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SEWER DISTRICT #2 UPDATE

Representatives from Clough Harbour Engineers and Bill Lamy, Warren County engineer reported on the proposal for the new Sewer District #2 at an informational meeting on July 13, 2006. The Town Board met on Monday, July 17th and set a date for a required public hearing for Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30pm. Residents in district 32 should note that this date is revised from that which was announced at the informational hearing. If the Town Board is petitioned to hold a vote by 8 or more residents in the sewer district, a public vote will take place at a later date. Otherwise the process of applying for all the necessary permits can begin right after the public hearing.

Warren County has received grant money from the EPA to assist in funding the construction costs (\$3,740,000) in Sewer District #2. The EPA grant money available for this project totals \$3,085,000 leaving a deficit of \$655,000 which can be financed by the Town of Hague through the issuance of a bond. The annual debt service for users of the district based on a 38 year bond period and an interest rate of 4.5 percent is \$36,288. With approximately 141 EDU's in District #2, each EDU (a single family home is 1 EDU) would have to pay \$256 per year for capital costs plus an additional \$400 per year for operating costs.

WIFI AVAILABLE

The Town of Hague is offering free Wi-Fi (wireless) high-speed Internet access from within the Community Center (Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) or from the parking area in front of the Community Center - available 24 hours a day to residents and visitors alike. For those equipped with this technology, see the website for the details.

CHECK THE WEBSITE

Several items of interest to residents and taxpayers - update on the sewer, taxes and wireless internet service - may be found on the Hague Town website at <<http://townofhague.org>>.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

9am - 5pm: Wednesdays & Saturdays
12 noon - 4pm: Sundays

CHECK YOUR LABELS

Date highlighted? Your renewal date is approaching and your donation will be appreciated.

Date circled in red? This issue will be the LAST unless we hear from you.

We no longer send "last issue notices" but continue to send our Thank You notes so that you will have a record of your tax-deductible contribution.

SUMMER OPENINGS

Mary Ann's Bagels, Ice Cream & Pizza has opened downtown just a short walk from the beach. Open daily from 8am to 9pm, they plan to remain open into the fall at least on weekends. Owners Mary Ann Eaton and Brad Whisher also own The View Restaurant which they plan to keep open also on weekends during the fall until Thanksgiving. The View will be open in December for special parties and close after their big New Year's Eve celebration.

The Valley Snack Bar at Lord Howe Valley Farms has opened for the season. The farm is located on Route 9N between Hague and Ticonderoga and is open daily from 10AM - 8PM, weather permitting. The Perkins have added a 9-hole miniature golf course (from Frontier Town) to the small gift barn, petting zoo, pony rides and wonderful playground for children. The admission fee to the park of \$3.00 (under 2 FREE) is waived when you eat there. Snacks, ice cream and beverages are on the menu and Barbecued chicken is served every Saturday and Sunday during July and August. HC Editor Dottie Henry recommends their Michigan hot dogs which "are super!!"

The Firehouse Restaurant at the site of the old volunteer fire house downtown on Route 8 opened on Saturday July 15th and sold 30 pizzas. But the menu will be much more extensive with plans for gourmet meals by chef, Tom DeCiantis, formerly of Fire and Ice in Middlebury. Although only serving dinner now, they will begin serving lunches soon and plan to remain open during the other seasons.

SENIOR NEWS

June's Swinging Senior Luncheon was a fun filled afternoon. Much laughter and chatter was heard during the viewing of the Memorial Day Celebration Video taken by Wilfred Hutchinson of Ti-South TV. It was great to be able to sit back and actually see the results of the Club's efforts for that event. Most of us were just too busy that Saturday to take note of all the activities. Also the Members were able to share the Memorial Day Album prepared for us by Shirl Vickerson.

There will be no meeting in July. The August Picnic will be held on the regular meeting date - Tuesday, August 22nd, at NOON at the HVFD firehouse. Members bring a picnic fare dish to share while the Club will supply franks, burgers, drinks & dessert. This gathering is one we all look forward to. When our Seniors cook, you know you are in for a treat! We will also be making final arrangements for the fall outing that day.

Once again, to anyone out there 55+, the August meeting is a great one to check out the Senior Club. Just bring your favorite picnic dish and join in the fun. If you have any questions please give me a call (Madeline) 543-6130. Hope to see you on Aug. 22nd. ... mp

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hague Baptist Church will hold a flea market and bake sale on the parsonage porch on Saturday, August 5 from 9AM -4PM.

DIP DINNER

The Episcopal Church of the Cross, Champlain Ave, Ticonderoga, will hold a dip dinner on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006. Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall from 4 - 6PM. Take-outs are available. Proceeds benefit outreach programs.

ARTS FAIR IN HAGUE

The 34th Annual Hague Arts Fair will be held on August 5th and 6th at the Community Center. The fair will be open from 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. Approximately 50 exhibitors will participate coming from the local community and neighboring counties and states.

Over the many years this show has been held, the quality of the hand crafted items has continually been refined and improved. Some of the items to be displayed are handmade jewelry, hand woven baskets, Adirondack photography, handcrafted stoneware pottery, handmade soap, dried floral arrangements and many, many others.

Exhibitors will also present herbs, spices, jams, jellies, and kettle corn. Lunch items and snacks will be available both days.

