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Another in a Bicentennial series about the people who work for the Town of Hague

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Our featured Town workers this month are your elected officials. Although they are all paid, most devote many more hours working on Town business than what the salary covers. The Town Board consists of the Supervisor, Dan Belden and other Board members Edna Frasier, Dick Gladu, Tom LaPointe and Art Steitz. The other elected officials are Debbie Manning, Town Clerk and Heather Knott, Town Justice.

Dan Belden is a 1957 Graduate of Hague Central School. He served as Superintendent of Highways from 1971 until 1991 when he was first elected Supervisor. Dan and his wife Janice live on Lakeshore Drive and have 6 children and 12 grandchildren.

Edna Frasier graduated from Hague Central School in 1961 and then from Houghton College. She is a retired elementary school teacher. She and her husband Dick run the Lakeshore Garage on West Hague Road and have 4 children and one grandchild.

Dick Gladu has owned property in Hague since 1978. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Electrical Engineering and worked for IBM until his retirement in 1996. He and his wife, Karen, have been living in their Arcady Bay home since then. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Tom LaPointe grew up in Putnam where his father is the Town Supervisor. He now lives in Hague and runs his own contracting business. He and his wife, Judy (Pagan) live on Graphite Mountain Road.

Art Steitz has been coming to Hague since 1956 and in 1979 he bought the Hague Market. He now runs the Carriage Barn Antiques and is an electrical inspector. Art and his wife, Joan, live in the hamlet and are the parents of 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

Debbie Manning can always be found with a smile on her face and a willingness to help. In addition to her duties as Town Clerk, she serves as the Records Management Officer for the Town. Debbie is a 1978 graduate of Hague Central School and took additional classes at ACC. She and her husband, Mike, who works at the Community Center, live on Lakeshore Drive with their children Kaley and Karney.

Heather Knott lived in Canada and summered in Hague most of her life. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a law degree she worked as the Director of Housing for the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. She practiced corporate law for many years. Justice Knott and her husband, Ralph Denno, live on New Hague Road.



left to right: Dan Belden, Dick Gladu, Debbie Manning



Justice Heather Knott



left to right: Tom LaPointe, Edna Frasier, Art Steitz

The August 2007 Adirondack Life magazine features Hague in the Our Towns Column on the last page.

Congratulations and thanks to our Senior Parade Float Committee! Under the able direction of Pat McDonough, Crew Volunteers Shirley & Don Carey, Ray Snyder, Shirley Smith, Gladys Graser & Joan Steitz came up with a WINNER - Best Hague Historical/Bicentennial Presentation! They erected a replica of the Graphite Elephant Rock & the old Graphite Mine 'Ice Cave' - bats & all!! All the Senior projects did well that day . . . the Food Concession, the White Elephant tables and the Raffle. Those 'Red Sweatshirts' were 'busy beavers' all day - job well done!

On Monday, June 25th, the Club is sponsoring a 55-ALIVE DRIVER COURSE from 9 am - 4 pm at the Hague Community Center. Instructor is Charlie Antonetti and fee is \$10. Please bring your own lunch. Registration is now at capacity, but if you need the course, can call to see if there are any cancellations - Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130.

Tuesday, June 26th - will be our monthly meeting at the Community Center starting at noon. It will be The Swinging Seniors' Luncheon - catered by Burleigh's Cafe. This is our 'Thanks to Us' treat after such a busy Memorial Day. We hope to have available for viewing this year's Parade Album which is presently in the works for us by Shirl Vickerson. Also, Julie Coons representing the GF National Guard may be with us. She had to cancel out in May but is hoping to make it this month. We look forward to her true stories about our soldiers in Iraq. . . . mp

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hague Historical society will take place on Monday, June 25, 2007 in the Community Center. Refreshments will be served at 7 pm and the exhibit "Here's Hague" in the Clifton F. West Memorial Room of the Hague Historical Museum will be open for viewing.

The business meeting will begin at 7:30 pm followed by the program. David DeFranco, Hague Town Naturalist will give a presentation, "Bats - Hague's Natural History," on the inhabitants of the Graphite Mines.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Anyone interested in the history of Hague is encouraged to join the Society and be part of the promotion and preservation process.

The Hague Chamber of Commerce will hold its 4th Annual Art Show at the Hague Creek Antiques & Gifts Cafe on Friday, June 29, 2007 from 6-8 pm. The show will feature local artists Marianne Kuhn, Jim O'Toole, Jerry Shelton, Bruce Frank and Jeanne Dupre. Light refreshments will be served and the suggested donation is \$3.

GRACE MEMORIAL CONCERTS

Historic Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point will be the venue for the Prometheus Brass Concert on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 8 pm. The program will include music of Joplin, Gershwin, Gabrieli, Ramsoc and other light classics. Freewill donations(suggested-\$5) to help defray the costs of the concert will be taken at the door

Prometheus Brass is made up of professional musicians from the New York City area. In addition to numerous concerts throughout the New York area, they have been heard on WAMC Public Radio and the Saugerties Pro Musica series. The group has performed at Grace Chapel, Silver Bay Association and the Ticonderoga Festival Guild in several past seasons. Individually they perform with a wide variety of groups in New York, from Broadway shows to symphony orchestras.

