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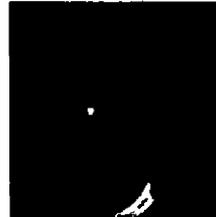
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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SILVER BAY

Paul Bell, president of the Silver Bay Association, has announced the appointment of Martin Y. Fink to be Silver Bay's new Executive Director as of January 1, 2006.

Mr. Fink has been the President and CEO of the Muncie Family YMCA, Muncie, IN. Marty's wife Marisa is a doctoral candidate at Ball State University. When her teaching and thesis work are completed in the spring of 2006, she will join Marty at Silver Bay.

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do. ... Epictetus, Greek philosopher

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!! Just a reminder that the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, January 24th, 1:30 PM at the Community Center.

Candice Kelly, Director of the Warren County Office of the Aging, has arranged for our guest speaker to be Candy Whitehead, a representative from EPIC (The NYS Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program) to explain for us in detail the new MEDICARE PART D Drug Insurance Program which became effective in January 2006.

We extend an invitation to all you Seniors who may still be seeking answers to your questions on this important topic to join us. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. ... mp

SURVIVAL KITS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS

The Warren County Citizens Corps is putting together "survival kits" for senior citizens in Warren County. The kits include hats, mittens, batteries, cereal bars, bottled water and a small first-aid kit, just to name a few.

The kits are designed for seniors who don't live close to town and may not be able to get to the store to buy necessities during a snow or ice storm.

For more information, contact Corps Chairwoman Cindy Hatin at 793-2365.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Available to all area communities, the Hague Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Hague Community Center is the new local site of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service available to taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Over 2,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), now help over 1.94 million taxpayers file their federal, state, and local tax returns each year at over 8,000 AARP Tax-Aide sites nationwide.

AARP Tax-Aide helps taxpayers file their personal income tax returns. Volunteers are trained to assist in filing basic tax forms and schedules, including the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.

The AARP Tax-Aide from February 1 to April 15 includes:

- Free face-to-face tax counseling and preparation.
- Free electronic filing (e-filing) is offered at the Hague site. E-filing ensures a more accurate tax return and faster processing of tax refunds.
- AARP Tax-Aide volunteers also visit hospitals and nursing homes and make personal visits to those who are unable to leave their homes.

APPOINTMENTS on Mondays and Wednesdays for FREE TAX PREPARATION at the Hague Community Center are available by calling Debbie Manning at 518-543-6161, Ext. 13.

METHODIST CELEBRATION

The First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the present church building on January 29, 2006. A luncheon will follow the worship service at 10 AM.

CHANGES IN DOG LICENSING LAW

The Town of Hague has announced changes to the dog licensing program, effective January 15, 2006. The new law requires that dog licenses issued on and after January 15, 2006 must not expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies certificate. In order to receive a full year license, a dog that is due for a rabies vaccination booster within the next license year would need to be immunized prior to license renewal.

This change affects all dogs licensed in New York State, except those licensed in New York City, which has a separate dog licensing law. There are more than 200 dogs licensed in the Town of Hague.

Pursuant to the New York Public Health Law, county public health authorities must offer free clinics at least every four months for the rabies vaccination of dogs, as well as for cats and domesticated ferrets.

For more information regarding the changes to the dog licensing program in Hague, please call the Town Clerk at 518-543-6161.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

In the January 2006 newsletter, the LGA encourages everyone to be smart and be safe when going out on Lake George for ice fishing, skating, snowmobiling or skiing. They have a list of suggestions to be prepared for winter emergencies. A chart of safe ice thickness is also given.

To access this information go to http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/html/news_&_events.htm#News (or go to the home page and then click on communications, then newsletters, then January 2006)

FOR MAPLE PRODUCERS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County will be offering the annual Maple Producers School on February 11, 2006, at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation office in Warrensburg at a cost of \$8 per person.

Topics presented will be Maple Energy Evaluation and Efficiency; Maple Grading, Regulations and Tax Issues; Information from the fall International Maple Conference; and The Impact of the Forest Tent Caterpillar in New York State.

Registration is required by February 7, 2006. To register or for more information, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension (518) 623-3291 or (518) 668-4881.

MEOLA QUESTIONS FINANCES

The finances for the Town of Hague appear to be quite healthy. But could they be even better? That is the question that former Town Board member Rudy Meola has been asking.

