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MYSTERY (NEARLY) SOLVED

The mystery of why Hague is called Hague has been solved - at least for the most part.

Debbie Manning, Town Clerk, asked for information from Thomas Lynch, Warren County Records Manager. He faxed her a copy of an old newspaper (American Citizen, 1-14-1809) in which it reported that due to the duplication of names of towns in New York State and the resulting "inconvenience", that the STATE LEGISLATURE (as of April 6, 1808) reassigned names to towns - and a list was given of each town and the new name. It stated that "the town of Rochester in the county of Washington, shall be named Hague."

Why they picked the particular names for each town may still be a mystery. Kay Holliday told us that, in information her daughter had uncovered, many of the towns were named for cities in Europe - possibly to encourage tourism.

We knew that the Town was formed from the Town of Bolton on February 28, 1807 and was called Rochester. And now we know that the name was changed to Hague in 1808 - not by the Town fathers but by an act of the State Legislature.

FOOD PANTRY MISSION

The mission of the Food Pantry is to offer food to Hague residents in need, provide nutritional information, and when possible refer residents to other available resources. It is located in the Community Center and food is distributed every Thursday from 1 - 2 pm.

The Food Pantry receives most of the food through the Community Action Agency, supplemented by private donations. Checks made out to the Hague Food Pantry or food items may be dropped off at the Community Center, Monday - Friday between 8 am and 4 pm.

Sheryl Bailey and Viola Vassallo are the volunteer coordinators and they can be reached at the community center at 543-6161. Further information can be found on the town website <townofhague.org> by selecting <Food Pantry> under <Resources & Programs>.

CROP WALK TO HELP THE HUNGRY

Do you know that about 800 million people in the developing world are chronically undernourished? That number is about three times the population of the U.S. You can help alleviate the number of hungry people by participating in the CROP Walk.

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, at 1:30 pm, the Ticonderoga region will again hold a Church World Service CROP Walk to benefit hungry people around the world, with at least 20% going back into the local community. Registration and the Walk will begin at the entrance of Bicentennial Park, near the small building, which is the Heritage Museum, on the corner of Montcalm St. and Tower Ave., Ticonderoga. In case of rain, registration will be held upstairs in the Elks Club across the street (Tower Ave.). 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 for donations for their walk, and/or the walkers may sponsor themselves. CWS sponsorship forms should be filled out ahead of time. To get the forms or more information, call Beverly Sann at (518) 543-6299.

And yes, Church World Service is helping the Hurricane Katrina victims.

SCHOOL TAX BILLS ARE OUT

The 2005-2006 tax bills have been mailed out and payment without penalty is due by the end of September. Our taxes have been efficiently collected by Jean McKee for the last 36 years. Since the bills are sent out by the County, there may be necessary corrections to addresses. If you haven't received your bill yet, make sure to contact Jean at 585-2670 so you won't wind up paying the late fees.

The Town Board has posted a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the resignation of Bruce Clark.

Any interested candidates should submit an application to the Community Center soon. The Town Board hopes to fill the position at their October meeting.

HAGUE SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The annual August Picnic was graced with a beautiful sunny day, lots of tasty foods, many smiling faces and even several visiting guests. Ebby Werschky, our smiling chef, kept the burgers & franks moving, while several volunteers assured that the day's event went smoothly. A good time was had by all.

The Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27th at the Community Center starting at ONE O'CLOCK (note time change). The special program for the day will be GRANT VAN PATTEN, PART II. Grant is returning for a second time to give his slide presentation depicting the early years of television which will include clips of many TV stars of that era . . . Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, Uncle Milty, etc. If you like humor and enjoy a good laugh, do plan to join us. All visitors are welcome. Refreshments will follow.



Grant Van Patten

October's meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 25th, at the Community Center starting at NOON (again, note time change). We are planning a Catered Luncheon/Halloween Party. This program is being announced early, so that all of you can start planning your Halloween Costume!! Yes, that's right! Several prizes will be awarded & you don't want to miss out on that. It will be a day for surprises and definitely a meeting to look forward to.

We recently signed on four new members to the Senior Club. That is always a positive sign. Any resident of Hague who is 55+ is welcome to join our group. Annual dues are \$5.00. If interested, give me a call (Madeline) 543-6130. ... mp

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

New officers were elected at the July meeting of the club. Josh Michalak was elected president; reelected were Ron Graser, Vice-president, Korinna Ryder, Treasurer, and Debbie Reid, acting Secretary. The Board of Directors vacancy was filled by Lou Fiallo.

