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USPS CUTS PERSONNEL IN LOCAL PO

In a cost-cutting move, the United States Postal Service has deemed that only one clerk may be in a rural post office at any one time. The effect on the Hague Post Office, says Jackie Fort, Postmaster, will be to decrease the amount of customer service that will be available.

For many of us that will mean if the person in the PO is busy we may not be able to get the personal service so many of us have enjoyed - such as getting packages quickly, getting mail when we forget our keys, having mail stamped for us if we forget and in general having the friendly service that is so evident in our local post office.

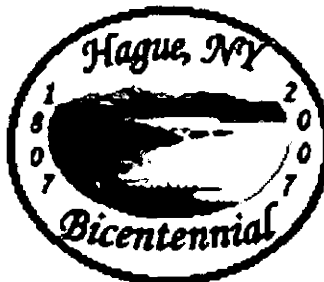
Residents may want to contact Congressman Sweeney or send comments to the Post Office. Go to USPS.com then "Contact Us" then "email us".

HAGUE CENTRAL SCHOOL REUNION

The Bicentennial Committee has announced that the reunion of all former students (and teachers!) of Hague Central School (whether attended for 1 year or 12!) will be integrated with the Bicentennial celebration weekend on August 17 - 19, 2007.

Letters have gone out to many former students but more names and addresses are needed so that everyone can be invited. Anyone who has not yet received a letter - or knows someone who should be included - is urged to contact Hague Reunion Committee, Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836 or by email to Judy Stock at <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com> so names can be added to the database.

Planning for the reunion has been done by a committee through email but additional local volunteers are encouraged to contact the committee.



BOAT SHOW 2007

As part of the Hague Bicentennial Celebration during August of 2007, a Boat Show is being planned for Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The boats will be available to be viewed at slips near the center of Hague.

Three categories of boats are being included:

Historic boats built prior to 1919

Antique boats built between 1919 and 1942

Classic boats built between 1943 and 1968.

Selection of boats will be based on the historic interest of the boats to the viewing public.

Persons who would like to bring a boat to the show or have a slip space near the center of town which could be used for the show, please contact Kemp Dwenger 543-8871 or Bob de Buys 543-8863. The committee is particularly interested in locating a naptha launch and a steam driven launch.

SENIOR NEWS

Now that fall is here, the Senior Citizens Club is finding their calendar filling up with much to do. The August Picnic at the Fire House was a success, as always. We had tables just laden with tasty dishes and our Chef Ebby kept those juicy burgers & franks moving. It was a great day!

Plans are in place for many of our Seniors to go to Elizabethtown, NY on Saturday, September 23rd. We will visit the Adirondack History Center Museum and also attend the Field, Forest and Stream Festival sponsored by the Northern Adirondack Arts Council which is being held in the museum park. We will then have lunch at the Deers Head Inn located there in the village.

The next Club Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:30 PM at the Community Center. Speaker for the day will be Nancy Talarski, Project Director for RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program). She will be talking to us about a new COMPANION PROGRAM to help Seniors who are homebound. Hague does currently have a Meals on Wheels program available but this would go a step beyond that. Our meeting is open to any of you in town who may be interested. Please come. Refreshments will be served. ... mp

THE WINNERS ARE ...

The Senior Parade Committee held the Memorial Day Raffle Drawing on Labor Day Weekend. Several congregated on the porch of The Hague Creek Cafe while Town Board Member Art Steitz had the honor of drawing the lucky winners.

- PRIZE #1 - QUILT BY SHIRLEY
to Adria Bothe of Hague & North Carolina
- PRIZE #2 - PACK BASKET & GIFTS
to Chris Navitzky, Sabbath Day Point
- PRIZE #3 - DINNER BASKET
to Betty Van Sleet, Hague

We thank all who participated in this Memorial Day Fundraiser Raffle. We met our goal and were able to add another tidy sum to the Parade Bank Account. ... mp

MASS HOURS CHANGED

Sunday Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague begins now at 11 am and will continue to start at that time during the winter months.

HVFD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

As is the case in most small communities in the north country, Hague is experiencing a dwindling number of trained firemen and EMTs. The need is especially acute in the ambulance squad, which is currently operating with only 6 certified staff, some of whom hold down full time jobs. Not too many years ago, there were twice that number.