As we noted in the November Hague Chronicle, the Town had an unexpended balance of \$1,124,487 for 2005 - largely from its revenue from the county sales tax. When applied to the 2006 Town Budget, it helped offset expenses creating no need for a town tax. This large sum of money has been kept in several different accounts. Meola wants residents to be aware that the revenue is highly dependent on the county sales tax and that the money has been sitting in low-yield accounts.

Meola has told *The Hague Chronicle*, "Supervisor Belden has had the authority to invest these funds but for the first 3 months of 2005, they were in a checking account and then some were moved to accounts yielding only 0.6 % to 2%. He has not been investing these funds productively for the taxpayer."

In the end of the year meeting while still on the Board, Meola stated, "The town has no town tax for 2006, but this gives us a false picture of town finances. Appropriations for 2006 have gone up 13%. Town taxes would have to support these expenditures if there were no sales tax revenues. The tax rate for the fire district is \$.442/thousand, but if we were to add the additional \$195,000 subsidy in the 2006 budget the rate would be doubled to \$.889. It's time to start controlling spending."

Meola reiterated his concern about the low yield accounts at the January Board meeting. Newly elected councilwoman, Edna Frasier, asked him, "You were on the Board then Rudy, why are you bringing it up now?" He replied that he did not want these mistakes to continue.

Councilman Gladu at that meeting said the Finance Committee is going to meet to discuss an appropriate plan. Supervisor Belden said that a meeting has been set up with the bank.

CONSUMER CREDIT CENTER OPENS

Consumer Credit Counseling of Central New York has opened a satellite mobile counseling center at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center located on 377 Schroon River Road in Warrensburg.

Counselors from Consumer Credit Counseling Service will be available for appointments the third Tuesday of every month. CCCS, a nonprofit organization, provides free financial counseling and debt repayment services at lower fees than out-of-town competition. The organization provides phone and Internet counseling also. For an appointment or information call (800) 479-6026 or call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-623-3291 or 668-4881 and ask for the financial educator.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

Winners in the recent holiday fundraiser held by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild have been announced. The blue and gold quilt made by Marge Costello was won by Jeanne Chesney. Certificate winners were: Olde Mill Cafe, Grace Trombley; Frenchie's Restaurant, Tom Valenti; Two Brothers Meat Market, Ruth Allen; Carillon Restaurant, John Gonyea; Ti Pi dinner, Rod Geer; Ti Pi pizzas, Sue Huestis; Jay's Sunoco, Ruthie Dedrick. The season ticket to 2006 summer Guild concerts went to Kristin Bianchine.

Artists have been booked for six Tuesday evening concerts and six Arts Trek free Wednesday morning programs for 2006. Opening night, July 11 will feature The Brits, returning by popular demand to present another program of Beatles music. Other events will be announced in the March membership mailing.

The Guild office at 121 Montcalm St. is closed for the coming month. Contact the Guild by mail at PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

AIRPORT EXHIBITION

The Albany County Airport Authority announces the opening of a new exhibition in the Albany International Airport Gallery from January 15 - February 19, 2006.

The exhibition, "Saving Troy: A Year with Firefighters and Paramedics in a Battered City", consists of photographs taken by author and photographer William B. Patrick during the year he spent documenting the Troy Fire Department's 1st Platoon for his recently released book.

"Saving Troy" is a compelling and unique chronicle that takes the reader not only inside the action on fire and emergency medical calls, but transports us to the emotional core of the desperate situations it re-creates.

The Albany International Airport Gallery is open from 7:00AM - 11:00 PM daily. For additional information, contact Sharon Bates at (518) 242-2241 or e-mail arts@albanyairport.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Greater Adirondack Resource Conservaton and Development (RC&D) Council is pleased to announce its 9th annual scholarship competition for the Charles Lathrop Pack Scholarship.

Students 15-17 years old have an opportunity to compete for winning a stay for one week this summer at DEC's Environmental Education Camp in Warrensburg, NY. Sessions run from June 25 through August 5.

Entries should be received by February 15, 2006. For more information contact: Greater Adirondack RC&D Council, 60 Pack Forest Road, Chestertown, NY 12817.