For further information, please contact Karen Laundree at 518-543-8841.

SWIM PADDLE RUN

Aug. 2006

SILVER BAY YMCA TRIATHLON

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks has announced its annual Triathlon to be held on Thursday, August 10. The race begins at 3:30 pm with a mandatory 2:30 pm check in for all team members. Teams of three will compete in a 1/2 mile swim, 1.5 mile kayak, and 3 mile run on the Silver Bay campus.

Registration is limited to the first 50 teams. Teams must include 3 participants aged 15 or older, male or female. Registration fee is \$45 per team for Silver Bay YMCA members and \$60 per team for non-members. All participants receive a commemorative t-shirt and barbecue dinner after the race.

For more information, contact Erin Finkle at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks at 543.8833 x 316 or efinkle@silverbay.org.

OPEN PATHWAYS AT SILVER BAY

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks will initiate an OPEN PATHWAYS membership program for community members starting on August 1, 2006. The OPEN PATHWAYS program will grant money each year to assist individuals or families with their membership or program payments. Everyone is asked to pay a portion of the fees for any membership or program but they are adjusted based upon income and household size so that all individuals and families will have access to membership and the programs and services of the Silver Bay YMCA, regardless of income. OPEN PATHWAYS funds would also apply to the After-school and Silver Camp programs.

Funds for the OPEN PATHWAYS membership program are available thanks to generous donors to Silver Bay's Annual Giving Program. Anyone interested in the OPEN PATHWAYS membership program should apply in person at the front desk of the Inn at 87 Silver Bay Road. At the time of application, information on the fees will be available and depending on gross family income and number of people in the family, participants in the Open Pathways program may have their fees reduced by 10% to 95%. Applicants would be required to fill out the membership and program application and submit a copy of their current federal tax return within 2 weeks of the joining date.

Annual memberships are valid from January 1 - December 31. Membership includes access to the George & Kay Berry Library, Spiritual Life Programs, Publications, Fitness trails, Summer Musical, and Concerts. The regular annual individual memberships are \$50.00 and family memberships are \$100. In addition to membership, a program package must be purchased to access all other programs and services, such as canoeing, kayaking, sailing, swim lessons, children's programs, family programs, fitness & wellness classes, sports programs, and much more. The regular program fees are \$85 for individuals and \$215 for families while annual program passes are \$365 for individuals and \$990 for families. For more information, contact the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks at 543-8833.

The Lake George Association (LGA) will hold its 2nd annual summer event at The Sagamore Resort's Shelving Rock Terrace in Bolton Landing. "LGA Lakeside" will take place on Friday, July 21st, beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment will feature Brazilian jazz music from Matt Finley, a Lake George native & Rio JAZZ. Also, local historian, Bill Gates, will give a multi-media presentation entitled "250 Years of Boating History on Lake George."

Those interested in attending "LGA Lakeside" should contact the LGA at 668-3558.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION NEWS

Governor Pataki has appointed Kenneth W. Parker, of Bolton, as a Commissioner of the NYS Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) for a nine year term. "The Governor's nomination of Mr. Parker and the Senate's confirmation of his appointment will greatly serve the Commission and the Lake George Park, said LGPC Chairman Bruce Young.

On July 27, 2006, the LGPC will hold a public meeting to put before residents a Water-based Recreation Study intended to document the many, sometimes competing uses of the lake and the potential conflicts among the various users. Those who live or play on Lake George have a responsibility to try to keep the lake in its natural state and still be enjoyed by all in its relatively unspoiled wilderness state.

The LGPC needs to know the wishes of the residents - do we want to keep it relatively quiet; do we find the boat noise an unbearable intrusion? This public hearing is the chance for residents to be heard. The future of the lake is in your hands so attend the meeting on July 27 at 7PM at Ft. William Henry Conference Center and check out the web site at www.lgpc.state.ny.us

The LGPC regular monthly meeting will be held on July 25 at 10AM at the Hague Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

Silver Bay resident Don Rice will become the next chairman of The Fund for Lake George and will formally assume the office at the Fund's annual meeting on August 15. Rice is replacing Carol Collins of Assembly Point, who will assume the role of coordinating scientific research about the lake and providing the Fund's board with science-based advice. John Barber of Silver Bay, a former past chairman of the Fund and a present trustee, stated that "We're creating a lake science entity that will enable us to make independent judgments."

"In all of its work, the Fund seeks to monitor water quality and to apply scientific principles and research toward the best land use and water use policies," said Rice who is also a director of the Lake George Land Conservancy.

The Fund also announced that John Barber was elected vice-chairman, John Whiteley, Ticonderoga resident was named treasurer and Jeff Kileen was named secretary.

The Fund for Lake George was founded more than twenty years ago and has since distributed more than \$3. million toward the preservation of Lake George.

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has named Nancy Williams, formerly of Burlington, Vermont, to the position of executive director. Williams assumes responsibility for the administration, leadership and implementation of a comprehensive program to advance the conservancy's mission to preserve the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals living within the 150,000-acre watershed by permanently protecting natural lands.

Most recently, Williams has been the executive director of organizations focused on historic preservation and small business development in her Vermont community. She holds a BS degree in chemical engineering from Northeastern University, has been a practicing engineer and real and personal property appraiser.