Being a member of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience while providing an invaluable service to the community. A new EMT certification course will be offered here in Hague beginning in October. This course offers a great opportunity for anyone interested to come aboard now. New firemen are always needed, as well.

We wish to thank all who helped make our Labor Day coin drop such a success, without too much slowing of traffic. In August there were 10 fire calls using 108.5 man hours, and 11 ambulance calls using 87 man hours.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Fall harvest dinner on Sat. October 7, 4-7 p.m. It will feature deep fried turkey (if you haven't had it, you gotta try it!) and all the fixings. All you can eat. Your friends will be there.

The Fire Department reminds you to be sure to have your furnace checked before the heating season starts. ...jm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On November 8, 2006, the Flu Clinic will be held at the Community Center from 1-3 PM. There doesn't seem to be a shortage of the vaccine this year and therefore anyone is eligible for the shot.

A fee of \$20 will be charged for non-Medicare patients.

NOISE ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Dick Gladu, Town Board member is chairing a committee to collect comments from residents on the need for, or comments about, establishing a noise ordinance for the Town of Hague and they want lots of input.

Another public comment hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

KIWANIS DINNER

Friday, September 22, 2006, the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, Inc. will be hosting a community buffet dinner at the First United Methodist Church, Wicker St., Ticonderoga. Dinner will be available from 4:30PM to 7PM or until the food runs out. The cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 3 to 12 years of age. Under three, FREE.

There will be various meats carved to order, assorted salads, vegetable dishes and other main courses, as well as the traditional home made desserts. Takeouts will be available. The community is invited to have a good home made dinner. Come and bring your friends and family. Tickets will be available at the door.

LGPC MEETS

The Commission will conduct a regular monthly meeting which will include the Commission's Project Review Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 26th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Canoe Island Lodge, Diamond Point, NY.

Public comments are welcome at each regular monthly meeting of the Commission.

Further info see <www.lgpc.state.ny.us>

4-H INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM

On Wednesday, September 27, 2006 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County will conduct a 4-H 101 Program for Warren County youth and adults. The program will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center on Schroom River Road in Warrensburg.

The purpose of this program is to place youth who want to join 4-H in an existing 4-H Club and to provide adults with information on forming a 4-H Club of their own. Current 4-H Leaders will be attending this program to help answer any questions you may have.

4-H is a youth development organization for boys and girls ages five to nineteen that teaches valuable life skills through hands on activities in science, engineering, technology, community service, nutrition, exercise and more.. Caring and energetic adults who share their skills and interests are the backbone of 4-H.

To register for this program please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-668-4881 or 518-623-3291.

PUTNAM AUTUMN FEST

The Putnam Presbyterian Church will be holding an Autumn Fest on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Proceeds of the event will go to the Deacons fund which helps people with needs in the community.

The Autumn Fair starts at 3 pm and features homemade crafts including Happy Hats for kids and adults; preserves, jams & jellies; cookies, candies and fresh produce.

At 5 pm there will be an Autumn Feast of chicken and biscuits and all the trimmings. The dinner is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Seatings will be at 5, 5:45 and 6:30 pm.

CROP WALK IN TICONDEROGA

On Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 1:30 PM, the Ticonderoga region will hold its fourth annual Church World Service CROP Walk. Church World Service is an ecumenical, international relief agency, a ministry of the Council of Churches, whose resources help hungry people survive and become more self-reliant. The agency also provides assistance after wars or natural disasters. This CROP Walk will also benefit the local community. 25% has been designated to go to local hunger and emergency assistance programs.

The Walk will begin at the entrance of Bicentennial Park, on the corner of Montcalm St. and Tower Ave., Ticonderoga. In case of bad weather, registration will be upstairs at the nearby Elks Lodge. The Walk will be a 4 mile walk through Ti, with a 1 or 2 mile shorter route for those not able to walk the longer distance. Walkers may ask sponsors ahead of time to give a donation, and/or the walkers may sponsor themselves. It is preferred that walker's forms be filled out before the Walk. For these forms and/or info, call Beverly Sann at 543-6299.