A gun raffle for a bolt action 30-06 Remington model 700 synthetic stock rifle is now in progress. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The winning ticket will be selected at the October 18th meeting of the club.

A Chicken & Biscuit Dinner will be held on September 24 from 3-8 PM. Tickets are \$7 per dinner and takeouts are available.

Regular meetings of the Hague Fish and Game Club are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the clubhouse at 7 PM. New members are cordially invited.

MEET THE NEW INTERLAKES-HEALTH CEO

The Hague Senior Citizens Club is sponsoring a Special Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th at 1:30 PM at the Community Center. The guest speaker will be Steve Gavalchik, the new Chief Executive Officer for Interlakes-Health, a facility which offers vital services to our community. The audience will have an opportunity to hear Steve explain what his goals are for the future of the Ticonderoga Hospital Complex. After his presentation, we will hold a 'Question & Answer Discussion' session whereby we can offer our ideas & suggestions to him regarding what changes, additions or improvements we would like to see implemented. Plus, on a positive note, if there are present day services available that you feel should be maintained, be sure to include that in your comments too.

Plan to come to this meeting. Take some time beforehand to consider what your thoughts are on the subject. On the 12th, you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion, or drop your notes into the Suggestion Box which will be made available that day. Either way, it will be your chance to be heard.

This meeting on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th at 1:30 PM will be open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you. ... mp

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The annual membership dinner of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will be held at Emerald's Restaurant at the Ticonderoga Country Club on October 23. Social hour at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM. Reservations are due by September 29th. Send check to PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 and specify choice of entree: prime rib, chicken marsala or salmon. \$25.00 per person.

ATTENTION SEASONAL RESIDENTS

Is there a green dot in the lower left corner of your mailing label? If so, please read on. We will be sending your October *Hague Chronicle* to your "winter" address. It will be mailed on Thursday, October 20, 2005. If you want us to continue sending it locally, please let us know and tell us when to change it.

Please note that the Post Office does NOT forward the *Hague Chronicle* that goes to local addresses. Send information to HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com or PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836-0748.

Reminder: Calendar information is available on the Town website. Go to <townofhague.org> and choose "Calendar" from the menu.

WEST MUSEUM EVENT A BIG SUCCESS

The West Museum Committee thanks everyone who attended and contributed to the Summer's Eve Event benefiting the Clifton F. West Hague Historical Museum. It was a perfect sunny Summer's Eve that drew everyone to the lakeside porch of Viewpoint for the wonderful views and camaraderie.

Poster-sized old photos of Hague (courtesy of Phil Swanson at Lake George Lettering) and an old Sexton scrapbook were on display in the great room. Many people enjoyed pouring over the old pictures, recognizing locations and buildings that still stand today, and remembering others that are now gone.

The evening underscored the urgency of preserving the valuable and extensive collection of Hague historical material accumulated by Clifton West and donated to the town by his wife. In order to put this collection on display to the public, the materials must be catalogued, properly stored for preservation, and secured. As a feature of the Hague Town Comprehensive Plan, the museum project has received some funding for the building of a new home for the museum. This money budgeted by the Town Board is exclusively earmarked for the building and cannot be used for "operating" funds or curating the collection.

Through the generosity of many over \$7,000 was raised toward the goal of \$10,000 to begin the curating process. A professional curator will be hired to direct the cataloging and preservation of the current holdings of the museum. An initial display area will be created in the Community Center and we will begin the process of planning for the relocation and opening of the NEW Clifton F. West Hague Historical Museum in time for the 2007 Bicentennial Celebration.

A special thank you to Susan and Hannah Darrin who opened their beautiful Viewpoint home to the community and hosted a fantastic evening. The committee would also like to thank the LaPointe Brothers and Alex Baron for providing wonderful music for the evening, Carolyn Dunn and the Locust Inn, Lauren Parlin and the Uptown Store, and many other talented cooks throughout Hague who contributed amazing food. And a big thank you to all the committee members and Hague residents who contributed their time and money to make this such a successful first-time event.

If you are interested in getting involved in the museum project as a committee member or volunteer, please contact Sheri DeLarm at 543-6723 or sheridelarm@hotmail.com.

Additional donations are still needed to reach our goal (even the smallest amount will help). Checks can be made payable to the Clifton F. West Hague Museum and sent to Bertha Dunsmore at the Hague Community Center.

... Donna Wotton

NEW LGA PROGRAM

The LGA has announced a new program called "LGA Awareness", as part of the organization's education and outreach program.

