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TOWN OF HAGUE-ON-LAKE GEORGE

MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE AND FUNFEST

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



10 AM TO 4 PM: FUNFEST AT THE HAGUE TOWN PARK – ROUTE 9N

CAMBRIDGE BAND LIVE CONCERT 12:30 PM; K9 SEARCH & RESCUE; ABC CRITTERS;
UPYONDA FARMS; PENELOPE THE CLOWN; STEVE PELKEY, WOKO RADIO PERSONALITY;
CRAFTERS, JEWELRY, SPICES, WHITE ELEPHANT,

GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY HOUSE AND SLIDE

FOOD CONCESSIONS BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS – HOT DOGS, BURGERS, SOFT DRINKS,
BAKED GOODS, AND MUCH MORE

2 PM: PARADE – ROUTE 8 TO HAGUE TOWN PARK ON 9N

BANDS, FLOATS, CLOWNS, CLASSIC CARS, ETC.

HONORING THE U.S. FLAG

During a parade, at the moment the American Flag passes you,
all should stand at attention in silence facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts.
Military personnel and veterans should stand at attention, face the flag and render the military salute.

3 PM: MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE



118th INFANTRY REENACTORS
AND JAMES O'TOOLE

Memorial Day Activities are sponsored by the Hague Senior Club and sanctioned by the Hague Town Board

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The annual Chicken BBQ will be held at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department from 3 pm on.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Welcome home to all of our members who are starting to return after a long winter.

Eighteen people went on the Senior Club road trip to Vermont to visit the Morgan Horse Farm. The horses were beautiful and we saw a few new colts with their moms both in the barn and out in the fields. We also watched a few of the horses being trained, and got to see what an amazing horse the Morgan breed truly is. All who went seemed to enjoy watching and learning about them. There were raffle tickets for a horse which many of our members bought so we might even end up with a Morgan horse in Hague!

We then went to lunch at Mr. Ups in Middlebury where we enjoyed good food and wonderful company. I would like to say thank you to all the members who went on the trip for looking after each other.

The Seniors are looking forward to a great day on Saturday, May 24, 2014 for the Memorial Day Funfest and Parade. Come on out and enjoy the day's events - there will be something for everyone,

Our regular meeting will be May 27, 2014 at 1:30 pm. Please join us and see what is coming up for our summer events.

Our next big event, The Senior View Cafe for Americade, will run from June 1 – 8, 2014. You can be a part of our big fund raiser for the Club either working it, being a part of the cooking team or just stopping by to have a bite to eat. This will be our fifth year and we are happy to be able to get together, have fun, some good laughs and build some good relationships with each other and the visitors who return each year. So please stop by and support the Hague Seniors in celebrating their 5th Annual Senior View Cafe welcoming Americade to the Town of Hague. ... Pat Hintze

HVFD NEWS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) had 14 drills/calls for a total of 147 man hours. A radio and siren test was held on May 6, 2014.

Marine Rescue 3 is in the water and ready for the busy summer season! Safety Officer Tom Haskell would like to remind everyone that the water is still very cold so make sure you take necessary precautions when going out on the Lake.

The HVFD will host a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 3 pm. The chicken dinner comes with chicken, corn,

baked potato, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available along with soda and water. There will also be basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. Hope to see everyone there!
... Mara Haskell

COMMUNITY MOURNS DEBORAH BREITENBACH

Relatives, friends, students and former students as well as community members attended a remembrance of Deborah at the Ticonderoga High School on April 25 and a memorial service at the First United Methodist Church on April 26, 2014.

Deborah will always be remembered as one of the special favorites of any students she had in the Ticonderoga schools. She was known for her caring and doing everything she could to help her students. Many tributes appeared to her in letters and on Facebook.

Deborah had agreed to become a member of the Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* in January 2014 and was looking forward to actively joining upon her retirement in June. We are especially saddened that we won't have the opportunity to work with this special woman.

The Breitenbach family has established an educational scholarship in Deborah's memory and donations may be sent to the Ticonderoga Central School District, 5 Calkins Place, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

LIMITED HOURS AT THE PARK BOAT LAUNCH

With new regulations to protect Lake George from aquatic invasive species, the boat launch hours at the Hague Park are limited this season due to the prohibitive cost of having full-time attendants.



Photo courtesy Steve Ramant

When an attendant is not on duty the launch will be gated and locked and a sign will direct boat owners to the other launch in Hague at the Rogers Rock State Park.

The boat launch will be open most weekends in June except when the HITS Triathlon is being held. During July and August the launch will be open every day except Monday and Wednesday. For a complete boat launch schedule go to <www.thehaguechronicle.org> and "Click for the calendar version of the proposal."

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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Mike and Maureen Cherubini, Chairpersons of the Hague Senior Citizens' Memorial Day Committee, have announced the Grand Marshalls for the Parade. Honored for their service in World War II are veterans Art Tricka, Frank Koenig, Bruce Craig, Richard Feibusch, Dottie Henry and Betty McGuire. Following the Parade, the 118th Infantry and James O'Toole will honor veterans of the Civil War from Hague during the Memorial Service at the Town Park.