LG SHIPWRECK FILM

A documentary about a Lake George, New York shipwreck will be shown in a Georgia film festival sponsored by the National Park Service. "The Lost Radeau: North America's Oldest Intact Warship" is a 57 minute long award-winning documentary about the 1758 Land Tortoise radeau. The Land Tortoise was a seven-sided British warship from the French and Indian War that is sunk in 107 ft. of water in Lake George. The wooden shipwreck was found in 1990 during a side scan sonar survey conducted by Bateaux Below, Inc. The radeau, a type of floating gun battery, was later studied by underwater archaeologists and volunteer divers.

The DVD documentary is produced by Queensbury-based Pepe Productions in collaboration with Bateaux Below, Whitesel Graphics, and Black Laser Learning. Dr. Russell Bellico, a Hague summer resident, is featured in the documentary. <www.thelostradeau.com>

North Country Witticism:
You can't drive a nail with a sponge no matter how hard you soak it.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/24/06

PLANNING BOARD - 9/7/06

Martin Fitzgerald II, Acting Chairman and George Ianson, Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman and Glen McKee were present while Chairman Robert Goetsch and MaryLou Doulin were absent.

IHH PROPERTIES, LL (26.18-1-1.1) Lakeshore Mine Road (OCII)

The applicant is asking for a two lot minor subdivision of a 24.24 acres parcel. One lot would be 2 acres and currently has a single family resident in place. Due to the density restriction of OCII (8 acre minimum) a variance is being requested. The second lot of 22.24 acres is mostly encumbered by a conservation easement. The conservation easement contains a septic provision should the existing system which serves several homes in the area ever fail. John Breitenbach, Jr., representing the applicant, explained the line for the subdivision lies on an existing road, providing a natural lot boundary. The subdivision will not affect the density in the area since no houses can be built on either lot. A public hearing for the September 28th ZBA meeting.

KEATING (43.5-1-5) 9823 Graphite Mountain Road (Hamlet)

The applicant is requesting a variance for an 8 foot fence across the front and sidelines of his property to ease noise issues. Since fences on residential lots are limited to 4 ft. a variance is required. Additional variances will be needed to grant relief from the 20 ft. roadside setback requirement and for the shoreline setback from the Hague Brook. A public hearing will be held on September 28th.

SHEEHAN (25.3-1-16) 9394 Graphite Mountain Road (OC-I/OC-II)

The applicant is asking for an after-the-fact approval for a 6'x 545' chain link fence which has been in place approximately 2 years and exceeds the 4 ft. height limit. It is located on or near the property boundary line of the abutting land. Neighboring property owner Perry Girard, who was in attendance, claims the fence is located on his property, and has supplied a survey which conflicts with Mr. Sheehan's survey. The Board deemed the application incomplete until there is confirmation of the property lines. Lindsay Mydlarz recused herself.

MACIONIS (26.6-1-1) 9500 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is requesting an addition of a 6'x 24' walkway, a 10' x 32' deck addition, and an exterior staircase to an existing house. The proposed walkway, 45' from the lake, requires a shoreline setback variance. A public hearing was scheduled for September 28th.

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

IHH PROPERTIES, LL (26.18-1-1.1) Lakeshore Mine Road (OCII)

A public hearing was scheduled for the next meeting on October 5th.

KEATING (43.5-1-5) 9823 Graphite Mountain Road (Hamlet)

A motion to recommend denial of the variance to the ZBA was not approved 2-1-1 which resulted in no action.

SHEEHAN (25.3-1-16) 9394 Graphite Mountain Road (OC-I/OC-II)

The matter was tabled until the property line issues are resolved.

KRUEGER (12-1-4) 1008 New Hague Road (OC-1)

Applicant is applying for after-the-fact approval for an addition to an existing camp. A new septic system has been installed and a stormwater plan submitted and installed which has addressed the Warren County and ZEO concerns. The application was approved with the condition that the rest of the storm water plan follow the specifications of the Zoning ordinance.

MACIONIS (26.6-1-1) 9500 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

A site visit was scheduled.

Firehouse Restaurant

A request was received to construct a storage shed which would require a variance. Suggestions were made that would not require a variance such as ready-made bins or construction to shield the view from the street.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/12/06

Supervisor Dan Belden, and Councilman Art Steitz, Dick Gladu and Tom LaPointe were present and Edna Frasier was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Bernard Armstrong, Linda Mury's mother, and Joe Gunning.