The LGA will go into schools and to club meetings and give presentations on subjects like how watersheds work and how non-point source pollution and invasive species affect water quality. Then the LGA will serve as a resource to each group as it creates a project that will benefit the community and the lake. They plan to work with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, senior groups, garden clubs and civic groups. Even homeowner associations may be interested.

The LGA can provide guidance as the group goes about getting permission from the town and acquiring funding to undertake a project, basically getting it off the ground.

Walter Lender, the LGA's Executive Director stated that the LGA wants to give "a little guidance and assistance" to people who "really do want to protect their lake and their town."



DEADLINES APPROACHING

The two big contests in town are approaching their October 30th deadline. Don't delay if you have been meaning to send in an entry.

The Bicentennial Committee is holding a Logo Contest for a logo design and/or slogan for the 2007 Hague Bicentennial. Debbie Manning, Town Clerk, is receiving the entries and can provide further information. She can be contacted at <townclerk@townofhague.org> with subject "LOGO" or by mail at Town Clerk/LOGO, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY. 12836.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Photo Contest to create a collection of images from the Hague area. The Chamber website <hagueticonderoga.com/photocontest> contains complete rules and prize information. For further information contact Sandy Rust at 518-543-6530.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/25/05

All members were in attendance as well as the new Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark.

A public hearing was held on the request of the Hague Fire Department for retroactive approval for the outbuildings they had constructed which created greater than 20% lot coverage and were less than the minimum setback from the front property line.

Letters were read from Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper with concern about stormwater runoff and from the APA stating that they did not need to review further. Tina King spoke as an adjoining property owner with no objections to the buildings but with much concern about the stormwater runoff issues which she felt had not been addressed and which impacted her property.

John Breitenbach representing the HVFD explained that the three structures were originally intended for temporary use for fund-raising events and were made permanent for those same events. He said that the Fire Department will continue to work with the LGPC to resolve the legal issues surrounding the stormwater runoff.

The ZBA voted to table the matter until the Planning Board has reviewed it.

In another matter before the ZBA, they voted to schedule a Public Hearing for the next meeting on a request by Mr. Rose for retroactive approval for a deck.

PLANNING BOARD - 9/1/05

The Planning Board met with Chairman David Swanson, John Brown, Pam Peterson, Rolly Allen and Tim Costello. Peter Foster was absent and there was a vacancy due to the resignation of Cathy Clark.

Meehan (11-1-4.2), New Hague Road, OC-1 and RC

The applicant wishes to subdivide a portion of her 125 acre property and would like it approved before the survey of the total property is done. The Board approved the request pending the submission of the completed survey.

Ragot (42.20-1-6), Lakeshore Drive, TR-2

The applicant, who was not present, has requested a subdivision. Previous conditions were not met and the Board voted to deny approval.

Beneduce (42-1-23.1), Dodd Hill Road, TR-1

The subdivision request was tabled until the next meeting.

Gall (11-1-22), West Hague Road, OC-1

Mr. Gall requested retroactive approval for the doors and windows put on a storage shed which had prior approval for the decking and roof. Although the structure is within 25 feet of Hague Brook, the setback provision does not apply due to the definition of navigable water. A site visit was scheduled.

Cockrell (26-10-33), Friends Point, TR1-R

The applicants wish to modify a portion of an existing utility room into a bathroom and turn the carport into a garage/recreation room. A site visit was scheduled.

Hague Volunteer Fire Department (25.5-1-16), West Hague Road, OC-1

After much discussion about the application for retroactive approval for the temporary structures which had been made permanent, the Board deferred any recommendation to the ZBA until next month. Issues concerned the blacktop over the septic system and whether the stormwater runoff was a result of earlier construction or the new structures.

Rose (43.13-1-56), Robin Hood Road, TR-1

The applicant requested retroactive approval to retain a deck constructed without a Zoning Compliance Certificate. The deck and stairways are closer than 25 feet to the front property line. A site visit was held and approval granted.

SEWER EXTENSION PLANS

In a special meeting on Monday, September 19th, the Town Board approved getting a full engineering study for the costs of the extension of the sewer system into District #2. This district will connect to the current system and will consist of all properties north to and including Forest Bay and south to and including Pine Cove.

The Board also requested that the engineers identify where the 4 inch pipe would be located since any future connection to the sewer system (from the Indian Kettles area or Arcady for example) would need to connect to that size pipe. A smaller pipe is used for the more outlying parts of the districts since less sewage goes through them.

Some of the considerations given to this decision were the cost, the number of permanent residents and taking care of the "hot spots" that are damaging to the lake quality.