The Hague Fire Police will coordinate the road closings and travelers are asked to give them your full cooperation. West Hague Road from the Firehouse to the Town Shed will close from 1 to 1:45 pm. Route 8 will be closed from Decker Hill east to Route 9N at 1:45 pm until all units have cleared. Route 9N closes at 1:50 pm at Dodd Hill and at New Hague Roads. Parking areas all over the downtown area will be available as marked. The Judging Stand is located at the Baptist Church parking lot and viewing close to that area will offer the best view of unit activity.

Prizes will be awarded for floats in the parade including: Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack, Most Humorous, Best Youth, and Honorable Mention for Adult and Youth. The winners will be announced at the Memorial Service.

TICONDEROGA SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students who attend Ticonderoga Middle School and High School have been named to the Honor Roll for the Third Marking Period:

Grade 6

First Honors – McKenzie Harrington
Second Honors – Kiela Jordon

Grade 7

First Honors – Michael Fitzgerald, Skye Mason
Second Honors – Antonio Martucci

Grade 8

First Honors – Kacey Fish, Fallon Kennedy
Second Honors – Gilbert Cox

Grade 9

First Honors – Nicholas Fitzgerald, Connor Lawrie
Second Honors – Brandon May

Grade 10

First Honors – Jamie Cox
Second Honors – Cassandra Martucci

Grade 11

First Honors – Ian Lawrie, Tia Lynn Stark
Second Honors – Christopher Swinton

Grade 12

Second Honors – Taylor Coffin, Ty Denno, Sean Lawrie

FLOWER BASKETS

The memorial enhancement flower baskets will be put up in the hamlet area of Hague by the Memorial Day weekend. A reminder to those that have donated in the past as well as anyone new who would like to designate a basket in memory of someone, that the donation of \$30 can be sent to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

TICONDEROGA SHOP FOR QUILTERS



TACC Executive Director, Matt Courtright and Maletta Hourigan

Ticonderoga's Montcalm Street has a new business – Your Quilt Shoppe – owned by Maletta Hourigan. Maletta is the CFO of the Silver Bay YMCA and is married to Skip Hourigan, former Hague Town Councilman. Maletta and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 1, 2014. Maletta noted her interest in quilting began as a child when a neighbor taught her how to quilt. The shop will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and offer materials and instruction. There are machines that can do the finishing work for quilts.

GALLERY AT HAGUE CREEK

The Gallery at Hague Creek is ramping up for the 2014 summer season. To shake things up a bit this year they will be featuring a number of artists who have not exhibited in previous years at the gallery. For a sneak peak of what's in store, you can go to their respective websites:

- Pat McEvoy <www.patmcevoypaintings.com>
- Evan Chismark <www.evanchismark.com>
- Susan Cacici <www.fineartamerica.com/profiles/susan-cacici.html?tab=artwork>
- Glen Marsh <www.glenmarshphoto.com/>
- Gary Tobler <www.garytobler.com>

Returning talents include Anne Parlin and Mary Ann Eaton who made their Gallery at Hague Creek inaugurals last summer to rave reviews and Vicki Stewart who can always be relied on to exhibit her memorable talents and portrait mastery.

Vicki Stewart and Susan Cacici will exhibit from June 27- July 3, Glenn Marsh from July 11 – 17, Patricia McEvoy from July 18 – 24, Gary Tobler and Anne Parlin from August 1 – 7, Mary Ann Eaton from August 8 – 14 and Evan Chismark from August 15 – 21.

Bob and Donna Levenstien have some surprises for other dates (July 4, 25, August 22) which may include food tastings, cooking demos, art talks, open mic night -nothing is off the table!

To be added to the Gallery email list, in order to get the latest updates, contact, <blevenstien@gmail.com>..

COMING SOON ... PADDLE TENNIS



Paddle Tennis courts are now being built just north of Eddie's Restaurant. With lots of plans for the future, spearheaded by Platform Tennis Hall of Famer, Patty Hogan, the courts will soon be open. Look for more information in the June issue!

BAR TO MEET

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) will meet on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP- 524) are available at the Community Center or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms>.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 5/13/2014

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present.

Art Hatfield, Kiwanis representative, announced that Kiwanis was giving \$500 to the Town toward playground equipment. For the past several years they have made a donation to a Town project.

A Public Hearing on the Dock regulation was held and no public comments were made. The Board later approved the amendment to Chapter 85 Docks.

A moment of silence was held for Joan Andes, Janet Breitenbach, Debbie Breitenbach, Ernest Bevins, Muriel Parlin, Paul Belden, Sr., and Robert Lorenson, Jr.

Both Councilman Meola and Supervisor Frasier made special mention about Debbie Breitenbach whom Meola noted was “a beautiful person, wonderful teacher and excellent citizen.”

