

### HELP PROTECT LAKE GEORGE H<sub>2</sub>O QUALITY

Water Quality Awareness Committees are forming in towns and neighborhoods around the Lake to help protect Lake George's water quality. One of the key initiatives by the Hague group (HWQAC), chaired by Al Rider, is to raise awareness among Hague residents, property owners and town officials about the dangers that pesticides and fertilizers pose. As they seep into Lake George, they add unwanted nutrients, causing algae blooms. Furthermore, they can be particularly harmful to pets and children who might come into contact with the toxic residues when playing on the lawn.

Kathy Bozony, Natural Resource Specialist with The Fund for Lake George, told attendees at a recent HWQAC meeting not to be fooled by labels on pesticides and fertilizers that say they are safe for use around water, pets and children. The labels, she said, are only required by law to cover the active ingredients, but many of the *inactive* ingredients are highly toxic.

A petition with well over 100 signatures urging the Town of Hague to pass a law, banning the use of fertilizers and pesticides within 50 feet of Lake George or other water bodies that feed into the Lake, was presented to the Town Board at its March meeting. Queensbury has already enacted a similar law and other towns along the Lake are considering following suit, creating a fertilizer-free and pesticide-free buffer around Lake George. Supervisor Edna Frasier said that the Board would take the suggestion under advisement.

What can you, as an individual, do to help protect Lake George? Here are just a few suggestions from the HWQAC:

- ◆ Use native plants, which can thrive on their own, without fertilizers or pesticides.
- ◆ Plant a lakeside buffer and/or build a rain garden to keep runoff from entering the Lake.
- ◆ Get involved with the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee
- ◆ Let the Town Board members know how you feel about the proposed fertilizer/pesticide law.

The Fund for Lake George has grant money available for people who want to plant a lakeside buffer. Call 518-668-9700.

The next HWQAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7 pm at the Community Center. The HWQAC hopes to have at least one advocate in each of the neighborhoods and homeowners associations in Hague.

Come to the meeting to learn more about what you can do to minimize your impact on Lake George and help keep The Queen clean. For additional information contact Al Rider at <alsupra@nycap.rr.com> or 518-636-6326.

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION PLANS



The Hague Memorial Day Parade Committee, chaired by Mike and Maureen Cherubini under the auspices of the Senior Club, has been busy with plans for the Parade and Funfest to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013. If anyone wishes to have a float in the parade or be a vendor, please contact Mike or Maureen at 543-6463.

We are seeking all Military Veterans to march or ride in the parade along with Hague's Memorial Unit. Uniforms would be great but not necessary. We know our Town and surrounding towns have many veterans. Please call Mike at 543-6463.

This year is Warren County's 200th Birthday and the "Civil War" is the theme. To celebrate the County's birthday, the Town of Hague is holding a Civil War ceremony, after the parade at the beach, to honor the men from Hague who served in the 118th Infantry.

Donations to help the Parade Committee with their efforts for the Town would be appreciated. No amount is too small. Checks should be made out to Hague Senior Citizens Club – Parade Account and mailed to Hague Community Center-Parade, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.



### BOAT LAUNCH TO BE CLOSED



The Boat Launch at the Hague Town Park will be closed from 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday, May 25, 2013 for safety reasons during the Memorial Day celebration. Please make appropriate plans — Rogers Rock and Ticonderoga's Mossy Point are alternative places to launch boats.

### FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT TO OPEN



The Hague Firehouse Restaurant is scheduled to open on Thursday, May 9, 2013. While the Hague Market has been a good venue for breakfast and lunch (and Thursday night take-out dinners), the Spring opening of this Hague restaurant is eagerly anticipated by its local patrons. Sheri DeLarm promises her new chef comes with a great resume and she looks forward to his fresh food. We'll try to have more on that next month.

## SENIOR NEWS

For a few good laughs, join us for bowling, pizza and soda at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga on April 18, 2013. This will be the last of bowling and our game nights until the fall when we will start up again and go through the winter months. So if you missed out on this round of fun come and join us.