The capital costs of this extension exceed the remainder of the grant money so the homeowners (in the new district only) will have to pay some capital fees in addition to the user fees. Bernie Renois, of the Forest Bay Association, noted that paying some of the capital costs would be financially advantageous compared to the costs of pumping out septic systems and making costly repairs. The members of the new sewer district will have a chance to vote on the final proposal after the study has been reviewed by the APA, the DEC and approved by the Town Board.

Once the District #2 is operational, the user fees would be the same for all users in both districts. One of the incentives for expanding the system is that with more users, the individual fees will be lessened.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/13/05

Supervisor Dan Belden, and Councilmen Bob Patchett, Dick Gladu, Lu Megow, and Rudy Meola were all present at the September meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Ron Graser, Jackie Badger, Dr. Lee Miller and Andrew Shelton

Art Hatfield, representing the Kiwanis, asked the Board if they had decided on a project for which the Kiwanis will donate \$1000. Supervisor Belden said they are working on it. Councilman Gladu suggested a direction sign for downtown businesses.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu noted that a petition has been presented to the Ticonderoga Town Board with a proposal to cap their real property assessments. He said that any activity in Ticonderoga will affect us and we need to be aware of what is going on. He mentioned that a petition that he has been circulating has 125 names on it.

CARE - Councilman Patchett reminded anyone who is eligible for the food pantry that they are encouraged to use this service. The food can be picked up on Thursdays from 1-2 pm at the Community Center.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola reported on a successful fundraiser held at Viewpoint, the Darrins home, on September 4th which raised about \$7000. The Museum Board will be meeting this week to focus on additional fundraising and plans for the building itself.

Personnel - Councilman Meola noted that in 1996, the NYS Dept of Labor inspected the town building facilities and cited 7 violations, including the fact that the Town did not have a hazardous communication plan for the protection of the employees. It would have cost about \$3000 for an outside agency to develop the plan so Councilman Meola put a plan together and the Town was in compliance. The Board appointed an overseer for implementation of plan. After Councilman Meola got off the Board the plan went by the wayside. In 2001, the new town Board abolished the overseer for the implementation of this law. Since then nothing has been done and the Town is not in compliance and could be cited for a violation. So Councilman Meola called the NYS Dept of Labor and a representative came up to go over the building. Some minor violations were found and he is coming back to look at the highway department and sewer department. Councilman Meola has created a packet and will ask the Board to appoint someone to oversee the plan so they won't fall behind again. They need someone responsible to implement and keep tabs on the plan including the employee's right to know and keeping hazardous chemicals in a safe place.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - ZEO Cathy Clark reported on permits issued. She mentioned that Mr. Trainor cleaned up his property and the case was dismissed. The ground contamination is in the process of being cleaned up. Art Belden was given a 60 day extension to clean up his property. Approval was given for the ZEO's attendance at a Warren County meeting on needs assessment and a convention in Saratoga.

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman Meola reported that the Enhancement committee is doing preliminary work on project of a public sculpture for the downtown triangle. An application for a grant will be submitted to LARAC if the committee and the Town Board approves. Councilman Gladu asked if the committee has a list of priorities and if they were looking at the property on other side of the brook near the American Legion. Councilman Patchett expressed concern that they look at projects carefully and not get into the trouble they had with the street lamps. Supervisor Belden said the Town Board could meet with the Enhancement Committee.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Meola reported that they are installing a disinfectant system at the park. The restrooms will close on the Tuesday after Columbus Day for the season.

Youth- Councilman Meola reported that 18 young people had participated in the Silver Bay Camp. He read thank you notes received from some of them. He is putting in an application for next year's program. He also reported that the Music in Park program was successful and noted the generosity of the Parlin's Uptown Store in donating ice-cream after two of the events.

In unfinished business, the Board

1. Accepted the resignation of Bruce Clark from the ZBA effective 9/30/05. (Mr. Clark's wife, Cathy, is the new Zoning Enforcement Officer.) Many members of the Board thanked him and expressed appreciation for his service. It was noted that he didn't have to resign but he did because of the appearance of conflict of interest. The vacancy will be posted and they hope to have candidates by the October meeting.
2. Received information on costs related to extending the sewer system both north and south. The money which is contained in the earlier grant has to be earmarked by December 2006. Comments were made that a deciding factor on where the extension is put should be the areas where there is the greatest leverage for protecting the Lake. Councilman Meola suggested a separate meeting to discuss it.
3. Approved a motion to authorize Supervisor Belden to provide a letter of intent in support of GIS Cooperative Grant.

