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LAKE QUALITY – IMPORTANT CHOICES

The water quality of Lake George is declining due to the effects of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and stormwater runoff. This quality is impacted by the decisions and practices of every property owner throughout the watershed. No matter where we live in the Lake George watershed, the way we manage our property is a choice that affects the Lake's quality.

To be part of the solution, see *Do-It-Yourself Water Quality* created by the Lake George Waterkeeper/FUND for Lake George. If all homeowners follow the specific suggestions contained in this comprehensive document, we will see an improvement in the clarity of the water in Lake George. But if changes are not made, we will see a continued degradation of water quality.

You can view fact sheets based on this publication at the FUNDS website <<http://www.fundforlakegeorge.org>>.

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC), chaired by Al Rider, is part of a growing movement to encourage neighbor-to-neighbor discussions and advocacy for Lake quality. For more information on the HWQAC, contact Al at <alsupra@nycap.rr.com> or 518-636-6326.

SCHOOL MERGER COMMITTEE MEETING



The Crown Point-Ticonderoga Merger Advisory Committee met on March 6, 2013. After a tour of the building, the committee considered information on the programs in both schools. They found that overall there are more similarities than differences in the programs and achievement results. Each school has some offerings not currently available in the other school but under a merger, all the courses, sports and clubs that exist in either building now, would be available to students from both schools.

It was also found that combining the two school districts into one may potentially result in the reduction of about 60 existing class sections. The merger would offer the possibility of more electives, staff reductions, or a combination of both.

Mike Cherubini is the Hague representative on the Committee. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2013 at Crown Point Central. At 5:45 pm a tour of the Crown Point School will be available for anyone who would like to see it. At 6:30 pm the committee meets and it is open to the public. For more information see Merger Study at <www.ticonderogak12.org>.

UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMING TO SILVER BAY



Global "Game Changers" will gather at the Silver Bay YMCA from May 9 – 12, 2013. The event will include international thought leaders, speakers, panel discussions, unconventional exercises and small group exchanges.

This interactive event will be hosted by Rick Tamlyn, an international speaker and seasonal resident of Hague. Rick and Chuck Lioi have a home on Lakeshore Terrace. To encourage the local community and readers of *The Hague Chronicle* to attend, Rick and Chuck are offering a 50% discount off the full conference or day pass rate (*travel and accommodations not included*). This discount applies to all categories and the early registration date for this special offer has been extended to March 31, 2013. If readers would like to attend and take advantage of this special rate, they should email Chuck Lioi directly at <chuck@itsallmadeup.com>.

"No matter where I go in the world, I hear the same things from the most brilliant thinkers of our time," says Rick Tamlyn. "They all want a way to come together and merge initiatives with others making a difference in the world. For five years, I've dreamed of bringing this type of event to Lake George and sharing it with the community I call home."

The Bigger Game Expo will feature 15 world-class game changers including international best-selling author and global activist Lynne Twist, Mary McDonough, who played Erin on the Waltons TV show, health and wellness expert Dr. Carol Ann Malizia, and inspirationist Charles Holt. With confirmed attendees from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., South Korea, Japan, Israel, Denmark and Australia, the influence of the Expo will be felt around the world.

Tamlyn co-created The Bigger Game in 2001 as a way to inspire executives, leaders, and individuals to get out of their comfort zones and invent the life they want. This leadership and personal development tool takes nine minutes to learn, and a lifetime to master. The concept has caught the eye of Fortune 100 companies, non-profits, churches, groups, and individuals around the world. His Bigger Game methodology will serve as a backdrop throughout the program.

Details about the Expo can be found at <www.biggergame.com/expo>.

HAGUE SENIOR CLUB NEWS

We "Seniors on the Road" didn't go too far but made it to Ticonderoga for bowling, pizza and drinks. If you are in need of a few laughs you may want to come bowling with us for some free entertainment. The many moves on the lanes were very interesting to say the least and the highest score was 114. The next bowling event will be held on March 21, 2013 at noon at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga.