Lindsay from Monolith Solar Associates visited again to discuss selling power to the Town. The Board agreed to sign a 60 day commitment to lock in the prices that were quoted. The plan would have Monolith install and maintain solar panels and would then sell the power to the Town at a discount. A final decision will need to be made during the 60 days.

Bob and Jan Whitaker from the AARP tax program appeared before the Board to thank them for supporting their work by providing space and wireless internet. Jan especially thanked Bertha Dunsmore who helps make it all go smoothly by scheduling the appointments. She noted that Councilman Ramant arranged for Staples to provide the program with coupons to purchase paper and ink for the printers. Jan noted it was a successful year with service to over 300 taxpayers. They came from all over the region with 30% from Ticonderoga and 41% coming from the Port Henry and surrounding towns after the retirement of the AARP volunteer in that area. Volunteers helping in Hague were greeters Claire Best, Art Hatfield, and Ed and Judy Walker and helping to prepare returns were volunteers Dick Barney, Tim Costello, Bob Dickson, Rob Fischer, Bob Elling, Kelly O’Neil-Teer and Bob and Jan Whitaker. Supervisor Frasier thanked them for their valuable service to the community.

Chris Navitsky and Tony DeFranco appeared to explain the retrofitting work to be done at the parking lot by Lakeside Church near the Hague Brook. A rain garden was originally planned for that spot but was not put in due to budget constraints. Navitsky, LG Waterkeeper, has been able to get funding for the project. They will excavate out the grass depression which is there now and put in a rain garden to mitigate storm water runoff. There will be a sign there to explain the concept

as an educational tool. The work will start just after Memorial Day and volunteers will be asked to help put in the flowers. The Town may be asked to help with watering the flowers.

Chef David from the Firehouse Restaurant told the assembled audience how much he enjoyed being in Hague and brought freshly made donut holes for everyone.

The Board approved the monthly warrants in amounts of \$27,444.97 and \$41,025.01.

Supervisor Frasier reported that Cornelius F. Tavarres, Senior Examiner, Division of Local Government and School Accountability, from the Office of the NYS Comptroller is spending a few weeks doing an audit of the 2014 Town books.

Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the plans to add on to the Community Center are back to the original suggestion and Eric and Eric will work on the final plans. The vault will be enlarged. The Historical Society office and the Food pantry will exchange their spaces. Fitzgerald also reported that an energy audit was done but it would be too expensive to proceed and also he is still waiting approval for the kitchen water samples.

Superintendent of Highways Don Smith reported that they have been doing work on the cemeteries and cleaning out catch basins.

Councilman Ramant reported that he had tagged 126 boats under the frozen boat program. Those boats can now be launched without further inspection. The boat launch at the Park will be gated as of May 15, 2014 to prevent any uninspected boats from being launched.

The Board approved hiring Bill Gourley for part-time maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Board approved hiring returning lifeguards Jamie Patchett, Karney Manning, Gabe Macey, Hunter Spaulding and new substitute Doug Wilson. They also approved Jessie Patchett, Bob Gavaletz, Donna Trudeau, Kacheena Trudeau, Nancy Young and Karney Manning as Park Attendants and Evelyn Gravelle, Kathi Ramant and Susan Adair for the Visitor Center. The Board amended a previous motion in order to add a category of Head lifeguard at \$11 per hour. Jamie Patchett, who will return for her seventh year and will take on additional responsibility was approved for the position. The launch gate will be opened for the first time on May 23rd and the bathrooms will be opened on May 24th.

Supervisor Frasier has investigated other firms to handle the post-closure monitoring at the old landfill. Cedarwood Engineering using Phoenix Labs will be a savings over continuing to use CHA.

A new three year agreement has been signed with Casella Waste Management. The cost for a 15 gal bag will remain at \$3.25, for a 30 gal bag \$5.50 and a 50 gal bag \$8.75. Recycling a 30 gal bag will have no fee if garbage is also being dropped off. The hours for July 1 – Labor Day will be 9 am – 5 pm on Wednesday and Saturday and from noon to 3 pm on Sunday. All other months the hours will be 10 – 4 pm on Wednesday and Saturday and closed on Sunday. A list of the complete fees and hours is available at the Community Center and Transfer Station.

PLANNING BOARD – 5/1/2014

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board members Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Mike Cherubini, Bruce Clark, Judy Gourley, Bob Whitaker and Pam Peterson were all present.

PETER HAVEN (43.13-1-7) 23 Abenakis Dr. (TR1)

The Board approved the two lot subdivision of 4.666 ac parcel creating a new 1.1 ac lot with 127' of shoreline. Both lots are currently improved.

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY (43.5-1-46.1) Peggy's Point (Hamlet)

LGLC would like to place an 11' x 15' gazebo within 100' of the Lake and Hague Brook. Due to restrictions in the deed they will need to get a letter from the Darrin family.