The second concert of the season will feature the Silver Bay String Quartet on Saturday, July 14th at 8 pm.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars for the following dates. All performances will be held in the Hague Town Park at 7:30 pm. In case of inclement weather the program will be held at the Community Center. The performers will be on July 11 - Smith and Von Tury; July 18 - Idlefolk; July 25 - Silver Bay String Quartet.

UPCOMING NATURE TALKS

June 28: "Lake George Fish: Natural History and Ecology", Emily Zollweg, NYSDEC Senior Aquatic Biologist, 7 pm at LGLC office.

July 12: "Zebra Mussels in Lake George", John Wimbush, Darrin Fresh Water Institute Researcher, 7 pm at LGA office.

July 26: "Rattlesnakes at Lake George: What you Need to Know but Were Afraid to Ask", Bill Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology at Skidmore College, 7 pm at LGLC office.

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HAGUE BICENTENNIAL MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, May 26th, in the Town of Hague, a Memorial Day Celebration was held, the likes of which has never been seen in our small hamlet. The FUNFEST AT THE BEACH was outstanding. WOKO Radio Personality Steve Pelkey and The Cambridge Band filled the air with festive sounds, tempting food aromas were abundant, kids enjoyed the games & face painting, vendors offered enticements for the browsers and the Dunking Booth cooled off many an unsuspecting volunteer much to everyone's glee! New this year was Linda Benway's Doggie Show which drew a record number of 'competing pups' and for a first-time effort was a 'howling' success.

The GOD BLESS AMERICA PARADE was the BIGGEST, BOLDEST & BRIGHTEST our Village has ever observed. Thanks to our newly created Veterans' Monument accompanied by the Marine Colorguard, Veterans and Reenactors with muskets & cannons, the Memorial segment of the lineup was much more expressive. One was well aware that this was in fact, a MEMORIAL DAY PARADE! Following this presentation, with Supervisor Dan Belden as Grand Marshall, the formation included six marching bands plus an old fashioned Ragtime Calliope, Shriners & Clowns, several Creative Floats, Classics and so much more with a total of 96 units.

The MEMORIAL SERVICE at the beach was totally impressive. Guest Speaker, Brigadier General James O'Toole delivered a speech that in part was very personal to many of Hague's old families. His words expressed the epitome of why we were all assembled there that day - why we must always remember and give thanks. In keeping with this spirit were also music, prayers by Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst and Rev. Rusty Bissell, Flag Salute by John McDonald, and James Balcom's Diary, "Decoration Day, 1890" read by Shane Graser. Frank Koenig of the American Legion and Ray Mury, President of the HVFD gave the Dedications. In the awesome silence that followed we heard . . . Drum Rolls . . . Musket & Cannon Fire . . . and Taps! A fitting end to Hague's DAY TO REMEMBER! ... mp

Samantha



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PARADE WINNERS

- 1) BEST IN PARADE to Peter Foster - "An Adirondack Landscape"
- 2) MOST CREATIVE to The Delarm Sisters - Sherri Ginn & Sally Rypkema - "Refreshment Time"
- 3) BEST HAGUE HISTORICAL/BICENTENNIAL to the Hague Senior Club - "Hague Landmarks"
- 4) MOST PATRIOTIC to the Hague Creek Cafe & Antiques - "Hurray for the Red, White & Blue"
- 5) BEST YOUTH to Debbie & Mike Manning & Crew - "Happy Birthday, Hague"
- 6) HONORABLE MENTION - ADULT to Silver Bay - "Mind, Body & Spirit"
- 7) HONORABLE MENTION - YOUTH to Grady Forsyth & Dennis & Martin McDonough - "The Jolly Golly Clowns"

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The PARADE COMMITTEE - Madeline Pelkey, Emily Cobb, Pat McDonough, Gladys Graser, Dottie Henry, Shirley Smith, Don & Shirley Carey, Ray Snyder, Joan Steitz & Christine Ianson - 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 & Staff, the Hague Chamber of Commerce, The Kiwanis Club, the Stewart's Shops, Walmart, and all the many private donors who helped meet expenses.

