program on July 18 with songs and stories. July 26 will feature the magic of Michael Mirth.

For more information, contact the Ticonderoga Festival Guild office at 518-585-6716 or by email at <tfguild@capital.net>. Information is also available at <www.ticonderogafestivalguild.org>.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/25/06

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Mary Lou Doulin, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr., George Ianson, Tina King, and Bill Pittman were present and Lindsay Mydlarz was absent.

Rebenack (93.16-1-33) Sabbath Day Point Rd. TR1-B

The applicant wishes to replace an existing house with a new log home. They are requesting a variance for the proposed increase of 281 sq. ft. to the deck area. The proposed construction is within 100 ft. of the shoreline and the deck is further from the Lake than the existing one. No one spoke for or against the project in the public hearing. WC Planning Board ruled no county impact with the condition that appropriate storm water and erosion control measures are taken during and after construction. The LGPC approved the storm water plan. The variance was approved 5-1.

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

The Stanfords wish to build a 10 x 20 ft. sun porch addition, maintaining the 6 ft. sideline setback. There are no plans to heat the porch. Letters for and against the project were read in the public hearing and Mr. Stanford stated that no neighbors in Cape Cod Village have objected and the Architectural Committee has approved the proposal. The request was approved 6-0 allowing for a sideline setback less than the required 10 ft.

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

The ZBA approved the revised application which moved the addition to the center of the existing house and includes a 180 sq. ft. addition to the west side of the structure. A variance for sideline setback is no longer needed. However, 42 sq. feet of the proposed addition is within 50 feet of the shoreline. The purpose of the addition is to enlarge the kitchen and add a bathroom to the first floor of the residence. The original proposal ended in a tie vote by the ZBA on 4/27/2006. The Lake George waterkeeper has developed a plan for storm water.

In other business, the ZBA thanked Tina King, who is leaving the Board, for her service. As an observer to the ZBA meeting each month, *The Hague Chronicle* adds thanks to Tina for her knowledgeable, thoughtful deliberations and outstanding service to the community.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/1/06

Chairman David Swanson and members Rolly Allen, John Brown, Tim Costello, Peter Foster, Pam Peterson, and Katy Wells were all present.

Wilson (25.1-1-17 & 25.1-1-18) Graphite Mt. Rd. and Summit Dr. OC1

The applicant requested final approval of the 10 lot subdivision, "Lake Woods at Hague". The Town has received a new Subdivision Plat, Development Plan, and Storm-water Plan. The Wastewater Layouts, Road Profile and Erosion Control Plan have also been submitted by Jarrett-Martin Engineers and are contained in the file.

As part of the environmental review process, the application will be circulated to other agencies (DEC, Warren County DPW, LGPC, and the APA). The lead agency has yet to be determined, according to Cathy Clark. The Board discussed the pros and cons of acting as lead Agency. It was suggested they review information about the process before deciding.

A 200 ft. buffer zone on either side of a stream has been set aside as a deed restricted, no development zone, approximately 21.3 acres. Once the final subdivision plan is approved, any deviation would require a homeowner return to the Planning Board for review. Mr. Wilson said he is willing to deed restrict the percentage of tree cutting on each lot of the subdivision. The Board gave approval conditioned upon clarification and completion of several items that had been discussed.

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

The applicant wishes to remove a portion of an existing deck/walkway on the northern property line which encroaches on the neighboring property and build a new staircase, with a top landing on the lake side of their lot, parallel to the existing deck. They also request retroactive approval for a portion of the preexisting deck. The new construction will be within 50 ft. of the lake, requiring a variance. The Board voted to recommend approval by the ZBA for the variances needed since the new plan makes the lot less non-conforming.

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

The Planning Board approved the revised application for which the ZBA had granted a sideline setback variance.

Ginn-DeLarm (43.5-1-3) Graphite Mt. Rd. Hamlet

The applicants would like to modify an approved Site Plan Review for the restaurant to include a concrete pad to the rear of the structure to create a walkway/patio. Original approval was based on "no activity in the back of the building". Safety issues were discussed, including the need for a sturdy railing and an emergency exit off the walkway/patio. A gated stairway was suggested as a means to limit the traffic flow while providing an additional exit in case of emergency. Planning Board members discussed concerns about possible noise. Approval was given with the condition that if noise is a problem, the applicants will return to the Planning Board with a proposed solution.

