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ELECTION RESULTS

Eliot Spitzer (D) was elected Governor of New York State (for our out-of-town readers who may have missed that news). Our representative for the 20th Congressional district will be Kirsten Gillibrand (D). Betty O'Little (R) and Teresa Sayward (R) were reelected to the New York State Senate and Assembly respectively. Congratulations to all.

HAGUE RESIDENTS HEAD GROUPS

Liz Swanson, of Arcady Bay, Hague, has been elected as President of the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga. Among the goals set by Swanson are increased membership and strong support for downtown revitalization in Ticonderoga. Liz, who is a veteran of service to the Kiwanis, was installed along with Hague residents Graham Bailey as Second Vice-President and Leslie Midgley as Treasurer. Joe McCranels and Enid Engler, also Hague residents, were installed as Directors. The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, a service organization, is one of the oldest Kiwanis clubs in the nation.

Casey Skahan, of Hague, was reelected as President of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild at their annual meeting. Hague resident Michael Vassallo was elected to the Board of Directors. Bertha Dunsmore, outgoing Treasurer and Shirley Smith, outgoing Director, both of Hague, were thanked for their service to the Guild.

HOLIDAY PLANNING

In addition to the Holiday in Hague opportunity for Christmas shopping, the Hague Creek Antiques shop is holding a Men's Nite on December 13th from 4 to 8 pm. Shoppers can browse, get suggestions and items will be gift-wrapped.

For online shopping, Nikolay Wilen, a local web designer, has developed a new site (currently featuring Lake Placid stores) which can be accessed at www.resortstores.com.

There is also local help available for entertaining plans. The Hague Market (543-6555) will take orders for desserts, platters, and hot dishes. The Uptown Store, which plans to remain open year-round on Thursdays through Sundays, will take orders for hors d'oeuvres, side dishes, holiday cakes and cookies. In addition they can accommodate private parties for up to 30 people.

HAGUE COMMUNITY MEMORY TREE

Each year a felt tree is placed in the lobby of the Community Center containing the names of deceased loved ones or those whom you would like to honor. Donations of \$1.00 per name should be sent to Imogene Frasier, PO Box 563, Hague, NY 12836. Checks may be made payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce. All funds raised are donated to the Hague Emergency Squad by the Chamber. A list of honorees will be published in the Hague Chronicle.

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THANKS

SENIOR NEWS

This time of year finds the Seniors with a busy calendar. Our trip to the Vermont Country Store was a huge success. As predicted we found on display those "winter long johns" in red plaid for ladies and bright red for the gents .. now I am not at liberty to say how many of us bought a pair, but let's just say We are now prepared!

Many members came in costume for our October party which made for an interesting parade and the judges had a job picking the final winners. First prize went to Pat McDonough as GHOULIANNA - second prize went to Kay Caldera as SISTER THERESA - and third prize went to Shirley and Don Carey as the BOBBSEY TWINS. For lunch, our club member, Chef Pat Wania, treated us to three of her delicious soup specialties which accompanied our sandwich salad board catered by the Burleigh Luncheonette. This was topped off with licious desserts prepared by several of our refreshment volunteers. Door prizes were won by Katie Koenig, Janice Belden & Nancy DeLarm Fogwell.

Our Christmas workshop in early November reaped a wide variety of holiday crafts which will be sold at the Christmas Tree Shop on Saturday, Dec. 2. We will be set up at the Visitors Center at the Beach that day during the annual HOLIDAY IN HAGUE. We will be selling holiday decorations, ornaments, giftware, baked goods and of course, our brand new *WHAT'S COOKING IN HAGUE* book. All proceeds from this effort will go to the Memorial Day Parade fund. Do stop in for some Holiday Cheer and lots of Ho-Ho-Ho's!

November's meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 28th at 1:30PM at the Community Center. Election of officers for the 2007 Executive Board will take place and we will also be taking up a "gift collection" for our Warren County Military Men and Women who are presently serving in Iraq. Karen Laudree of the Hague Chamber of Commerce will be visiting us to advise us of the Income Tax Preparation Program available again this year. Our guest entertainer for the day will be Comedienne Gert Newton with her special Christmas Show! This is going to be good, folks!! We extend an invitation to one and all to please come and enjoy an afternoon of laughter. You do not have to be a member and you won't be disappointed. Refreshments will be served . . . of course!