For advertising we thank The Chamber of Commerce, Hague Creek Cafe, The Hague Motel, Lakeshore Garage, Snug Harbor South, Christopher Chevrolet, Martin Fitzgerald Contractor, Graphite Mt Stoneworks, Best Electric, Dockside Landing, Martucci's Restaurant, Alison Craig Realty, WOKO Radio & The Reale Construction Co. Thanks also to The Hague Chronicle, Post Star, Lake George Mirror, GF Chronicle & Times of Ti. We also want to thank Art Hatfield who designed & created our Veterans' Memorial, Christine Ianson & Pat McDonough who created the Veterans' Name Panels, & Steve Pelkey & Lisa Lemieux of WOKO for the CD production. We thank the Marines, American Legion, Veterans & Reenactors. We thank the Parade Judges, Joyce Barker, Craig Lonergan & John McDonald. We thank especially Gene Moran and Ray Snyder for their Traffic Control efforts. Thanks also to the Hague Fire Department for their participation and for that tasty Chicken Barbecue which capped off the day. Sincere thanks to all of you who help us to ensure that Hague's Memorial Day Tradition remains a reality! ... mp

"Today is especially significant for us here in Hague because we gather not only to commemorate the great sacrifices our service men and women have made through the generations, but it officially begins Hague's summer long Bicentennial Celebration. The bicentennial observance offers us an opportunity to take a look back at two centuries of history of this small lakeside town and consider the many contributions it has made to our state and nation."

...from Memorial Day 2007 remarks of Brigadier General James O'Toole

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/24/07

Vice-Chairman Martin Fitzgerald, II opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Robert Goetsch. Also present were Donna Cameron, Glenn McKee, Bill Pittman, Lindsay Mydlarz and George Ianson.

GLADING (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The application for a variance requesting more than 25% increase of square footage to a legal pre-existing non-conforming house and for being less than 50 feet from the Lake was approved.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/7/07

Chairman Swanson and Board members John Brown, Pam Peterson, Rolly Allen and Peter Foster were present while EJ Siwek and Tim Costello were absent.

1. GLADING (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

Applicant is requesting a variance for more than 25% increase of square footage (by enlarging the second floor 600 sq. ft) to an legal pre-existing non-conforming house which sits 45 1/2 feet from the lake. The Board accepted the plan proposed with the condition that, in addition to the stormwater plan for the house with the addition, a stormwater plan is created and implemented for a second house already on the property.

2. MARCHETTI (93.8-1-10) 5 Bass Bay Rd. (TR-1R)

Applicant's request for an 10' x 10' addition to an existing bedroom was approved.

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

The Board approved a modification to a prior approval.

4. RYPKEMA (43.5-2-5) 9820 Graphite Mt Rd (Hamlet)

ZEO Clark reported that the fence on the property now called the Juniper Shop has been removed. When previously approved, the conditions included replacing the gate with fencing. She will call Attorney Viscardi for an interpretation.

In other business the Board discussed a draft of the code proposals for Telecommunication Towers. There were duplications in the draft and Chairman Swanson said he would go over it and send it back to Attorney Viscardi.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/12/07

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

A moment of silence was held for Thomas Curry and Colleen Smith.

Under Public Comments, George Ianson noted that Casella is now charging a fee for recyclables and there had been no previous mention of it to the public. He suggested that if we care about the environmental issue then we should not have charges. Dick Gladu said he was in contact with Casella and hoped to negotiate with them. However, the Hague Chronicle later learned that the negotiations were not successful so if anything is to be done about recycling fees, the Town Board will have to make a decision about alternative methods.

Several other people expressed concerns about various issues, among them Harriet and Hannah Cole, Linda Benway, Joe McCranels and Rudy Meola.

Joe McCranels mentioned a winter reenactment group will be at Fort Ticonderoga next March to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Rogers Rangers at Rogers Rock. He would like to plan an event around that at the cross country ski area at Rogers Rock Park and the Board voted to support the effort.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Dick Gladu said that the final equalization rate is 70.5%. The BAR met and there were only 6 requests for minor changes. Dick Gladu, Dan Belden and David Martucci are to meet to develop a position on whether or not to suggest a reevaluation next year.

CARE/Enhancement Committee - The Food Pantry is open every week from 1 - 2 pm. There is plenty of food. The enhancement work at the Town Park has been delayed and they will wait to start the project after the Swim/Triathlon weekend. They will then have 6 1/2 weeks to get everything ready before the Bicentennial Celebration. The Enhancement Committee had recommended spending up to \$1000 on the area in front of the Baptist Church but Edna Frasier put that on hold for now.

Highway - The highway department picked up 120 cubic yards of non-process materials and 160 cubic yards of metal. The Board will advertise for a company to pick it up.

Personnel - A revised personnel manual has been sent to each Board member to review.

Planning & Zoning - The Planning Board is looking at ordinances on cell towers.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth - Fifteen young people have signed up so far for Silver Camp, the summer camp at Silver Bay. Karen Laundree from the Chamber of Commerce mentioned that an ESPN Bass Tournament was taking place in Hague the weekend that was coming up.

Town Park/Beautification - The Park personnel has been hired for the summer.

Con't on page 5 - Town Board



Happy Fourth of July!