JORDON (25.4-1-32) 25 Sunset Hill Rd. (OCI)

The applicant is applying for the Commercial Use of his property in order to operate a boat storage facility with up to 25 boats. A public hearing will be held on June 5, 2014.

ANNUAL FREE CLEANUP DAYS

The Town of Hague annual cleanup will be held on June 13 and 14, 2014. Residents may take one standard pickup truck load for free to the Highway Department on West Hague Road from 7 am to 3 pm only.

The Highway Department will pick up items for residents sixty or older or those who are disabled or handicapped. Those folks must call 543-6161 to register by 4 pm on Thursday, June 12, 2014. Items must be at roadside by 6 am on June 13 in order to qualify for free pickup.

Acceptable items, which must be sorted, may include but not limited to, white goods (stove, washer, dryer, etc.), furniture (chairs, sofa, rugs, etc.) and metal. There can be no recyclables, no garbage, no brush/leaves, construction materials, tires, propane tanks, refrigerators, etc.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES NIGHT

Hague Councilman Steve Ramant has invited the candidates running for the 21st Congressional seat to a Candidates Night on June 11, 2014 at the Hague Community Center. Matt Doheny, running on the Independence line and in the Republican Primary, Elise Stefanik, running on the Conservative line and in the Republican primary and Matt Funicello, Green Party candidate, are all planning to attend. Aaron Woolf, Democratic Party candidate has declined the invitation.

The event will start with a meet and greet at 6:30 pm followed by a timed question and answer session at 7 pm moderated by Anne McDonald. The public is invited and encouraged to email questions for the candidates to <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

Refreshments will be available at the end of the event.

POCKETBOOK SWITCH TIME

By Ginger Kuenzel

It's almost that time of year when I can switch over to my summer white purse. As a dedicated follower of fashion rules, I am careful to only use this between Memorial Day and Labor Day. So, on a recent rainy afternoon, I rooted around in my closet and found it. Actually, it's no longer all that white. And it's also no longer all that stylish. But what the heck. It will do just fine for one more summer.

Here's what I *hate* about changing purses: I always try to transfer only the bare essentials – in order not to create clutter in the new bag. But how do I decide what's essential and what's not? And here's what I *love* about changing purses: finding treasures – items that were obviously deemed non-essential and stayed in the purse when it was put away. My white purse contained not only an old tube of lipstick (yikes! I really wore that color?) and dried out pens, but also scraps of paper with notes I'd made – the name of a book someone had recommended, a must-see movie title, a couple of ideas for *Hague Chronicle* columns. I pulled out a silver barrette bought on a trip to Arizona in 2001. The clip is broken and my hair is now too short for a barrette. But I paused for a moment to let the hundreds of images from that trip flash through my mind. Digging deeper, I pulled out my good-luck coin – a two-pfennig piece I had received in change at the airport on the day I moved from Germany to the U.S. They don't even use that currency now that the Euro has been adopted. Next, a business card with the name Joe McNally on it. Hmmm. Was he that guy I met at a conference in Chicago some years back? As I recall, we came up with an idea, over some adult beverages, for a can't-miss business venture that would make us millions. We promised to keep in touch. We didn't. If we had, and if I'd kept the two-pfennig piece close to me, would I be a millionaire now?

By this point, I was totally into my trip down memory lane. The rain was still pouring down outside, my 'purse switching' was completed, and it seemed like a great time to move onto that carton of books in the same closet. After all, someone from my high school class had recently contacted me through Facebook, and I had been meaning to look up his photo in my high school yearbook, which I knew was in that box. I pulled it out and started reading the hand-written comments from classmates: "*To a sweet girl.*" "*To a nice girl.*" "*To a good kid.*" Most are inane. But not all. "*To that lovely girl, who without her help, I would never have met Mr. Joseph J. Lyons face to face. Haha! Frank.*" Mr. Lyons was the Assistant Principal in charge of discipline – and nobody ever wanted to be sent to *his* office. Was I really that mean to Frank? Next, I looked at the list of activities next to my photo. What was I thinking when I joined the Future Nurses of America? And to think that I played the clarinet in the marching band. We weren't very good. In fact, we could never manage to play our instruments and march at the same time. And since I nearly failed science classes in college, how did I ever get into the Biology honor society? It also says that I won the Heather Award. I wonder what that was for.

My yearbook, like my old purse, contained so many nuggets that sparked memories of people and places long forgotten. Lucky me, I thought, to have all these treasures stored away for this rainy day. It's like the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

PROTECTING LAKE GEORGE

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) is a voluntary group of Hague residents and visitors who are working to protect the quality of the water in Lake George, and its tributaries. There are four main problems threatening the Lake, and important actions are under way by various organizations regarding each of them:

Aquatic Invasive Species – the key action is the beginning of the Lake George Clean, Drain and Dry program, created by a coalition of organizations. Boats on trailers will be inspected at the Hague public launch and at Rogers Rock, and if necessary, will be disinfected at Rogers Rock. This is crucial to keeping the number of invasive species to the five we already have, even as millions are being spent to contain these five.