The Board scheduled site visits for the following applications for Site Plan Review:

Bauer (60.5-1-18) Pine Cove Rd. TR1

The applicant wishes to add a second story to an existing house and build a new 22x22 ft. garage. Construction will be within 100 ft of the lake. Plans call for more than a 25% increase in living space.

Luberto (2-1-29) New Hague Rd. OC1

Mr. Luberto would like to construct an addition to his residence. The house is in a remote location and is very small, 723 sq. ft. with a dry well, and compost toilet according to Cathy Clark. She has contacted the APA to determine if Site Review is needed for the more than 25% increase in living space.

Van Voorhis (42.12-1-25) Lakeshore Dr. TR1

The applicant would like to build a 7530 sq. ft. addition to an existing residence. Construction will fall within the shoreline setback for the brook and is more than a 25% increase in living space. Construction will be 25 ft. from the brook and the house is located 110 ft. from the lake. The house will have 10 bathrooms and 1 kitchen and town sewer is available.

Krueger (12-1-4) New Hague Rd. OC1

Mr. Krueger is applying for after-the-fact approval for a camp addition. Construction includes 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a kitchen remodel, resulting in a 25% increase in living. ZEO Clark has determined that a new septic system is necessary and a Certificate of Compliance will not be issued until the septic is complete.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/13/06

All Board members - Dan Belden, Edna Frasier, Dick Gladu, Tom LaPointe and Art Steitz - were present.

Under public comments, former councilman Rudy Meola questioned the Board about payment for work which has not been approved by the Board. Although the Board had discussed the work previously they never made a formal motion for payment which is required by law. In a later statement to *The Hague Chronicle*, Mr. Meola noted that he is concerned - and hopes that others in the Town will be concerned also - by the lack of following proper procedures. While some of the Board members are new to these regulations, he pointed out that the Supervisor has been in office for several years and should be abiding by the required procedures.

Sean Lobdell again appeared to ask the Board what it is doing in regard to his legal issue. Councilman Gladu said that the legal matter is still under review and cannot be discussed. The Board previously agreed to follow the recommendations of the attorney. Harriet Yaw and Hannah Cole who are involved in this issue spoke about a number of concerns they had.

In response to a question, Supervisor Belden noted that the cable company has extended service to the Graphite area and will eventually go on to New Hague Road.

Committee reports: (*The Hague Chronicle* notes that each of these Board committees has 2 members, as indicated below, who should work together on committee related tasks and then report on them at the Board meetings. Some committee reports have been omitted if no significant issue was addressed.)

Assessor/Justice - Gladu/Steitz

A letter to be sent to Ticonderoga Supervisor Bob Dedrick requesting a common assessment plan has been modified by Councilman Gladu and will be given to the Hague Supervisor to send.

Councilman Gladu also reported continuing work on funding and tax reform. All the local state senators and assembly persons as well as major candidates have recognized that it is an important issue which needs to be addressed. Multiple bills have been introduced in the NYS legislature. He noted that one candidate for governor has a website listing several pressing issues that citizens can prioritize and see how many others have also. The website is <[www.splizer2006.com/beheard](http://www.splizer2006.com/beheard)>.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - LaPointe/Steitz

Councilman LaPointe reported he has talked with Steve Young, Silver Bay Construction, about the ongoing proposals on repairs at the Community Center.

Enhancement Committee - Frasier/Steitz

Council member Edna Frasier reported that all the flowers on the village streets have been put up thanks to the efforts of Diane Farinick and Carol Pittman of Hague Creek Cafe and Antiques. Also the triangle has been redone by DeFranco Landscaping. She requested town help with mowing or weedwhacking around the entrance signs to Hague.

