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WINTER WONDERLAND

Residents of Hague, along with others around the country, are looking forward to Spring after the long winter with a foot or more of snow during this last storm. However, many of us have enjoyed this beautiful winter wonderland and as we love to say, we are "livin' the vacation!"



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LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR SPRING GARDENS



photo by Pat McDonough



photo by Mary Ann Eaton



photo by Sandy Rypkema



photo by Sandy Swanson

SENIOR NEWS

Mother Nature has dropped a lot of snow on the Senior events this year. Our Valentine Sleigh Ride was rescheduled to another day which was beautiful and then the St. Patty's Day dinner was rescheduled to another day which also was beautiful.



Ron and Pat Hintze



Wes Masten, Steve Ramant and Anita Masten

Our next Bowling Party will be held on March 20, 2014 at the Adirondack Lanes at 12 noon with pizza and soda provided. On March 25, 2014 the Senior Club regular meeting will be Baked Potato Day with all the toppings starting at 1 pm. There will also be chili for those who may not like potatoes as well as for those who like it on their potatoes. On April 2, 2014 there will be a game night at the Hintzes at 6:30 pm.

The next road trip will be to a Wine Tasting tentatively set for April 10, 2014. If you want to sign up contact Pat or any Board Member.

April 17, 2014 will be the last Bowling Day until the fall. Please remember the seniors will be collecting for the White Elephant Sale as of April 9th so please start putting your things together to help us have another great sale.

The Memorial Day Parade and all the other festivities will be here before you know it and that will be another great day in Hague. The Town has also approved use of the Visitor Center for the Senior View Cafe for Americade.

We are looking forward to our snowbird members returning at the start of next month. Anyone 50 or over is invited to come on out and join us. The membership dues are only \$5 per year.
... Pat Hintze (543-6502)

HVFD NEWS

For the month of February the Hague EMS had two calls for a total of 220 hours and the Hague Fire volunteers had a total of eight calls/drills for a total of 134 hours.

The HVFD benefited well from the Fireman's Breakfast and the Chili Cook-off. We thank all who came out to support us and helped make the Hague Winter Weekend a huge success!!

Marine Rescue 3 is officially ready for the spring/summer season, so now all we have to do is wait for the snow and ice to melt!

Tom Haskell, HVFD Safety Officer, would like to remind everyone that it is still slippery out there so be very careful and make sure to wear the proper attire when going outdoors.

Members of the Hague EMS have officially started their Core-Content class to continue their education and maintain their certifications.

The Memory Tree raised \$1,625 for Hague EMS including a generous donation made in memory of Marion Shoemaker by her daughter.



Katy Wells represented the HVFD in the Polar Bear Plunge this year to help raise money for the Big Change Round Up. The Big Change Round Up helps support and raise money for The Vermont Children's Hospital. Katy raised \$387 for the cause. Next year, Dakotah Olcott, our new member as of March 1st, will be joining Katy in taking the plunge. Their goal is \$3,000 and we are starting to collect donations early so we can achieve our goal. If you are interested in making a donation, please send it to Hague Volunteer Fire Department, Attn. Big Change Round Up, PO Box 585, Hague, NY 12836.

... Mara Haskell

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DREAMING OF SUMMER By Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Last year at this time, as the days were getting longer and spring was approaching, I found myself daydreaming about a career change. Something like running a motel.

The idea was quite appealing. I could picture myself hanging out on the shores of Lake George, relaxing with guests who were thrilled to be here on vacation, spending the entire summer ensuring that people were having fun. What could be better?

I talked with a friend about the idea – let’s just call her Nancy to protect the innocent – and we started sketching out plans. The motel would only be open in the summer months. As we all know, tourists are few and far between in the off-season. And it would be too expensive to heat the rooms in the winter. Yes, this would definitely be a summer motel.