Con't from page 4 - Town Board

SWIMMERS, RUNNERS & BIKERS

In other business, the Board:

1. Heard a report on the steps to be taken with regard to the Noise Ordinance. At the July 10th Board meeting they will pass a resolution to hold a public hearing which will be held on August 14th. In September the proposal will go to the Board of Elections for placement on the ballot and on November 6th, qualified voters in the Town of Hague will vote on it.
2. Heard a report on possible locations for cell towers and work that is being done to get the process moving.
3. Received communications from Randy Engler, Rudy Meola and the Hague Senior Club.
4. Learned that Cornell Cooperative is collecting new and slightly used children's books and that Cathy Clark has put a box in the lobby for drop-off until August 1st.
5. Approved a request from Cathy Clark for the Community Center to be an official spot for the 5th Annual Duck Race sponsored by Pride of Ticonderoga.
6. Approved a change from hourly to salaried position for the Court Clerk.
7. Approved a disbursement method for the additional work stipend for the ZEO.

County Report

Supervisor Belden stated that the Warren County Board of Supervisors is asking all department heads to submit a budget with no increases. Payroll expenses have gone up and the County has to make a decision about additional buildings that are needed. Nick Caimano, County Budget Officer who was in attendance, stated that 20,000 people visit the County Social Services each year.

TRANSFER STATION CHARGES

The Town Board approved, and Supervisor Belden signed, a contract with Casella Waste Management that charges new fees. The cost of the bags has gone up and there is a charge for recyclables even when depositing trash.

REVIEW TOWN "FREE" DAY

Jim Henderson wrote to the Town Board in May of his concern about the scheduling of the "free" day of collecting non-process and metal. He stated, "Again this year the days are a Wed and Thurs in early June when many 'summer residents' are not able to utilize the benefit." He goes on to suggest that some attention be given to changing the dates.

PUSH FOR TAX CHANGES

With Councilman Dick Gladu from Hague, John Whiteley from Ticonderoga, Bert Windle from Putnam and other concerned citizens across the state pushing the State legislature, some real effort is being made to change the school tax structure in New York.

Unfortunately one measure - bill S1619 was passed by the Senate, but it did not get through the Assembly this session.

On Saturday, June 30, 2007, the Town of Hague will be filled with participants, their families, judges, volunteers, commercial representatives, tourists, spectators and regular town folk. The Lake George Open Swim and the North Country Triathlon are the attractions for this crowd and everyone is invited to share in the festivities but parking will be very limited. Because of the large number of people, it is important for everyone to ensure safety and sanity by following a few basic suggestions.

Randy Engler, Triathlon Race Director, notes that participants will be on the roads, both on bikes and on foot. Special care needs to be given when coming out of driveways and driving along Route 9N from 8 am to 1 pm especially at some of the blind corners. It is requested that vehicles not be parked along the route and that any debris is cleared from road shoulders.

The swimmers coming from Lake George are expected to arrive in the early evening. The hub of all the events is the Town Park.

For more information on these events see:

- www.swimlakegeorge.org
- www.northcountrytri.com

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Over 18 months ago, the Bicentennial Committee began collecting stories of the growth of Hague in order to have them as an historical record, make them available to the public in a Bicentennial scrapbook and use for publicity for Bicentennial events. These records will then be preserved by the Hague Historical Society and be available for public research.

We had a wonderful response to our initial request but know that people would like to hear more family histories in this Bicentennial year. Would you include your family's story for sharing with others and preserving the history of Hague? How did your family come to Hague? How long has your family lived in Hague? What jobs, activities and organizations were important to your family? Do you know the history of your house, who built it and who lived in it previously? What special anecdotes do you remember about your life in Hague? We treasure these histories and stories and want to add yours to them.

For further information, please contact Holly de Buys, PO Box 501, Hague, 12836 or by email to <aibholly@aol.com>.

FROM CONGRESSWOMAN GILLIBRAND

Our representative, Kirsten Gillibrand, has announced an oral history program for veterans. The program will be documenting veterans' stories throughout NYS and is in cooperation with the NYS Military Museum and the Library of Congress. Rep. Gillibrand serves on the Armed Service Committee.

She has also been calling for action to address rising gas prices and big oil profits.



left to right: Alison Craig, Ken Engler, Holly de Buys, Walt Lender, Graham Bailey, Kemp Dwenger and Rolly Allen

LGA ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake George Association (LGA) is fortunate to have many Hague residents on the Board of Directors. At the 120th LGA annual meeting at the Lake George Club on June 16, 2007, Holly de Buys was the latest to be added to the Board. She joined Rolly Allen who was reelected, Kemp Dwenger, Graham Bailey and Treasurer Ken Engler. Alison Craig who has supported the LGA and previously served on the Board was named as an honorary Board member. Joining them in the photo above is Walt Lender of Ticonderoga who is the LGA Executive Director.

HVFD REPORT

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) thanks all those who turned out for the annual Chicken Bar BQ held in conjunction with the Hague Memorial Parade. Over 300 hungry souls made it a huge success. The department will be providing emergency support to both the Lake George Open Swim and the North Country Triathlon being held on the weekend of June 30. We will also run a coin drop in Hague on June 30 from 9 am -1 pm.