We just finished having our 4th annual Baked Potato day with all the toppings. A good time was had by all who attended this Senior feast with games and prizes.

The next Senior meeting will be April 23, 2013 at 12:30 pm. It will be a luncheon to go over all the things for the Memorial Day Parade including volunteers for carrying the banner, white elephant table, the kitchen, etc.

It is time again for the collection of items for the famous Senior White Elephant sale. We appreciate any donations but please NO clothing and dishes and glassware should be in sets only. Please contact Pat at 543-6502 or Maureen at 543-6463 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off.

To kick off the exciting 2013 Senior Club road trips, we will head south on May 9th to the Saratoga Auto Museum and then have lunch. We will meet at the Community Center at 9:30 am to carpool. Please let Pat know if you have suggestions for a lunch venue.

## WITH THE LGA

The Lake George Association's Lake Steward program won a 2013 National Invasive Species Achievement Award for its "outstanding achievement in aquatic invasive species outreach and education." The Lake Steward program combines prevention measures to stop the spread of invasive species with public outreach and education, while collecting invaluable invasive species data.

The LGA is still accepting applications for Lake Stewards for the summer of 2013, particularly for the Rogers Rock and Mossy Point (Ticonderoga) boat launches.

For the job description and application information, visit <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org)>.

To learn more about fertilizers and lawn care, landscaping with natives, rain gardens and shoreline buffers see the homeowners guide on the LGA website. Visit <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org)> and click on "Lake - Friendly living."

## HVFD OPEN HOUSE

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10 am until 2 pm. This event is part of a statewide Open House offering community members an opportunity to learn more about their volunteer fire and EMS services.

The HVFD will have a free car wash, massages, blood pressure screening and refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and tour the Firehouse and see the equipment.

## LGA BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

The LGA encourages students in grades 4 - 7 attending schools within the Lake George watershed to enter its bookmark design contest.

The bookmark theme this year is "My Summer Place" and students are encouraged to consider the art work of Georgia O'Keeffe and this theme for this year's bookmark.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the LGA website at <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org)>. Click on the "What we do" tab and select "Education." The deadline for entries to be received is April 26. For questions, contact Jillian Trunko at 668-3558 or <[jtrunko@lakegeorgeassociation.org](mailto:jtrunko@lakegeorgeassociation.org)>.

## AREA EVENTS

Friday, April 19, 2013 2:30 pm

LGPC Aquatic Invasive Species Committee meets at the Bolton Town Hall

Saturday, April 20, 2013 10 am - noon

LGLC volunteer orientation at the LGLC office  
4905 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton

Sunday, April 21, 2013 10 am - 1 pm

LGLC Spruce mountain hike, free, but advanced registration is required by email to <[events@lglc.org](mailto:events@lglc.org)>.

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## DOWN-TOWN HAGUE

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania has Phil the groundhog who indicates to us each February just how much longer winter is going to last. I recently got to thinking that if Punxsutawney can gain fortune and fame by capitalizing on a silly little groundhog, why shouldn't Hague be able to turn its burgeoning population of geese into some sort of profitable venture. Yes, the geese are back now – a clear indication that spring has arrived.

Of course, everyone here complains about the geese. They pollute the lake, mess up everyone's lawn, make the Town Park the best-fertilized meadow in the North Country... Need I say more? So, how to put a positive spin on this? I've been thinking long and hard, and I've come up with a few ideas. I am convinced that the Warren County Department of Economic Development and the Federal Small Business Administration are likely to jump all over any one of these ideas, anxious to give us all the support we need:

The first idea is to start a down business, using the geese, of course. We should call it Down-Town Hague. We would produce down comforters, down jackets, down vests, down mittens, down pillows. The possibilities are endless. And goodness knows, people in the North Country need plenty of down clothing and accoutrements to stay warm. To be honest, I can't see any down-side to this idea.