The next step was to find a motel for sale and take a tour. We visited an area realtor to inquire about options. He seemed a bit dubious about the seriousness of our plans, but agreed to show us the ‘perfect’ motel property. It had five rooms, each with a private bath. I commented that a guest would have to leave the bathroom door open to have enough room to brush his teeth without suffering serious elbow injury. ‘Cozy’ came to mind as the term we would use in our marketing brochures. Behind the motel was a sprawling lawn with five cottages, a sandy beach and swimming area. This was more like it. We could see definite possibilities for these rustic cabins. Rustic, by the way, is a term open for interpretation: anything from falling-down-and-needs-mega-work to quaint-picturesque-charming. We recognized that it would require considerable time, effort and money to get from the first interpretation to the second.

Returning to Nancy’s house, we mixed ourselves a cool drink and started mapping out our plans. We could come up with a name for each cottage, Nancy said, thus creating a motif that would define the décor. She suggested names like ‘Moose Haven’ and ‘Robin’s Nest.’ I noted that ‘Moose Haven’ and ‘Bird Nest in the Sink’ might be more appropriate. After all, there are laws about truth in advertising, right?

Nancy was undaunted. We could also set up a quaint café, she continued, where we would serve breakfast. “Fine with me,” I said. “But nobody is getting served before 11 am!” At this point, I could see that Nancy was starting to doubt the wisdom of going into business with me. So I quickly volunteered that I would be willing to staff the reception desk until late at night. After all, my vision was of interesting Jack Kerouack types of characters pulling in during the wee hours. They’d of course want to stay up chatting with me about their adventures on the road. I’d pour them some wine and ply them with questions. Many of them could play bit parts in the novel I’m writing – okay, that I intend to write. Yes, nighttime is where I could add value. Of course, that would mean that I couldn’t possibly be available to cook breakfast after staying up so late. Come to think of it, all the morning tasks would simply have to be Nancy’s responsibility. I was sure she wouldn’t mind being the chief cook, bottle washer and chambermaid.

Well, as you might have guessed by now, our idea never came to pass. There were too many things we simply couldn’t agree on. And, after all, isn’t the summertime when we’re supposed to relax and enjoy this beautiful place where we live? So, that’s my dream for this year. Let’s see if I can make this one materialize.

THANKS TO BESTE SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The Beste Scholarship Committee thanks everyone for their generosity and notes that donations are always accepted by sending to The Beste Scholarship Fund c/o Hague Community Center PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

The following people made donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund between March 2013 and March 2014, some in memory of Robert Patchett and others, some in response to our appeal in the spring edition of the Raider Review, and some in response to our article in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

General donations were received from Fred, Karl and Diane Bauer, Peter Belden of Belden Property Services, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, Margaret A. Darrin, Tim and Michele Gautreau, Hague Oktoberfest Committee, Jules and Gale Halm, Dorothy Henry, Tom James in Memory of Mark Martucci, Virginia B. LaPointe in Memory of Gillette Bartlett and Janice Frasier, Lu and Linda Megow, Northern Lake George Rotary Club in Memory of Howard Crusey, Northern Lake George Rotary Club, Chris and Anne Parlin, Scott and Alice Patchett, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Barbara C. Smith, Lynn and Patty Stote and Trout House Village Resort.

Donations given in Memory of Robert Patchett were from Dan and Janice Belden, the Carter Family, David and Janet Drake, Edith M. Gambee, Tom James, Mary V. Kuenzel, Carolyn Malaney, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Tom and Judy Shoop, Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club, Dr. John and Mary Jane Tozzi and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wienkoop.

FESTIVAL GUILD NEWS



Cathie Burdick will retire as executive director of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild as of May 31, 2014. She submitted her resignation at the Board of Directors meeting on March 10, 2014.

The performers for Arts Trek and the family concerts have all been booked for the new season, and a smooth transition to a new director is expected. Anyone interested in applying for the part time position should contact Beth Hanley, President, by phone 585-6491 or email <bbfarmti@nycap.rr.com>.

In other business at the meeting, the President’s Party was planned to be a pancake breakfast in June and the Progressive Dinner is set for September 30, 2014.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD PUBLIC MEETING – 3/4/14

The Hague Town Board held a public information meeting on the proposed regulations concerning hours for the Hague boat launch. The proposed hours were published in the February issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, but there will probably be some changes before the final approval. We will publish those when approved.