In May there were 4 fire calls using 20.5 man hours and 3 ambulance calls using 41 man hours plus 1 pump drill. Seven members received C.P.R. certification as well. Beginning Aug 17, International Paper Co. will be offering an E.M.T. certification training. Department members and potential members may register for this program.

Have a safe summer - observe safe boating rules. ...jm

DOG SHOOTING INCIDENT

On Thursday, June 14, John Sheehan of Hauppauge, NY appeared before Judge Heather Knott at the Hague Community Center. He had just been served with misdemeanor charges and his lawyer, Laura Hoffman, moved for additional time and the next calendar date was set for August 2nd. Several members of the local media showed up including Alison Martin from the Post Star; Renee Marsh from CBS Channel 6 in Schenectady; Danielle Ryan from the Times of Ti and a cameraman from Fox 23.

John Sheehan is a Long Island police officer who is accused of a May 27th shooting of a dog while he was jogging past their house. The boxer named Zeus belonged to the Coon family had to be put to sleep after the incident. Many residents who live along the path where he jogged posted signs of concern about the shooting. Sheehan has been involved in other shooting incidents in Hague.

MUSEUM OPENING A HUGE SUCCESS

They say "if you build it, they will come" -- and they did! On Sunday, May 20th, more than 100 people put away their gardening tools and their canoe paddles, set down their remote controls, golf clubs and baseball bats, and came for the grand opening of the renovated Clifton F. West Memorial Room in the Hague Historical Museum.

The Historical Society was very pleased at the turnout. In addition to the multi-generations of Hague residents who came, we were joined by representatives from a number of other local historical societies. The opening was preceded by months of work by dedicated volunteers combined with the expertise of consultant, Virginia Westbrook. It was a daunting task to conceive, design, create, write, rewrite, edit and proofread the panels which now dominate the room. A fresh coat of paint, new flooring and blinds gave the room a face-lift that enhances the panels and showcases.

The Museum is now open during the regular business hours of the Community Center and we encourage you to stop in to see these initial exhibits.

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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

There were 91 votes on the School Budget in May from the total of 644 registered voters in the Town of Hague. A total of 55 "yes" votes and 36 "no" votes added to the votes from Ticonderoga to approve the School Budget for the coming year.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Although some residents in Town are connected to the sewer system, many more still use septic systems. Please remind your guests that Lake George is drinking water and to help keep septic systems healthy.

Post and follow these LGA recommendations:

- *Flush only human waste and toilet paper down the toilet
- *Don't let the water run and limit shower length
- *Use the dishwasher or washing machine only when full
- *Do not put grease or cooking oil down any drain ever
- *Never flush the following down a toilet or drain:

Medications, Paint, Paint Thinner, Varnish or Solvents, Motor oil or Gasoline or ANY other Chemicals

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

DIED: Thomas Patrick Curry, 74 years old, of Great Neck and Sabbath Day Point on May 14, 2007. Tom enjoyed 30 wonderful summers at Sabbath Day. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Mary Lou, his son Fr. Thomas O.S.B. and daughters Mary Elizabeth and her husband Tom Williams, Kathleen and her husband Jens Mangels and grandchildren Tommy, Colin Williams and Kaitlin, Ashley and Grace Mangels.

DIED: Colleen Marie "Sissy" Smith of West Hague Road on May 19, 2007. She was a lifetime resident of Hague. Her survivors include her mother, Janice Smith of Hague, a brother, John Smith and a sister Mary Beth Frasier, both of Ticonderoga.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Anthony W. DeFranco, PE of Stantec Consulting of Albany who was recently elected President of the Mohawk Hudson Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Tony, son of JoAnne and Dave DeFranco of Hague, resides in Clifton Park.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ashley Abare, daughter of Bernadette Michalak of Hague, who recently graduated cum laude from St. Lawrence University with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Ashley is a graduate of Ticonderoga High School.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN TOP TEN

Kacheena Trudeau, daughter of Jon and Diane Trudeau and John Breitenbach, son of John and Debra Breitenbach, are among the top ten students in this year's graduating class from Ticonderoga High School.

Kacheena is a member of the National Honor Society, French Club, Sentinel Big Band, Trebled Voices and the Drama Club. Kacheena will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to major in Psychology.

John is a member of the National Honor Society, Co-Captain of the Academic Bowl team, Varsity Basketball and Baseball teams. John plans to attend SUNY Albany to major in History/Education.

THS BOOSTER CLUB AWARDS

The Ticonderoga Sentinel Booster Club honored several Hague students at the Senior Athletic Awards Banquet. Those who stood out were Janine Best, John Breitenbach, Kelly McCoy, Stephanie Nast, Jason Siwek, Akashia Swinton and Kacheena Trudeau.