Under public comments, Rudy Meola asked follow up questions concerning the current status of the Route 9N walk path. The response was that a committee will be formed but it has not been a priority at this time. He also asked about the Arcady Bay roads which were already reported on last month. He inquired as to the status of the noise ordinance committee which was supposed to make a recommendation, and learned that a report would be given later in the meeting although it had not been on the agenda.

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As the Town Board of Health, the Board heard details on an application by David Cornell for a variance for a sewer. Members of the Board recommended that a new tank be put in with the leach field replacement and then no variance would be necessary.

Matt Coffin thanked the Board for approving his application as a Class A driver but explained he could not take the job at this time. He also suggested that the town reconsider the pay that is offered to part time operators which he said is not in touch with what it should be and may make it difficult to get qualified drivers.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu noted that the school tax bills are out and as long as school funding has an over-dependence on property taxes, we will continue to be in this box. He noted that the schools are looking into necessary building repairs that could be funded with a 2.7 million dollar, zero-interest loan if spent by 2007. He suggested that Hague residents need to take a more active role in attending meetings and helping to prioritize needs.

Enhancement Committee - Councilman Steitz noting that there are projects that need to be looked at in the Town Park area and has set a meeting of the Enhancement Committee for the 20th. They will include a discussion about the previously ordered street lights which are unwanted but will not be refunded by the distributor and are still lying behind the Community Center.

CARE- Councilman Steitz announced that the current volunteers will be resigning from administering the program.

Finance - Councilman Gladu said that \$3300 in interest was received this month from 9 different accounts. He said "We are financially solvent" and noted that dates need to be set for the upcoming budget workshops.

Highway - Councilman Gladu cited a letter from a resident in the Lakeshore Hills Association commending the highway department for their work in restoring the road.

Personnel- It was agreed by consensus to dispose of the practice of waiting 90 days before giving benefits to newly hired personnel. There was no official policy and it is difficult to get people to fill critical jobs.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - The ZEO filed a report of another busy month with 11 applications. Councilman Gladu said that the committee working on the noise ordinance wants "to overindulge in public feedback." One public hearing has been held and another is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. The target is to have something in place by spring of next year.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Supervisor Belden reported that they have been going over the budget in sewer district #1 and hopes that they won't have to raise the sewer tax. In the process for establishing sewer district #2, they are now waiting to hear from the state to see if the environmental report can be used.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Steitz said in order to attract qualified help for the Town Park and Beach next summer they will need to increase the budget. He also addressed other issues with the ramp and launch area with members of the audience offering their opinions. Dottie Henry asked if there was still a town park committee since they don't meet. She was told there is one and it should meet in the future.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

1. Approved a resolution supporting a project for Lake George delta sediment management and shoreline restoration.
2. Decided not to put on the ballot a vote for decreasing the term of the Highway Superintendent given the feedback from the people who attended the public hearing.
3. Agreed to update the Town signs reflecting the Bicentennial and the correct date of the creation of the town in 1807 with money from the general fund.
4. Agreed to have Councilman LaPointe work with Judy Stock to discuss the possibility of having street pole banners for the Bicentennial.

Under communications & petitions, the Board:

1. Approved three recommendations from Gale Halm on the integration of the Hague Historical Society and the Clifton F. West Hague Museum. (See related article on p. 6)
2. Approved a resolution with the same wording as an earlier one in support of an application by the Village of Lake George on behalf of several communities relative to a camera which can be used in the sewer lines.
3. Approved insurance item with regard to the boiler.
4. Discussed a letter from Graham Bailey about the tudor portion of the old Lakeshore Garage one of the few historical buildings left in town which was designed by Ward Shippey, a regional architect. He suggested that it might be worth looking into preserving it and an article in Adirondack Architectural indicated that this particular building is eligible for an historic register. Holly de Buys volunteered to look into the matter more fully with Mr. Bailey and will report back in October.

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Under new business, the Board:

1. Set dates for initial work on the 2007 budget. Public workshops will be scheduled and the final budget ready before the November election.
2. Received a letter from the Hague Historical Society agreeing to manage the museum.
3. Authorized the Supervisor to sign a contract for tents for the Bicentennial with the money coming from the occupancy tax for special events.
4. Discussed that one company is interested in putting up a cell tower but needs suppliers. A related request was made by audience members for more cable service.
5. Approved the annual fee of \$330 by the firm which maintains and updates the searchable Town Codes on the internet.
6. Received a report from the Bicentennial Committee on their work and tentative plans to date and approved the necessary seed money that will be needed.