Dave Wick, LGPC Executive Director, said that they will tag boats that have been in marinas all winter under a “frozen boats program” but they don’t have the staff to be able to do it for boats stored by individuals. Tagged boats will be able to launch without going to an inspection station.

When the Hague Town launch is closed, boaters can launch at Rogers Rock which requires a day-use fee. The fee is \$10 per day but an annual day pass can be purchased for \$65 and is good from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. The pass can be used with a passenger vehicle, boat or motorcycle to access the park for day use and is good for 179 parks in the state and 55 forest preserves. (For more information, including free passes for those over 62, see <nysparks.com/admission/empire-passport/> .) Hague residents can also launch for free at Mossy Point in Ticonderoga.

Councilman Steve Ramant noted that he wanted to see more access hours and was trying to get more funding so that the attendant hours could be lengthened. He wanted Hague residents to get into Rogers Rock for free but the DEC would not support that.

Councilman Marty Fitzgerald would like to see 24-hour access at the Hague launch to accommodate anyone who wanted to get on or off the Lake at hours when there was no attendant. Some methods would be use of a camera to record the launch or a gate with a card swipe. Councilwoman Kuenzel pointed out that these methods would mean self-certification, which the LGPC rejected as an unacceptable option in their final proposals.

Several people in the audience expressed support for these proposals not wanting to pay for access nor to drive to the other Hague launch at Rogers Rock.

Several other emails and speakers urged the launch be open only when attended stressing that the AIS prevention program would be undermined if the launch was not attended so that boats could be monitored going in and out. There were even some among this group who offered to volunteer their services to help keep the launch open for extended hours. Councilwoman Ginger Kuenzel said, “We have to come up with a way we can all work together.”

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 3/11/2014

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

Prior to the regular meeting a public hearing was held on the proposed changes in the Town Code related to the Park.

The section of the code that was of greatest interest was Chapter 124-6 which stated originally:

Boats may be placed into the lake and removed therefrom only between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The proposal would change the wording to:

Boats may be placed into the lake and removed therefrom only when a Town of Hague Launch attendant is present. Hours and dates of operation will be as set from time to time by resolution of the Town Board.

The public comments and comments from the Board members were similar to the March 4th informational meeting. Councilman Ramant continues to want to get additional funding from the LGPC and he and Supervisor Frasier plan to meet with them. He moved to table the measure until after that meeting. Board members Fitzgerald, Meola and Frasier agreed to table, with Kuenzel urging the Board to vote on the measure immediately.

There will be another public hearing at 6 pm on April 8, 2014 before the regular meeting addressing the docks ordinance.

The Board approved payment of bills totaling \$157,135.02.

A moment of silence was held for Anne Fowler, John Miller, Jean Tyburski, Beatrice Hurlbert and Charlotte Gosselink.

The Board mentioned that in the past they had a policy that any children or grandchildren of taxpayers or residents of Hague may attend the Silver Bay summer program for free with the Town and the Silver Bay YMCA sharing the costs. The Town has budgeted for the program to run for 6 weeks. Melynda Swinton appeared before the Board to request that the full eight week program be made available. Councilman Meola will discuss it with Silver Bay to see if there might be a way to extend the program in the future.

In the Committee reports:

The current proposal for an addition to the community center would require firewalls that would add too much to the cost. The committee will discuss it again with Town Historian Sally Rypkema.

The Board approved a new employment application created by Councilwoman Kuenzel.

Supervisor Frasier reported that because the Water Treatment staff did work ahead pulling pumps, a job to fix pumps cost only \$3,000 rather than the \$7,200 that had been approved. Councilwoman Kuenzel said that more work needs to be done to ensure compliance with sewer use or it will become very costly to the Town for repairs. An informational card created in partnership with the LGA will go out with the sewer bills to make it clear that only toilet paper or human waste should be flushed in the toilets. These cards will also be available at the Community Center. Councilwoman Kuenzel is working with Paul Belden of the Treatment Plant on a presentation to build awareness. The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) will also help get the word out.