Fertilizers, Pesticides and Herbicides – the HWQAC Committee is distributing flyers and “Adirondack Lawn Grown Here” signs for residents who commit to not using fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides on their lawn, and taking other Lake-friendly actions. Nutrients that pass into the Lake are harming the quality of the Lake water, and creating algae blooms, among other problems.

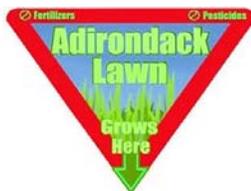
Septic Systems – The Town of Hague is mailing information to all residents (and special information for renters) about actions needed to prevent damage to the town sewerage system and to home septic systems, including information about periodic maintenance. This helps reduce nutrients from polluting the Lake.

Storm Water Run-Off – The primary way that pollutants run into the Lake is from run-off from rainstorms and snow melt. The key actions here are to reduce run-off from lawns, driveways, roads, etc. directly into the lake. A good example of a step homeowners can take is to put in a rain garden similar to the one being installed next to the Hague Brook behind the parking lot adjacent to the Lakeside Church.

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee is also taking a number of public information actions. It will have a float in the Memorial Day parade and a booth in the Town park on May 24, 2014. During the summer the HWQAC will make presentations at local homeowners associations about what can be done to protect the Lake. It is pleased to note that the Hague Historical Society will have Mr. Eric Siy of the Fund for Lake George speaking on July 15, 2014.

The HWQAC is also participating in the website recently created by the Fund for Lake George, where you can find all kinds of information about the problems facing the Lake, and what can be done about them. See <fundforlakegeorge.org>.

All Hague residents and visitors are cordially invited to join in the meetings and work of the HWQAC. The next meeting will be held at the Community Center on June 19, 2014 at 7 pm. Please contact <HWQAC@yahoo.com> for more information.



HAGUE RESIDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE



On May 1, 2014, Bruce Clark of Hague met the fourth grand-nephew of his boyhood hero. David Crockett, from Chattanooga, TN was the keynote speaker at the Fund for Lake George annual Low Impact Development Conference held at the Lake George Holiday Inn. Crockett is the retired Director of the Chattanooga Office of Sustainability and gave a very informative talk. In addition to Bruce, four Planning Board members and several local residents were in attendance.

YOGA BACK FOR THE SUMMER

Yoga will begin for the summer season at The Gallery in Hague (next door to the Post Office) on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Classes will be offered every day except for Sunday. Instructor Donna Levenstien says, she is “looking forward to seeing everyone and for those who are new to yoga, come join our community of loving and caring people.”

Schedules are available outside the front door or for any questions about the classes please call Donna Levenstien at 908-963-9004 or email at <donnaajlev@gmail.com>. Donna adds, “There’s nothing competitive about yoga. It is a great way to connect with your mind and body. All are welcome.”

TACC FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) 12th Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction, “Treasure Bay,” will be held on Friday, June 13, 2014 at Silver Bay YMCA. This elegant pirate themed event will take place in Silver Bay’s Gullen Lounge located within the main Inn starting at 6 pm with appetizers followed by dinner at 7 pm. The event will also include a silent auction, live auction and dancing. All proceeds are to benefit the TACC and their efforts.

Matthew Courtright, Executive Director of the TACC extends an invitation to everyone to enjoy the evening. He said, “Enjoy the evening overlooking majestic Lake George from the covered porch and Victorian lounge, while you browse the many auction items, connect and mingle with other guests as well as the Chamber staff, board members, ambassadors and volunteers. Party Productions USA will provide ambiance during the dinner hour which will be followed by the live auction and dancing.”

Early reservations are suggested as seating is limited. Contact the TACC office at 518-585-6619 or <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com>. Tickets are \$50 per person and include appetizers, buffet, beer, wine, dessert, and gratuity.





“An Adirondack Spring”

Dorothy Watts Goodfellow (1905-2004), was born and raised in the Silver Bay area of Hague. You may remember her book “Growing Up Wild” which is a delightful read. Dorothy



was a graduate of SUNY Albany and did graduate work at Harvard. She taught for many years at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh and was a frequently published author. Jane Crammond, Dorothy’s niece, recently shared with us a 1974 piece, “An Adirondack Spring” by Mrs. Goodfellow. What follows are excerpts; the entire piece together with other of her writings will be available in the Museum after June 1st.

“It always seemed as though spring would never come. On our Adirondack farm, the snow lingered long into March. Sometimes into early April, and frequent snow squalls added to the white blanket over the garden and in the woods. But gradually, as the sun rose higher and set later, patches of brown appeared on the fields and in the woods. Freezing nights gave way to milder days and created ideal ‘sap weather’. Our father and our hired man Frank, tapped our maple orchard, driving spikes into the bored holes and hanging the pails on the hooks underneath. The boiler pan in the Sugar house was cleared out and wood laid beneath it all ready for the first ‘boiling’. The brook, long hidden beneath a layer of ice, burst forth and gushed down from the mountains, through the sugar orchard, and into the still frozen lake, its ice beginning to grow dangerously mushy.