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| <p>The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James Oppenheim</p> |
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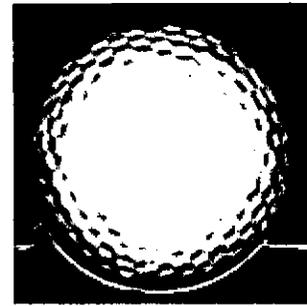
Con't from page 5 - Town Board

Under new business, the Board

1. Approved the attendance of Mr. O'Leary (Wastewater Plant) at a training session in October.
2. Accepted the offer of a transfer of a lot to the Town by Robert Marshall, Pine Cove. This lot is used to turn trucks around.
3. Approved an amendment to this year's contract with the state on snow and ice removal due to rising fuel costs.
4. Approved extending the snow and ice contract for next year.
5. Approved a motion to support the Barton Wind Energy Park.
6. Appointed Katy Wells to the Planning Board for a term to expire on 12/31/2011 without going through the normal review process.
7. Accepted a \$5000 grant from the LGPC for Land Use Planning which had been prepared by former ZEO Graham Bailey.
8. Approved attendance by the Supervisor and Town Clerk at a seminar on the Needs Assessment Project at Warren County on 9/19/05.
9. Approved an amount not to exceed \$1500 to buff and seal the floor of the Community Center. A decision on the contractor was postponed to get another bid.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden reported that County budgets are up and that there will probably be a 5% increase in the County budget. He also mentioned increased use of the website <www.co.warren.ny.us>. (We note, however, that neither minutes of County meetings nor information on the County budget are available on the website.)

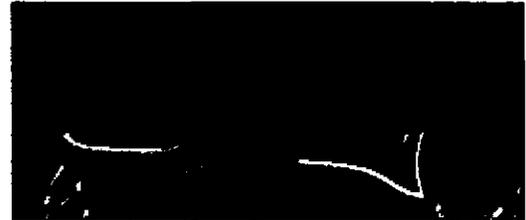


TI CHAMBER GOLF TOURNEY

On Friday, September 30th, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce will host their 4th annual Golf Tournament. The scramble tourney gets underway Friday afternoon with a 1:00 pm Shotgun Start. The event takes place at the Ticonderoga Country Club, Route 9N, Ticonderoga.

The event promises to be a day of fun and camaraderie, and a great networking opportunity. This event is opened to all golfers and entry fee is \$65.00. Men and women golfers are invited to sign up as a foursome, individually, or mixed group. Tee sponsorships are unlimited and can be secured for \$50.00 each. Volunteers are also welcomed at the event.

For more information on participating, contact the Chamber office at 94 Montcalm Street, or call 585-6619, 9:00-4:30pm weekdays.



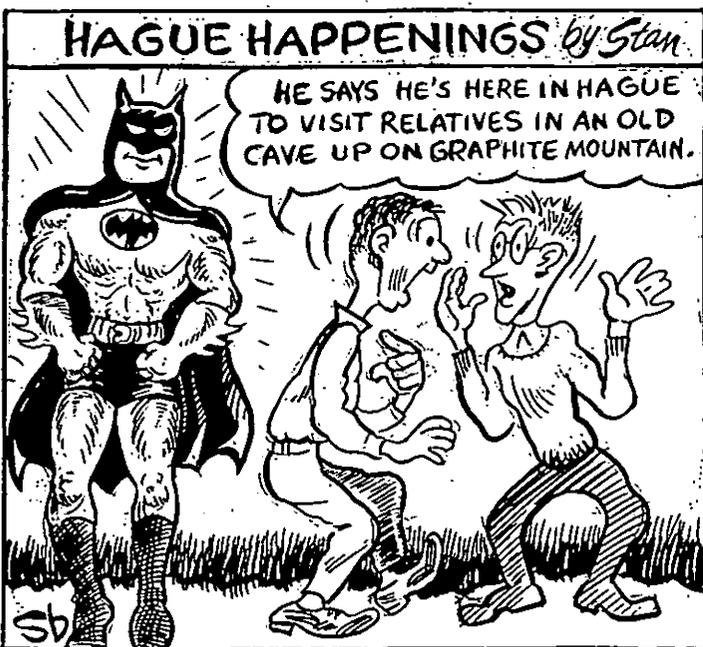
LGA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The LGA will hold its 13th annual golf tournament on Monday, October 3rd at the Sagamore Golf Club. The shotgun start will be at 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament support the LGA's award-winning Floating Classroom and its Education and Outreach program. Last year's tournament raised over \$11,000, which went directly to these vital programs.