Supervisor Belden reported that the Town has received grant money for the boat ramp, for stormwater projects and hope for a grant for work on the American Legion property.

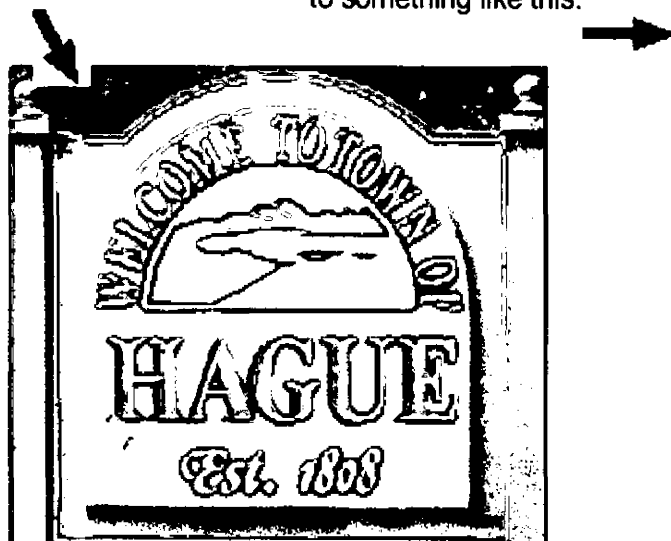
SEWER DISTRICT #2 UPDATE

The Town Board is waiting for the environmental review (SEQR) before it can take the next steps. It will take 30-45 days after which the Town Board must accept the findings and then may adopt a resolution to form Sewer District #2. From that date residents who wish to petition the Board for a permissive referendum have 30 days to do so. If there is no referendum, the Town will proceed with the next steps toward realization of the new sewer district.

GETTING THE DATES STRAIGHT

Because the Town was renamed "Hague" in 1808, after being formed in 1807 from Bolton and originally named Rochester, the entry signs to Hague reflect a date which needs to be corrected.

Soon the signs will be changed from this



HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO RUN MUSEUM

With the approval of the Town Board on September 12, the Hague Historical Society is taking over the management of the Clifton F. West Hague Museum. The Town Board accepted recommendations from the Museum Board to a) contract with the Hague Historical Society to run the museum, b) dissolve the Museum Board and c) transfer funds raised by the Museum Board to the Historical Society. A fourth recommendation, to name the museum the Hague Historical Museum with the current collections to be called the Clifton F. West Memorial Collection and the museum room to be named the Clifton F. West Memorial Room, was tabled. The Museum Board had felt that the name would have better identified the museum as an historical museum in the Town of Hague.

The Collections Committee has already begun clearing the rooms in order to catalog the current collection. Holly and Bob de Buys have computerized an inventory of most of the documents, pictures and artifacts and have created a terrific searchable database.

The Exhibitions Committee under Gale Halm plans to have a permanent exhibit on Hague history as well as several rotating exhibits on topics such as the schools and industries. The first exhibits will be ready for the Hague Bicentennial next spring. In a letter to the Town Board, Judy Stock, Historical Society president stated, "The Hague Historical Society has been reenergized and looks forward to helping create professional exhibits of lasting importance to the people of Hague. With your support we can continue to preserve and promote the history of Hague."

Anyone wishing to join the Hague Historical Society can contact Judy at <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com>.

~SOUNDINGS~

FLIPPANCY FEST III

BORN: A daughter, Morgan Hannah McLaughlin, to Ben and Amy McLaughlin, Exeter, NH on August 24, 2006. Her grandmother is Lynn Patchett and great-grandparents are Bob and Lynn Patchett, Hague.

BORN: A daughter, Meah Alayah, to Mellissa Dunklee and Michael Hercules at Glens Falls Hospital on August 27, 2006. Her great-grandmother is Barbara Snow, Hague.

BORN: A daughter, Lily Ana, to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Waters, in North Adams, MA on August 31, 2006. A second great-granddaughter in four days to Barbara Snow, Hague!

ENGAGED: Alison LaCourse to Andrew Duback of Burlington, Vermont. A June 2007 wedding is planned. Alison is the daughter of Craig & Diane LaCourse of Hague.