The Seniors' Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at Noon at the Hague Fire House. The Holiday Luncheon will be catered by The Gourmet Gal, Debbie Mackey, and the afternoon will be filled with not only great dining, but carol singing, gifts and prizes. Joining us again this year will be members of the Chamber of Commerce who are planning to make their big announcement of Hague's Senior of the Year Award. That is always exciting news and I will keep you informed of the results in next month's issue of this paper. . . .mp

~Happy Thanksgiving~

BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

Hague's Bicentennial Cookbook is now available. Hot off the press and available for shipping in time for the holiday season, the Hague Senior Citizens Bicentennial Cookbook is much more than a cookbook. It's chockablock full of interviews and personal reminiscences about growing up and living in Hague.

Readers have already commented: "What a treasure!", "The pictures, the interviews, the history, the anecdotes and the way you have put it all together is a work of art.", "A fabulous lasting legacy for the Town", "The individual reminiscences...are priceless."

You can order it now while the first printing lasts. This little red-covered *Recipes and Reminiscences* will make a great holiday gift, stocking stuffer, or thoughtful gift to someone you know who has spent time in Hague and loved it as we do.

The price of a book is \$9.00 plus shipping and handling. We'll ship at Media Mail rate: \$2.50 for one (1) book; \$2.75 for two (2) books, \$3.00 for three (3) books, and \$3.25 for four (4) books. Just add the appropriate shipping charge to the \$9.00 each for the books you order.

Send your order and check made out to "Hague Senior Citizens Club - Parade Fund" to Pat McDonough, 8980 Lake Shore Drive, Hague, NY 12836.

Locally, you can buy the cookbook at the Seniors' Christmas Tree Shop at the Hague Beach during "Holiday in Hague" on Saturday, December 2.

HAGUE CHRONICLE MAILINGS

The USPS automatic scanner in Albany was confused last month and several copies of *The Hague Chronicle* were returned to us. As a result, we have redesigned our address label section and will have our publication information on page 2.

You will find your "due date" now on the upper left-hand corner of your mailing label. If the date is **highlighted in yellow**, its a reminder. If the date is **circled in red**, you are "over-due".

We estimate that it costs \$12 per year for the printing and postage. Donations above that amount help fund the additional expenses (among them are office supplies, rent, savings for updating technology and a holiday party for the many volunteers.) Since it is a donation we appreciate any monetary support.

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UNITARIAN PROGRAMS

The Peace Center Task Force of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls will hold a Peace Fair from 10 am – 5 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2006. This diverse gathering of peace-minded folk is free to the public, with gifts, booths, food, music, games, workshops and free child care. About a dozen peace-oriented organizations will have tables selling everything from t-shirts to books to vegetarian soup and desserts.

After services on Sunday, December 3, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the congregation is having its annual Holiday Gift Fair and Silent Auction. Soups and Chili will also be available.

The Unitarian Church is located at 21 Weeks Road in Queensbury, off Upper Glen in Queensbury, a mile north of Quaker Road.

CHILSON CHRISTMAS MARKET

A Christmas Market, sponsored by the Chilson Methodist Church will be held December 1st and 2nd at the former Arthur Drug Building in downtown Ticonderoga. There will be crafts, Santas by MaryLou, Sue Taylor's wreaths and greens and homemade candy and other goodies. A special feature on Saturday morning will be a book signing of his novel about a Mill Town by Rev. Terry O'Neil.

OLD FASHIONED COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG

Does Christmas have you on the run? Would you like to spend some time enjoying it in a simpler old-fashioned way?

Then come and join us as we step back into a time of sharing and relaxing, and celebrate the season with Old-Fashioned Community Sing-a-longs on Saturday, December 2nd and 9th from 7-8 PM. These will be held at The Hague Baptist Church, Rt. 8, Hague, NY.

So let yourself unwind and enjoy the music and refreshments in an informal old-fashioned setting. We hope to see you there!! . . . dc

GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY CONCERT

The third concert of the season performed by the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2006, 4PM at the Performing Arts Center in Glens Falls HS at 4PM. Featured will be light classical holiday fare with a special performance by the GFSO Children's Chorus under the direction of Jane Claus. Group rates are available for seniors and others. Call (518) 793-1348 or see <www.GlensFallsSymphony.org> for



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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE CONCERT

The Champlain Valley Chorale will present a Christmas concert "Merrily We Sing Noel" on Friday, December 8, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Saint Patrick's Church, Port Henry, N.Y. On Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 3:00 pm the concert will again be presented in the First United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga, N.Y. The public is cordially invited to attend. A free-will offering will be gladly accepted.