There are openings for lifeguards and possible openings for launch attendants or at the visitor center. Interested individuals should contact the Community Center 543-6161.

A Rabies Clinic will be held at the HVFD Firehouse on May 3, 2014 at 10 am.

The Fireworks will be on Thursday, July 3, 2014.

The Board approved use of the Visitor Center for the Senior Club during Americade week for the Senior Café. A letter from Sally Rypkema of the Hague Market had requested denial because it meant unfair competition to Town businesses and she felt the Town needed to be more supportive of the local businesses. There had been an issue with signage in the past, which the Board members felt could be worked out. Judy Gourley noted that the Senior Café menu is limited and when any of the visitors wanted beer, bandaids or other luncheon items they sent them to the Market. Pat Hintze, Senior Club President, noted that they do follow all the regulations required of them and many of the visitors are there just to use the facilities and enjoy the Park and the Seniors help them with tourist information.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 2/27/2014

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky and Lindsay Mydlarz were present. Ray Snyder and Maureen Cherubini were absent.

The Board held a public hearing and approved the application of each of the following:

ROBINSON (25.1-1-1.11) 378 West Hague Road (OCI) to replace/add to an existing non-conforming garage and remove two existing sheds. The addition will result in a 380 sq. ft. addition to the lot coverage.

PHINNEY (60.13-1-8) 47 Red Fox Lane (TRI) to remove an existing carport and replace it with a new two bay garage. The frontline setback of the existing carport is 1 ft. 4 in. from the front property line and the proposed garage frontline setback will be 3 ft. 6 in.

The Board scheduled a site visit and public hearing for each of the following applications:

HMELOVSKY (43.13-1-13) 8 Anchor Way (TRI) to replace an existing non-conforming house with a new modular home.

MANSOUR (93.16-1-37) 44 Sabbath Day Pt. Rd (TR-IR) for approval of a 6' privacy fence which was installed along the west side of their house/driveway without first obtaining a variance.

In other business the Board extended the completion date to June 14, 2014 for the Hacker Boat Company/Morgan Marine (93.8-1-25) 8 Delaware Ave which is reconstructing a boat storage building destroyed by snow load in 2007.

PLANNING BOARD – 3/6/14

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

The Board approved each of the following:

PHINNEY (60.13-1-8) 47 Red Fox Lane (TRI) - to replace an existing structure with new construction. Currently the existing house is non-conforming due to the 40'7" shoreline setback. The proposed structure will sit 50' 6" from the MHW of Lake George. New septic and pump tanks are proposed and a LGPC stormwater permit will be required for this project.

HMELOVSKY (43.13-1-33) 8 Anchor Way (TRI) – to replace an existing non-conforming house with a new modular home.

MP ENTERPRIZE, LLC (93.12-1-3) 7968 Lakeshore Dr. (TRI) – request for an additional 320 sq. ft. of living space (to be located over the existing garage area) as a modification to a 2013 Planning Board approval which will bring the increase of sq. ft. to 24.37%.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK



Supervisor Edna Frasier has published her January-February update and copies are available in the Community Center and on the Town website at <www.townofhague.org> - click the link under "From the Supervisor's Desk."

In her report she lists the 12 committees she serves on at the Warren County Board of Supervisors which each meet once a month. They are Public Works, Support Services, Social Services, Gaslight Ad Hoc, Health Services, Human Services (which she chairs), Legislative and Rules, Finance, Invasive Species, Public Safety, Tourism and Occupancy Tax. In addition she serves on an Inter-County committee and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Supervisor Frasier reported on one of the issues at Warren County as follows:

After a report from the Commissioner of Corrections the county has to look at adding more staff to the jail – something that was not anticipated when we worked on the budget. Neither was \$120,000 for a pole barn building for emergency services. All the equipment that would be used during any kind of disaster sits outside and must be cleared of ice and snow before it can be used. Another big item the board is looking at is some kind of addition to the courts. They need space to perform their duties properly. We are just starting to take a hard look at what we have and where we can expand.