The Seniors held their annual St. Patty's Day celebration with delicious corned beef with cabbage and potatoes along with a variety of wonderful desserts. We had activities, prizes and an Irish sing-a-long accompanied by Wini Conant.



The regular March meeting will be held on March 26, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Pat McDonough, President of the Hague Historical Society will give a demonstration in the Museum as well as a presentation of some of the archives. Come on out and enjoy the program and refreshments.

On April 11, 2013 at 4:30 pm we will be having a Baked Potato Day along with a game or movie.

The Seniors will again be holding a White Elephant Sale during the Memorial Day festivities. We will begin collecting items for the sale on April 13, 2013. We appreciate any donations but please NO clothing and dishes and glasses should be in sets only. For more information or pick-up contact Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

Looking ahead to our meeting next month, there will be a luncheon on April 23, 2013 at noon at the Community Center. The program will include planning for the Memorial Day parade. ... Pat Hintze

HVFD SPRINGS INTO SUMMER

Vacations and illnesses made for light attendance at the March meeting of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. But it did not prevent our recognizing the successes that occurred in all the events in which we were involved during the Beste Scholarship Weekend, crowned by the Polar Bear Plunge and followed by another successful Chili Bake-Off.

Our leaders are now working on the many care and maintenance issues that will move us into summer. As soon as weather allows you will see hoses being tested at the Town Park, and our Fire/Rescue Boat should be in the water as soon as the north basin is free of ice.

Two issues that are critical to any volunteer fire department are personnel and financial support. The HVFD always welcomes potential new members at any level. Drivers and EMTs are particularly needed at this time. See any member or come to a meeting on the first Monday of any month if you would like to check us out. Our financial needs have been spelled out many times in the past. If you did not have a chance to respond to our year-end appeal, perhaps now would be a good time. Your gift would not go unappreciated.

Early boaters, remember; if your craft is under 20 feet, all on board must wear certified personal flotation devices (PDFs).
... Joe McCranel



LFA PERMIT APPROVED

On February 26, 2013, the application for a Class A Marina for Lake Forest Acres was approved unanimously by the Lake George Park Commission. Jeff Keefer, President and Steve Ramant, Vice-President of Lake Forest Acres Homeowners both spoke in favor of their application and explained that they were only asking for boat slip rentals allowed under the Class A permit. The group did not ask for, nor was approved for, any other use which would require another application.

There are 34 boat slips available at the docks at Lake Forest Acres and the permit will allow these slips to be rented when not used by an LFA homeowner.

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out by volunteers on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of each month. The News deadline is six days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to the Publisher, Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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ICE FISHING TOURNEY PREVAILED

In spite of no ice in Hague Bay, the annual Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament had another nice turn out. The Hague Fish & Game Clubhouse was filled with fisherman from all around the Lake and the awards ceremony saw some repeat winners from our last contest two seasons ago.

The results are below showing the winner along with the weight. As you can see from the winners there were some fine fish caught.

Northern Pike	1st	Chad Gates	11.7 lb
	2nd	Rich Ortiz	10.9 lb
	3rd	Joel Clark	10.4 lb
Perch	1st	Pat Collins	1.6 lb
	(Won tie-breaker by length of 13 7/8")		
	2nd	Joel Clark	1.6 lb
	3rd	Randy Rivette	1.2 lb
Salmon	1st	Leo Blair	5.8 lb
	2nd	Jerome Manning	4.3 lb
Lake Trout	1st	Corey Benidect	10.12 lb
	2nd	Rich Ortiz	9.10 lb
	3rd	Willie Washburn	8.15 lb

We'll be making some changes to next year's contest that will be fisherman friendly, like a mid Lake weigh-in station. All the information will be out by the time the Lake freezes next year. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our contest including the Town of Hague and the Chambers of Commerce from Hague and Ticonderoga. ... Steve Ramant

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

The following people made donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund between March 2012 and 2013, some in response to our appeal in the spring edition of the *Raider Review*, and some in response to the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

Kathleen Davis Backus, Diane and Fred Bauer, Belden Property Services – Peter Belden, Ernest Bevins, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, Pamela Carney Bresett, Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Cherubini, Margaret A. Darrin, Clifford Davis, Jules and Gale Halm,

Tom James, Virginia B. LaPointe – in memory of Mary Louise Meehan, Bob and Kay Maiaro, Angie and Chris Parlin, Lynn and Bob Patchett, Eleanor E. Rowan, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Lynn and Pat Stote, Kay and Walt Wells.