Councilman Steitz also mentioned that the area around the Town owned former Legion building needs mowing and that "we should go into the building and look around." Councilman Gladu suggested that the old station (corner building by Overbrook Road) also looks bad and should be cleaned up. Supervisor Belden said, "We should contact the property owners."

CARE - Frasier/Steitz

Council member Frasier reported that the food pantry is being redecorated. New shelving is being put in so that all goods can be kept in this room freeing up a room to be used for office and work space by the museum.

Finance - Frasier/Gladu

Council member Frasier reported that she had investigated the day-to-day Town expenses and found that additional money from Town accounts could be put into short term investments. The Town has invested \$350,000 in a 2 month CD yielding 5%.

Highway - Gladu/LaPointe

Councilman Gladu has been going over the highway budget with the highway superintendent and the highway personnel are doing more repair work "in house."

Museum & Historian - Frasier/LaPointe

Council member Frasier reported that the current focus of the Museum trustees is the preserving and continued inventory of items already owned. She said that it has been observed that in other towns the historical society runs the museum.

Personnel - Gladu/Frasier

The Personnel Committee made their recommendations and the Town Board approved the hiring of Joan Steitz, Sheryl Vickerson, and Susan Adair for the Visitor Center staff from July 1 - Sept 4; Joe McCranels, Dave Snow, Josh Frasier, and Ev Gravelle as Park Attendants from June 24 - Sept 4; and Sarah Bissell, Alix Olcott, and Jamie Diet as lifeguards from June 26 - Sept 4. The Board also appointed Glenn McKee as the replacement for Tina King on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Gladu/LaPointe

Councilman Gladu reported that there is an ongoing discussion about the part of the zoning code that relates to a limit in the % of increase in square feet of new projects compared to what was already there and whether a site plan review should be required. A goal would be to reduce the number of site visits and site plan reviews.

He also said that in terms of the junk law, a list has been made of properties that could benefit from the free trash day.

A third issue mentioned was the possible need for a noise ordinance which is vague in the zoning code. There have been reports of areas where there is a lot of drinking and noise and in order to have enforcement, an ordinance would be needed. Supervisor Belden said, "I don't think we will pass one this year." Audience member Sandy Rust asked, "Why wait until there is a problem? Cathy Clark has already researched this issue and you could talk to her." Art Hatfield, Myles Peterson and Robert Keating all spoke from the audience in support of an ordinance and the Supervisor asked Councilman Gladu to talk to ZEO Clark.

Recreation/Promotion - LaPointe/Steitz

Councilman LaPointe reported that the dates for the Music in the Park are set (see p. 3). The Chamber of Commerce is paying for Elvis in the park on the night of the fireworks, Sunday, July 2nd. (see p. 7). Councilman Gladu noted that the Chamber has asked for help with directions for parking that evening. Councilman LaPointe mentioned that they are trying to get more help from the Town crew for mowing, removing litter and other projects. He and Councilman Steitz will look into it further.

Con't on page 6 - Town Board

Con't from page 5 - Town Board

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Belden/Steltz

Supervisor Belden reported that he will be meeting with the county about the proposed sewer district #2 and wants to have the costs known before a public meeting. The DOT needs to work on plans for how the pipe would be installed in the Island Harbor area.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

1. Approved changing the hauling fee from 3 cents to 4 cents per gallon for holding tank sewage taken to the sewer treatment plant. It was noted that Ticonderoga charges 5 cents and that Hague only takes sewage from holding tanks.
2. Accepted highest bids on used vehicles and will accept only a cashier or certified check.
3. Approved paying a bill from Warren County when it is received concerning the retaining wall on Holman Hill Road. When the sewer was put in the wall came down and Warren County replaced it for \$80,000. They wanted the Town to pay half and ultimately agreed to accept \$25,000. There is previously budgeted money in the unspecified highway account which will be used.
4. Learned from the Supervisor that the items on the punch list have been attended to so the Town will be taking over ownership of the sewer plant from the county around September.
5. Approved installation of a wireless interface for \$750 under a proposal from Tom Schaffer. The Town already pays for Road Runner high speed internet cable service in both the community center and the visitors center. With a wireless portal, anyone who uses a wireless network could sit in the parking lot at either place even if buildings were not open and connect to the internet. The installation would be outside the firewall and Councilman Gladu will research the best location in which to place the portal. The money might be taken from the occupancy tax funds.
6. Learned that the sewer district #2 informational meeting will be rescheduled for July when more information is available. Posters will be put up and neighborhood associations in the district will be notified so that they can inform their members of the date and time.