HAGUE LIFEGUARD OPENINGS

Town Board member Ginger Kuenzel says, "What could be better than to spend your summer in Hague outdoors, on the beach, and get paid for it?" She notes that the Town of Hague is accepting applications for lifeguard positions at the Town Beach in the park. They would also like to hear from individuals who might be interested in working as substitutes. CPR and lifeguard certifications are required.

For more information or to apply, call the Town of Hague at 543-6161 or email <gingeradm@yahoo.com>.

ARTS RECEPTION HELD AT TICONDEROGA GALLERY

One of the mArts Madness events in Ticonderoga was the opening of the Ti Arts Show at the 117 Gallery. The Downtown Gallery has an annex at 117 Montcalm Street and invited Ti Arts to show there. This joint collaboration of the two local Arts groups provided an enjoyable venue for several local arts enthusiasts to come together for the evening. The show continues through March from 10 am to 4 pm on Thursday through Saturday.

The President of Ti Arts, Jerry Cooper and the Vice-President, Joan Pulling are joined on the Board by Nancy Carter, Tonya Whitford Condon and Stella Dwyer as well as Casey Skahan and Tavish Costello from Hague. Artist Susan Cacici from Hague was one of the featured artists.



Ti Arts Show Committee: Todd Condon, Tonya Whitford Condon, June Curtis, Joan Pulling, Nancy Carter, Susan Cacici



Joan Pulling from Ti Arts with Marianne Rappale from the Downtown Gallery



Hague residents in attendance: Greg and Judy Taylor, Seddon and Jim Beaty, Enid and Ken Engler



Enjoying the evening were Kathi Ramant, Nancy Scarzello, Steve Ramant and Jack DeGraff

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Silver Bay YMCA's Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of families, featuring fun active play and educational activities to help kids be healthy and reach their full potential. Silver Bay YMCA is currently in the process of generating local interest in the event and has already reached out to many community partners. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the event by helping to educate families on the many ways to stay healthy and happy, please contact Kacheena Trudeau at 518-503-5136 or < ktrudeau@silverbay.org >.

Silver Bay YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Ticonderoga Teen Center located at the Armory on 123 Champlain Avenue, Ticonderoga. For more information continue to check local media or contact the Teen Center Staff at 518-503-5136.

LADIES' BRUNCH AND TEA

The Lakeside Regional Church invites all ladies to come for brunch, music, prizes and more at the Hague Community Center on March 29, 2014 from 11 am to 2 pm. The guest speaker will be Randi Stump, author of *The Dark Stretch: A Young Wife's Miraculous Ride from Darkness to Light*.

For more information contact Joyce at 494-4131 or < jhouck@frontiernet.net >.

TICOUSTICS

TiCoustics continues to present local musicians playing and singing a variety of music in a relaxed atmosphere, from 7 to 9 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The music takes place at the Burleigh House in Ticonderoga, at the corner of Montcalm Street and Champlain Avenue. The upcoming programs include Celtic Night (Irish and Scottish music) on March 19, 2014, various musicians on April 2, 2014, and Traditional Folk Music on April 16, 2014.

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public Roast Turkey Breast Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.& A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served on Friday, March 28, 2014, from 4:30 – 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.





SAM PATCHIN'S ICE CAPER

You may recall that Samuel Patchin was one of the “colorful characters” in our June program last year. He was indeed a colorful Revolutionary War veteran who caught the eye of Seneca Ray Stoddard who retold this story in his 1910 Edition of “Lake George and Lake Champlain (Illustrated) A Book of Today”.