HOLIDAY MAGIC

The Carillon Garden Club will present Holiday Magic on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church on Wicker St. in Ticonderoga, NY. This is the club's annual "gift to the community". Holiday Magic will follow the Champlain Valley Chorale's Concert (see above) which is at 3PM the same date.

The Garden Club members will exhibit wreaths, table decorations, collections, such as crèches, etc. A wonderful selection of goodies will be available and the public is invited to attend both events and make this a day to remember.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Lake George Historical Association welcomes the public to its Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 10 from noon to 3PM at the Old Warren County Courthouse at 290 Canada St. in Lake George Village.

The Museum in the Old Courthouse will be decorated for the season and the festivities will include a silent auction, special refreshments, gift shopping at the Museum Bookstore and Adirondack classical music and folk tunes played by Andy Caruso on his hammer dulcimer.

For further information please call 668-5044.

TI MILL TIRE BURN

The International Paper Mill in Ticonderoga canceled its test burning of tires after a few days. They did not feel that it would be economically possible to use the tires for fuel after the tests did not reach the limits they had hoped for.

CROP WALK A SUCCESS

Beverly Sann of Silver Bay was the successful coordinator of this year's Church World Service Crop Walk. About 50 people walked on October 14th and raised \$4,520 which was \$220 more than last year. Some of these funds will benefit the Hague Food Pantry. Beverly noted, "All in all, I was very happy with the community response, proud of the people's efforts, and relieved that the weather was sunny."



Hague Township residents Ann Barber, Jan Whitaker, Dorothy Brauner, and Bob Whitaker receive copies of the pre-Walk prayer from Victoria Sawyer.

photo provided

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/25/06

Chairman Robert Goetsch, George Ianson, Glen McKee, Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman and Mary Lou Doulin were present and Martin Fitzgerald, II was absent.

BABINSKY, (76.20-1-11) 8118 Lakeshore Dr. TR1R

The applicant would like to extend a 4 ft. high fence on her southern property line eastward to the edge of the lake. Letters were received from Mrs. Babinsky and her neighbor, Norman Levy with both making reference to the boundary of the southern property line.

The Board did not feel that they had to consider the disagreement about the boundary line. They approved a motion to deny the application for a 50 foot extension toward the lakeshore but to allow the existing fence to remain provided it has a 20 foot setback from the road, a 50 foot setback from the Lake and is set back 6 inches or more from the southern boundary line.

STRYCKER, (43.17-1-3) Springdale Manor Dr. TR1

The applicant is requesting a variance for more than a 25% increase of square footage on a legal non-conforming residence in order to replace the existing one story house with a two story house (which would be nearly 100% increase). No increase to the footprint of the structure is planned so that the lake view of the other houses will not be blocked. The permanent fireplace will remain. The septic tank is in compliance for the proposed three bedroom home, with a shared association leach field. The septic is new and has been pumped recently. In addition a variance is sought for relief from the shoreline setback requirement of 50 feet from the Lake since the construction will be about 25 feet from the lake. Several letters were read into the record by the acting secretary. Many of the letters were from other residents of Springdale Manor supporting the request while one expressed some concern and the letters from the residents which neighbor Springdale Manor opposed the request.

The Board approved the application with the condition that the new structure be constructed on the exact same footprint as the original.

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

The Board accepted a revised application for an addition of a 3 ft x 24 ft walkway to an existing house which reflected recommendations made by the ZBA.

HUME (26.6-1-9) 34 Forest Bay Rd., N (TR-1R)

The applicant is requesting a 17.4 % (bedroom) addition to a pre-existing legal non-conforming house and a 401 sq. ft addition to an existing deck. The setback from the lake is currently 44 feet and the proposed setback is 39 feet. In 2002, a new 500 gal concrete septic tank was installed. The property is located in the proposed Town Sewer District #2. A site visit and public hearing were scheduled.

The next ZBA meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 7 pm.

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

Shaw, (12-1-7 and 12-1-1.2) Trout Brook Rd. OCI

The applicants are requesting sketch plan approval of a subdivision/lot line change on adjoining lots of 2.33 acres and 8.71 acres to create lots of 5.33 acres and 5.71 acres in order to provide access to Trout Brook Rd.

The Board agreed to grant conceptual approval of the plan based on the confirmation of deeded access over state land and that the lots cannot be further subdivided.

Waters, (25.4-1-18.11) 239 Decker Hill Rd. OCI

The applicant is requesting sketch plan approval for a four lot subdivision of a 16.1 acre parcel. The property is located in the Special Commercial Use Zone. If approved, each parcel will consist of 4 acres. Discussion was heard concerning the number of minor subdivisions previously requested by the applicant. The application was tabled until a Jurisdictional Inquiry Form is filed with the APA which is concerned about the density in the area.