There is only one success...to be able to spend your life in your own way

...Christopher Morley, author

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

HVFD. (25.5-1-16) West Hague Rd. OC-1

The Board approved a recommendation to the Zoning Board that they approve the variance request for a front line setback because the Fire Department is a public service organization supporting the health and welfare of the community.

More. (43.5-2-35) Dock Rd. Hamlet/TR-1

The applicant wishes to add wooden decks and walkways over existing concrete patios with a slight increase (0.48%) in size. Construction will be within 50 ft. of the shoreline so a recommendation is needed for ZBA review. A site visit was scheduled.

Harrison. (43.17-1-1) Lakeshore Dr. TR-1

The applicant requests permission to build a 4 ft. fence along their property line. The new fence will be built on an existing 2 ft. berm and will be an extension of the 6 ft. fence already in place. Permission was granted in 1997, but the project was not completed. A variance will be required for relief from the sideline setback. A more detailed drawing was requested by the Planning Board and they scheduled a site visit.

Other Business

For those of you following the saga of the confusion concerning the definition of square footage, the Board approved a motion to remove the second sentence from the definition of square footage and send the revision to the APA for review. (That sentence reads: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, the square footage of structures for purposes of applying the shoreline setback restrictions shall be a gross measurement, which includes the floor space of attics and attached decks, porches, stairs, ramps, garages and other similar components of the main structure.")

Attorney Mark Schachner will lead a workshop at the Hague Community Center at 6 pm on January 23rd for all interested Planning, Zoning and Town Board members.

David Swanson, Cathy Clark and Dan Belden will meet with Town Attorney Viscardi to discuss the issues related to the accessory structure located on the Van Wirt property.

The annual year-end meeting was held on December 28 at 4PM with all members of the board present. The bills for the month were audited and authorized to be paid. It was noted that the highway department was well over budget for the year and bills would have to be paid from the general fund.

A moment of silence was observed for Frank Carney and Carol Brown.

The Board reviewed the final warrant for 2005 and authorized the supervisor to pay warrant in the amount of \$18,567.17.

Authorization was given for Tim Costello or William O'Leary to attend WWTP conference in March. (This was later changed at the organizational meeting on January 5 to authorize Tim Costello to attend this conference, since it is part of his on-going education as head of the sewer department.)

George Farinick has been hired to install the new boiler at the highway garage. It is still being worked on. It has been very difficult to find someone to install and service the boiler, since it was purchased direct. Most jobbers will not provide installation only, but will want to supply the item to be installed.

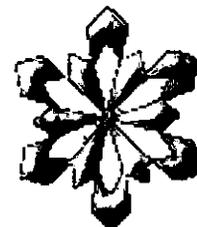
It was reported that an accident took place three weeks ago with one of the highway trucks. No tickets were issued but the supervisor stressed the need to the highway superintendent that any accident must be reported to the insurance company in a timely manner.

Rudy Meola, one of the outgoing members of the board, thanked the board for its cooperation during the past four years and said, "It's been a privilege to have served the people of Hague." Included in his accomplishments he mentioned promoting open government and accountability, working for a sense of direction, recruited members for the Planning and Zoning Boards, helped enact the Junk law, worked on several innovative programs for you and initiated the townwide garage sale.

Mr. Meola as a follow up to the question he raised at the December 13, 2005 meeting asked Supervisor Belden if any of the \$800,000 in the checking account earning 1.39% interest had been invested in a higher earning money market account. Mr. Belden replied that it has not. There will be a meeting set up with the town's official depository to review the town's accounts.

Councilmen Megow and Patchett also expressed sincere thanks to the Board and the people of Hague.

Resolution #69 of 2005 was adopted supporting the town's application for funding for the purchase of television equipment necessary to inspect and insure proper maintenance of our sanitary sewer lines and related underground facilities and will share equally with all other co-applicants in the project.



TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING - 1/5/06

The first meeting of the new town board was held on January 5, 2006 at 6:30PM when it held its organizational meeting.

The oath of office was administered by the town clerk to new members of the board, Edna Frasier, Tom LaPointe, Art Steitz and to Dan Belden, Supervisor. The board adopted the following:

The regular meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Community Center preceded by the audit of bills at 6:00PM.

The official depository - Evergreen Bank, Bolton Landing Office

Official Newspaper - Glens Falls Post Star

The mileage rate will be \$.36 per mile.