“As we trudged the rutted road from our one-room rural school, we saw the gravel glittering in the afternoon sun, and the ditches full of water. Once home, we ran to the woods to watch Frank collecting the full pails of sap and keeping the fire going under the evaporating pans. Aromatic smoke filtered out through the roof. We drank the sweet maple juice and helped Frank carry pails of it, stumbling over rocks still buried under clumps of snow.

“Then one day, as if by instinct, we ran to the rocky ledges by the spring, and there, nodding gently in the April breeze, were thousands – or so it seemed –of palest blue, pink and white hepaticas. And under the pines along the wood road, we knelt to smell the trailing arbutus, an unforgettable perfume. Trained by our father and mother never to pick the wild flowers and thus destroy their precarious hold on earth, we were content with their sight and perfume. Others, like the red trillium, were not so fragrant! As the snow gradually melted, gay wings or fringed polygala carpeted the floor of the woods, dutchmen’s breeches clung to the rocks above the spring and violets nestled by the brook. The most delectable flowers of all, as far as hungry children are concerned, were the toothworts, whose long

pepper-like roots were delicious. Standing in the boggy earth where the white blossoms told us where this food lay, dive-bombed by black flies, we dug up and devoured these peppery roots, quite forgetting that we were not supposed to pick the wild flowers. Something to eat had priority.

“Everyday we discovered something new as we explored our woods. The two Jersey cows, Molly and Betsy, browsed along the brook on the tender buds of poplar (popple) and drank from the overflow of the spring. And then one day our mother surprised us each with a little cake of maple sugar. To children who never had candy except at Christmas, this was a great treat, and we hoarded it as though it were made of gold.

“What can be happier than a country childhood in the spring! . . . As I look back on that time now, it seems to me that it was a golden age!”

We don't think young Dorothy was exploring the woods in this pretty dress.

...Pat McDonough



If you’re planning to be at the Memorial Day festivities on Saturday, May 24, 2014, please take a minute to stop by our booth to say hello and see our sale items. We always bring something of interest from the Museum’s collection for you to take a look at. Hope to see you there!

FORT TICONDEROGA 2014

Fort Ticonderoga opened for the 2014 season on Saturday, May 10, and will offer new programs, living history weekends, special events, exhibits, gardens, the Carillon Battlefield hiking trail, canoe rentals, and the new Mount Defiance experience. Guests will immerse themselves in nearly 2000 acres of exquisite landscape at Fort Ticonderoga to discover one of North America’s most epic stories of defiance, hope, and independence.

Fort Ticonderoga’s newest exhibit “Founding Fashion: The Diversity of Regularity in 18th- Century Military Clothing” highlights the most impressive 18th-century military clothing collection in America. Utilizing the most important elements of the museum’s clothing, art, and archeological collections, the exhibit will explore what military clothing is and how European military fashion and global commerce influenced American martial appearance through the American Revolution. Additional museum exhibits showing in 2014 include Bullets & Blades: The Weapons of America’s Colonial Wars and Revolution and “It Would Make a Heart of Stone Melt: Sickness, Injury, and Medicine at Fort Ticonderoga.”

Visit <www.FortTiconderoga.org> for a full list of ongoing programs or call 518-585-2821.

~SOUNDINGS~

CONGRATULATIONS: To the Hague Oktoberfest Committee which received Honorable Mention by the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference Committee in the 2014 Adirondack Park Excellence Contest.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the LGA which has been honored with a 2014 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Quality Award for their flagship environmental education program, The Floating Classroom.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kristen McDonough, a freshman at Fordham University, who was named to the Dean's List for both semesters this year. Kristen is the daughter of Kevin and Heather McDonough of Silver Bay and Lake Placid, NY, and the granddaughter of Dennis and Pat McDonough of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Edna Elethorpe Middleton Butler of Queensbury, NY on celebrating her 97th birthday. Edna was born on May 3, 1917 and graduated from Hague Central School in 1935. She is the oldest living graduate of the former school.

DIED: Muriel Parlin, 87 on April 7, 2014 at home in Bethlehem, PA. Muriel was an EMP at Silver Bay in 1951-2 and spent most of her summers from 1949 through 2011 at Silver Bay.

She is survived by her husband Steward to whom she was married for 63 years, son, James of Edinboro, PA, daughters Ruth of Manhattan, NY and Kathryn of Brattleboro, VT and grandchildren Cyrus, Ursula, Carolyn and Christopher.