“Vicar’s Island is just north of the Harbor Islands. Here, on its northern border, an affecting incident transpired once, of which Captain Sam Patchen, who lived at Sabbath Day Point at the time, was the hero. One winter’s day the Captain conceived the idea of sailing his grist to Bolton mill on the ice, so, piling the bags of grain into the old cutter and with a pitchfork held firmly in his hands for a rudder, he hoisted sail and sped away before a strong north wind. The old man was, it is said, given to Spiritual things and had, on this occasion, hoisted in rather too much rye in the liquid form to conduce to the safe transportation of that in the bags.

“The ice was “glare,” and the cutter sailed well — remarkably well; but there was not so much certainty about the satisfactory behavior of the steering apparatus. The craft insisted on heading directly for the island, and could not be diverted from its course. An idea now occurred to the veteran. The cutter was of the kind called “jumper,” a mettlesome old jumper at that, and the captain had great confidence in its ability to do whatever it undertook, so he decided to jump the island. He tried it! It was not, strictly speaking a success, for when the cutter reached the shore it paused against a rock, while Sam who seemed anxious to get along continued on some distance with the bags and finally brought up deep in a snow drift.

“Captain Sam was always dignified, but on this occasion it is said his manner of resting on that snow-drift was remarkably impressive. Even the snow felt moved, and the island itself was touched. When finally he came out and set his radiant face homeward, the records say that it was not a Sam of joy or a Sam of thanksgiving, but a Sam abounding in language that would have set a mule driver up in business, and brought despair to the boss canvasman of any circus that ever was.”

History buffs are grateful to Stoddard for his descriptions – both serious and comic – of Lake George and its environs in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s.



Captain Samuel Patchin died at age 86. He is buried in the Hague Heritage Cemetery. His headstone is pictured at the left. The cemetery is maintained by the Hague Historical Society and the Town of Hague.



It’s the second week in March and I’m sitting in my kitchen watching blizzard conditions and rising mounds of snow – again! It hardly seems possible that only yesterday the historical society board was setting dates for summer programs! Ah, the North Country!

We do have some interesting things coming up this year. The first of course is a visit from the Adirondack Museum’s Christine Campeau on April 29, 2014 at 7 pm. She’ll have lots of interesting things to tell us about our friend Seneca Ray Stoddard (see this month’s *Looking Back* column) and we’ll have on exhibit some of his things that we have in our collection. If you come, and if you have any of his photos, maps, or books, please bring them along for all of us to enjoy.

Coming up in June will be our Annual Meeting and the second half of our “Artists in Hague . . . Then and Now” program. It should be another good one! If you missed the first half and want to catch up, you can view Part I (as well as all our past programs) on the PC Viewing Station in the Museum.

... Pat McDonough



The King’s Garden at Fort Ticonderoga will present “New Garden Visions” on Saturday, April 12, 2014. The day-long symposium is geared to beginning and experienced gardeners with input from garden experts from our region. Speakers will include: Kerry Mendez, “Seasonal Garden Care for Gorgeous, ‘Well behaved’ Gardens”; Dr. Leonard Perry, “Spring Flowering Bulbs”; Dave Rutkowski, “Chemical-Free Gardening: A Success Story”; and Jane Sorensen, “Landscape Design for Pollinators.”

Registration for this third annual Garden & Landscape Symposium is now open. The cost for the day-long symposium, which includes a lunch prepared by Libby’s Bakery Café, is \$75 (\$65 for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga). A brochure with the complete schedule and registration form is available at <www.fortticonderoga.org> by selecting “Explore and Learn” and choosing “Life Long Learning” on the drop-down menu. A printed copy is also available upon request by calling 518-585-2821.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: Joy Elizabeth to Scott and Kristina Siwek of Erie, PA on February 12, 2014. Proud grandparents are EJ (Bub) and Cindy Siwek of Hague.

DIED: Gloria Whitney Burger Singer, 85, of Burlington, VT and Ticonderoga, NY on February 26, 2014.

After graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in 1948, Gloria had parts in several Broadway plays and pursued an active modeling career in New York City. She was also always an outgoing and community-oriented volunteer having served on boards and committees in Westchester County, NY and Burlington, VT as well as the Lake George area where she was a longtime member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and active supporter of the area Lake-saving organizations. With her husband, George, she owned and operated the Ashley Book Company, an antiquarian book business.