If that idea doesn't spark the attention and interest it deserves, perhaps we could start a cooking school. We'll call it "Your Goose is Cooked." People would come from all over the country -- heck, we could even offer it in foreign languages and attract tourists from around the world. I know for a fact that Germans absolutely love to eat goose. They even have a special holiday for it, called St. Martin's Day. Since the *What's Cooking in Hague?* cookbook is getting a bit dated these days, we could create an entire cookbook of recipes that use goose meat. This is where we could attract the French, with foie gras recipes. By the way, for all you non-French speakers, this will not be made from the grass in the park, which is far too soiled from all the geese. Of course, all of Hague's goose meat is organic, free-range, raised on the best water in the world. Clearly we can market them as being spring-fed. Though we would, of course, also feed them in winter, summer and fall.

Or how about if we start bottling our own Grey Goose? I mean, what goes into vodka anyway? Potatoes, water, anything else? So, we use our spring-fed water and our geese. I believe that the definition of distilling is that you take a large quantity of something and make it more concentrated. Well, we have a very large quantity of geese. And plenty of water. And I think that Wal-Mart -- even though their produce selection is becoming more pitiful by the week -- usually does stock potatoes. So, we're all set. And, by the way, this is one more way to attract more foreign tourists since I understand that the Russians will travel to any place that serves vodka.

Now, we just need to talk to the makers of Grey Goose vodka and let them know that we can manufacture it for them much more cheaply than whoever is currently doing it for them. We might be able to repurpose some of the equipment from the

old graphite mines and build a still up there. It would be out of sight -- just in case those pesky revenue agents start snooping around like they did back in the days of prohibition. And, if need be, we can just hide everything in the mines until the danger has passed. Apparently the bats have abandoned those mines, so I think they're available for other uses now.

There might be more ideas that come to mind. I have to keep thinking about it. For now, I'm going to go out and see if those geese are seeing their shadow today. Or do those Punxsutawney people already have a monopoly on that idea? Well, I'll just pour myself a glass of Grey Goose and keep thinking.

## TICONDEROGA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Ticonderoga School Board held a special budget workshop at the Hague Community Center on April 16, 2013. The next budget meeting will be held at 7 pm before the regular meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2013 in the school cafeteria, 5 Calkins Place, Ticonderoga, NY.

## TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after MAY 1, 2013 at the Hague Community Center, Mon-Thurs. from 9 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll on the following dates, by appointment only: Monday, May 6th, Wednesday, May 8th, Monday, May 13th, from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, May 18th, from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP- 524 ) are available at the Community Center or online at <[www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)>.

## ANNUAL FREE CLEANUP WEEKEND

The Town of Hague Highway Department is again making a free cleanup possible. Town residents may bring one standard size pickup truck load for free to the Highway Department on West Hague Road on Friday, June 14 or Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 7 am to 3 pm only.

For Hague residents who are sixty (60) years of age or older or those who are physically disabled/handicapped, the Highway Department will pick up at the roadside from 7 am to 3 pm on June 14 and 15, 2013. Registration is mandatory for pick-up by calling 543-6161 by 4 pm on Thursday, June 14th.

Items for pick-up must be sorted, placed at the roadside and not exceed a combined total that will fit into a standard size pickup truck.

Acceptable items for all residents must be **sorted** and may include but are not limited to white goods (stove, washer, dryer, etc.), furniture (chairs, TV, sofa, rugs, etc.) and metal.

Items that are **not** acceptable are recyclables, garbage, brush/leaves, construction material, tires, propane tanks, refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners or similar.

For any questions, call the Community Center at 543-6161.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/1/2013**

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald and Rudy Meola were present. Steve Ramant was out of town and Mark Martucci recently passed away.

A moment of silence was held for Janice Frasier, Tom Charboneau, Frances Clifton, Mark Martucci and Robert Patchett.

This meeting was held early in order to have a quorum for April and we did not have a reporter in attendance. We understand there were only a few items discussed.

The position of Town Historian is still open and anyone interested should pick up an application at the Community Center.

Interviews are being held for secretary to the Planning and Zoning Boards.

The decking at the boat dock needs to be redone.

The Board tabled a motion to appoint new Code Committee members.