Pucek/Rezac(93.19-1-22/93.19-1-19) Spring Hill, TR1

The applicants are requesting a lot line change of 649 sq. feet. At present, the Rezac property measures 1.1 acres; the Pucek lot is 1.94 acres. If approved, the Rezac property will increase to 1.925 acres and correct a 20 year old surveying error. The Board waived a public hearing and approved the lot line change with the assumption that the data is as represented in the application and that the conditions are approved by the parties.

Macionis, (26.6-1-1) 9500 Lakeshore Dr. TR1

The applicant submitted a modified proposal for an addition of a 3 ft. by 24 ft. walkway to an existing home. The Board recommended approval by the ZBA considering that this request is more reasonable.

Strycker, (43.17-1-3) 35 Springdale Manor Dr. TR1

The Stryckers would like to replace their pre-existing, non-conforming one-story home with a two story house. The ZBA has approved a variance for a greater than 25% increase of square footage and for construction within 50 ft. of the lake. Letters from LG Waterkeeper, Chris Navitsky and Kathleen Bozony of the LGA contained suggestions for storm water and erosion control measures.

When reviewing the drawings of the proposed residence, the proximity to the shoreline and the increase in height prompted concern about the visual impact from the lake. In the course of discussion, suggestions were offered which would mitigate the effect, such as a roof line modification and landscape design. Mr. and Mrs. Strycker were present, and at their request the Board agreed to table the matter until this concern can be addressed.

Hume, (26.6-1-9) Forest Bay Rd N., TR1R

The applicants are requesting a bedroom addition and addition to an existing deck. A site visit was scheduled.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 11/14/06

Supervisor Dan Belden and Town Board members Art Steitz, Dick Gladu, Edna Frasier and Tom LaPointe were all present.

A moment of silence was held for James Girard and Peter Mars.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Board member Gladu reported that the Assessor will be working on upgrades to the property inventory sheets for the next couple of months. There will be no town wide revaluation next year so the basis for the assessment strategy will be just the updated inventory.

Finance - It was reported that last month's earnings on accounts amounted to \$3300 in interest.

Highway - The salt shed is being constructed and a new truck is being considered.

Personnel - Town personnel will get a data sheet at the end of the year with information on the value of their fringe benefits. The Personnel committee members are going to review the Employee guide.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - The ZEO report indicated that in the past month there were requests for 7 Land Use Development permits, 1 Site Plan Review, 2 Variances, 3 Subdivisions and 3 Wastewater permits. Due to a vacancy and absenteeism the Planning Board has had only four members in attendance for the last two meetings which is a problem since it would require a unanimous vote to approve any applications. ZEO Cathy Clark and Planning Board member Pam Peterson will be attending a meeting of the Lake George Watershed Protection Program

Councilman Gladu noted that there are openings on both the Planning and Zoning boards and they have received some applications. He also mentioned options for the attendance problem. An alternate can be appointed or the ZEO can be an alternate to the Planning Board (although not the ZBA).

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman LaPointe reported that the snowmobile club has cleared trails and is buying a groomer which could also be used for cross country ski trails. The trails will go around the Rogers Rock Campsite so there will be no conflict with skiers. All the trails have been mapped for GPS service. The club will get money from both the state and the county.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Supervisor Belden said an application was submitted to the state with request for capital funds. They would pay 85% which leaves \$93,000 to be raised. State Senator Betty Little is still looking for grants and Warren County may have money to help.

Youth - Rudy Meola went to the County Youth meeting and reported that they finalized the recreation money for the various towns. Hague got a \$1600 cap from the state.

Under unfinished business, the Board

Approved signing a contract with Time Warner Cable to extend cable service to Split Rock Road, New Hague Road, West Hague Road and Yaw Road which will cost \$145,097. There is \$44, 447 in the franchise account and the Town will spend the additional funds now which it will recover from franchise fees in ensuing years.