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity and to Mike Cherubini for donating his 50/50 raffle winnings back to the scholarship fund, and *The Hague Chronicle* for including our donation appeal in their January issue. It's never too late to send in your donation to "The Beste Scholarship Fund," c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The Carillon Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Hague Community Center. Members and guests will come together for coffee prior to the business meeting that will start at 10 am.

The public is welcome to attend the program that will start at 11:15 am. Tony DeFranco of locally owned and operated DeFranco Landscaping will discuss "Native Plants, Ornamental Grasses and Storm water Management in Landscape Designs."

After the program, participants will have their "bring-your-own" lunches. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Hostesses for the day will be Anne Johns, Heidi Karkoski and Sharon Lonergan.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on April 18, 2013 with Dr. Leonard Perry of the UVM Horticultural Farm presenting the program at 11:15 am. Dr. Perry is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker who will be talking on "Perennials: New Introductions and Unused Favorites." As always the public is welcome.

The Carillon Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and District IV of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. There are over 40 active members who enjoy community beautification projects, gardening and preparing for a flower show that will be held in September. The club was founded in 1974 and is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization.



Carillon Garden Club Officers
2012-2013

The club meets monthly on the third Thursday. For more information, call President, Betty Rettig at 585-7247 or 1st Vice-President Joyce Cooper at 585-6240.

FIFTH ANNUAL STREETFEST IN TICONDEROGA

The StreetFest committee is in the process of registering vendors for the 2013 celebration. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 10 am until 3 pm. If you are interested in being a vendor in 2013 contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce for an application.

For more information on StreetFest or for a Vendor Application call the TACC at 518-585-6619 or email <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com>.



TOWN BOARD MEETING – 3/12/2013

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Fitzgerald, Meola and Ramant were all present. Councilman Martucci was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Dave Waters and Anita Cooper McGraw.

Due to schedule conflicts the meeting of the Town Board next month will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 (instead of the regular Tuesday meeting).

Kathy Bozony, Natural Resource Specialist, FUND for Lake George/Waterkeeper presented a slide show and information on the impact of excess nutrients on the quality of Lake George. Her slides showed areas of significant algae growth which have occurred because of these nutrients. She noted that it is hoped that all the Towns around Lake George will pass the same law which would prohibit the use of fertilizers within 50 feet of any water bodies. Ms. Bozony urges all property owners to omit the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. A lawn will look good if the grass is kept at 3 inches long and the clippings are left on the grass as a natural fertilizer. Other suggestions are to plant native trees, shrubs and flowers.

Supervisor Frasier said that the Board members will look at the information presented and do additional research before proposing any local law. There is some concern about how enforcement would work. Supporters noted that just having a law would help with education and promote support for improving Lake quality.

The regular meeting started at 7 pm and committee reports were given.

ZEO Cathy Clark has asked for clarification of the code relative to travel trailers and mobile homes. Supervisor Frasier said there is a need to reactivate the code revision committee which she will pursue.

Councilman Ramant reported that Verizon is working on New Hague Road to replace and tighten lines so interference will be less. Verizon has money in their budget to consider studying the possibility of their own cell tower since they are not interested in working with the AT&T tower.

Councilman Ramant has also been contacting people about possible grant money for projects of Time-Warner cable.

The Board accepted a letter of resignation from Town Historian Gerald T. Crammond. There will be advertising for the position locally for a 2 week period.