Under Communications & Petitions, the Board:

1. Approved spending money from the youth budget to sponsor attendance by youth at the Silver Bay music camp from June 26 through July 7th. A 2 week program costs \$290 per child.
2. Received a letter of acknowledgment from the DOT of the request for a reduced speed on Trout Brook Road. Much discussion ensued between Board and audience members. Warren County Sheriff Cleveland wrote the Supervisor a letter about putting up a radar monitoring system where radar would calculate the speed and it would then be posted on a lighted screen as the motorist passed. Since the Town would have to purchase this system, it was not deemed advisable.
3. Received a request from Arcady Bay Homeowners for information on the process necessary to transfer private roads in the association to the Town of Hague. Approved a motion to have Town Clerk Debbie Manning locate the specifications and to send them to Arcady Bay Association President Tom Schaffer.
4. Received a letter from the Hague Chamber of Commerce about parking on the 4th of July.
5. Received a letter from the Hague Senior Club requesting help from the Town on traffic management during parade days.

Under new business, the Board:

1. Approved resolution #56 authorizing the supervisor to sign the agreement to mediate an equal opportunity personnel matter.
2. Approved resolution #57 to establish a highway capital reserve fund which will contain proceeds of sale of vehicles.
3. Approved resolution #58 to transfer \$30,000 to the highway department from the reserve fund.
4. Approved attendance by Town Tax Collector Debbie Manning to attend a meeting of Warren County tax collectors to review a new tax bill program.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden reported that the County Finance Committee on which he serves is not recommending a cap on sales tax on gas. He said that it would cost Warren County \$840,000 per month in lost revenue which would have to be made up elsewhere. The entire County Board of Supervisors will vote on the proposal.

**GLADU GIVES TAX UPDATE**

The efforts over the past several years to focus our legislators attention on the key problems facing property owners in upstate New York is finally being heard. Through the efforts of concerned individuals and ad hoc citizen committees our legislators now recognize the significant burden of local school funding with its over dependence on property tax. There are multiple bills in both the Senate and Assembly proposing options to address school funding and property tax reform.

While there is generally agreement that the funding of education must transition to full state funding, the devil is in the details. Any decrease in property taxes and transition to full state funding must be accompanied with reforms in medicaid, caps on spending at all levels, and reforms in both Wicks and Taylor laws which control public employees and construction contracts. The good news is that these issues are now on the table and being debated by State gubernatorial candidates.

Incremental enhancements in the current STAR (School Tax Relief) will not provide the relief that we need in order to manage our property taxes to an affordable level and should be rejected in favor of real school funding and property tax reform. In the final analysis, STAR should be abolished and the financial savings applied to offset a real reform package.

The ideas reflected in the Senate and Assembly bills reflect a reasonable starting point for real reform. We should encourage and demand bipartisan participation to bring forward a reform strategy with the proper supporting legislation. ...dg

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET**

The Hague Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. Refreshments and registration will begin at 7pm followed by a business meeting and program. For those wishing to vote at the meeting, membership dues are \$5 for 2006.

A new constitution and bylaws will be presented as well as a new slate of officers. Updates on the work of the Museum Committee and the 2007 Bicentennial Committee will be given. The program for the evening will be a presentation by Graham Bailey on plans for a "Revival of the Lake George Swimming Marathon" as a special event during the Bicentennial year.

Everyone interested in the history of Hague - both preserving it and learning more about it - is encouraged to come.

# ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** A daughter, Keira Nicole McCarville on May 6, 2006 to Michael and Alison McCarville of Briardiff Manor, NY. Thrilled grandparents are Michael and Bethany (Beadnell) McCarville of Rocky Point, NY and Forest Bay, Hague.