Prizes will be awarded for individuals (men and women) and teams (men/women/mixed) in the gross and net categories, as well as for longest ball, closest to the pin and hole-in-one. A large assortment of prizes donated by local businesses will also be raffled off at the awards reception, which will be held in the Club Grill following play.

Player and sponsor opportunities are still available. The entry fees are \$115 per player and \$460 per team. Interested individuals should contact the LGA at 668-3558.



~SOUNDINGS~

MARRIED: Carolyn J. Dykstra, daughter of Richard and Rena Dykstra, Hague, to Michael T. Barron, son of Tom and Marion Barron, Rye, NH on August 13, 2005 in York, ME. Carolyn and Michael make their home in Hampton, NH.

DIED: Andrew J. Shelton, 41, Clifton Park, NY, on August 3, 2005 after a long battle with diabetes. He is survived by his wife Kathryn, daughters Karissa and Haley, parents Jerry and Ruth Egan Shelton, Arcady Bay Estates, Hague, sister Karen D'Andrea, esq., and brother Greg.

DIED: Lee E. Miller, DVM, Forest Bay, Hague, NY and Woodsboro, MD, on August 29, 2005 at home. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, two children and four grandchildren. Interment will be at Valley View Cemetery. The Millers have been summer residents in Forest Bay for 47 years.

DIED: Jackie Badger, 98, long-time resident of Silver Bay, in England on August 29, 2005.

DIED: Ronald Keith Graser, 70, Hague, NY, on September 11, 2005 at Fletcher Allen Health Care Center, Burlington, VT. He has been a resident of Hague since 1980. He is survived by his son, Thomas E., Hague and grandson Shane, Hague.

DIED: Bertha D. DeLarm 88, South Glens Falls, on September 14, 2005 at Wesley Health Care Center. Mrs. DeLarm was a former resident of Hague and the widow of Cecil W. DeLarm. She is survived by two daughters, Gail Pike, South Glens Falls and Joan DeLarm, Messena.

DIED: Michael Taylor Coffin, 63, Hague, on September 17, 2005 at the Albany Medical Center. Mr. Coffin was for many years owner and operator of "The Cave" in Hague, and was well known as an artist and creative sign painter. Survivors include his wife, Linda, mother, Myrna Riel, Cape Cod, son Matthew, Hague, two daughters, Lisa Coffin, Nutley, NJ and Lynn McClure, Brant Lake, a brother, a sister and four grandchildren.

LOCAL SAILORS WIN REGATTA

Sailing for the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, Hague's Shane King as skipper and Molly Ginn crewing, won the 3-day Cheeseburger-in-Paradise regatta at the Lake George Club in Diamond Point in July. With several clubs participating, these two sailors won in the 2-man Flying Junior class boats. This annual race at the "Southern Club" draws racers from several clubs and it is noteworthy that Hague's own brought home the hardware for first place.

PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship was awarded during the Employee's Banquet at the Silver Bay Association on August 16, 2005.

The award is presented annually to employees of the Silver Bay Association, based on high standards of work performance and the financial requirements of a college education.

This year more than \$5000 in scholarship money was presented to Rachel DiSaia - Springfield College, Erin Finkle - Springfield College, Margaret Hoops - Alfred University (Margaret is a resident of Crown Point), Christine Nystrom - The College of New Jersey, Douglas Sham - Springfield College and Brandon Witmer - Tallahassee Community College.

Family and Friends established the award in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Neal, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Neal, Sabbath Day Point. Peter was an employee of the Silver Bay Association during the summers of 1983, 1984 and 1985. He died of cancer in April 1992.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Scholarship may do so by sending a check to the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

REMEMBERING KATRINA

Our hearts go out to the hundreds of thousands of people (and their pets) affected by Hurricane Katrina. We know that some of our readers have been touched directly or indirectly by the events. And many others have been touched to donate money or time.

One example is Ted Santaniello, who with other students at SUNY Plattsburgh, loaded several tractor trailers with donated items to be sent to the affected areas.

We hope that anyone who has not yet had a chance to help will be able to do so. Unfortunately there are those who will take advantage of this time of generosity so we urge you to make sure that any donations are channeled to established charities.

You can take from every experience what it has to offer you. And you cannot be defeated if you just keep taking one breath followed by another.

Oprah Winfrey

The Carillon Garden Club presented a Standard Flower Show entitled "Autumn Reflections" on Saturday, September 17 at the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga. It was a beautiful and successful show, thanks to the efforts of Rosemarie Viscardi, General Chairman, her committee, and the cooperation of members of the Garden Club.