Investment of surplus funds - The Supervisor is empowered to invest surplus funds to draw interest for the accounts from which the funds are withdrawn.

Authorization for town officials to attend Association of Towns meeting in NY City in February.

Petty Cash Funds: Town Clerk, \$25; tax collector, \$100; town park \$50; Justice, \$50; Supervisor, \$100.

Contracts with American Legion \$300; Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. \$195,000; Veterinarian, \$150; Hague Senior Citizens Inc. \$2,500, Community Action Agency, \$2,200; Senior Citizen transportation once a month to Glens Falls, \$185 per trip, not to exceed \$2,220 annually.

The following appointments were made:

Budget Officer - Supervisor Belden

Records Management officer - Debbie Manning

Tax Collector - Debbie Manning

Zoning Enforcement Officer - Cathy Clark

Town Naturalist - David DeFranco

CCenter Coordinator - Bertha Dunsmore

Health Officer - The Town Board is designated as the Board of Health

CARE Program Officer - Sheryl Bailey; Viola Vassallo, Deputy Program Officer

Dog Control Officer/Animal Control Officer, Dog Enumerator - Linda Benway

ZBA Chairman - Robert Goetsch

ZBA reappointment to Dec 2012 - Martin Fitzgerald II

Planning Board Chairman - David Swanson

Planning Board reappointment to Dec 2012 - Roland Allen

Town Park Commission - Michele Gautreau, reappointed to Dec 2008

Deputy Town Supervisor - Art Steitz

Deputy Highway Supt - Chester Frasier

Town Attorney - Dominick Viscardi who will provide all legal services, including litigation.

The Board also approved a holiday schedule, made their committee appointments, adopted employees salaries and adopted a Procurement Policy.

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody.

...Herbert Bayward Swope, journalist

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/10/05

Supervisor Dan Belden, returning councilman Dick Gladu, and newly elected councilpersons Edna Frasier, Tom LaPointe and Art Steitz were all present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for Kenneth Frasier.

Under public comments, David Dunn, Co-President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce discussed a new visitor's center in Lake George. Thirteen municipalities around Lake George have been invited to participate in the Warren County room which will have touch screen access to the Chamber website and have information on the area. Each town has been asked to contribute toward the cost of the room.

Karen Laundree, the other Chamber Co-President discussed upcoming Chamber of Commerce events. They will be sponsoring the Winter Weekend in February and also have organized a free tax service for Seniors and others who may need it. The service, staffed by volunteers, will take place at the Community Center starting on February 1st and running through April 15th.

George Farinick reported that he is installing the new boiler in the Town Garage and it should be operational by the weekend. He is also working to update and repair electrical controls and insulation so that the area will be up to code.

Rudy Meola, former Town Board member, discussed several concerns about the Town finances. (His concerns are reported on page 3.)

The Town Board has several committees each with 2 Board members. We are listing the members this month so that you will know whom to contact on the various issues. The first name is the chairperson of the committee.

Assessor/Justice - Gladu/Steitz

Councilman Gladu reported that they are still trying to nail down the equalization rate for this year.

Buildings & Grounds - LaPointe/Steitz

Councilman LaPointe plans to meet with Lu Megow and Mike Manning.

Enhancement - Frasier/Steitz

Councilwoman Frasier will talk to the members of the Town Enhancement Committee. Councilman Gladu expressed the view that this committee could serve as the overview of the various committees that work on planning (eg. brookside, streetlights, downtown enhancement, parking) to make sure all the pieces get put together in the context of an overall downtown plan.

CARE - Frasier/Steitz - No report yet as new committee members have just taken office.

Con't on page 6 - Town Board

Finance - Frasier/Gladu

Supervisor Belden has set up a meeting with a financial planner to address some of the issues raised by former Board member, Rudy Meola.

Fire - Steitz/Gladu

Councilman Steitz reported that the department picked up his son, Dan Steitz, who had a heart attack while out grooming snowmobile trails. (We wish Dan a speedy and full recovery!)

Highway - Gladu/LaPointe

Highway Superintendent Don Smith will fill in for Dan Steitz who worked for the Highway Department. Councilman Gladu has talked to Don Smith about a capital plan and looking at an equipment replacement strategy. They will sit down on a monthly basis to look at, and clarify, some of the financial issues. Money has been set aside for a salt shed which still needs to be built.