**BORN:** Twins, a daughter Ava and a son Aiden, to Kristina Edstrom on May 24, 2006. They are the grandchildren of Dean Wikoff of Silver Bay and Bradenton, FL.

**ENGAGED:** Katie Van Voorhis, daughter of Rudd and Peggy Van Voorhis, Wevertown and Hague to Evan Michael Chismark, son of Anthony and Katherine Chismark of Bedford, NH. The couple lives in Golden, CO where Katie is an interior designer and Evan is a water specialist at a Denver engineering firm. A July 2007 wedding is planned in Estes Park, CO.

**MARRIED:** Nancy Demarais and John Frasier, Hague, on April 22 at the Hague Baptist Church. They reside on New Hague Road, Hague.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Cathy Bolton, RN, of Ticonderoga and Forest Bay, Hague, clinical manager of the GI Center at Glens Falls Hospital on her award for national recognition of clinical excellence in gastroenterology. Cathy is married to Jim Bolton and they have two grown children, Ritchie and Tracy.

## POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

On Sunday, May 28, 2006, the United States Postal Service unveiled a new commemorative stamp honoring Samuel de Champlain in ceremonies at Fort Ticonderoga. A large tent was set up in front of the Pavilion where the ceremonies took place, with dignitaries from Washington, DC as well as the states of New York and Vermont. First day of issue stamped envelopes were given to all who attended.

Ticonderoga Postmaster Linda Osborne initiated a poster contest honoring Champlain and all four student winners were honored at the ceremonies. Two of the poster contest winners were from Hague --- Taylor Coffin and Sean Lawrie. The final four posters were framed and are now on display at the Ticonderoga post office.

## HAGUE HONOR STUDENTS

Ticonderoga HS has listed the following Hague students on its honor roll for the fifth marking period:

- Grade 12: First Honors - Sarah Bissell  
Second Honors - Andrew Trombley
- Grade 11: First Honors - John Breitenbach and Kacheena Trudeau  
Second Honors - Jason Siwek
- Grade 10: First Honors - Samantha Abare
- Grade 9: First Honors - Jared Best and Brendan Carberry  
Second Honors - Molly Ginn and Shane Graser

CONGRATULATIONS!!

## TI HI TRACK TEAM EXCELS AT STATE MEET

The Ticonderoga Boys' Track Team sent 14 athletes to the State meet this year. Six of them received medals.

- Douglas McAlpine: 100m dash - 5th place
- Jacob Lawrence: 110m hurdles - 6th place
- Jacob is a student from Hague.
- Lee Gabler: 800m run - 2nd place
- Boys 4 x 800 m relay: Shawn McBride, Lee Berube, Jesse Berube, Lee Gabler, 3rd place and a new school record
- Lee Berube: 3200m Run - 3rd place
- Shawn Ross: Shot put - 4th place and a new school record

For the Girls' Track Team Lucy Sammis placed 6th in the high jump.

Walter Thorne, Ticonderoga, is the head track coach.

## SENTINELS BASEBALL IN STATE FINALS

The Ti Sentinels baseball team, under the coaching of Dan Dorsett, made school history with a 20-2 win season and went all the way to the finals in the Class C Championship game on June 10. Unfortunately they lost the final game to Watertown Immaculate Heart Central, 3-1. The team had previously won the Sectionals by defeating Norwood/Norfolk.

Hague is proud to have three of its students on this championship team, Drew Trombley, John Breitenbach and Hunter Denno. Drew is a senior but John and Hunter will be back next year, hopefully for another championship season. Way to go, boys!

## ROWING RETURNS TO LAKE GEORGE

After taking a year off, the Hague Motel will be sponsoring a rowing camp for 9 young ladies from the Lenox High (MA) Crew. The Lenox High Crew has about 35 rowers who compete in Head races (approx. 3 miles) in the fall and scholastic sprint races in the spring.

Ranging from 8th to 12th grade, they will spend 5 days working on their technique, speed and coxing skills. This year along with rowing in the 4 person boat the campers will be working in Vespoli 8's. Also new this season is the addition of three ergometers (for rowing on dry land).