The Board approved the use of the Hague Visitor Center by the Senior Citizens Club for their Senior View Café during Americade from June 2 – 10, 2013.

Changes in the sewer warrant were made – one for a new home and the other for the Locust Inn which will no longer be commercial.

The cost of the post-closure monitoring at the former landfill site has increased to \$6,900 due to the need for more required testing. The original contract with Clough Harbor Associates (CHA) was for thirty years and there are ten years remaining. The Board will get a copy of the contract with CHA to review.

NOTICES TO RESIDENTS

TOWN HISTORIAN: The Town Board is seeking applicants for the position of Hague Town Historian following the resignation of Gerald Crammond. Anyone interested in the position should contact the Community Center at 543-6161 for more information.

TRANSFER STATION PRICES: The personnel at the Hague Transfer Station have been notified to enforce the prices of depositing garbage bags as of April 1, 2013. The prices are not changing but all three categories will be enforced - \$3.25 for a 15 gallon bag, \$5 for a 30 gallon bag and \$8 for a 50 gallon bag.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 2/28/13

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

SMITH/LAW (25.2-1-47) 9549 Graphite Mountain Rd. (OCI)

The ZBA approved (4 -1) an after-the-fact variance request for an 8' high fence that had been installed last summer. They determined that the change was not undesirable, had no impact on the neighborhood and the height of the fence was done to provide screening from the state highway. There were also no public comments against the variance.

KATZ (26.17-1-6) 26 Friends Point Road (TR-1R)

The Board approved a request for a modification to an April 26, 2012 ZBA approval. The owners found the structural components of the existing bunkhouse were unsound and requested permission to replace the bunkhouse in-kind with reuse of the existing foundation. The existing shoreline setback will be unchanged. All original conditions are still part of the approval.

BOARD DISCUSSION

ZEO Clark has been asked by owners of vacant lots if they could use their travel trailers for summer residence. She noted that although our codes do allow one travel trailer on a residential property, there is a maximum time period of residence before the trailer is looked at as a Mobile Home. Mobile Homes are only allowed in Zones OCII (by right) & OCI (by Type one Site Plan Review.) ZEO Clark asked the Board for their interpretation.

The general consensus seemed to be that a travel trailer can be parked on a lot but if someone spends the night in it, it is being used for residential purposes. It can only be used for residential purposes for 30 consecutive days or 60 days aggregate in a year. Any residential use after that puts the travel trailer in a classification of mobile home and must follow all restrictions for that category.

This issue may be one to be addressed again by the Code Revision Committee.

PLANNING BOARD - 3/7/13

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

RAGOT (42.20-1-6.2, 6.3 & 6.4) Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The Board approved the application for a 3-lot subdivision which changed the acreage on a May 4, 2006 Planning Board approval. All relevant conditions of the original approval remain and stormwaste mitigation must be approved by the Lake George Park Commission.

FIALLO (2-1-17.3) 959 New Hague Road (OCI)

The applicants presented a plan to subdivide a 15.89 acre lot into two lots of approximately 11.89 acres and 4 acres. They still need to have a survey done for correct amount of acreage. There are no wetlands. A Jurisdictional determination form has already been sent to the APA by the applicants.

The Board gave conceptual approval under sketch plan review.

HOW SWEET IT IS by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Spring is coming, and how sweet it is! It's sugaring season – the process of making maple syrup. Although it varies from year to year, depending on the weather, sugaring season generally starts in early March.

When temperatures dip below freezing at night and warm up during the day, the sap starts flowing up the tree trunks. Shortly before this happens, the sugar makers – who keep a keen eye on the weather – drill holes in the trees and insert spouts, known as taps. A bucket is then hung on each tap, ready for the sap to drip slowly into it. Some trees actually have more than one tap, in which case, a tube leads from the tap into the bucket.

For many decades, Frank Carney of Sabbath Day Point was Hague's sap master extraordinaire, tapping hundreds of trees in his vast woods. Frank passed away several years ago, but the maple sugaring operation is still carried on in those same woods. In recent years, Rick Bartlett has been spearheading the operation. But of course, he doesn't do it alone. After all, more than 1,200 taps are put in the trees each year, and then all the buckets need to be checked almost on a daily basis when the sap is running.