DIED: Cornelius Van Leeuwen, 97, on May 11, 2006 at King's Way Nursing Home, Schenectady. Mr. Van Leeuwen was a summer resident of Silver Bay for over 50 years.

DIED: Jack Silliman, 91, on Aug. 13, 2006 in Easton MD. John was a summer resident in the Sabbath Day Point area and a former trustee of the Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point. He was predeceased by his first wife, Isabel Dockray Silliman. Survivors include his second wife Elizabeth Petzinger of Miami FL; two sons; John W of Silver Bay and High Bridge, NJ and Donald of Oxford, MD; three grandsons John T of NJ, Guy of PA and William of FL; and two great-grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Tom & Mary Lou Curry of Sabbath Day Point on the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6. Their special day was highlighted with their son, Father Thomas, a Benedictine priest, offering mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague. Joining them were their two daughters, Mary Elizabeth & Kathleen, their husbands & five grandchildren, plus friends of the couple.

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks was the setting for the August 3rd celebration of Flippancy Fest III. A wonderful coffeehouse was organized by Heather Hassett, a 2002 graduate of Ticonderoga High School.

Heather is this year's recipient of the John Costello Memorial Scholarship, given in memory of John Costello, a friend and fellow graduate of Heather's and former "Emp" at Silver Bay. John passed away in an unfortunate accident in 2003 but his life is celebrated annually during this music festival. His senior project film, Flippancy, was shown on the porch of the auditorium during the festival.

His parents, Karen and Tim Costello and brother, Tavish expressed their gratitude to all who contributed to the John Costello Memorial Scholarship Fund and thanked "all who helped with the coffeehouse, the great performers and artists and those who came to celebrate John's life and love of good music, art, and friendship."

NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

At the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks Emps Banquet on August 14th, the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarships, based on high standards of work performance and financial requirements for a college education, were announced.

This year's winners were: Emily Elling, University of Central Florida; Christine Nystrom, The College of New Jersey; Ben Brumbaugh, Springfield College; Rachel Zeller, SUNY Potsdam and Elizabeth Becker, Gettysburg College.

Family and friends established the award in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Neal, son of Sally & Jim Neal, Silver Bay. Peter was a summer employee at Silver Bay who died of cancer in 1992.

Contributions to the John Costello Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarships can be sent to Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

2006 - 2007 SCHOOL TAXES

The 2006 - 2007 tax bills have been sent out so most residents are aware of the new tax levy for the Ticonderoga School District. The total tax is \$8,422,418 (up 2.89%).

Ticonderoga property owners will pay \$3,970,325 for 47.14% of the total with a rate of 9.805304 per thousand (down 1.1%).

Hague property owners will pay \$4,452,093 for 52.86% of the total with a rate of 10.486877 per thousand (up 8.5%).

The difference is related to equalization rates (based on sales of property) and the fact that each town is in a different county.

The Lake George Association (LGA) has announced the hiring of Emily M. DeBolt as the environmental non-profit's new Education and Outreach Coordinator. DeBolt recently graduated from SUNY-ESF (Environmental Science and Forestry) with a Master's degree in Environmental Interpretation. She also has a Bachelor of Arts in Science and Technology Studies from Cornell University.

DeBolt will be responsible for developing, implementing and managing educational and informational programs and projects pertaining to the wise use and preservation of the natural resources of the Lake George watershed.

Also announced was the election of Walt Lender, the conservation group's executive director to the board of directors for Lakes to Locks Passage. The group utilizes partnerships between public, private and non-profit organizations to manage the region's scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational and working landscape resources in balance with economic development and tourism. Said Lender, "Lake George is a very important element in Lakes to Locks Passage. It has tremendous significance for its natural resources, its vast history and its draw for tourism. The LGA and the lake will benefit from the connections and partnerships that will be formed through work with Lakes to Locks Passage. I am honored to be a part of this board."

<www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the Macionis Family Center for Conservation will be held on Friday, September 22, 2006, at 4:00 PM. The center, located at 4905 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, New York, will be reconstructed from its prior use as a restaurant to provide the office and meeting facilities of the LGLC. Members of the LGLC, town officials, local business owners, and the general public are invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony to view the building renovation and site plans of the Macionis Family Center for Conservation. Refreshments will be served.