The warrants for Sewer Districts #1 and #2 were approved. The bills will be sent out in the first week of May. The use fee for District #1 will be \$500 per EDU. The fee for District #2 will be \$450 plus the capital and interest fees.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 3/28/13**

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

DAVIS (26.18-1-3) 9251 Lakeshore Drive (OCII)

The applicants applied for an after-the-fact variance for a zero feet lot line setback for a carport. In 1993 the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance from the 10 foot sideline requirement to a 4 foot sideline setback for the construction of a carport but it was built on the sideline.

Cliff Davis was in attendance and spoke in favor of his application.

Barb Rottier, attorney for Ms. Clark who is the neighbor abutting Mr. Davis on the south side, stated that she and her client were prepared to oppose the variance but have worked out an agreement with Mr. Davis and therefore will support his variance request.

ZEO Clark stated that the Planning Board had recommended denying the variance because it was after-the-fact.

The ZBA did not approve the zero lot line request and only approved the original variance for a 4 foot sideline setback including any overhangs. Conditions included were that storm-water be addressed, that the gutter system be directed into some kind of containment and that the structure be retained as a carport with no future additions including no sides, no windows and no doors and that Ms. Clark have continuous access to her utility box.

DOCKSIDE LANDING (26.17-2-27) 9130 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The ZBA approved an extension of a March 24, 2011 approval for a staircase and retaining wall to be constructed within the frontline setback of their property.

**PLANNING BOARD – 4/4/2013**

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

UMBRELLA HOUSE, LLC (76.8-1-7) 8382 Lakeshore Drive (HSR/OCIR)

The Planning Board approved a request by John Breitenbach representing the LLC, for a change in wording to the January approval given by the Planning Board. The new wording stated:

“Use of the property is solely for the property owners and their immediate family members, occasional use to include friends and guests of the property owners and their family members provided that in no instance shall this use constitute a nuisance to neighboring parcels.”

PATCHETT (26.17-2-44) 9 Overlook Lane (Hamlet)

Owners Alice and Scott Patchett reported that they will follow the recommendation of the engineer to replace the existing water filter with a different type and to install a UV disinfection system. They will meet with ZEO Clark to review the conditions for the August 2, 2012 approval.

Chairman Frasier expressed condolences to the Patchetts on their recent loss.

CODE MODIFICATION

The Board approved a motion to ask the Town Board to address the issue of residential use (inhabitation) of travel trailers specifically staying the placement of trailers on vacant parcels within the Town for a period of 6 months to give the committee time to act on it.

They would like this moratorium while the code revision committee works on the issue.

**TRANSFER STATION PRICE UPDATE**

The prices remain the same for 13 - 15 gal bags at \$3.50; for 30 gal bags at \$5.00 and for 50 gal bags at \$10.00 However, in order to give clients the option of an intermediate size, the Transfer Station will now accept bags in the 39 - 42 gal range for \$6.50.

**ENCHANCEMENT FLOWER BASKETS**

To enhance the hamlet area of Hague, memorial baskets will once again be put up before Memorial Day weekend. Those who have donated in the past, or anyone new who would like to designate a basket in memory of someone, may send their donation of \$30 to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.



There are many ways to “look back” at our history – both Hague and the Adirondacks in general. Here’s an experience that I had this month and that I highly recommend to one and all.

Blessed with a three hour gap between appointments in Glens Falls recently, I had to come up with an idea for what to do with those hours. Not being a shopper type person, I opted to take a spin over to the Chapman Historical Museum on Glen Street. I had read that they had an on-going exhibit on Seneca Ray Stoddard so that’s where I headed. It’s a modest exhibit, but it does have two photos from Hague, one of which is the Phoenix Hotel and I hadn’t seen that particular view before.