Volunteers spread out through the woods, plastic buckets in hand. They empty the buckets from the trees into their buckets and carry these to large plastic barrels set up throughout the woods. From those barrels, hoses lead down the mountain to vats at the sugar shack. By the way, the sap coming out of the trees is a clear, thin liquid, with very little taste and not at all sticky.

Meanwhile, down at the sugar shack, the 'chief boiler' – Marty Fitzgerald – stokes the wood fire and keeps the sap boiling in a huge vat with three parallel sections. As the water evaporates and the sap becomes thicker, it flows from one section of the vat to the next. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make just one gallon of syrup. When the temperature of the syrup is seven degrees above the boiling point of water at that place on that day, it's ready to be filtered and then filled into plastic jugs.



A maple tree produces somewhere between nine and 13 gallons of sap each season, depending on the tree and the weather conditions. According to Rick, the sap is running exceptionally well this year and they may even set a record for syrup production.

The Native Americans were likely the first to produce maple syrup. Legend has it that Chief Woksis, an Iroquois, threw his tomahawk into a maple tree one day in early March. The next day, he removed it and went off to hunt. As his wife passed by the tree, she noticed the clear liquid dripping out, and decided to use it for cooking water. When Chief Woksis returned from the hunt, he enjoyed the sweetness of his dinner that night. Whether or not this legend is true, we do know that the Native Americans made maple syrup by placing hot rocks in the sap to speed the evaporation process.

Maple syrup production has come a long way since then. Commercial producers use sophisticated equipment, including plastic tubing and suction to bring the sap from the trees to the boiling site. But here in Hague, tradition is king. After hours of tramping through the woods collecting sap, we warm up by the fire back at the sugar shack. We skewer hot dogs, dunk them in syrup and roast them over the fire. And though I'm not generally a fan of hot dogs, these are in a class by themselves. Ah yes, life is sweet in Hague. Even during mud season!

TACC AND TMSP STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) and the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) have strengthened their partnership with the Chamber now acting as the official coordinator for TMSP.

“While TMSP and the Chamber have worked closely for the past several years on events and projects, the new partnership serves to strengthen the relationship and enables us to better coordinate our mutual efforts on promotions and events for the citizens of, visitors to, and the businesses of our community,” stated John Bartlett, TMSP Executive Committee Member/Promotions Chairperson.

The TMSP committees consist of Promotions, StreetFest, Design and the Best Fourth In The North. The Board has created an Executive Committee which is made up of each committee chairperson.



TMSP Board Members Ken Engler, John Bartlett, Bob Dedrick, Matt Courtright (TACC Executive Director), Debbie Barber, Darlene Treadway and Joyce Cooper.

“This partnership is mutually beneficial for both organizations and will certainly allow further development,” stated Matthew Courtright, TACC Executive Director who can be contacted at <chamberinfo@ticonderoga.com>.

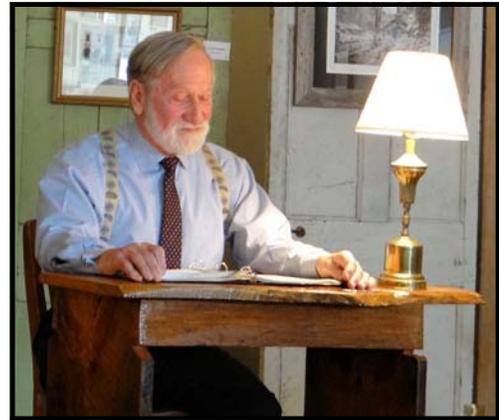
ENJOY A MEAL AND HELP TFG

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild (TFG) will be the recipient of the community sharing by the Sentinel Grille for the month of March.