Gloria is survived by her husband, George, and her three children, Lauren (Peter Waite), Robert (Jana Vaksdal), and Margaret (Michael Huffman), nine grandchildren, Hillary (Brendan Condit), Christopher, and Hannah Waite; Hans, Isabel and Nina (twins) Singer; Peter, Samuel, and George Huffman; and a great-grandson, Kai Condit. She also leaves her sister, Sybil Burger Richards of Hawthorne, NJ, and her cousin, William J. Burger of Pine Grove, California.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SMELT SURVEY

The FUND for Lake George and Lake George Waterkeeper are asking for assistance in monitoring of the annual Rainbow Smelt spawning migration in the streams of Lake George. Participating volunteers are asked to visit their designated stream during the two-week spawning migration as often as possible and document observations.

Rainbow Smelt (*Osmerus mordax*) are a slender fish, with an average length of 7-8 inches. Smelt, a non-native fish species to Lake George, were first introduced as a forage species for larger game species such as lake trout and landlocked salmon. Smelt will spawn in streams tributary to Lake George just following ice-out, when water temperatures reach approximately 42 degrees. The Lake George Waterkeeper has conducted surveys on the annual spawning migration since 2009, focusing on 16 streams on the West side of Lake George. This year we hope to monitor as many streams, basin-wide as we can. Volunteers are asked to visit and provide observational data only. A data collection form, as well as a simple directional sheet is provided. The actual collection or possession of rainbow smelt in the Lake George watershed is prohibited by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Interested volunteers are asked to contact Corrina Parnapy, Water Quality Outreach Coordinator, The FUND for Lake George via email at <cparnapy@fundforlakegeorge.org> or call 518-668-9700 x303. Please provide the name/location of the stream you would like to monitor, and your contact information so that the appropriate material can be sent to you and you can be notified when the smelt run begins.

TI CHAMBER ADOPTS NEW MISSION



Working with Bruce Tamlyn of Silver Bay from Leadership for Life, LLC, the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has created a new mission and vision. Their mission is to initiate and provide programs, services, and leadership which will enhance a cooperative business community and create a vibrant economy; making the Ticonderoga Area an exceptional place to live, work, and visit. The vision is to be the leading advocate for business, serving as a driving force in the economic vitality of the greater Ticonderoga Area; uniting communities and maximizing resources. Many Hague businesses and individuals are a part of, or work with, the TACC.

The TACC welcomed new Board members including Scarlett Merfeld, General Manager of the Southern Branch of Denton Publications as the Board President and Starr Pinkowski, Branch Manager from Glens Falls National Bank as the new Treasurer. They will be working with Matthew Courtright who continues as Executive Director.

TFCU ANNOUNCES NEW CFO

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) has announced the addition of Jon Savio as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). In that role he will oversee the accounting and finance functions for the institution. Savio received his Master of Business Administration and Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Avila University in Kansas City. He will be joined in Ticonderoga by his wife and two daughters.

ADIRONDACK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

This spring, Adirondack Foundation is offering \$140,000 in scholarship opportunities to students and families seeking financial aid for higher education. More information is available from school guidance counselors, or by visiting <www.generousact.org> for a list of the scholarship grants available to Adirondack students, application information, and deadlines for submission.

A limited number of scholarships is available for current college students; the majority of scholarships are for high school graduating seniors. Students should act quickly as the deadline for most applications is April 15.

For those who want to help students attain their educational and life-time goals, the Adirondack Scholarship Fund is open to contributions at any time. With more than four decades of experience, the Fund partner, the Bruce L. Crary Foundation, works with schools across the region to distribute Adirondack Scholarship Fund awards to motivated high school graduates. To learn more, call Executive Director Cali Brooks at (518) 523-9904, or email <cali@generousact.org>.

WORK READINESS CREDENTIAL

A program in which participants can earn the National Work Readiness and National Retail Federation Customer Service Credential will be given in Ticonderoga from March 28 – May 9, 2014. The program will take place on Fridays from 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Ticonderoga campus of North Country Community College.