LGLC Board President, Hague resident John Macionis said, "The LGLC board enthusiastically supports Nancy joining our organization, and we look forward to the benefits of her knowledge and leadership in organizational management, fundraising, and, above all, land protection. Our expectation is that Nancy Williams will lead the LGLC to an unprecedented level of effectiveness."

The LGLC also recently received a grant award of \$2,500 from the International Paper Company Foundation, a valuable and regular supporter. The grant will be used towards the development of a new brochure for the LGLC's Gull Bay Preserve and towards stewardship supplies. The preserve is a great place for birders and other nature lovers with its abundance of wildlife and beautiful wildflowers.

LAND CONSERVANCY EVENTS

The LGLC announces the following events for August. Both are free but space is limited and registrations are required. For more information and to register, please contact Sarah at 644-9673 or email ssmail@tnc.org

On Sat. Aug. 12 there will be a Mushroom Walk at Gull Bay Preserve, Putnam from 9AM to noon led by the author of Nature News for the *Hague Chronicle*, Nancy Scarzello. She will lead participants along the trails of Gull Bay to search for and identify wild mushrooms. The moderate intensity walk will begin with basic identification techniques, including how to do a spore print, use ID books and learn where to look for common edible varieties.

On Tues. Aug 22 from 10AM - 2PM the LGLC staff will give an informal talk about the natural history of the site and conduct a relaxing paddle on Jabe Pond off Split Rock Road in Hague. Participants bring a canoe or kayak, pack a lunch for an island picnic and explore the largest pond in the Lake George watershed. An easy short portage to the launch site is necessary.

PLANNING BOARD - 7/6/06

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/22/06

Deputy Chairman Rolly Allen called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Dave Swanson. John Brown, Tim Costello, Peter Foster and Pam Peterson were present and Katy Wells was absent.

The Board met early with Town Attorney Dominick Viscardi and Councilman Dick Gladu who has asked the attorney to attend the zoning and planning meetings for legal advice. Gladu said he wanted to make sure these boards "crisp up" their findings of fact in the event of challenge. Attorney Viscardi stated that his role is not to make policy or decisions. He also said, "Findings have to be detailed enough for intelligent judicial review in the event of a legal matter." He further noted that "in a small town the same discretion and judgment should be used for neighbors as well as unknown applicants." In response to a question about recusing oneself from a topic under consideration, he said "(It is) better to recuse than have a conflict of interest" but it is not necessary "if you can be fair and impartial."

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

The applicant, Mr. Wilson, received conceptual approval in January and preliminary approval in June. It was felt that the open space provision in the code for major subdivisions still needed to be addressed. The question of which agency will act as Lead Agency for the environmental report must also be determined.

HENRY (10.-1-28) 151 New Hague Road, (OC1)

The applicant, Mrs. Henry, is requesting a two lot subdivision. A public hearing will be held next month.

BAUER. (60.5-1-18) Pine Cove Rd., (TR1)

The applicant wishes to add a second story to an existing house and build a new 22x22 ft. garage. The garage has been reduced in size and moved from 46 ft to 50 ft from the Lake. The property is on the proposed sewer extension and a temporary holding tank can be used for a seasonal residence. Site plan review was needed for more than 25% increase in living space and approval was given based on meeting the criteria in the ordinance.

LUBERTO. (2-1-29) New Hague Rd., (OC1)

The applicant, Mr. Luberto, would like to construct an addition of more than 25% increase in living space to his small residence located in a remote area and approval was given.

VAN VOORHIS (42.12-1-25) 8956 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant wishes to build a 7530 sq. ft. addition to an existing residence which is an increase in living space of more than 300%. The house will have 10 bathrooms and 1 kitchen. The current structure and the new construction will meet the required setbacks, lot size and lot coverage and town sewer is available. Because the addition is more than a 25% increase in living space it required site plan approval but the percentage of increase is not restricted since it is a legal conforming house and the application was approved.

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

Mr. Krueger is applying for after-the-fact approval for a camp addition. While conceptual approval was given, final approval will not be given until a new septic system is complete.

In the absence of the chairman, Robert Goetsch and the deputy chairman, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr, the meeting was chaired by George Ianson. Also present were Bill Pittman, Lindsay Mydlarz and new Board member, Glenn McKee. Mary Lou Doulin was absent.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT(25.4-1-16) 4 West Hague Road. (OC-1)

The Board approved a request from the Hague Volunteer Fire Department to modify the variance they received from the ZBA in January in order to remove the defective canvas covering on the small pavilion and replace it with corrugated metal or plastic/fiberglass.

BERGER (12.18-1-17) . 9562 LAKESHORE DRIVE (TR-1)

A public hearing is scheduled for the next meeting on the revised plan for work on a stairway and deck.

VAN VOORHIS (42.12-1-25) 8956 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant sought a variance for a proposed addition within 25 feet from a stream. The plan has since been modified so that no variance is needed.

REBENACK (93.16-1-38) 42 Sabbath Day Pt. Rd. (TR-1R)

The application to install a 52' x 5' high retaining wall to control erosion of shoreline was deemed incomplete.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 7/11/06

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

A moment of silence was held for Errol Blank.

Under public statements, former councilman Rudy Meola urged the Board to follow the recommendations in the Town's comprehensive plan. Several people spoke about the need for doing something about the issue of speeding in the Town.