*Views of Hague in the Stoddard Exhibit at the Chapman Historical Museum*

We know that Stoddard spent time in Hague in 1883 and 1884 as we discovered his signature in the Island Harbor House guest register that is part of our collection. His work included a number of Hague photos of interest; there were at least two of the “Waltonian Club” members on our Waltonian Islands in that time period as well as some views of Sabbath Day Point. While I was there, Tim Weidner, the Chapman’s executive director, was busy preparing a new exhibit, “Parchments Papers & Prints”, that was to open the following day, but he graciously introduced me to a computer exhibit that included hundreds of Stoddard’s photographs. I’ve seen much of Stoddard’s work over the years, but it was a joy to sit at that console and be re-introduced to his magnificent photographic legacy.

The next time you need an interesting time filler, take yourself over to the Chapman. It’s also a nice stop if you’re out sightseeing with summer guests. Pat McDonough



Spring has sprung . . . the daffodils have broken through the earth’s wintery crust and we begin to think about summery thing like the pleasure of being on the Lake again. So our May program is a great way to kick off a new season. Please join us on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 7 pm at the Community Center when Steve Boyce, Captain of the steamboat Minne-Ha-Ha, will be speaking on the Lake George Steamboat Company and his experiences on the Lake for the past 31 years. This should be a really fun evening so be sure to put it on your calendar.



During the months of July and August we are hoping to have a docent in the Museum once a week for a couple of hours. These docents (guides) will be there to greet visitors, to give them a tour of the museum, to help visitors find information, etc. We are looking for volunteers to take a brief training and sign up for a time slot on a Tuesday morning this summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Hague history, about the Historical Society, and about our wonderful little Museum and all it has to offer. If you’re interested, please call me at 543-6725. A group training session will be scheduled in late June. Pat McDonough

**FINAL 2013 “FORT FEVER” SERIES**

Fort Ticonderoga’s Fort Fever Series concludes on Sunday, April 21, at 2 pm with “Very Well Prepared for the British Army,” a walking tour of the Fort’s historic landscape, led by Director of Interpretation Stuart Lilie. The cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door; free for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga.

This program will tour some of the many redoubts, redans, and entrenchments built by the American troops at Ticonderoga during 1776. During the exploration of some of these fortifications, Lilie will explain details about 18th-century military engineering and construction.

Sturdy shoes or hiking boots are recommended and the walking tour starts at the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. Doors open at 1:30 pm with the tour commencing at 2 pm and lasting approximately an hour.



**Plant your Black Eyed Susan**  
**Official Flower for the Bicentennial**

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** Kaylynn Grace Santaniello, daughter of Ted and Nicole Santaniello of Plattsburgh, on March 31, 2013. Kaylynn is the granddaughter of Sal and Kathy Santaniello of Silver Bay and Thom and Robin Prenoveau of Plattsburgh.

**DIED:** Janice Marie Frasier, 57, of Hague on March 14, 2013 in Albany.

Janice was the daughter of the late Clifton and Geraldine Frasier and lived in Hague most of her life. She was a graduate of Hague Central School and Adirondack Community College. Janice served as a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ticonderoga.

Survivors include one brother, Lee and his wife Theresa of Hague, one sister, June Frasier of Hague and a step-sister, Elaine Werner of Mt. Bethel, PA. She is also survived by her nephew, Christopher Frasier and niece, Kelly Frasier both of Ticonderoga as well as many cousins and friends.

**DIED:** Thomas Charboneau, 55, of Moriah, NY on March 15, 2013. Tom is survived by his companion Joan Strible of Moriah as well as many siblings, nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his son Adam and his fiancée Lily Whitford and their son Eli of Crown Point as well as his former wife and Adam's mother, Donna Charboneau of Hague.

**DIED:** Frances Ida Clifton, 91, formerly of Hague, on March 25, 2013, in Schenectady.

Fran and her husband, Bernard A. Clifton, lived in Hague for many years and were the owners and operators of the Island Harbor House. She used skills she learned at the hotel in her subsequent careers, first as school lunch manager at Hague Central School, and later as she worked for Hague Chamber of Commerce, helping travelers find lodging in the northern Lake George area.

Fran was a member of Carillon Garden Club and served for many years as the organist for Hague Baptist Church. She later enjoyed singing with the Sweet Adelines.