This new and short term training opportunity is offered through CV-TEC, OneWorkSource, Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce. Participants prepare to take the NRF Customer Service exam and the National Work Readiness Credential exam by receiving instruction in workplace communication skills, math and reading readiness skills and specific skills for writing resumes, online job applications and interviewing.

Participants will be prepared to be willing, ready and capable for their next job. Some may qualify for free tuition. For more information or to register, call Christina at 518-561-0430 at extension 3088.

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HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB TOURNEY

After having to cancel the Northern Lake George Fishing Tourney last year, the Fish & Game Club was happy to have ice this year even with the thaw. Tournament Chair Steve Ramant says, “We'd like to thank all of the brave souls who ventured out into the mush and participated. It was great to see the same, familiar faces at the Club for the Sunday ceremony again this year.”

Ramant reported that there were over 100 registrants and the winners were: In the Senior Division - 1st place for Salmon with 6.3 lbs. was Garrett Monroe; 1st place for Northern Pike with 13.56 lbs. was Shane Winchell, 2nd place with 10.03 lbs. was Joe Greco, 3rd place with 8.40 lbs. was Rich Ortiz; 1st place for Perch with 1.30 lbs. was Rich Ortiz, 2nd place with .97 lbs. was Joel Clark, 3rd place with .95 lbs. was Dylan Stern; 1st place for Lake Trout with 9.71 lbs. was Colby Hulbert, 2nd place with 9.07 lbs. was Eugene Barnaby and 3rd place with 5.93 lbs. was Emily Coasette.

In the Junior Division, 1st place for Perch with .23 lbs. was Molly Price; 1st place for Lake Trout with 6.57 lbs. was Leigh Barnaby, 2nd place with 5.11 lbs. was Zach Gross and 3rd place with 4.98 lbs. was Molly Price.

SECOND CHANCE FOR OWL PROWL

The Owl Prowl sponsored by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has been rescheduled to March 29, 2014 from 7:30 – 9 pm on the Last Great Shoreline Preserve in Putnam.

On this special night-time hike in search of owls you can learn the different sounds of the common species of owls found in the area. Participants can purchase their own owl hooter to take home, if desired. The trip is a moderate hike of 1.5 miles round-trip. There is no charge for the hike but registration is required by March 27, 2014 by emailing <events@lglc.org> or call Sarah at 518-644-9673.

VENDORS WANTED FOR HAGUE ARTS FAIR

Vendors of handcrafted items as well as local produce vendors are being solicited for the 42nd Annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague-On-Lake-George Chamber of Commerce. In addition to inviting crafters to participate, we are extending a special invitation to local vendors who would be interested in selling produce, fresh flowers or artisan bread. Dates for the event are August 2, 2014 from 10 am to 4 pm and August 3, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The show will be held at the Hague Community Center on Route 8 in Hague. Both inside and outside spaces are available and the deadline for registration is June 14, 2014.

For further information about spaces available and costs, please contact: Mary Keefer at 301-237-8133 or e-mail <Graphitemtn@gmail.com>.

HAGUE CALENDAR

MARCH

- 20 Spring Begins!
- 25 1 pm Senior Club
- 27 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 29 11 am Lakeside Church Ladies Brunch
- 29 7:30 pm Owl Prowl

APRIL

- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 7 4:30 pm Town Board Audits Bills
- 8 6 pm Town Board regular meeting
- 10 Deadline for April issue
- 12 King's Garden Symposium at Fort Ti
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is online and mailed out
- 14 – 18 Spring Break for Ticonderoga Schools
- 20 Easter

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TCSO EARLY DISMISSAL

There will be an Early Dismissal for students at Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSO) on Thursday, April 3, 2014, due to staff development activities. St. Mary's School will not participate, and their students will remain in school for the complete day. Dismissal times will be as follows: Elementary School at 1:05 pm, Middle School at 1:10 pm and the High School at 1:15 pm.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

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