Of interest in the Committee reports:

Enhancement - The highway department removed the boulders in front of the Baptist Church parking lot and Kay Barton and Diane Martino planted flowers in the new containers.

Finance - Council member Frasier reported that the Town is in good financial shape but they should make sure that money is in the proper account before purchases are made.

Insurance - The Town will pay \$3000 in insurance on the sewer treatment plant. It was felt that was a good fee for a 3 million dollar building.

Museum - Museum has been closed for the summer in order to inventory and box up the collections and make plans for new displays.

ZEO report - ZEO Cathy Clark submitted a written report to the Board listing the latest applications (7 land use, 4 site plan review, 2 subdivisions and 3 wastewater), a report of the major projects being discussed by the Zoning & Planning Boards, response to a violation and to a complaint and work on contacting individuals with reference to the junk law.

The Board approved an increase of \$20 in application fees which will take effect in September, 2006. The fees will help cover the increased hours needed to handle all the work of the Zoning Office.

Recreation/Promotion/Town Park - Board will request proposals for improvement around the Visitor Center. The Arts Fair will be held the first weekend in August. The wireless internet connection is in place in the Community Center.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Public information meeting will be held concerning the proposed sewer in district #2.

Transfer and Recycling - Many people took advantage of the "free dump day" which cost the Town (taxpayers) about \$20,000.

Youth - 31 signed up for the Silver Camp which is now underway.

Under other business, the Board

- Accepted \$1,814.15 in occupancy tax funds from the county
- Heard that specs have gone out for bids on the sedimentation pond on West Hague Rd.
- Received a request for funding for the proposed 2007 swim marathon and decided to wait until there is a budget and to see what other towns are doing.
- Approved formation of a committee chaired by Councilman Gladu to look at the issue of a noise ordinance in response to a letter from Bruce Clark. It was suggested that there may be a noise issue with the new restaurant and there is an issue of noise at the boat dock. It is necessary to have a noise ordinance in order for authorities to take action. Several people in the audience were in favor of an ordinance.
- Agreed that the Supervisor should write letters to both Ticonderoga and Putnam in order to try to coordinate the revaluations.
- Heard that the Town is still waiting to receive a proposal on a cell tower.
- Approved the temporary appointment of Daniel Steitz as deputy highway superintendent.

The Supervisor reported on county issues. He is against the formation of a power authority which he believes will lose money and not be good for taxpayers. He has visited the site of the proposed outdoor theater and also the restored amphitheater at Scaroon Manor (where *Marjorie Morningstar* was filmed.) The State has made significant enhancements to the Scaroon Manor property and has opened a day use area which is a good place for a picnic.

Quote from *Marjorie Morningstar*:

Marjorie Morgenstern: Were you in love with Papa when you married him?

Rose Morgenstern: When I met your father I was in love with Rudolph Valentino.

The Historic Committee of the Hague Bicentennial is gathering histories of the Hague community, churches, organizations, neighborhood associations and businesses in order to create an historic timeline of Hague for the Bicentennial. With the help of the following individuals, this project is well underway: Dottie Henry, Christine Ianson, Jim and Pat DeLam, Ken Engler, George Stanford, Madeline Pelkey, Mary Lou Monda, Tim Costello, Thomas Den Bleyker, Meredith Behr, Robert Strong, Gerard Van Heest, Ellen Winters, Jacqueline Ambra, Marguerite West, Stan Burdick, Jane and Jerry Crammond, Barbara Trainor and Sharon Reynolds, and Vinnie Jones.

Holly de Buys, committee chair, thanks these people for their time and interest. Everything, including information and artifacts, are being gathered for eventual inclusion in the Museum collections.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Hague Historical Society was held on June 27th. A new Constitution and By-laws were approved and elected to the Board of Trustees for three year terms were: Holly de Buys, Gale Halm, Christine Ianson, Pat McDonough, Pam Peterson, Bill Pittman, Judy Stock, Jerry Crammond and Kay Santaniello. Also serving on the Board of Trustees will be the Town Historian - Ethel Andrus and a Town Board representative - Edna Frasier. Judy Stock was elected President and Jerry Crammond was elected Treasurer.

The program was a presentation by Graham Bailey about his plans to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the 1927 swim marathon during Hague's Bicentennial year and to showcase the beauty of the Lake George Area. He has contacted national swimming organizations and hopes to attract many professional swimmers as well as amateurs who can swim shorter distances in each of the towns on the west side of Lake George. He has contacted local officials and is setting up a steering committee. Volunteers will be needed for the event which will take place on August 25th, 2007.

The Hague Historical Society has many plans for the coming year and encourages all who have an interest in the preservation and promotion of the history of Hague to become a member of the Society. Dues are just \$5 for 2006 and a check can be mailed to Judy Stock, PO Box 613, Hague. For further information contact her at <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com> or 543-6517.

WITH THE HVFD

The HVFD reported 5 fire calls using 38 man hours and 7 ambulance calls using 61.5 man hours during the month of June. 15 fire personnel completed the weapons of mass destruction defense training and 8 completed the low angle rescue course.

The costs in dollars and people to operate a small town fire department continue to rise almost daily, which is why our few fund raisers held each year have become so important to us. We urge each of you to turn out for our annual steak roast on Sat., August 5, with dams served at 3 p.m. and dinner starting at 5 p.m.