Insurance - Frasier/Gladu - No report yet.

Museum & Historian - Frasier/LaPointe - No report yet.

Personnel - Gladu/Frasier

Councilman Gladu reported that there are "a few things I'm looking into" and there is a need to look at employee job descriptions and assessments.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Gladu/LaPointe

ZEO Cathy Clark reported on permits and variance requests. She reported that the HVFD attorney will be present at the next ZBA meeting. The Planning Board is working on code modifications. There will be an open workshop on January 23rd for the planning, zoning and town board members. There is also a zoning conference in Saratoga with a fee of \$29 per person. The Town Board approved funding for any members of the boards who want to attend.

Recreation/Promotion - LaPointe/Steitz

Councilman LaPointe discussed working on snowmobile access to the lake and finding out about the feasibility of a stormwater catch basin at the Fish & Game club.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Belden/Steitz

Supervisor Belden reported that they will meet this week with the engineers and hope to have a cost by April. Hague has been allotted 2.9 million from the previous grant and a state grant is possible but they need to know how much funding is needed before applying.

Town Park/Beautification - LaPointe/Steitz- No report yet.

Transfer and Recycling - Steitz/Gladu - No report yet.

Youth - Frasier/LaPointe

Former Councilman Meola has a 2 - year appointment on the Warren County Youth Board which continues until the end of this year.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

1. Learned that there is an opening on the Board of Assessment review and Councilman Gladu suggested there is a need for a process to look at candidates.
2. Continued a discussion about Martin Agency building. There is currently still on file an outstanding lien of \$63,000. The DEC says the town would be eligible for help with removal of the underground tanks. There were conflicting ideas on whether the town should pursue the matter but they decided to wait for 60 days to get more information before making any further decision.

Under communications & petitions, the Board:

1. Acknowledged receipt of a letter (only parts of which were read) from Denis Glennon in reference to cellular phone service. Neither Verizon nor Cingular responded to previous requests for information but board members Belden and Gladu will look into it again.

Under new business, the Board:

1. Acknowledged receipt of the treasurer's report from the HVFD.
2. Approved resolution #41 to enter into a contract with the Hague Fish & Game Club for an amount not to exceed \$500. The club will be sponsoring an Adult & Youth Fishing Contest on February 18th, 2006.
3. Approved resolution #38 for an expenditure of \$7,125 as Hague's share of the Warren County room in the Lake George Visitor's Center. The money will come out of the occupancy tax funds under the miscellaneous code.
4. Approved a request by the Chamber of Commerce to use the Community Center for the Annual Arts Fair on August 5 & 6, 2006.
5. Approved resolution #39 for the annual designation of the Community Center as the polling place in Hague.
6. Approved resolution #40 to enter into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for \$10,000 for the year. Although more was budgeted, this amount is the maximum allowed by law. This money is coming out of the occupancy tax funds and if more money is needed it is subject to public referendum.

The Supervisor:

1. Reported that Route 9N from foot of mountain to center of town is scheduled to be redone - paving and guardrails - in 2007. The Board then approved the hiring of Graham Bailey to represent the town on the project. Mr. Bailey has done work with the state and will submit plans to include walk and bicycle lanes. He will submit a proposal for the hourly rate and scope of service which the Board will go over at the next meeting.
2. Suggested that Dottie Henry, of New Hague Road, write a letter requesting the extension of cable service and then the Town can pursue it.
3. Discussed work on the parking lots.
4. Heard that R&R auto rebuilders at 494-4307 will take any old cars away and individuals can call that number.



~SOUNDINGS~

MEMORY TREE

BORN: Kellan Stewart Bartlett on December 23, 2005 to Karen and Jud Bartlett of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. Proud grandparents are Enid and Ken Engler of Hague and Ticonderoga.

DIED: L. Rodman Collins, of Tallmadge, Ohio in March of 2005 a few weeks after the death of his wife of 64 years, Clara. Survivors include his sons John F. of Tallmadge and Paul H. of Elberon, NJ.