If anyone locally is interested in attending the camp on a daily (or half day) basis please give Joan Schultz a call at the Hague Motel (518-543-6631) or email her at <jmarkey21@aol.com>.

## CHAMBER & TOWN PLAN FOR THE 4TH

The Hague Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the appearance of "Elvis" for a concert in the Park on Sunday, July 2nd. The music will start around 8 pm and vendors will be in the park during the concert.

At 9:30 pm, the Town sponsored fireworks will explode over Hague Bay and be watched by hundreds on both land and lake.



# WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

Tennyson said "If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in the water." And water is what we have received! May and early June brought us below normal temperatures and lots of rain. Currently we are about 7" above last year in rainfall. Consequently throughout May and June the brooks have been running fast and hard.

According to The Lake George Mirror the lake level gauge at Rogers Rock indicate that lake levels are within .50 of an inch from breaking the all-time 1947 record high of 320.61 inches. The lake is 3.24 inches above normal now and we are still receiving more light showers at this writing.

Lake temperature is in the mid-60's. This dampness has created high mold content within and outside of homes but on the other end of the spectrum the lushness of the vegetation can take your breath away. An old adage says "To bring good luck to gardens, May must give showers and June, sun." We've received the former - the latter is coming.

The national weather forecast has stated that this will be an active hurricane season and the East Coast could be impacted. Happy to report we totally missed the most recent one. We didn't see anything of the first tropical storm "Alberto." Spring gives into summer within the week on Wednesday, June 21 at 8:26AM. Although it's been cool, classic summertime, conditions of haze, heat and humidity are coming. Sunday the 18th, Father's Day, temperatures are to be in the 90's as hot air from the south is headed in our direction. This is the time of year we anticipate and dream about. It has not let us down. Rainbows abound. Carpe Diem!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The HVFD thank all those who supported the annual chicken BBQ following another great Memorial Week-end Parade and apologize to those few who were not able to be served.

The summer steak roast is scheduled for Sat. Aug. 5th and enough steak is promised for all.

During April and May the HVFD made 4 fire calls using 21 man hours and 7 ambulance calls using 66 man hours. These low numbers can be attributed in part at least to residents maintaining safe home and work environments so keep it up.

While the burning ban has been lifted, residents are reminded that burning may only take place during the hours from 8a.m. to 8p.m.

The HVFD extends sincere appreciation to the Silver Bay Association for providing program privileges to active members again this year. ...Joe McCranels

## LGLC TRIP PLANNED

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites the public to join with staff on an easy paddle through the Northwest Bay Brook and marsh on Saturday, July 15, from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

The trip will wind its way through the protected waters and participants will learn about native wetland plants and this unique habitat. The group will launch from the state launch site off Route 9N and stop for lunch at the point where the marsh opens up into the greater Northwest Bay.

Participants must bring their own vessel and lunch. The trip is free but space is limited and registrations are required. For more information and to register, please contact Sarah at 644-9673, or email ssmall@tnc.org.

## BURDICK EXHIBITS IN GLENS FALLS

Original editorial cartoons by local cartoonist Stan Burdick of Ticonderoga will be featured in an exhibit at the City Hall Gallery, Glens Falls. This exhibit during July is sponsored by North Country Arts Center (NCAC).

The theme of the exhibit is "2005, A Year of Conflict and Concern." Cartoons that have appeared in Plattsburgh's Lake Champlain Weekly last year will be shown. All depict serious and humorous reference to news of the times.

An artist's reception will be held at 6 PM on July 20. Information: 518-585-7015 (Burdick) or NCAC, Rm. 207, 65 Ridge St., Glens Falls.

## CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION NOTES

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is sponsoring a 7-week parenting skills workshop on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Queensbury.

The CCE is also seeking vendors for the Youth Fair on Saturday, August 5 from 10am - 6pm.

For more information on either of these items, call 623-3291.

**HAGUE HAPPENINGS** by Stan

YES, WARRENSBURG HAS IT'S "WORLD'S GREATEST GARAGE SALE," BUT HAGUE HAS IT'S OWN "WORLD'S BEST MEMORIAL DAY PARADE" EACH YEAR AND THIS ONE HAS GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF A RECORD...