Under new business, the Board

- Approved the use of the Visitor's Center for both the Seniors and the Chamber on 12/2
- Approved a request by Randy Engler for the use of the Town Park on July 7, 2007 for a Triathlon and Bluegrass Festival.
- Authorized staff attendance at a free Warren County Safety Training session.
- Authorized the Supervisor to complete the application for Sewer District #2.
- Accepted the resignation of Mary Lou Doulin from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Approved having Phil Swanson do the work on the Town signs.
- Approved a resolution to leave additional sales tax revenue monies with Warren County to help offset the County Taxes. Hague's share of sales tax is estimated at \$1,183,000. These funds provide the bulk of the revenue for the Town so that the Town does not have to raise additional money to cover general fund expenses.
- Approved a resolution to accept additional occupancy tax funds from the County for 2006.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/30/06

The Board met for the Public Hearing on the 2007 Town Budget. *The Hague Chronicle*, former Board member Rudy Meola and Myles and Pam Peterson were the Public in attendance. Using rounded figures, the total expenditures budgeted for 2007 for all Town expenses including Highway, Fire Department, Street Lights, and Sewer was \$2,600,000. On the income side, estimated revenues of \$1,300,00 (most of which is from County Sales Tax), previously unexpended balances totaling \$1,100,00 and income raised by tax of \$200,000 balance the budget. The taxes raised come under the Street light districts and the Fire & Ambulance districts so there is no amount needed to be raised by a Townwide tax.

Our tax bills, however, will still be high in January because the County budget has increased.

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

With the awarding of several grants, the Town will be working to improve the bulkhead at the Town launch site and to beautify the area around the former American Legion building which the Town now owns.

The work is being planned by Elan Planners and was presented to the Enhancement Committee at a meeting on November 16th.

NOISE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Noise Ordinance Committee Chairman Dick Gladu and members Robert Goetsch, Rolly Allen, Art Hatfield and Art Steitz met on October 24th. More than 25 interested residents were in attendance and the meeting was opened for comments.

Judy Foster read a statement which said in part, "There is a new vitality in Town which we should encourage in order to inspire others like the DeLarm-Ginns (Firehouse Restaurant). Hague is a tourist driven economy and discouraging business on Route 8 is ridiculous. We need the Town parking lot open." She then cited several areas where she felt noise was a problem such as loud car mufflers, loud music, noise from trucks & trailers and from gatherings of underage drinkers.

Judy Schultz also read a statement noting that "We have to expect noises and need hamlet parking without restrictions - except for the boat dock."

Karen Laundree and Dave Martucci also expressed support of hamlet businesses.

Supervisor Dan Belden indicated he would like to see the issue "go on a ballot so we can get more input."

Chairman Gladu told the audience that "we are not considering a noise ordinance against any one business. During our public hearings and through comments that have been submitted we have heard that noise is a problem all around town."

The Committee then started their working session and reviewed what research they had done and discussed a proposed noise ordinance that they had developed. Some issues were a) regulations that would measure decibel levels, b) possible signage for time restrictions in the parking lots, c) concept of having individuals respond to the noise problem before involving a third party, and d) other problems with enforcement.

Chairman Gladu read the ordinance to the public and stated that he would post it on the Town website <www.townofhague.org> and have copies available at the Community Center. He added, "This committee is just providing a service (researching and writing an ordinance) and the public can decide if they want it."

There will be additional hearings scheduled.

GIVING THANKS



BENEDUCE SUBDIVISION

In mid-September the site was cleared for stormwater basins and an access road to them. The basin was graded during the first week of October. At that time, according to Chris Navitsky, LG Waterkeeper, "there was no temporary stabilization (i.e. seeding, mulching) to prevent erosion on the road or the basin."

After observing the effects of runoff and erosion, Mr. Navitsky contacted the LGPC, which was the lead agency assigned to overlook the project, and the DEC. After this contact these agencies did cite several issues that needed to be corrected. Most of them were then addressed by the contractor.

Mr. Navitsky stated, "Contractors need to be much more aware of the need to prevent erosion and sedimentation. They need to first stabilize the site before they start removing timber or perform other parts of the development."

The design firm for this project was CLA Engineering. They, the LGPC and the DEC all need to be vigilant when subdivisions of this size are developed.

KIWANIS ADDRESS ON SUICIDE

Robert Pell-deChame, a director of the Kristin Brooks Hope Center (KBHC), recently addressed his fellow Kiwanians. KBHC is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of suicide through provision of hotline and other counseling services and operates through more than 250 local crisis centers. The Essex County center will shortly be opening a Ticonderoga branch in the small commercial building at the corner of Father Jogues Place and Lake George Ave.

KBHC operates a number of hotlines, its best known site being 1-800-SUICIDE. The aim of the specialty lines is to put threatened callers in touch with their peers, who are trained to offer counseling. These sites include teen-to-teen, vet-to-vet and cop-to-cop connections, for example, which Pell-deChame cited as some of the sectors of the population at greatest risk of suicide.

More information on KBHC and its programs may be had at the KBHC Website <www.HopeLine.com>.