Of course, firemen will be on hand to answer questions from anyone interested in joining our ranks. ...jm

Another in a series of articles about Hague residents leading up to the 2007 Bicentennial.

BERT FERGUSON

Bert Ferguson, a longtime summer resident of Hague, first came to Lake George from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1920. He shared some of his memories with Judy Stock in August 2005 which are excerpted as follows:

My father used to take us on a two week vacation every year and always wanted to take us some place different - up to Maine, into Michigan and somebody recommended Lake George to him one time. So we first came up here to the Island Harbor House in 1920 when I was 8 years old. We spent two weeks there and that was in the days before the Island Harbor had any electricity and was on gas jets. It was run by Maddie Clifton and her husband, Bernie. You talk about fine restaurants. They had family dining in the dining room with tables for 8 to 10 - three meals a day and all three meals we got the same thing - steak, chicken, fish, eggs, bacon.

To get here we took the train overnight to Albany. Then from Albany to Fort Edward we took another train and then from Fort Edward to Lake George Village we took another train. When you got to Lake George Village you took either the Sagamore or the Horicon and they brought you up the lake where every resort hotel had its own dock. Hague had its own dock, Rogers Rock had its own dock, Glenburnie had its dock, Hulett's Landing. That's in the days when you had the Trout House and the Rising House, Mohican House and the Island Harbor House. The boats would stop at the dock and the old automobiles would come down to the dock, "Who's for the Island Harbor House, who's for the Trout House?"

All the old hotels were very formal in those days. My father always wore a suit and tie. There weren't very many shorts and short shorts around. They had chamber music on the porch at 11 o'clock in the morning. They had dancing in the evening after dinner. I don't remember them arranging any trips of any kind. You were sort of left up to yourself if you wanted to go to Ticonderoga. Actually in those days there was no real road from Ticonderoga to Hague. You struggled along on dirt. The Tongue Mountain Road itself wasn't fully completed at the time. I know we came down it one time when it was nothing but washboard. And that was about 1925 or so. And then eventually it was paved.

There was a nice routine at the Island Harbor House. You would go into the water, you would come out of the water then sit around the porch listening to Chamber music, go swimming, get a boat out, get a canoe. All you did was live for eating - 3 big meals a day. And at night at the Inn they still had dancing after dinner. Jack Henry and young Bernie Clifton and I were about the same age and they were the two guys that I knew when we were staying at the Island Harbor House. We used to have a little clubhouse up in back of the hotel.

Other friends of mine, Dick Fitzsimmons and Jim Healey, camped - particularly on Waltonian Island so we used to go out there at night. We would go to the farms up the road and get 100 ears of corn for a dollar - a penny apiece - and we'd have a corn roast. That used to be one of the big deals - corn roasts, particularly as we got older - for all the teenagers and people like Paul Winters who was a baggage boy at Island Harbor House and John Fitzsimmons, who was a boat boy. There was an old water cooler on the Island Harbor porch and we used to take that over to the Island and put hard cider in it.

My father retired in 1934 having worked at Mutual Life all his life and he loved the Adirondacks. We wanted some place for my Dad to stay and we were driving along the road and we saw the For Sale sign here at the property (a few houses north of the Indian Kettles) and we came down and looked at it. It was a pretty dilapidated cottage at the time but it was right on the lake, and we purchased it from Roscoe Slack. It had been the Post Office for Camp Mohican and his wife's family gave it to them as a honeymoon cottage and they moved it over in the winter on the ice to its present location.

The Blessed Sacrament Church used to have Mass in the Trout House Casino before the church was built in 1924. Father John MacArthur was a wonderful guy with a shock of white hair. When men around the area come home drunk whether they were Lutheran or Methodist the women would call Father Mac and he'd go up and try to talk some sense into the guy and if he couldn't do that he'd deck 'em and put 'em to bed. So he was the cornerstone of a lot of people's lives around here. He also had a big old Packard automobile with one of the first vanity plates - it had "FR MAC". Around 1934 he used to loan us the car when we had a date. He would say, "Look, don't park that damn car where anybody can see the license." In those days they used to have the veneration of the Blessed Sacrament three nights a week and he would ask everyone in the church to come over to the Rectory and he would play the piano and get some booze out and have a big party. But he was a wonderful priest - a very spiritual man. There is a plaque in the church that my wife, Rita and I gave in memory of Father MacArthur, Father Hogan, who followed him, and Father Steele who was here for 23 years. He was a wonderful guy - a real tough Irishman but again a wonderful spiritual man.

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Juanita Ruby Nestor, 74, Ticonderoga, on June 25 at the Glens Falls Hospital. She was a lifetime resident of Hague and Ticonderoga. She is survived by three sons, Joseph Cahill, George Nestor and Jock Nestor, three sisters, Beatrice Frasier, Pauline Hill, both living in Ticonderoga and Dorothea Liberty of North Hudson, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Congratulations to the following Hague students who graduated from 8th Grade on June 22, 2006:

Taylor Denno, Brandon Howard, Robert Kearns, Nathan Laundree, Kaley Manning, Jamie Patchett, Jessie Patchett, and Qirsten Ross

Special kudos to Taylor Denno, Kaley Manning, Jamie Patchett, and Qirsten Ross for being named Honor Graduates; also to Kaley Manning for the James McHugh Award, the N.Y. State Comptroller Achievement Award and the Fred LaPann Award, and to Qirsten Ross for the Thomas J. Cook Masonic Award and the Ticonderoga Fire Auxiliary Award.