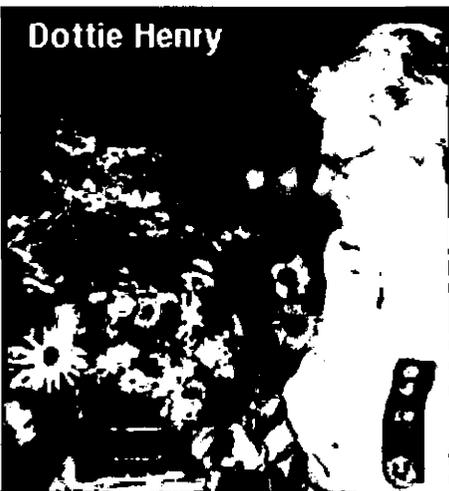


Rosemarie Viscardi
General Chairman

There were six design classes with four entries in each, and numerous entries in the Horticulture Division. Special educational exhibits division, "Autumn - Embracing Conservation," included "A 1910 kitchen with canning equipment and a collection of kitchen implements of that period", "The story of the magnificent King's Garden from 1920" and "Education of youth by DEC

camp scholarships; funding of Boy Scout endeavors to beautify their world and ours."

There were many happy blue ribbon winners. Class 1 - "Indian Summer" was won by Dottie Henry; Class 2 - "Our Adirondacks", by Betty Rettig, who also won the Sweepstakes Award (silver bowl) for Design; Class 3 - "Once Upon a Time", was won by Denise Huestis; Class 4 - "Celebrate the Harvest", by Jeanette Ploof; Class 5 - "Garden Glories" by Lena Iuliano and Class 6 - "Harvest Moon" by Mary Lou Monda, who also won the Designer's Choice and People's Choice Awards.



Dottie Henry

The many tables of horticulture on display garnered too many ribbons to count! However, the top awards for horticulture were the arboreal award, won by Dolly Kennedy and the Award of Merit which was given to Shirley Smith, Pat Wania, Rosemarie Viscardi, Katie Elzer Peters and Dolly Kennedy for their horticulture exhibits. Martha Soliday won the Sweepstakes Award (silver bowl) for Horticulture. Rosemarie Viscardi was awarded the Showcase award and the Horticultural Excellence Award for her exhibits in Horticulture. The judges remarked that the show was "lovely and the horticulture was exceptional."

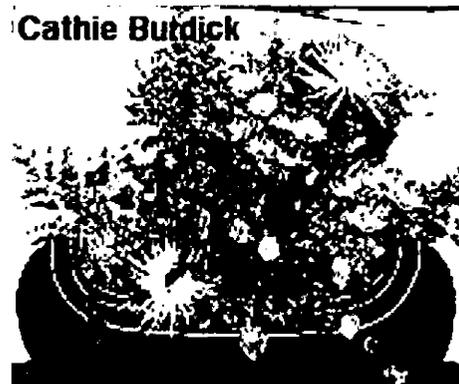


Dolly Kennedy
~ Arboreal Award

The show was a cooperative effort of the Carillon Garden Club and Fort Ticonderoga in conjunction with the Fort's Harvest Day, which consisted of many activities for all ages in the King's Garden. It was coordinated by Katie Elzer Peters, the curator of the King's Garden and a member of the Carillon Garden Club. It was estimated that approximately 400 people attended the events of the day.

The flower show was judged by six nationally accredited flower show judges of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Nearly 100% of the club members participated.

The Carillon Garden Club has 53 members and meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Hague Community Center at 11AM. Members each bring a light lunch and dessert is provided. Visitors are welcome. For information, call President Cathie Burdick, 585-7015.



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(Our Nature News Features Writer, Nancy Wotton Scarzello, is on vacation this month. This article was written by the late Hague historian, Clifton West.)

REFLECTIONS OF HAGUE'S PAST - PROHIBITION

When the Volstead Act ended the sale of alcoholic beverages, people who sold it had to find ways to escape being arrested if they continued. Farmers still had their cider as long as the local mill kept in operation. Hard cider is neither refreshing, nor even palatable, but it does have a kick. Making home brew soon became a favorite cottage industry. Many Hague families were making and selling this beer, poor as the quality was. Stores sold malt openly and the market was good. I doubt if the quality of the finished product compared favorably with Ginny or Bud but the men bought it for the "kick."