Cathie Burdick, TFG Executive Director said, “We have heard only good reports of the delicious food there. You can enjoy a meal and benefit the Arts Trek programs for children at the same time. Please have a ‘night out’ at the Sentinel Grille in March. We’ll appreciate it!”

PUBLIC LOVED “LOVE LETTERS”

“Love Letters,” a play by A.R. Gurney, was presented by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild on two days during March in the Downtown Gallery. “Love Letters” is the story of a life-long relationship between a man and a woman, told solely through their correspondence from second grade through adolescence, maturity and into middle age.



Vincent Smith reading from “Love Letters”

The audience was very appreciative for this live performance and for the lovely venue of the Downtown Gallery. “Love Letters” starred Vincent Smith, of Hague and Kathleen E. Recchia, of Jay. Vincent Smith is the present chair of the Cultural Arts Initiative and has been involved in the theater for many years.

FORT TICONDEROGA GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

The King’s Garden at Fort Ticonderoga presents the Second Annual Garden and Landscape Symposium: “Enhancing Life through Gardening” on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This day-long symposium, geared for both beginning and experienced gardeners, provides helpful insights from garden experts who live and garden in upstate New York and Vermont. This springtime event takes place in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center and is open by pre-registration only.

This one-day program focuses on practical, easy-to-implement strategies for expanding and improving your garden or landscape. The programs are offered in an informal setting that encourages interaction between speakers and attendees. Topics will include “Stormwater Management and Rain Garden Design,” “Beautiful No-Mow Yards,” “Starting Plants at Home,” “Growing Edibles around your Yard” and “Garden Power.”

Registration for the Garden and Landscape Symposium is now open. The cost for the day-long symposium, which includes a box lunch, is \$75 (\$65 for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga). A brochure with the complete schedule and a registration form is available on Fort Ticonderoga’s website at <www.FortTiconderoga.org> by selecting “Explore and Learn” and choosing “Life Long Learning” on the drop-down menu.



THE HAGUE NIGHTHAWKS

In reading over Hague Historian Clifton West's files recently I came across this wonderful memoir he had written:

"It was in 1932 that I conceived the idea that a town basketball team would provide something for the boys to do during the long, cold winter. I posted a sign on Keenan Brothers' store (now the Hague Market) and awaited developments. By the time the Board of Education had granted permission to use the gym, I had the following athletes lined up: Bob Fitzgerald, Irving (Colonel) Fitzgerald, Clifford Decker, Sheridan (Bant) Rand, Spike Barnett, Ken (Beans) Rand, Nelson (Pete) Waters, Gus Davis.

"Why I should have considered myself capable of managing a basketball team is questionable. Anyhow, I'd watched a lot of games. My education was strictly limited along this line.

"Some of the boys had played in high school or on a previous town team. Like me, they had a lot to learn. We decided Colonel Fitz would be coach. He'd played for Hague High. We sent to Sears for our uniforms; purple and gold, I believe. They cost nearly five dollars each, a major sum for unemployed boys. We bought a ball. The subject of a name was most important. Inasmuch as the boys were single and their activities were frequently of a nocturnal nature, Night Hawks seemed appropriate. Our six-inch numerals came the same color as our shirts so the boys solved that problem by sewing them on their pants. Of course, the referees had to turn the boys around sometimes to see the numbers when a foul was called.

"To line up games I only had to post a notice on the sport page of the Post-Star. Plenty of teams were ready to book games. We played some Glens Falls teams, also Lake George, Fort Anne, Middle Granville, Bolton and Clemons. Not all games were on a home and home basis. Some lacked a home floor. One court in particular was a nightmare. That was Fort Anne where we played in the Town Hall. The court was low and about one-half the length of the Horicon gym. They dressed in the basement, a cold room with a rough, dirt floor. Here too was a small barred cage, the village jail. We never found it occupied, neither did we ever become occupants of it.