Keep up the good work through the next four years and beyond!!

HAGUE STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM THS



On June 24, 2006 I was privileged to attend the graduation of the 2006 class from Ticonderoga High School. Hague had three students in this class: Sarah Bissell, Katherine Clark and Jacob Lawrence

Sarah Bissell was presented with the following awards: The Dan Padula Scholarship, The Gwendolyn Phelan Integrity Award, The Stephen J. Potter Education Award, The Deo Colburn Scholarship, The Ticonderoga High School Alumni Association Scholarship, Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship, The James Mc Hugh Memorial Award and Ticonderoga Emergency Squad's Dan Padula Memorial Award. Sarah is enrolled in the Nursing Program at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY this fall.

Katherine Clark was awarded the Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship Award. She plans to attend Clinton County Community College in the fall.

High School Principal Michael Graney shared some interesting facts about this most unusual class: 71 of the 83 graduates received Regents diplomas, and of the 71, 34 were Advanced Regents diplomas. 70% of the graduates will be receiving post-secondary education next year and 11 students will be joining the armed forces.

"This was a class of leaders who will be tough to replace," Graney said. "Their mark will be left for years to come."
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The following students from Hague have been listed on the fourth marking period Honor Roll:

FIRST HONORS:

Grade 6: Corey King, William Lawrie, Harley Trudeau
Grade 8: Kaley Manning, Jamie Patchett, Qirsten Ross

SECOND HONORS:

Grade 6: Edward Kearns
Grade 7: Kaylene Ross
Grade 8: Taylor Denno, Jessie Patchett

WARREN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting the 2006 Warren County Youth Fair Saturday, August 5th at the Warren County Fair Grounds in Warrensburg from 10am - 6pm. All area youth are encouraged to exhibit projects such as woodworking, clothing, vegetables, flowers, painting, photography, etc. at the Youth Fair. Judging day will be held on Friday, August 4th from 1pm - 8pm. Projects will then be selected to enter the New York State Fair in Syracuse. Public viewing of youth projects will be on display during the Fair.

On Saturday, free games and contests will be scheduled throughout the day such as relay races, a scavenger hunt, coloring contests, basketball challenge, pie eating contest, and more. Other activities on Saturday include a talent show, horse show, animal exhibits, adult creation exhibits, farmers market, handcrafted vendors, and community exhibits.

For 36 years an important educational component at the Warren County Youth Fair has been the Fair Superintendent Program for youth 11 years of age and older. The objectives of this program are to provide a meaningful job experience to youth that they can place on a job application, and to develop attributes in youth, which are important to employers, and to the success of the employee on the job.

Adults, 21 years of age, and over, may showcase their artistic talents under the following classes: photography, painting, woodworking, horticulture, crafts, folk art, needlework, quilting, and jewelry. Judging will take place on Friday, August 4, 2006 after 2pm.

Also there will be a 4-H Alumni Reunion during the Fair on Saturday from 3pm - 5pm open to all past, present, and future Warren County 4-H members as well as their families and friends.

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be collecting new and gently used children's books until August 1st for the "Reading Room" to be held at the Fair. The goal is for every child who visits the reading room to be able to take home one book of their choice. Eat Smart New York Program Assistants will be holding "story time" throughout the day.

If you plan to attend the free Alumni event or want any other information about the Youth Fair or programs mentioned above, please call 518- 668-4881, or 623-3291 or see the website at: <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/2003%20Fair.htm>>.



TFG CONCERTS AND DINNER

Tickets are on sale at Rathbun's Jewelers and Montcalm Liquors, both on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga for the Ticonderoga Festival Guild (TFG) concerts. All adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5. On July 25, Jennings and Ponder, VT storytellers telling world tales and playing traditional music on Celtic harp and concertina. On August 1, several ensembles from the Meadowmount School of Music will present familiar classical music. Bill Schontz will bring his brand of jazz to the stage on August 8. The season will close on August 15 with the tradition of bringing area artists to perform; this year Staber and Chesnoff will present an evening of folk music. All the evening concerts begin at 8 PM under the Festival Guild tent. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs.

The August 2 Wednesday Arts Treks program will be a World Mosaic of Music and Dance. Bill Schontz will host a Teddy Bear's Picnic on August 9, as he did back in 1997. On August 16, the Puppet People will return with a performance of "The Elephant Child" by Rudyard Kipling, a classic tale.

The TFG will hold the Prestidigitation President's Party Dinner on July 26 at Eddie's Restaurant with a social hour at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6 with table magic by Michael Mirth. The cost is \$30 per person with a choice of grilled shrimp with baked potato and vegetable, Chicken Eddie's over pasta, or a sampler (vegetarian) of manicotti, pasta and garlic bread. All are served with salad, dessert and beverage.