LARAC HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

The Lower Adirondack Arts Council (LARAC) has opened its annual Christmas gift shop at 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls, NY. The shop will be open Monday - Saturday from 10am-5pm with hours extended to 7pm on Thursdays.

~SOUNDINGS~

ROTARY CLUB NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ernest and Inza Jordon on the celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

MARRIED: Tammie Marie Lehn and Ryan Joseph Davis on October 7 at Grace Memorial Chapel by Deacon Elliott Shaw, the groom's grandfather. The bride is the daughter of Kim & Donna Lehn of Plantation, FL and granddaughter of Donald & Audrey Lehn of Silver Bay and Plantation, FL and Beverly Huskey of Plantation. Parents of the groom are Gary and Wendy Davis of Ticonderoga, NY and grandparents are Elliott & Peg Shaw and Geraldine Davis of Ticonderoga.

MARRIED: Vicki Quesnel and James Belden, son of Art Belden, Hague, on October 21 at their home in Graphite. Reception was held at the Hague Fish and Game Club following the wedding ceremony.

DIED: James L. Girard, 25, Queensbury, formerly of Hague, on Nov. 10, 2006 as the result of a motorcycle accident. He is survived by his fiancé, Adriane Borho, son Austin, mother Debra King, father Perry Girard, Sr., and his wife Kathy, brothers Perry Girard Jr., Hague and Henry Girard, Queensbury.

DIED: Peter Mars, 67, Ticonderoga, on November 10, 2006 in Ticonderoga. He is survived by his wife, Dawn and ten children, including Erica (Mars) Braisted, Silver Bay, 26 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

TI JUNIOR MISS

Hague was ably represented in the Ticonderoga Junior Miss Competition by Akashia Swinton, daughter of Lonnie and Renee Swinton and Kacheena Trudeau, daughter of Jon and Diane Trudeau. Kacheena was selected as the first runner-up.

BICENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE

The Bicentennial T-shirts are in and ready for sales! The Bicentennial Committee will sell the shirts on Saturday, December 2nd during the *Holiday in Hague* festivities. They will be available at the Breakfast with Santa in the morning at the Community Center and all day at the Uptown Store. Prices for the T-shirts range from \$10 to \$16 depending on size and design. The color choices are white and blue. The Bicentennial sweatshirts will also be available for \$23-\$26 depending on size and they are all light blue with the logo on the front. Additional merchandise - polo shirts, mugs and Bicentennial coins - will be offered in 2007. For out of town orders please email Debbie Manning at <townclerk@townofhague.org> for a list of sizes and prices.

The Hague Baptist Church extends its thanks to all who have shown us such kindness with gifts of food, prayers and love in the time of our loss. ...Linda Megow

Fall has been busy on Northern Lake George. We welcomed our Rotary International student, Breno de Campos Dalto. Breno is living with the McGurl family in Bolton Landing and attending Bolton High.

We successfully concluded our kayak raffle, raising approximately \$3000. We have delivered 15 turkeys to the Hague food bank to be distributed this Thanksgiving and we will provide hams at Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, we are planning for a great Christmas party this year at the new Fire House Restaurant in Hague. In addition to special music and great fellowship the traditional Gift Auction proceeds will go to support the Tiny Tim program in the Ticonderoga area. Happy holidays to all!

HVFD PREPARES FOR HOLIDAYS

It's time for us to remind all residents to check smoke detectors and CO detectors to see that they are operating properly, and replace batteries if needed. Make sure your tree and other decorations are kept away from heat sources and use grounded outlets for light displays.

In October there were 3 fire calls using 10.5 man hrs., and 6 ambulance calls using 41 man hours. Capt. Lu Megow is out for several weeks recovering from successful hip replacement surgery.

The following have been nominated for the principal offices for 2007: President-Ray Mury, Vice-President-Charlie Antonetti, Chief-Chris Swinton, Asst. Chief-Paul Belden, Capt.-Brad Zeyak, Lieut.-Dave Hoffay, Amb. Capt.-Lu Megow, Co-Capt.-Gerry Boyd. Our annual Christmas party will be held Sat Dec 9th at the firehouse. As always, we welcome and encourage new member applications.

We wish one and all a safe and happy holiday season ...jm

MUSEUM RENOVATION

The Hague Historical Society has been very active with plans for new exhibits for the Museum. Mike Manning is painting the room and preparing it for a new floor covering. The exhibits planned are a timeline of Hague history and displays about Graphite and its mines and Tourist Accommodations through the years with an emphasis on the old hotels. Some of the many wonderful pictures in the Clifton West Collection will be used. In addition the Society is asking the public to donate or loan pictures and artifacts about Graphite or hotels and motels. An example might be a letter telling about an activity or a printed brochure.