DIED: Franklin E. Carney, 90, Sabbath Day Point, Hague, on December 21 at his residence. He is survived by his three daughters, Patricia Bartlett, Ticonderoga, Margaret Chamberlain, Keithville, LA, and Pamela Bresett, Sabbath Day Point, one brother John K. Carney, Queensbury. 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

DIED: Carol Will Brown, 65, Pine Cove Road, Hague, on December 25, 2005 at Glens Falls Hospital. Mrs. Brown was an active member of the Hague Senior Citizens, Historical Society and Home Bureau and was also a member and past president of The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George. She is survived by her husband, Martin H. Brown, a step-daughter, Valerie DuPrey and a stepson, Gregory, both of Rochester, one sister Louise Halloran, Florida, six granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

DIED: Kenneth Scott Frasier, 33, Schuylerville, on January 5, 2006 at the Saratoga Hospital. He was the son of the late Stanley C. and Patricia Duell Frasier. He is survived by one daughter and six siblings, including John Frasier, Hague.

DIED: Evelyn G. Wiltsie, 88, Hague, a former resident of Scotia, NY, on January 13, 2006. She was a daughter of the late Frank and Jessie Martin, who summered at Indian Kettles since the 1940's. Mrs. Wiltsie retired to Hague in 1975 and has been a year-round resident since that time. She is survived by her son-in-law Thomas B. Azer, sister Shirley Weisgerber, Scotia, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The following names have been added to the Memory Tree since the December edition. A total of \$521 was raised for the benefit of the Hague Emergency Squad.

Jo Arata, Joe Bach, Anna Balcom, Ralph Balcom, Barnaby Family, Tom Beadnell, Joan Belden, Joe Belden, Charlie Belden, Gerald Belden, Howard Belden, Mabel Belden, Margaret Frasier Bolton, Harold Bolton, Adolph Contreni, Bertha Reiff Crabbs, David Dent Crabbs, John David Crabbs, Edward Hubley Crabbs, Eliza Hamilton Crabbs, Edward Hamilton Crabbs, Deek Decker, Ervin DeGraff, Edward Dunklee, Dottie Engler, Howie Engler, Adolph Englert,

Fred Fish, Myra Fish, Colonel Fitzgerald, Charley Fitzgerald, Alice Frasier, Lee Frasier, Hazel Frasier, Harry Frasier, S. Richard Frasier, Guy Fuller, Roland Forgette, Ron Grasier, James Patrick Gunning, Anne Gustafson, Harold "Beezer" Hall, C. Robert Hayes, Edwin and Peggy Hinck, Donald "Traveler" Jordon, Dave Jordon,

Gordon "Hubcap" May, Roy Meeker, Paul Meeker, Gladys Meeker, Alfred Ostrander, Claire Piantadosi, Ginny Plass, Martha Kuck Reiff, Jack Reynolds, Erlo Schoder, Mable Smith, Leaman "Tink" Snow, Walter and Coletta Sperling, Fred Spreeman, Carlton Stacy, Richard Stormer, Sr., Robert Streeter, Nick Turano, Pete Waters.

SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students have been listed on the second marking period honor roll at Ticonderoga High School:

Grade 12:

First Honors - Sarah Bissell

Second Honors - Andrew Trombley

Grade 11:

First Honors- Akashia Swinton, Kacheena Trudeau

Second Honors - Janine Best

Grade 10:

First Honors - Samantha Abare

Grade 9:

First Honors - Jared Best, Brendan Carberry, Shane Graser

Second Honors - Molly Ginn

MIDDLE SCHOOL OMISSION

OOPS! We made an error of omission in last month's list of Hague Middle School students who achieved High Honors and the Sentinel Merit Society for the first marking period. We congratulate William Lawrie, 6th grade student from Hague who achieved this honor and apologize for the omission.



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

REMEMBERING HAGUE - FRANK CARNEY by Judy Stock

Frank Carney, a beloved Hague native, died on December 21, 2006 at the age of 90. The following contains portions of his recollections during a conversation at his home in September.

Frank was born on the kitchen table at Sabbath Day Point on June 29, 1915, the son of Lillian and Bruce Carney. Frank's grandmother was the only living relative of the soldier to whom the Sabbath Day Point Patent had been given and therefore was the heir of the Sabbath Day Point property. The land had been farmed by the soldier and contained a farmhouse. Frank's grandparents, Franklin Edson and Adele Carney, moved to Sabbath Day Point in 1888 on the day of the big blizzard.