For more information on any of these events, contact Cathie Burdick at the TFG office at 585-6716 or by email at <tfguild@capital.net> or check at <www.ticonderogafestivalguild.org>. ...cb

INTER-LAKES HEALTH BARBECUE

On, Saturday, August 12, the Inter-Lakes Health Foundation in partnership with the Ticonderoga Elks, is having a barbecue in honor of the members of the Emergency Medical Services squads serving Moses Ludington Hospitals. The event honors the scores of EMS squad members whose life-saving efforts have Moses Ludington Hospital as their destination. The EMS technicians will attend the barbecue as guests of the Inter-Lakes Health Foundation. Commemorative plaques will be presented to the EMS squads honored by the barbecue.

The meal will be served between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (take-outs available) and will feature the Elks' renowned chicken barbecue. The venue is the Inter-Lakes Health campus on Wicker Street in Ticonderoga. The charge is \$10 per person for barbecue and fixin's. The event will also feature a 50/50 drawing and raffles of gift baskets contributed by foundation directors. Tickets may be purchased at Moses Ludington Hospital, any of the town's three banks, Rathbun's Jewelers, Curves and Evolve Business Center in downtown Ticonderoga, or from any foundation director. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The principal speaker at the barbecue between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. will be Hon. James P. King who will be introduced by Hon Dominick J. Viscardi, foundation chair. Entertaining the crowd will be Moses Ludington radiology technician Chris LaPointe and his band.

The event is a fundraiser for the Inter-Lakes Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of Inter-Lakes Health, the parent organization of Moses Ludington Hospital, Heritage Commons nursing home, Inter-Lakes Dental and many other health services afforded the residents of the Ticonderoga area.

TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Heritage Museum next to the Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga in the 1888 building is open Monday through Friday and sponsors many workshops for children from 9AM - 10:30AM:

July 21 - Children's Worry Doll Workshop

July 26 - Children's Tie Dye Workshop

Children must bring their own white cotton shirt, dress or socks to dye.

July 28 - Sock Puppet Workshop

Aug. 2 - "Hold That Thought", Bookmarks

Aug 9 - Macramé Jewelry workshop

Evening Workshops for Adults will be held 7-8PM July 20 and 27 and Aug. 3 and 10. Mixed media/Textile Collage on Fabric, presented by Spring Moon Carson is a 4-part series creating collages using photographs, lace, leaves, wallpaper, flowers as well as oil pastels, charcoal and paint; anything that can be placed in a scanner bed and then transferred onto cloth. This art can then be transformed into pillows, wall hangings, etc. Bring sentimental artifacts, photos, ideas and art supplies.

SENIOR CITIZEN WORKSHOP on Friday, July 28 from 1:00-2:30PM. For more info. call 585-2696.



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton
Scarzello

Mullein



Last week, while hiking with my family near Overbrook Road, I found one of my plant friends growing alongside the road. The rosette of large, velvety leaves covered two feet of ground and the stalk, topped with small yellow trumpets, stood taller than my niece. This is Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*), renowned for centuries as we can see by some of its other names: Candlewick Plant, Aaron's Rod, Jupiter's Staff, Jacob's Staff, Peter's Staff, Shepherd's Staff, Beggar's Stalk, Our Lady's Flannel,

Old Man's Flannel and many more that refer to both the tall stalk and the flannel-like leaves.

Growing in recent clearings like we found it here, and along roadsides and railroad tracks, we find the flower-topped spires in the summer and the brown, dried stalks in the fall and winter. In the first season of the plant's growth, there appear only the leaves, 6 to 15 inches long resembling those of Foxglove, to which it is related. In the second season it sends up a thick, single stalk up to 8' tall with a single, densely crowded flower spike, the yellow flowers opening here and there on the spike, not in regular progression as in the Foxglove.

Throughout history, the world over, the plant has had many uses. The down on the leaves and stem makes excellent tinder when dry and was used, before the introduction of cotton, for lamp wicks, hence the names 'Candlewick Plant' and 'Our Lady's Candle'. Parkinson tells us that the name 'Torches' comes "because the elder age used the stalks dipped in suet to burn, whether at funerals or otherwise." Both in Europe and Asia, Mullein was thought to have the power to drive away evil spirits and magic; from the ancient classics we know that it was this plant that Ulysses took to protect himself against the wiles of Circes.

Medicinally, it is the leaves and the flowers that are used. The dried leaves were smoked by the Indians to relieve lung congestion and herbalists of today know of its remedies for coughs, colds and pectoral complaints. I use it in tea for respiratory relief and have found it very effective. My favorite use though, is from the flowers. I pick them, place in a jar, and cover them with olive oil. Set in the sun to steep for a couple of weeks, I then strain it and add newly picked flowers to the infused oil. I repeat this one more time for a triple oleate infusion then strain one last time. This oil can be warmed and dropped into the ears to relieve earaches and swimmers ear. My kids would ask for it every summer at the lake when they were in and out of the water so much. I've used it on babies who suffer from ear infections, the pain relieved in minutes, and not having to resort to antibiotics because of the natural antibacterial components found in the flowers.

The plants are lovely in the garden too, I let them self-sow as they naturally do and then move them around in the garden, giving a nice height element where needed. I like to have lower growing blue-flowered plants at their feet, like borage, to compliment them. The plants are biennial and die after they bloom so by letting them do this I always have them in the garden. I like to remember that they are ancient beings in my modern garden, and that I carry on a tradition that has remained constant throughout the times, a nice plant friend to know.