An emphasis will be placed on the proper archival storage of all collections in the Museum. Toward this goal, seven members attended a workshop in Saranac Lake recently on the Basics of Archives. The Society looks forward to a grand reopening of the Museum in the spring.

For further information, please contact the Collections committee through Gale Halm <GJHalm@aol.com> or Judy Stock <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com>.

LGA PROJECT IN HAGUE

The LGA, the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Town of Hague DPW, have undertaken numerous remediation projects along the Hague Brook where the delta at the mouth is one of the fastest and largest growing silt deposits on Lake George. In early October, the LGA completed work on a sediment retention pond along Hague Brook, which is designed to slow the velocity of the water, allowing the sediment to sink to the bottom. As the pond fills in, it can be emptied as part of regular maintenance. The pond is located off West Hague Road.

About 90% of the Hague Brook watershed empties into the project site before reaching Lake George. It is expected that, with regular maintenance, this sediment retention pond will be very effective at slowing the growth of the Hague Brook delta. It is only after these measures have been taken that a project for dredging the delta area could be effective.



Hague Brook Sedimentation Pond
photo provided by the LGA

LGA CALENDAR

The Lake George Association has produced a 2007 calendar called "Post Cards from Lake George 2007". Proceeds from the sales will go to support the LGA's Lake Saving Programs and Projects. For further information see <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org> or call the LGA office at 518-668-3558.

ADIRONDACK VOICES

The Adirondack Voices will present their annual holiday concert on Monday, December 4, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at Christ Church United Methodist, 54 Bay St., Glens Falls. Under the direction of Penny Schiek, the chorus consists of approximately 70 voices. The music for this year's concert has been selected by the members and will include familiar carols as well as some less traditional pieces.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for senior citizens (60+) and students and will be available at the door. For further information, call 793-2620.

LGLC PROMOTION

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently promoted Sarah Hoffman to the position of Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator where she will be responsible for developing and implementing community outreach and communicate the conservation messages and enhance public awareness of the LGLC. She also will continue to coordinate the LGLC's volunteer and terrestrial invasive plant programs, and to act as the LGLC grants administrator.

Hoffman, A Glens Falls resident, has worked for the LGLC since October 2003. She holds a degree with a major in biology and minor in English from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

During the week of Thanksgiving, communities across the United States will celebrate National Family Week (November 19-25). In an effort to strengthen family bonds and build positive relationships within families, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Warren County is offering an information packet on topics related to issues and concerns facing families. The topics include dealing with anger, encouraging respectful behavior, peer pressure and safety topics.

More information on the Family Week publications and interesting information on a variety of programs and publications can be found on the CCE Warren County website <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/>>. Or for further information email <warren@cornell.edu> or call 668-4881.

HAGUE HAPPENINGS by Stan

FACT: THERE IS A SPECIAL "HAGUE WAVE"

A YOU'RE NOT SURE IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE PASSING BY YOU IN A CAR

HAND HELD LIMPLY, JUST PART WAY UP

B YOU KNOW THE PERSON YOU SEE.

HAND WAVING HIGH AS THE CAR PASSES BY.

C IT'S FALL, AND A CAR WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES GOES BY, HEADING SOUTH ...

BOTH HANDS RAISED, BOTH WAVING VERY VIGOROUSLY, AND A HAPPY, HAPPY SMILE ON HIS FACE.

(SORRY, NEW JERSEY—JUST KIDDING! WE LOVE YA!)

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NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

November Observations



As we make the house and yard ready for winter ~ raking leaves, putting boats away, stacking firewood, putting porch furniture in storage ~ I notice that the wild ones around us are making ready as well. Late afternoon I take a break from raking...I much prefer the sound of dry leaves swishing into piles than the ear-piercing whine of a leaf blower. (Just a note to those that are disturbed by the noise of a jet ski that lasts but a few minutes as it streaks across the bay, the decibel levels from those leaf blowers can't compare and can go on for hours...).

The west wind has died and as I sit by the lake, the mountain across is mirrored before me on the flat water. I breathe deeply the smell of damp leaves and resin from the piles of discarded pine cone scales accumulated under balsam trees where squirrels and chipmunks have worked for the seeds within the cones.