The farmhouse was used as a tourist home and branched into a hotel. During the summers as a youth Frank worked at the Sabbath Day Point Hotel. He was "forced into laundry duty", helped the chef in the kitchen and then he had afternoons to himself. An early entrepreneur, he had 3 boats that he rented out. Frank remembered a tornado which blew the roof off the laundry and overturned the chicken coop and the silo. Roy Bennett was a local builder who put the roof back on the laundry but they didn't use the chicken coop again.

At Sabbath Day Point there were 14 stalls for cars (which arrived by boat); 3 tennis courts - a dirt one by the Lake and 2 clay ones by the house. The Sabbath Day Point House was the first hotel to have electricity. They used a Dodge generator with batteries which was set up in the laundry. The water for the hotel came from a spring across the road which was built over the conduit. Snug Harbor Cabins were built in the 1950's- the first three by Frank Fitzgerald and Frank himself built the other seven.

The last expansion of the hotel was the lobby in the 1920's. There were about 50 rooms in the main building. Archibald and Austin bought the property in about 1950. Frank's brother, Jack, continued to run it until it was torn down.

Frank went to the local district #5 school [the current Heintzelman residence on Lakeshore Drive] until 8th grade when he went to the new Hague Central School - one of the first central schools built in the early 1930's.

The original principal was replaced by Morgan Chester who came from Luzerne. Frank knew Mr. Chester as principal when he was a student and later when he was on the Board of Education. (Frank was on the Hague School Board for 18 years and served some of that time as its president.). Frank said of him, "Morgan Chester did more for Hague than anyone before or since. He was liked by everybody. He knew how to handle kids and people. If two boys were fighting he would put boxing gloves on them and let them fight til they were done."

When Frank was a Sophomore, he and John Carpenter and Bernie Clifton got together and rented the old Trout House from RJ Bolton (which was then across from the Wheeler House near the boat dock). The place was used as a movie theater in the summer and they moved the chairs and created a basketball court (the Hague School auditorium ceiling was too low for basketball - later a gymnasium with additional classrooms above was built). They played their first basketball game against Horicon. Frank was very proud to remember that they charged admission and earned enough money to buy their uniforms. Ticonderoga had purple so they chose red and gray. They had 10 students playing including 2 grade school students.

After graduation in 1933, Frank attended the Manlius Prep School and then the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark, New Jersey to study mechanics and welding. He worked briefly in a machine shop but they were not paying for working on Saturdays so he went back to Sabbath Day Point.

In 1937 he opened a gas station and in 1940 married Rosemary Hopkins. In 1941, a "GE bigwig" got his car stuck on Tongue Mt. and after Frank got him out he offered Frank a job at GE. In 1945 he came back to Sabbath Day Point. He had a dump truck and "worked with the Lambert boys" cutting ice. By March the ice houses were filled and he then worked his sugar bush.

Frank recalled that during the depression about half of the tourists came to the area. Many of the summer places were for sale and people couldn't pay taxes. But no one could buy them, and the town didn't want them, so people were able to hang on to their houses.

And in a recollection of local politics Frank said his father, Bruce, was the Town Supervisor and that "all politics took place at Keenan's store - not in public meetings."

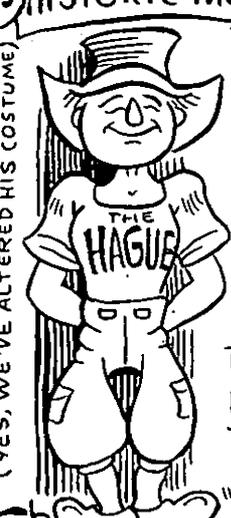
One of the many things Frank will be remembered for is his maple syrup. It finds its way each year to many places in the United States.

HAGUE HAPPENINGS by Stan

5) HISTORIC MOMENTS IN HAGUE HISTORY

A TRUE STORY:
(MAINLY, IT IS TRUE)... IN THE SUMMER OF '98, A MAN PASSING THROUGH THE TOWN OF HAGUE, SAID: "I WAS CLOSE BY, AND I WANTED TO VISIT HAGUE, N.Y. IT'S LIKE MY TOWN - QUIET, PRETTY, NICE PEOPLE. I LIKE YOUR BROOK, THE LAKE". "WHERE'S YOUR HOME?" I ASKED. HE REPLIED "I'M FROM THE HAGUE, HOLLAND!"