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BATS IN HAGUE TO BE PROTECTED

The July 14th issue of the Lake George Mirror reported that the DEC has announced a new state program to be funded by the federal government through the Fish and Wildlife Service. This Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) will help protect the habitat of at-risk species on private lands. The funds were used to install gates at the entrance of Graphite Mine, which was the chief source of graphite for the country from the late 1800's to 1920 and is now among the most critical bat-wintering sites in the Northeast.

Hague's is the first of six Indiana Bat sites that will be gated by the DEC and the first LIP-funded activity in the State. The site is now the winter home or "hibernaculum" of an estimated 180,000 bats, including approximately 200 endangered Indiana bats, small-footed bats, and thousands of little and large brown bats, Eastern pipistrelles and other species. The Graphite mine was originally gated by The Nature Conservancy International in 1997 and since then several holes have appeared, both as a result of erosion and illegal digging and trespass. With funding from LIP and the landowner's permission, DEC has performed the necessary repairs, which were completed on June 12. Disturbance, such as that caused by human intrusion, awakes and stirs the sleeping bats, causing them to deplete their fat supplies at an accelerated rate and reducing their chances of survival through the winter. Gating the entrances to prevent trespass into hibernacula is one of the most effective ways to ensure the survival of bat species. The gates not only prevent human access to a dangerous and unstable mine, but also allow the bats to pass through and do not interfere with air circulation. The federally funded LIP is restricted to projects that benefit species in greatest need of conservation. Future LIP grants will address other important habitats.

Excerpted from an article in The Lake George Mirror dated July 14, 2006.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

The lazy, hazy days of summer, also known as "dog days", are here. Currently we are in a heat wave as we are experiencing the third day of being in the 90s and over. The next few days temperatures are expected to climb even higher. Considering the humidity, the heat index is into the 100s. Prepare yourself with lots of hydration and stay close to air conditioning and/or the beach. Lake George water temperature is in the 70s, so that is a very viable place to be; just watch for black flies and the no-see-ums.

The cause of these conditions is the jet stream which is moving rapidly over Canada. Just south of this in the states the heavy wet air is stagnating. This lack of movement is causing the hot, humid conditions to linger in our region. Our days are sun-filled and the nights tend to cool off to the 70s, but have remained muggy. This seems warmer than in past years. All the early rains enhance the gardens. The roses are larger and more prolific this year and the vegetables appear to be doing well. Flood level of the lake has receded. The brooks flowing into Lake George have been returned to more normal levels.

July - August 2006

July		
21	6pm	LGA event (p. 3)
25	10am	LGPC meeting- Hague CC (p. 3)
26	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution
26	5:30pm	TFG Dinner (p. 8)
27	7pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
27	7pm	LGPC hearing on Lake Use (p. 3)

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3	7pm	Planning Board
5	All day	WC Youth Fair (p. 7)
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5	5pm	HVFD Steak Roast (p. 5)
5-6	10am - 4pm	Hague Arts Fair (p. 2)
8	5:30-6:30 pm	Sewer District #2 Hearing (p. 1)
8	6:30pm	Town Board meeting
10	2:30pm	SB YMCA Triathlon (p. 2)
12	9am	LGLC Mushroom Walk (p. 3)
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12	4-6 pm	Dip Dinner (p. 2)
17	August	Hague Chronicle mailed

MUSIC IN THE PARK

On Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the Hague Town Park

- July 26 - Nelson Shapiro
- August 2 - Mary Jo von Tury and Dwinal Smith
- August 9 - Silver Bay Quartet
- August 16 - Stan Burdick - Square Dancing
- August 23 - Loose Monkeys

In case of inclement weather - concerts at the Community Center.
Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy music under the stars!!

<p align="center">TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD CONCERTS - see page 8</p>

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES

- July 30 - The Rev. David Mangiante, Ret., United Lutheran Church, Mount Holly, NJ
- Aug. 6 - COMMUNION - The Rev. James Neevel, Ret., Reformed Church in America, Clifton Park, NY
- Aug. 13 - The Rev. Nickolas Miles, Minister, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY
- Aug. 20 - The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Ret., United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA
- Aug. 27 - The Rev. HelenMarie Sunkenberg, Huletts Landing
- Sep. 3 - The Rev. Dr. John Paterson, Ret., United Presbyterian Church, Barre, VT

PERFORMANCES AT MARCELLA SEMBRICH OPERA MUSEUM

- July 26 - Studio Talk, 1:30PM; "A Musical Romance: Clara and Robert Schumann." Cost \$10.
 - July 26 - Piano Recital - 7:30PM, Schumann's Carnaval, Opus 9 and Schumann's Fantasie, Opus 17. Cost \$20.
 - July 27 - 7:30PM at the Hyde Collection Art Museum, Glens Falls; Liederkreis, Opus 30 and Dicterliebe, Opus 48. Cost:\$20.
 - July 28 - 7:30PM & 30 at 2 PM - "Virtuosa" by Diane Seymour - 7:30PM Theatrical reading with piano. Cost \$20.
 - July 29 - Studio Talk - 1:30PM, Bolton Town Hall. Talk on "Robert Schumann: Creativity and Bi-polar Disorder." Donation.
- For more information on these and other events, visit the web site at www.operamuseum.org or call 644-9839

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