OOPS - WE GOOFED

Jordan McKee, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Glen McKee, Hague, and a sixth grader in Ticonderoga Central School, was on the First Honors Honor Roll and also was listed in the Sentinel Merit Society for the third marking period. Her name was inadvertently omitted from our May issue.

The Warren County Youth Fair will be held on August 4, 2007 at the fairgrounds on Schroon River Road in Warrensburg. Warren County Youth, 5 to 20 years of age, are invited to exhibit items they have made during the school year at the 2007 Warren County Youth Fair in August. There are ribbons and cash awards. Exhibit categories range from creative arts, photography, clothing and textile projects to pets, food, natural resources, vegetable gardening, horticulture and mechanical sciences.

A Talent Show, open to Warren County youth, will be also be held during the Fair. This event is solely for the purpose of providing an opportunity for encouragement, development and discovery of amateur entertainers. Youth who reside in Warren County for at least 2 months of the year, attend a Warren County School, or are a member of a youth group located within Warren County are eligible to enter. Also being held is a horse show with several classes and judging will be such that youth compete against the norm and not each other.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is also seeking community agencies and organizations to participate and promote their organizations. This year's Fair is expected to be attended by 2,500 or more who will enjoy free games, a talent competition, horse show, demonstrations, and exhibits.

For more information and registration deadlines contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center. (623-3291 or 668-4881) or visit <www.cce.cornell.edu/warren>.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

As Hague celebrates its 200th anniversary, statewide there is a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. Among the participants is author and historian Roger Fulton who is on a 300 mile canoe trip to follow the paths taken by soldiers during the 1750's. He is traveling from Albany to Lake Ontario by water and is stopping here at Hague on his way down Lake George. Dressed in 1750's clothing, he will give a powerpoint slide presentation, "The French and Indian War - The Basics," which will cover information about the war from who was fighting and why, to the major battles, their armaments and their methods of travel and attack. At the end, he'll tell you who won! (In case you can't remember.)

The Hague Historical Society invites you to attend this program on Friday, July 27, 2007 at 7 pm in the Hague Community Center. For more information about Roger Fulton and his trip, see <www.RogerFulton.com>.

ON A SAD NOTE

Mary Ann Eaton Whisher has closed the View Restaurant at Indian Kettles due to the passing of her husband and partner, Bradley Whisher. The property is for sale.

SILVER BAY SUMMER SERVICES

Summer services will be held at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel of the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. There will be communion at 8:30 am, choir rehearsal at 9:15 am and worship at 10 am. On June 24th the services will be led by Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain but with communion at 7:30 am and worship at 10 am. They will be led by Rev. Tamlyn again on July 1, by Rev. Geoffrey Black on July 8, by Rev Gail Wolling on July 15, by Rev. Bruce Torrey on July 22 and Emp Sunday will be on July 29.

GRACE MEMORIAL SERVICES

Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point has set the schedule of ministers for their 123rd year. During the first part of the summer, on July 1 - Rev. Dr. John Paterson, retired, United Presbyterian Church, Barre, VT; July 8 - Rev. Charlotte Gosselink, retired, United Church of Christ, Kennett Square, PA; July 15 - Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay Association; July 22 - Paul Ingre, Palm Coast, FL and Silver Bay, NY; July 29 (Communion) - Rev. Deadra Johns Aston, United Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville, NJ.

TI FESTIVAL GUILD PROGRAMS

Celebrating its 25th season, the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will inaugurate their popular Tuesday concerts on July 10th with the Wood Tea Company followed by the successful Wednesday Arts Treks programs on July 11th featuring Juggling with Stephen Gratto.

Other Tuesday events are Curbstone Barbershop Chorus on the 17th, Linda Russell, Music from History on the 24th and Adirondack Harper Duo on the 31st. All evening programs begin at 8 pm under the Tent on the Community Center lawn on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. Tickets are \$10.

The Wednesday morning events are held at 10:15 am under the tent and are free. Other Arts Treks events include "The Goose Girl" on July 18th and Linda Russell on the 25th.

For further information, contact Cathie Burdick, Executive Director at 585-6716 or <info@ticonderogafestivalguild.org>.

SEMBRICH OPERA MUSEUM

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum, 4800 Lake Shore Drive, is open daily through September 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Admission is by donation.

Several events are also held there including a free film "Ballets Russes" at 7:30 pm on Monday, July 9, The Silver Bay Ensemble at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, July 11 (cost-\$10), a free puppet show "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at 10 am on Friday, July 13 at The Sagamore Resort Conference Center, Bolton Landing and a Piano Concert: Duo Scarbo at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 17 at the Hyde Collection Art Museum, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls at a cost of \$25.

A Janacek Festival will be held from July 24-29. For further information call 644-9839 or see <<http://www.operamuseum.com/calendar.htm>>

POSTCARD PROGRAM ENCORE

"History of Hague Through Postcards", a successful program of the Hague Historical Society, will be given again on July 19, 2007 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center.