ON SAT MAY 27 OF 2006, ALL OF 85—YES, EIGHTY-FIVE—PARADE UNITS CAME ROLLING DOWN GRAPHITE ROAD TO THE PARK FOR A STRETCH OF ONLY 1/8 MILE (OK, MAYBE 1/4 OF A MILE). LISTEN UP, GUINNESS!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

THANKS, MADELINE!

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by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

## A Point of View

I don't think it matters what view I have of the lake ~ it is always breathtaking. Granted, my favorite view is right in front of our house: Anthony's Nose in the early evening, its craggy cliffs glowing golden in the setting sunlight. But then, I remember our first sight of the lake after our long drive up from New Jersey and the long descent from the Northway's exit 24 into Bolton with the lake laid out before us, stretched in either direction until it disappeared into the surrounding mountains. Now, as we drive from Vermont it's just south of Roger's Rock campground that we get our first glimpse and each time I want to say out loud "Oh, there it is!" and I can see if there is any wind and if it will be coming into the bay or not.

A few weeks ago my husband and I took a ride down Black Point Road in Ticonderoga ~ just because we had never been all the way down to that end of the lake before ~ and were curious to see the view from there. Almost to the end of the road there was a break in the tress and the view of Roger's Slide was gorgeous! I have been to Roger's Rock by boat many times and love to view it up close from the water: sheer, smooth slant of towering rock, sometimes with climbers clinging to hand-holds hundreds of feet above us. But this view from across the lake was from another perspective, we could see the entire mountain, slide and all, filling our field of vision. I mentioned it the next day to some folks who live on Black Point Road, "Yes," they said, "and you should see it in the early morning, at sunrise, when the golden light shines on the rocks!" I then understood that we see the sunset on the rocks of Anthony's Nose and they see the sunrise on Roger's Rock in the same golden light.

For anyone who likes to take slow boat rides along the shore, I recommend an early morning one to Rogers Rock or an early evening one to view Anthony's Nose. Both mountains are also favorite places to ride (or paddle) for a close-up look at the shoreline. Carved by glaciers, the smooth gray ledges can be gently sloped to the water or almost vertical forming the jumping rock on Temple Knoll Island and another near the Adirondack Camp across the lake.

Often there are pine trees that have taken hold in the crevices, sculpted like bonsai they cling to the mountainside and on occasion I have wondered why the whole thing doesn't just break off and slip into the water. Sometimes it does. There's a place on the north side of Anthony's Nose where, several years ago, a huge chunk broke off and fell into the lake leaving a rusty colored scar on the side of the mountain that can be seen from across the lake. I also enjoy noticing the vegetation among the rocks and ledges. They often have beautiful mosses, lichens and tiny polypody ferns tucked into cracks or topping boulders. In many places along the shore you can see where the retreating glaciers left boulders behind. A great example is on the eastern tip of Flirtation Island where one is perched on the edge of the flat, smooth ledge that slips into the water. The boulder looks as if it were placed there deliberately by a crane, but the glacier did the actual placement and there it sits looking like it could roll into the lake at any moment.

I always like to see different views of the lake, and they are all beautiful. From our house, we look up the lake to Heart Bay and Ticonderoga, all the way to the end of the lake, and I imagine what it must have been like to be standing there as Indian war canoes or Abercromby's 15,000 troops paddled up the lake crossing in front of the bay. And the most astounding thought to me is that I would have had the very same view of Anthony's Nose and Roger's Rock that I have today.

This week, while taking one of our slow cruises through the Waltonian Islands, we did see where a part of the beautiful landscape had been changed. Double Crested Cormorants have taken up residence on Lefty's Island. We counted about a dozen birds perched in the tall white pine that has been killed by their guano, and as we came closer, we saw that they have done the same to Committee Island (next to Flirtation Island) and have killed the tallest tree as well, with another 8 or 10 birds perched in it. I do not know if they have nested, but suspect so. Last year, Ellen Wright, noticed 4 or 5 of them hanging out on a log among the islands and alerted the authorities (I'm not sure which) about them, but never got any response. It seems that things have escalated within the population and I would hate to see our islands decimated by these birds, as they have done to Four Brothers Island on Lake Champlain. The birds are protected, but can we not try to protect our islands from these invasive species like we do with lamprey or zebra mussels or Eurasian milfoil?