Alcoholic inspired accidents were few compared with today's statistics. Plenty of beer and ale came in from Canada. A few people in Hague sold the imported product rather than make a substitute at home. Raids on the locals occurred sometimes, but not often. The victims were soon back in business. My neighbor across the road was searched sometimes but never had more than a bottle or two in the house. He kept his supply in a barn cellar beneath a trap door covered with a pile of hay. Another man on the Graphite Road set up a still and was in the business until the "revenoors" smashed it. An out of town outfit rented a barn off the road in West Hague. They were turning out alcohol in quantity until someone reported them. Maybe the traffic was suddenly heavy for that part of town. Hague's potent industry was raided and put out of business. The owner of the property said he did not know why they rented the barn.

An Army doctor who was a guest at our farmhouse could buy grain alcohol for \$10.50 a gallon. With this he made what was then called "bathtub gin." To flavor this I scoured the pastures for juniper berries.

By that time the blackberries were ripe so some of the men paid me ten cents a quart to pick this luscious fruit. This was put into a big crock, combined with raisins, slices of oranges, and yeast to start the fermenting process. Every day some of the men tested its progress. By the time the product should have been finished they had reached the bottom of the crock. I found the remaining orange slices very palatable. The Doctor knew where he could buy a small still made of pyrex glass manufactured by Eimer & Amend in New York City. He bought it for under \$25.00. The heating retort was connected to the "worm" or condensing unit by rubber tubing. Heat was furnished by cans of Sterno. I do not know just what was used to make the fermenting process but it smelled so strong upstairs that the room door had to be kept closed and windows open. The condensing unit was surrounded by a glass water jacket. Alcohol dripped into a container like sap from a tree. After

a sufficient amount had collected I was back in the pasture picking juniper berries.

Hague was not on the most direct route from Montreal to New York City, but many of the cars carrying booze came through the town, then over Hague Mountain to Chestertown and on south. Tongue Mountain had no road over it. Booze cars were usually seven passenger vehicles with the back and side seats removed to permit a bigger load. The springs were often sagging close to the ground. One man sat with the driver, often with a shotgun or rifle across his lap. In the old stagecoach days he would be "riding shotgun." When the state road was under construction from the cemetery to McKees' Corner, all traffic detoured past our house, so we often saw booze cars.



WEATHER NOTES by Mary Lou Doulin

It was a time honored hot summer, maybe one of the seven hottest in recorded history. Appealing days and nights continued throughout July and August and into the first half of September. We had oodles of sultry weather and often the nights remained in the mid-70's, even in September. To my memory that was a change. In past summers with hot days it would cool off to 60 or 65 at night. This year it didn't happen that often. In previous summers heavy sweat shirts would be worn evenings after mid-August. This year at this writing (Sep. 16, 11PM) I'm still wearing a t-shirt as the night continues to be so warm.

After the heavy rains of early June it remains very dry until today (9/16) with the exception of 4" of rain from the effects of Hurricane Irene. It has been a very active hurricane season with about three times the

number occurring. Forecasters predict for September 20 to have rain stemming from Tropical Storm Ophelia entering our region..

Now is the time the darkness increases at its most rapid pace (about 180 seconds each night). The autumnal equinox will occur on September 22 at 6:23 PM this year.

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September

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 26 10 am Bicentennial Committee
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 28 1 pm Extra Helpings Distribution
 30 1 pm Ti Chamber Golf (p. 6)

October

3 Rosh Hashanah
 3 10 am LGA Golf (p. 6)
 6 7 pm Planning Board
 10 Columbus Day - Town Offices closed
 11 6:30 pm Town Board
 12 Yom Kippur
 12 1:30 pm Meet Interlakes CEO (p. 2)
 15 1:30 pm Crop Walk (p. 1)
 17 7 pm Chamber of Commerce
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FOOD PANTRY

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TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Labor Day to June 30, 2006:

Wednesdays & Saturdays
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed all other days

AREA EVENTS

Thursday, September 22, 2005 - Sunday, September 25, 2005
 I LOVE NY 33RD ADIRONDACK BALLOON FESTIVAL
www.visitlakegeorge.com

Saturday, September 24, 2005 - Sunday, September 25, 2005
 FLW BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT ON LC
 Ticonderoga, NY - Fort Ti Boat Launch, Rte 74 E/Fort Ti Rd.

Saturday, September 24, 2005 - Sunday, September 25, 2005
 SECOND ANNUAL FORT TICONDEROGA SEMINAR
 Ticonderoga, NY - Rte 74 E/Fort Ti Rd.
www.fort-ticonderoga.org

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 VIGLIOTTI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT
 TI COUNTRY CLUB - 585-2801

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