Fran enjoyed travel, especially when it included family, cooking and quilting. She is well remembered in our area for her delicious homemade soups and rolls as well as her hand in countless Town projects.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard A. Clifton, and her daughter, Caroline Turner, seven brothers and one sister. Survivors include her son, Bernard A. Clifton of Morrisonville; her son-in-law, Tony Turner of Cobleskill; one brother, Robert Spring of Ticonderoga; five grandchildren, Colleen Benton, Robert Cross III, Pamela Clifton, Sarah Clifton and Cory Clifton; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel Benton, Emily Benton and Violet Hampton.

**DIED:** Mark Martucci, 51, of Hague, on March 26, 2013, in New York City, following a surgical procedure.

Mark was the Town of Hague Deputy Supervisor and Town Councilman; co-founder of Northern Lake George Resort in Silver Bay; and a state certified real estate appraiser. He was also an avid outdoorsman and hunter and enjoyed volunteering his time to many community organizations and causes.

He earned an associate degree in business administration from Adirondack Community College and a bachelor's degree in finance from Siena College.

Mark was a member of the Warren County and Hague Republican committees, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years, former Hague Winter Carnival Committee Motorcycle and ATV Races coordinator and member of the Hague, Bolton, Lake George and Warren County Chambers of Commerce where he was active in many capacities.

Mark is survived by his wife, Kimberly Martucci, his parents, Robert and Kay Martucci, twin brother, David Martucci all of Hague as well as his niece Cassandra Martucci and nephew Tony Martucci. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Taylor Herrick of Queensbury, and Shep, his devoted canine companion.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined by the family.

**DIED:** Robert Nelson Patchett, 86, of Hague peacefully at his home on March 27, 2013.

Bob and Lynn visited Hague from New Jersey and purchased the old Trout House property in 1971 and turned it into the Trout House Village Resort in Hague, today the centerpiece of the hamlet.

Bob was very community minded being a member of Kiwanis as well as a Town Councilman in Hague where in addition to an elected term, he served when needed to fill in a vacancy. He was an active member of the Hague Chamber of Commerce and actively promoted the beauty of the Hague community. Bob and Lynn were honored for their community service in 2010 when they were selected as a team for Hague "Senior of the Year."

Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marilyn (Lynn) Patchett and their three children, Linda Patchett and her husband Brian Walsh of New Castle, Scott Patchett and his wife Alice of Hague, and Barbara Patchett Bonnet, also of Hague. He is also survived by his sister Thelma and her husband Ed Beyerl, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined by the family.

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**DIED:** Eleanor Sapakoff, 91, peacefully in her sleep on April 1, 2013, in New York City.

Eleanor was an avid bridge player and a teacher in the New York City Schools for 30 years. She spent summers in Silver Bay where she developed an enduring appreciation for nature and the natural beauty of the Adirondack Mountains.

Eleanor is survived by two daughters, Sandy Radke, of Bellingham, Australia, and Laurie Sapakoff (Cohen), of White Plains, NY, son-in-law, Evan Cohen, and grandchildren, Max and Janie. She will be deeply missed.

**DIED:** Frederick James McKeown, 85, a Hague summer resident of Cape Cod Village and later Sabbath Day Point, quietly at home April 5, 2013.

Fred was raised in Brooklyn and predeceased by his parents Charles and Catherine McKeown. He served his country in the Navy as an aviation technician's mate, 2nd class, later studied engineering, physics and mathematics at St. John's University and earned a master's degree at Courant Institute at New York University. Fred held top secret clearances during his post-military career and helped design the guidance and trajectory systems on the Saturn V rocket that has supported America's space program for many years.

Fred loved spending as much time as he could on Lake George with family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lillian (Clark) McKeown and their seven children, daughters Kathy Beilouny, Patricia McCann, Mary Beth Tierno, Maureen Larkin, Meg Court, Carolyn Fischer and son, Rick McKeown as well as 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

### DAY CARE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

Ticonderoga Tots, a small Daycare Center owned and operated by Jody Belden, has been opened at 178 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga, NY. The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Ribbon Cutting at the Center on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5 pm as part of Ticonderoga Tots Opening Celebration. The ribbon cutting will be followed by an Open House from 5 - 6 pm, where light refreshments will be served.