I do not know what can be done as I have just become aware of the situation, but I think it warrants serious consideration and immediate investigation as the impact that these birds have on our landscape can escalate out of control very quickly and change it forever. I welcome any suggestions as to how to proceed; you can reach me at <forestbay@wcv.com>. If you want to help save our islands, please join me.

## JET SKIIS ON LAKE GEORGE

Ruth Jones is quoted as saying, "A waterway, when properly used is the only trail through nature that man can travel without leaving a trace of his passing." How beautiful these words. Then I started thinking . . . jet skiis do leave a trail and a contaminated one at that! They (the 2-stroke engines) release 3.5 gallons of effluent into the air, ground and water per machine every hour of operation. That doesn't disappear! Long after the menacing noise level ends, the harmful effects linger, bringing damage to water quality, plant life and humans. The newer so-called cleaner engines (4-stroke) are not much better. They release less but more concentrated contaminants.

How can we the people who love and live around Lake George allow this to continue? When the lake is damaged, we too are damaged. It is not an either/or proposition. We cannot justify damaging if for frivolity. Lake George's waters are much too valuable. When the lake quality declines as it is now doing we all lose. Public health, tourism, economy, flora and fauna all suffer. In this entire planet, precious little clean fresh water exists. Let's not destroy this magnificent gift we have been given. Let's ban jet skiis on Lake George at Hague.

... Mary Lou Doulin

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June - July 2006

June			July		
22	7pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	1	1-6 pm	Hague Fish & Game BBQ (p. 3)
22 - 23	8am - 4pm	"Free" Day at Transfer Station	2	8pm	"Elvis" Concert & Fireworks (p. 7)
24	9am - 2pm	Black Watch Library Book Sale (p. 3)	4	5pm	Pride Duck Race in Ti (p. 1)
27	NOON	Senior Citizens Luncheon (p. 2)	6	6pm	Hancock House reception (p. 1)
27	7pm	Hague Historical Society (p. 6)	6	7pm	Planning Board
28	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution	8	10am	Farmer's Market in Ti (p. 1)
28	1:30pm	Show at Sembrich Museum (p. 3)	11	6:30 pm	Town Board
30	7 - 9 pm	Art Show at Hague Creek Cafe	15	9:30am-1pm	LGLC trip (p. 8)
			15 - 16	8am-2pm	Blessed Sacrament Sale(p.3)
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**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Starting July 1, 2006

9am - 5pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays

12 noon - 4pm

Sundays

**TFG Music Under the Tent Series**

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

First program on June 22nd

**Hague Music in the Park Series**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

From July 5th through August 23rd

**GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES**

Grace Memorial Chapel is celebrating its 121st year. All are cordially invited to attend the summer services which begin at 10 am in the chapel on Sabbath Day Point. The schedule of guest celebrants is as follows:

- July 2 The Rev. Gerard Van Heest, Chaplain Emeritus, Hope College, Holland, MI
- 9 The Rev. Peter Durkee, Ret., United Presbyterian Church, Olmstedville, NY
- 16 The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay Assoc., Silver Bay, NY
- 23 The Rev. Deadra Johns Aston, Dir. Planned Giving: Princeton Theological Sem.
- 30 The Rev. David Mangiante, Ret., United Lutheran Church, Mount Holly, NJ
  
- Aug. 6 The Rev. James Neevel, Ret., Reformed Church in America, Clifton Park, NY
- 13 The Rev. Nickolas Miles, Minister: United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY
- 20 The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Ret., United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA
- 27 The Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks-Macdonald, Rector: St. Stephen's Episcopal Ch., Schenectady, NY
  
- Sep. 3 The Rev. Helen Marie Sunkenberg, Ret., United Presbyterian Church

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