(YES, WE'VE ALTERED HIS COSTUME)



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RECYCLE WRAPPING MATERIALS

WEATHER NOTES
by Mary Lou Doulin

Are you up to your ears in left-over Christmas packaging etc.? Here is what you can do! For those disgusting "peanuts" that fill up boxes and stick to everything in sight - you can return them to any UPS store during regular store hours. The manager of the store in Saratoga Springs said they will take back foam peanuts. They will also take back packing boxes that are in good shape and they donate them to people who cannot afford to buy new ones. The donations are very helpful he said. There is no need to call ahead. The materials can be dropped off during regular hours.

Often the clothing boxes that department stores give with purchases can be returned to the stores where they were purchased. Queensbury's J. C. Penney Inc. store will take back any boxes customers wish to return and recycle them accordingly. This applies to most other department stores, too.

For Christmas cards - be creative. Use them next year for gift tags by cutting the backs off and using the fronts to attach to gifts. (I received a thank-you note written on a used Christmas card, with the back cut off.) I also have found that by cutting the pictures from the cards, art teachers, youth groups, Sunday School teachers etc. have found them useful in their classes by using them for post cards, scrapbooking, or making brand new cards next year.

And then there's the wrapping paper. You can save money (and trees) by saving reusable pieces of wrapping paper. Fold it neatly, or roll larger pieces on the empty rolls you have. Think ahead - you can wrap next year's gifts in cloth napkins, tablecloths, bandanas or other reusable fabrics as a way to give an additional gift and conserve at the same time. Try wrapping children's gifts in blankets or pillowcases. They won't care what their play station is wrapped in and might just be pleasantly surprised with a new bed covering.

Use your imagination and you will be able to save money with what you can reuse. These tips will save you money, reduce your garbage output and they will give you more storage space sooner! . . .

Thanks to these helpful tips from Melissa Guay, mguay@poststar.com Check out the Web site www.make-stuff.com ...dh

KELLER JOINS LGA STAFF

The Lake George Association has announced that Grace Keller has been hired to be the environmental non-profit's new Development Assistant.

Keller currently resides in Bolton Landing, where her family ties go back over a hundred years. According to Walt Lender, the LGA's Executive Director, "Grace has tremendous energy and a very strong connection to the community and the lake."

Weather in '05 and '06 has been in the national news with Hurricane Katrina being the biggest story. However, as this winter progresses, unexpected occurrences are universal. The Northeast and Chicago have had a lengthy spell of springlike conditions. Alaska has no snow but subtropical India does. Drought and grass fires rage throughout Oklahoma while Seattle, Washington has had 27 continuous days of rain. On January 14 tornado warnings were posted up through northern New Jersey.

This may turn out to be a remarkable winter but if it is, it won't be the first. The coldest was in 1816 which was called the year without a summer. 1827 through 1828 was known to be the warmest winter since 1757 when mud season lasted 5 months.

Back to the subject of our local conditions here in Hague - we enjoyed a true January thaw that may have actually started on Christmas day. This white Christmas started to turn a little gray as a fog and rain entered in the afternoon. Prior to that the third week of December was a prolonged snowy cold snap where temperatures dipped to 0 degrees and below. Since Christmas Day the temperatures have been in the high 30s and 40s and on January 14 peaked at 53 degrees.

The lack of sunshine has been notable with only four days out of the last 28 being bright. The reappearance of fog portend yet another change. The flood warnings were posted then once again the coin flipped and the rain mixed to snow, the wind accelerated, the temperatures dropped to the teens and low 20s and 4 inches of snow fell.



Ice forming on Lake George
Hague Bay - January 17, 2006

photo by j. stock

January - February 2006

January

24	10am	LGPC mtg -Lake George
24	1:30pm	Senior Citizens Mtg. (p. 2)
25	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution
26	2pm	<i>Hague Chronicle</i> Board
26	7pm	Zoning Board of Appeals

February

2	7pm	Planning Board
14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
14	6:30 pm	Town Board
18-19		Hague Winter Weekend (see flyer)
22	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution
23		<i>February Hague Chronicle</i> mailed

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

To June 30, 2006:

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

Closed all other days



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