The stillness is broken when seven Bufflehead ducks ~ two males and five females ~ fly in low over the water and land with a gliding splash just off the shore. We see these small diving ducks in the spring and fall as they make their way between their summer nesting sites in the far north/northwest and their winter feeding grounds of salt bays on warmer coasts.

The name "Bufflehead" is derived from "buffalo-head", for the male's odd puffy head shape and their striking black and white coloring easily distinguishes them from the other ducks. The group dives together in search of mollusks on the sandy bottom, then pops up one-by-one like ping pong balls in a lottery drawing.

I am entertained for several minutes until the silence is broken by the scolding of a red squirrel in the maple tree above me. He has suddenly noticed that I am in his territory, and not one to share space with even his own species, gives me a series of growls and chirps, twitching his tail at me in extreme annoyance. I laugh but don't give up my seat and he finally retreats leaping to the hemlock tree behind me, the landing as graceful as the hemlock bough itself. He is light, somewhere between 5 and 8 ounces, and the bough barely bends under his weight. He scurries up the trunk and then out onto a far limb where he reaches under the branch to pluck a tiny cone. There he sits, and with his tail curled over his back, and gets to work at removing the tiny seeds; five or six cones are worked over before he heads back down the trunk and scampers into the woods where he disappears under a pile of leaves.

He may be caching those seeds for the winter, in piles buried under the ground where, with his tremendous sense of smell, he'll find them 30 cm underground or under several feet of snow. Many seed stockpiles are not recovered, and red squirrels are one of the key tree planters and seed dispersers in the ecosystem. Last month I wrote about the white oak tree and without squirrels and chipmunks to bury the acorns ~ and forget them ~ the tree cannot reproduce; they are mutually dependent upon one another for survival.

Later we saw a chipmunk do something we hadn't seen before. He looked as though he were eating a leaf that had fallen from a maple tree, but knowing that chipmunks don't eat leaves, we wondered what was up and watched him closely. Shoving it bite by bite into his mouth until about half of it was gone, he suddenly took off with the rest sticking out of his cheeks, disappearing into a hole in the ground, we assume to line his nest with it to insulate his winter home.

The wind picked up again, this time from the north, bringing overcast skies and a threat of rain. We were glad we had gathered dry wood for our fireplace, and made an early fire ~ a beautiful way to segue into the evening....cozy, warm and lovely light.

WEATHER NOTES

BEST WISHES MARY LOU!

Our weather reporter, Mary Lou Doulin, has acquired a formidable motor coach for some exciting travel. She will be heading south for the winter so will be retiring from her position on *The Hague Chronicle*. Mary Lou is also leaving the Zoning Board of Appeals after many years of thoughtful deliberation where she was an important advocate of attention to environmental issues.

We thank Mary Lou for all her contributions and wish her a wonderful trip!

AS TO OUR WEATHER

There have been a few rainy days and it is turning colder now, but we have had a fantastic month. It was perfect weather for cleaning up yards, playing golf, hiking in the still colorful woods or watching the Ticonderoga Sentinels play Championship football.

On days where it has clouded over and the wind is still, the lake looks like a giant vat of molten silver. We relish these last special days before the snow starts flying.

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23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 28 1:30pm Senior Citizens (p. 2)
 30 7pm ZBA (note change of date)



December

1 & 2 Chilson Christmas Market (p. 3)
 2 HOLIDAY IN HAGUE (See flyer)
 2 10am-5pm Unitarian Programs, GF, (p. 3)
 2 7-8pm Community Sing-a-Long (p. 3)
 3 4pm Glens Falls Symphony Concert (p. 3)
 4 7:30pm Adirondack Voices (p. 8)
 6 2pm Kiwanis Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon at Ti Elem/Middle school cafetorium
 7 7pm Planning Board
 9 7-8pm Community Sing-a-Long (p. 3)
 10 noon-3pm LGHA Open House (p. 3)
 10 3pm Champlain Valley Chorale (p. 3)
 10 Garden Club Holiday Magic after concert (p. 3)
 12 noon Senior Club Christmas Party (p. 2)
 12 6:30pm Town Board
 12 Ti Elementary School Holiday Concert
 13 Ti High School Holiday Concert
 14 Ti Middle School Holiday Concert
 19 7:30pm Ti Board of Ed meeting
 21 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed

ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

2nd Monday: Senior Bus to Glens Falls
 1st Monday: Fire Department
 1st Tuesday: Mohican Crafters
 3rd Monday: Chamber of Commerce
 3rd Tuesday: Mohican Crafters
 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club
 3rd Tuesday: Sno-goers
 3rd Thursday: Carillon Garden Club

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday & Saturday: 9am - 5pm

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