Jody previously worked at TFCU but says she is ready for this new adventure. She is a Licensed Daycare Provider. Ticonderoga Tots currently charges \$125 per week per child. For more information call 518-585-2547 or 518-585-7145 or email <jodybelden@yahoo.com>.

### WRITING WORKSHOP

Writer Nancy Scarzello is holding a writing workshop on four Tuesday afternoons in May at the Downtown Gallery in Ticonderoga. The cost for the program is \$145 and includes all four classes, writing materials and experiential excursions. To register or for more information about the program contact Nancy at 585-2106 or <forestbay@wcv.com>.

## LETTERS IN THE SAND

by Nancy Archer

I am writing from El Geneina in West Darfur, 30 miles from the border with Chad, where I am living in the World Food Program compound, along with 13 other U.N. staff members. I have a furnished room, equipped with an air conditioner, mosquito net, helmet and bullet proof vest. There is an exercise room (sort of) and a pool without water, although that is in the process of being fixed. Most importantly there is a large generator that can keep the compound running, which seems to be needed at least 12 hours per day. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining room with living room, which has satellite TV.

There are also some unique features, such as a fully stocked underground bunker. It has never been used to my knowledge, but it's a U.N. security requirement in conflict-affected areas. There are periodic evacuation drills in which I must don my vest and helmet and grab my pre-packed backpack with first aid kit, flashlight and personal items weighing no more than 10 kilograms. I hope I am on R&R when the drill takes place because I do not think I would be able to get to the bunker wearing all this extremely heavy equipment. Now if it was a real evacuation that might be a different story – with the advantage of adrenalin.

While this all may sound like I live in a war zone, I do not. Darfur and especially West Darfur were seriously affected by the war; the worst of the violence was in 2003-2005. Armed groups continue to fight against the Khartoum government and there are over 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDP) still living in camps. West Darfur is presently the most peaceful area in the region. Nevertheless, preparedness is always important in such a sensitive area.

I manage five projects that focus on rekindling livelihoods, creating new jobs and diversifying income. The projects also help promote peaceful coexistence between nomads, farmers, returning refugees and resettled individuals. The focus is on three areas: honey, livestock and peanuts. By introducing new methods to increase production, providing access to financial services and business development services and by brokering links to new markets, we help to increase and diversify incomes.

The project has not only led to honey production, but also generated other streams of income, including the manufacture of bee protective wear, iron forging of bee instruments and creative packaging for exports.

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### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 23 12:30 pm Senior Club luncheon and meeting
- 25 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25 7 pm Budget and Regular Ticonderoga School Board Meeting
- 27 10 am – 2 pm HVFD Open House

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#### MAY

- 2 7 pm Hague Water Quality meeting
- 2 7 pm Planning Board
- 7 7 pm Hague Historical Society program
- 9 9:30 am Senior Club trip to Saratoga
- 9 5 pm Firehouse Restaurant opens
- 12 Happy Mother's Day!
- 14 6 pm Town Board
- 16 News deadline for the May issue
- 22 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed and posted on website
- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

#### ONGOING EVENTS

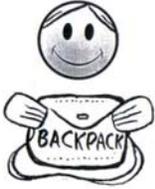
- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)
- 1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

**HAGUE HAPPENINGS** *by Stan*



**A GREAT IDEA  
WITH LOCAL SUPPORT**

**The Backpack Program**



Needy kids identified by Ticonderoga Schools (with parent's permission) receive certain packaged food through "Backpack" for weekend food supplement.

Thanks to John Bartlett, Graham Bailey, the Kiwanis Club, the Regional Food Bank and countless others for Backpack support. A portion of Hague's Octoberfest profit helped kick-start the program. Eat at the Sentinel Grille in April and you will benefit the program as well!



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