Jules Halm and Dennis McDonough will give their powerpoint presentations highlighting their own postcard collections. In addition, there will be displays of postcards from the Hague, Graphite, Silver Bay and Sabbath Day Point areas in the exhibits of a number of other local collectors. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend.

FYI

> LARAC fine art exhibit, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls, "ORGANIC EXPRESSIONS", from June 21 through July 28. Hours are Mon - Sat from 10 am - 3pm.

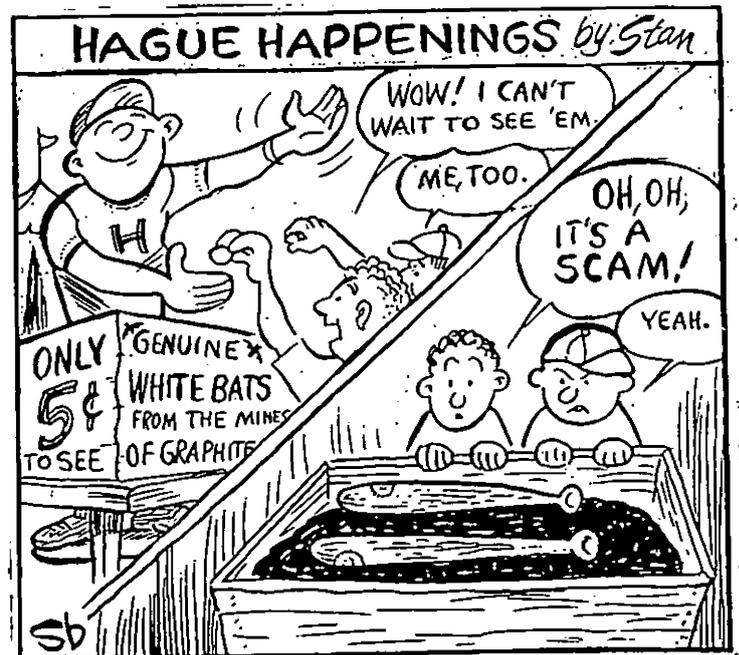
> The Albany International Airport Gallery (on the third floor of the Airport terminal, before the security checkpoint) presents Mohawk Hudson Regional Juried Exhibition through September 30, 2007.

> Mountain Ministries is holding a Christian Conference at Camp Driftwood on Indian Lake from June 30 to July 7. For further information call 518-648-5111.

CARTOON MUSEUM

The "Parade of Comic Stars" has come to life at the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum in the Community Center in Ticonderoga with over fifteen near-life-size cut-out comic images greeting visitors each opening day. Thanks to colorful wooden action figures created by the legendary Arto Monaco of Land-of-Make-Believe fame, plus newer favorites such as Garfield, Snoopy and Spiderman, there is much to see at the popular attraction.

Director Stan Burdick revamped the museum with the "Stars" theme this year to coincide with the "Best Fourth in the North" parade emphasis for the July 4 parade. Favorite comic characters are coming to town. For hours or an appointment, call Stan Burdick at 518-585-7015.



Nancy Scarzello's wonderful new book, "Nature Through the Seasons" is a compilation of articles written for *The Hague Chronicle* from 2003-2007 with photos and artwork. The book is available at Juniper and The Hague Super Market in Hague, Hancock House and Fort Ti Museum Shops in Ticonderoga and Trees in Bolton Landing.

NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Tree Flowers

It seems funny to me that often we feel we need to travel great distances to take in amazing sights and adventures while some of the best exist in our own backyards. In the last few weeks I have had some pretty neat experiences without having to travel more than 25 minutes from Hague.

In the last week of May, I took a Photography Workshop with Carl Heilman II, renowned photographer of the Adirondacks with a special interest in Lake George. You have probably seen his photographs gracing all kinds of advertising, calendars, posters and several beautiful books capturing the beauty of the lake, mountains and the spectacular views of the area. Carl lives in Brant Lake and his workshops take place there and in the surrounding countryside where he willingly shares his passion for the natural beauty of this place, his photographic techniques and secrets for capturing that perfect photo. You can find out more about his work and photography classes on his website <www.CarlHeilman.com>.

Last week I visited the Gull Bay Preserve in Putnam. I wanted to hike to the great blue heron rookery situated there on the preserve while the babies were still in their nests. I hiked in the morning hoping to arrive while they were actively feeding. Lugging my backpack filled with my camera, assorted equipment and tripod (because now I needed all of that stuff to capture that perfect photo!) a mile and a half, the temperature climbed to 80 degrees and deer flies buzzed around my head. I made many stops on the way in to take photos of things that caught my eye: the last of the ladies slippers in bloom, dragonflies perched on lily pads, ferns on ledges and a painted turtle traveling the same trail as I was. I spent about an hour with the herons ~ just me and the herons and the dragonflies ~ and it was worth every minute. The nests should be occupied for another few weeks so there is still time to visit the birds before they fledge.