DIED: Janet Louise Breitenbach, 86, of Silver Bay, NY on April 11, 2014, at home. Janet was the daughter of Charles Doc and Lottie Steurer and married John C. Breitenbach Sr. in 1950. They retired to Silver Bay, where she was hostess to generations of seasonal guests at JanDor Manor for more than 25 years. Janet loved Lake George, where she enjoyed boating and the outdoors. She was also an avid gardener, flower arranger, seamstress and knitter.

Janet is survived by her husband, her children, Elizabeth Underwood of Hay Market, VA and John C. Breitenbach Jr. of Silver Bay; five grandchildren, Emily, Katie, Nicole, Robert and John; and two great-grandchildren, Catherine and Tracey John.

DIED: Ernest Clarence Bevins, 74, of Grand Rapids, MI on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

Ernest grew up in Hague and was a 1957 graduate of Hague Central School. He served in the US Army from 1957 to 1960 where he met and married his wife in Germany. He returned to the US and taught for 32 years and was an award-winning reading specialist.

Ernest was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Elisabeth. He is survived by his sons, Andrew and David, 12 grandchildren, and his four brothers, Roger, Stephen, Thor and Bruce.

DIED: Deborah Jones Breitenbach, 60, of Silver Bay, NY on April 22, 2014 in Burlington, VT.

Deborah earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature at Bucknell University and a Masters degree in Education at the College of Saint Rose in Albany. She married John C. Breitenbach, Jr. in 1977 and they relocated to Ticonderoga in 1979, where Deborah began a 35-year career as the 12th-grade English teacher at Ticonderoga High School. There she provided encouragement, support and guidance to the thousands of students who came through her classroom, as well as many of her colleagues and friends on the staff. Deborah loved literature and teaching, but most of all she relished the opportunity to help her students achieve their goals in whatever way possible. She served as advisor for the school's National Honor Society and coached the Academic Bowl Team for many years.

Deborah is survived by her husband of 36 years, John C. Breitenbach, Jr.; daughter Katherine Grace Breitenbach and her husband Devin John Anderson of Greenwich, New York; son John C. Breitenbach, III of Albany, New York; and grandchild, Tracey John Anderson.

DIED: Paul Scott Belden Sr., 81, of Hague, on May 3, 2014, at Glens Falls Hospital. Paul was the fourth of 12 children born to James and Esther (Harpp) Belden. Paul attended school in Hague and left to find employment to help his parents provide for the family. In his early 20s, he began working at International Paper Co., retiring after 40 years of service. He also had a love for gardening and did assorted jobs for several families with summer homes on Lake George.

Paul was predeceased by his parents; his daughter, Barbara Anne; brothers, Gerald, Morgan (Joe), Howard and Charles Belden; and his sisters, Joyce Springer, Maud Belden and Mable Mitchell. Also, he was predeceased by his mother-in-law, "Mom" Fortier.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Barbara Ann Belden; and two sons, Paul Scott Belden Jr. and his wife, Janet, and Peter Steven Belden and his wife, Tory; three brothers, Arthur Belden, Daniel Belden and his wife, Janice, Arnold Belden and his wife, Mary; and his sister, Barbara Curtis, and her husband, Richard and by six grandchildren.

YOUNG SCOUTS HOLD SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

Daisy Troop #3128 held a successful food drive on May 3, 2014. According to Troop leader, Beth Barton-Navitsky, the girls collected \$43 and an "SUV load of food." All that was collected goes to the Hague Food Pantry.



Kayla Navitsky, Hague and Marina Stockman, Ticonderoga collect food in front of The Hague Market.

ANNUAL CHORALE CONCERT

The Champlain Valley Chorale will present its concert "Many Songs, One Voice" at 7:30 pm on June 6, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake and at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga on June 8, 2014 at 3 pm. The chorale is under the direction of Jeris French and accompanied by Vaughn Watson.

In recognizing the 250th anniversary of the founding of Ticonderoga, the program features music of the cultures of those who settled the area – French, English, Irish and Scotch. The unification of various cultures in a new land is represented by works of Early American music and a patriotic finale.

The chorale will be accompanied by the Champlain Valley Strings on "Angus Dei" from the Faure requiem and a selection from Handel's "Messiah." The strings will also perform an interlude of instrumental pieces. Other highlights include selections from "Les Miserables", settings of Robert Burns' poetry, and "Londonderry Air." The concerts are free, with donations accepted.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TI'COUSTICS

On June 2, 2014, Ti'coustics will hold a regular listening evening of music at the Burleigh House from 7 to 9 pm. On June 18, 2014 a theme night will be held titled "Funny Songs & Barroom Ballads." For a special on July 2, 2014, they will have "An Evening of American Patriotism".

From funny to proud and nostalgic, there will be music for everyone to enjoy. All are invited to join them and all donations will help the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance to support local projects.

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public Baked Ham Dinner, featuring homemade scalloped potatoes, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.&A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served on Friday, May 23, 2014, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street, also at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots. This will be the last dinner of this series. Dinners will resume in September.