"The Lake George Land Conservancy is proud to name its new facility in Bolton Landing the Macionis Family Center for Conservation," said Nancy Williams, LGLC executive director, "in honor of the outstanding contribution made by John and Amy Macionis of Hague, New York, and Mount Vernon, Ohio, and their children, McLean and Whitney. They have resolutely committed to the LGLC mission of land protection through their volunteer leadership (John and Amy serve the LGLC as board president and advisory board member, respectively) and a generous financial gift and lead donation in excess of \$300,000 toward the purchase and reconstruction of the building where the planning and implementation of the LGLC's work happens daily."

To date, seventy-five percent of the funds needed to complete the building reconstruction project has been raised, primarily through the support of individual members of the LGLC board of directors and private foundations, such as the Margaret A. Darrin Foundation and the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation.

<www.lglc.org>



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

A TRANQUIL VISIT TO JABE POND

A few weeks ago, my husband and I took an afternoon to hike up to Jabe (or Jabes) Pond. We found the parking area just off of Split Rock Road, and although you can drive up to the pond, we decided to park and hike up the mile-long access road. The walk is steep at times, but beautiful and saturated with wildlife.

The trees lining the road are diverse with oak, hemlock, beech, maple, white pine, birch and shagbark hickory. There were several trees with shelf mushrooms growing on them and even more colorful mushrooms on the ground. Interrupted ferns and Christmas ferns filled in alongside the edges of the road and I found some wood betony growing on the berm. This was a treat for me since I had never seen it in the wild. Mosses and lichens of every shade of green completed the palate of woodland hues. In the canopy of leaves above finches and chickadees voiced our intrusion into their world, while downy woodpeckers went about their search for insects in dead trees carefree of our presence.

Once we reached the pond, the road ended at another parking area and boat launch where a few other people had put in kayaks. We could see two young men fishing from them in the still water, and another couple paddling along the far shoreline. We continued along the path that followed the west shore.

Soft with fallen pine needles and leaves, the path dips in and out from the water's edge where you can sit on ledges or rocks to gaze across the water watching the loons diving and hear their calls to each other. The path itself is lined with many plants of beauty and interest; I found that there were large patches of wintergreen, partridgeberry and creeping snowberry right in the path. Other areas where lady's slippers and trailing arbutus spilled onto the path, then disappeared into the understory of ferns let me know that this is a place I want to return to in the spring and early summer when they are both blooming.

This is a place of quiet and tranquility. Even though there were other people visiting the pond, their voices were hushed as though not wanting to disturb the peaceful energy that enveloped it. A family with young children arrived just as we were heading back down; the children's excitement was apparent and they almost seemed to be using their "inside" voices but I sensed that they probably would be quite boisterous at the beach where the activity is different.



Little Jabe Pond
and Jabe Pond
from 34,733 ft
on Google Earth

On the way back down the access road we saw numerous plants and mushrooms that we had missed on the way up, probably just a different line of sight, but making the trip down seem like a new road. And as we neared the end of the hike we heard the loons again ~ this time they were flying overhead calling to each other on the wing.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

WOW! What a summer season! Early on we had copious amounts of rain. Then things turned quite humid in July which raised the mold and grass allergy contents to dangerous levels. Because of the high ground levels of ozone, healthy air was a concern on some days, but mostly so beautiful.

Monday, July 27, was the hottest day of the summer at 95 degrees. Locally we only had one heat wave all summer, from the 15th of July until the 18th, when temperatures were 90 and above. The rest of the summer, temperatures were in the 80's by day. It appeared that in early summer the nights did not cool off as much as in years past but by August night temperatures were back to more normal numbers - in the 60's.

For the most part, it has been a gorgeous season, with all the traditions, good times, freedoms and the beauty of this spectacular place. In early September we were concerned about the threat of hurricane Ernesto. Fortunately it did not impact Hague but caused lots of problems down state, (property damages and extended power outages.)

When the clouds dispersed, the final days of summer are ones we hope will pass ever so slowly as we attempt to cling to the last vestiges of summer.

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ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS & 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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Now only
 Wednesday & Saturday
 9am - 5pm

CORRECTED DATES FOR 2007

August 17 - 19:
 Townwide Bicentennial Celebration
 including Hague Central School Reunion

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