I also visited the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga. This was the earliest in the season I have visited and I found it was a good spur-of-the-moment decision. The many varieties of peonies and early iris were in full bloom and will probably be gone by the time of this printing, but by then the gardens will be bursting with the next blaze of color from the hollyhocks, poppies, delphiniums and the annuals that were all budded up. Hague residents can visit for free so going every couple of weeks throughout the season gives one the opportunity to see the procession of bloom and ever-changing palate of flower color. We bring out of town guests and never tire of repeat visits because there is always something new for us to see.

So, what does this have to do with tree flowers? Sometimes the best experiences can be found right outside our own back door. Or we discover something beautiful where we once found annoyance. It is hard to miss all the yellow pollen that has been covering everything in sight. I've spent a lot of time wiping it off the table, porch furniture ~ everywhere we sit or eat. It's floating on the lake, in our boats and making many of us sneeze and wheeze. Very annoying.



One evening after dinner I took a walk with my camera. Within a few minutes I had the best photo of the week and the source of the pollen discovered. It comes from the flowers of the white pine tree. A branch hanging low offered a close-up of the new growth near the tip of a branch, and with it were the male flowers covered in pollen, ready to burst and disperse the pale yellow

dust into the air to pollinate the female flowers at the ends of new shoots. Both flowers are inconspicuous but we find evidence of their existence all around us.

The pollen from the male flowers is obvious, the pink to purplish female flowers drop to the ground when dried and pale ~ we find them in piles in the ground or washed upon the shore where, as children, we scooped them up for pretend breakfast food ~ they look just like Rice Krispies cereal! The most conspicuous evidence of all this reproductive activity is the pine cones that take two years to develop before they, too, fall to the earth, dropping their seeds and continuing the cycle of nature's design.

WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

May 14 - June 16, 2007

If we had to sum up the weather for the last thirty days in a few words, it would go something like this: Temperatures up and down like a see-saw, black flies out and gone, not much rain except the yellow kind from the pine trees and geese flying north.

From May 16 - 19 the temperatures dropped down to the 50's for a daily high. Frost warnings were out for the Adirondacks. Then from May 22 - 27, we began a warming trend reaching a high of 89 on May 25 and 26. It was a great day for a Memorial Day parade - hot and sunny! The seniors did a splendid job with the parade - congratulations!

I noted in my journal that black flies became annoying and biting on May 23. Fortunately the hot streak brought a quick end to the pests. The first week of June was sunny and warm with increasing humidity that sparked occasional thundershowers. On June 4 there was a steady all-day rain. It was much appreciated since the ground was powder dry. The heat returned again from June 5 - 10 with mostly sunny days. June 11 and 12 it was cloudy and humid. Thunderstorms rolled in during early evening and continued into the night. Again this rain was much needed. Wed., June 13 it was cooler again with a high of 68 and no humidity. June 14 and 15 it was again sunny and pleasant with highs of 78-82.

We observed many flocks of geese heading north this month. Several flocks were in Northwest Bay and I watched them as they nosily got into formation to continue their journey. They flew just above the water, all squawking and jockeying for the best position for the trip. It was quite comical to watch. It reminded me of school children trying to line up at the door of the classroom to go to lunch.

We are into the longest day of the year now with the approaching summer solstice on June 21. Make sure you get out and enjoy. It is almost 9 pm before it gets dark. The sun rises early, too, at 5:11 am and sets at 8:38 pm.

June - July 2007

June

28 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals
 25 7pm Historical Society (p. 2)
 26 noon Senior Citizens (p. 2)
 27 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
 29 6-8pm Chamber Art Show (p. 2)
 30 Daylong Open Swim/Triathlon (p. 5)

July

1 9 am 6K swim -Silver Bay to Hague
 1 pm 2K swim in Hague Bay off Beach
 2 8 pm "Elvis" in the Hague Park
 Concert followed by FIREWORKS
 4 **4th OF JULY** (Ticonderoga Parade)
 5 7 pm Planning Board
 7 8 pm Grace Chapel Concert (p. 2)
 10 6:30 pm Town Board
 19 7 pm Historical Society Postcard Program (p. 8)
 19 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed



ONGOING EVENTS

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

Look for a special local mailing soon listing all the **Bicentennial Events** and information on purchasing tickets.

Out of town? Email us at [<HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>](mailto:HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com).

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Starting July 1, 2007

Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm
 Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
 Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

MUSIC IN THE HAGUE TOWN PARK

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
 (see p. 2)



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL

June 30: Open Swim Marathon/North Country Triathlon
 July 1: Local Swim events
 July 2: "Elvis in the Park" concert followed by Fireworks
 July 19: "History of Hague Through Postcards" program
 July 27: Presentation on the French & Indian War
 August 14: Ticonderoga Festival Guild Bicentennial Concert
 August 16 - 19: Hague Central School All Student Reunion
 August 17 - 19: Bicentennial Celebration Weekend

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