YOUNG CYCLISTS COMING TO SILVER BAY

On June 20, 2014, thirty young adults with a national non-profit, Bike and Build Inc., will bicycle into Silver Bay on their journey across the US. They travel to raise money and awareness for affordable housing causes. In order to participate in the trip, each rider has to raise at least \$4,500 to help fund the trip and affordable housing efforts nationwide. For more information, visit <www.bikeandbuild.org>.

FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT OPENS FOR 2014

The Hague Firehouse Restaurant opened its doors for the season on May 8, a sure sign that summer is on its way. Chef Dave is excited to be back for his second season, after falling in love with Hague – he calls the town 'the hidden gem of Lake George' – last summer. In a recent interview with owner Sheri DeLarm and Chef Dave, *The Hague Chronicle* learned what they have in store for guests this season.

"Quality and creativity are our main focus," Dave said. Quality will come from using local and regional ingredients insofar as possible, he explained, ensuring freshness. Thus, the meat for the restaurant's signature Firehouse Burger comes from Ticonderoga's new Adirondack Meat Company and the cheese is from Vermont. And as for creativity, the burger also has Chipotle aioli, caramelized onions and maple bacon jam, and is served on a pretzel roll. Other super fresh local ingredients like herbs, lettuce and kale will come from the Brookside Minifarm, located right next door. Even many of the beers are from this area and guests can enjoy wines produced in New York State.

"I want our guests to have a unique experience," Dave said. "And I want them to be surprised. That's part of what makes a meal memorable." How about finding cherry tomatoes poached in olive oil, garlic and fresh basil inside a mozzarella cheese ball that Dave makes himself from curd. Or there's also the surprise in the steak and egg dish – the egg is soft-poached, chilled and then breaded and quickly deep fried. "I am intrigued by the combination of taste and texture," Dave says. All desserts are made in house – for instance the made-to-order doughnut holes with chocolate or fresh berry dipping sauce. Dave brought a platter of them to last week's Town Board meeting for everyone in attendance to sample. What a great example of the restaurant's commitment to quality, creativity, freshness and surprise. Other desserts that will be served this summer at the restaurant include apple crisp and cheesecake with seasonal fruit.

"We really want The Hague Firehouse to be accessible to everyone," Sheri said. "Whether you're in the mood for something light like a salad, soup or appetizer, or something heartier like steak, pork, chicken or fish, our menu has it all. For kids, we have burgers, pasta, chicken fingers or mac and cheese." This year, the smaller dining room is being transformed into a 'Chef Room' where guests can enjoy additional specials prepared by the chef, often paired with the chef's favorite wines. This could also be the perfect setting for a special private party, Sheri added.

Both Sheri and Dave look forward to welcoming everyone – young and old, visitors and residents – to The Hague Firehouse. The restaurant opens at 4:30 pm (Thursday – Sunday only until June 19 and then seven days a week). To learn more about Chef David, the menu or private parties, visit <www.haguefirehouse.com>.



HAGUE CALENDAR

MAY

- 22 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23 – 26 Ticonderoga Schools not in session
- 24 Memorial Day Funfest and Parade
- 24 3 pm HVFD Chicken BBQ
- 27 1:30 pm Senior meeting
- 27 4 – 8 pm Board of Assessment Review meets

JUNE

- 1– 8 Senior View Café at the Visitor Center
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 3 pm Champlain Valley Chorale Concert
- 9 4:30 pm Town Board
- 10 6 pm Town Board
- 11 6:30 pm Candidate’s Night
- 12 News deadline for June issue
- 13 – 14 Free Cleanup Days
- 13 6 pm TACC Dinner and Auction Fundraiser
- 15 FATHER’ DAY
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and online
- 19 7 pm HWQAC meeting
- 21 HITS Triathlon

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

HAGUE HAPPENINGS *by Stan*

HATS OFF AND SINCERE THANKS TO THE HAGUE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY!

It’s high time that we say a few words about an on-going service Hague offers to needy folks in the area. Thanks especially to Edna Frasier and Bertha Dunsmore, the Hague Food Pantry has been active for a number of years, quietly distributing valuable food items to qualified recipients. About every two weeks (usually 2nd and 4th Weds.), older folks in need come to the community building for supplies. About 8 or 10 families are presently involved. Rotary, Scouts, and other area groups provide food item costs. Extra festive food items are distributed at holiday times.



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EVENTS WHICH MIGHT INTEREST OUR READERS

- ◆ North Country Clean Energy Conference at the Conference Center, Lake Placid, NY on June 4 – 6, 2014. For further information see <<http://www.ncenergyconference.org/>>.
- ◆ Paddle with the LGLC leader through the ponds and wetlands at Amy’s Park in Bolton Landing with your kayak or canoe on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 9 – 11:30 am. A short portage is necessary. Call 518-644-9673 or email <events@lgc.org> if interested or for more information. Additional details and future events are also at <www.lglc.org>.

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