"Once we played in the Middle Granville Town Hall, a ramshackle three story building. There the boys dressed in a frigid ice-box of a room. When we climbed the stairs to the top floor, kids upstairs pelted us with coal. We went there with five men so I had to keep score. The boys said they might have won if I'd kept watch of the book better and paid less attention to the other scorekeeper, a blonde. Before the game started I told the boys that their opponents looked as though they might be a pushover. How wrong I was. One fellow named Pagonis – Granville always had a Pagonis – hit the hoop from all angles. Our star that night was Bob Gilbert.

"Eventually we took on John and Beach Lambert; also Jack and Bob Gilbert. These were all six footers or better. All had played ball in high or prep school. It was rumored that Jack had played for Silver Bay Prep until he was twenty-two. That school closed in 1931. Jack was the league high scorer. Those boys were good and their playing helped to draw a crowd. By the second year Kaiser, that's Eric Fitz, and Carl Whitford joined the team.

"This was several years prior to the rash of organizations that broke out about war time or later. There was little activity around town at night. Television and bowling were yet to come as were the Grange, Legion, Fire Dept. and Fish and Game Club. People really turned out to Town Team games. We charged fifty and twenty-five cents and always were solvent. John Carpenter or Frank Carney would referee for a fee of four dollars. It was a one man job. All gas expenses for away games came out of the treasury as did money for our lunches on the road, usually at Howard Daniel's, now Romanos'. At the close of each of my two seasons we attended the Eastern States Tournament in Glens Falls on the first night. There were four games with eight of the top high school and prep school teams playing. The treasury footed that bill and we still had money to turn over to the Senior Class from our funds. We did have a tight-fisted, penny-pinching manager, of course. After two years I gladly turned the team over to Bernard Clifton. For some time after I phoned results of the games in to the Post Star for which I received free admission."

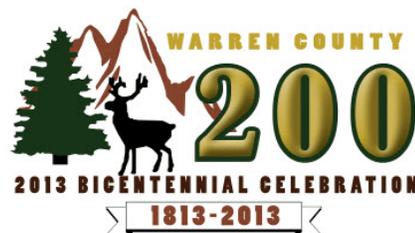
As always, we are indebted to Clifton for documenting bits of Hague History with such thoroughness and good humor.

... Pat McDonough



Our plans for the next few months are really starting to come together so here are a few dates to keep in mind. On May 7, 2013 Steve Boyce, steamboat captain on Lake George, will be doing a program for us which promises to be very entertaining. On June 25, 2013 the program for our Annual Meeting will be on our research this winter on some of Hague's colorful characters. In July we'll dedicate an historic roadside marker commemorating the Hague Central School and on August 6, 2013 you'll be able to enjoy our program and exhibit on Hague's Artists. Our programs start at 7 pm but more detail on each of these programs will follow as the dates approach. We look forward to having you join us for these occasions.

... Pat McDonough



HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PLANS UNDERWAY



The Hague Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013. There will be the Family Funfest starting at 10 am and the Parade begins at 2 pm with a variety of floats, bands, fire trucks, old cars etc.

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. The names of the men are: George Balcom, Isaac Bristol, Hiram Burt, Orlando Burt, John Calkins, Lyman Hill, Thomas Kelly, William Newton, Adam Putnam, Solomon Robbins, David H. Roberts, Garrett Smith and Waters W. Wright.

If anyone wishes to have a float in the parade or be a vendor, please contact Mike or Maureen Cherubini at 543-6463.

The Boat Launch will be closed from 8 am to 4 pm for safety reasons. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Rogers Rock and Ticonderoga are other places to launch boats.

... Senior Parade Committee

CALLING ALL VETERANS



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, many veterans – please do come to help us out. Just give a call to Mike Cherubini at 543-6463.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION DONATIONS

The economic times are showing their effect on this year's donations so far. However, if there are some of you who would like to contribute to help the Parade Committee with their efforts for the Town, it would be appreciated. No amount is too small. Checks should be made out to Hague Senior Citizens Club – Parade Account and mailed to us at the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. We thank you.

... Maureen Cherubini

LGLC SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) announced its second annual scholarship program for high school seniors within the Lake George watershed – which includes the Ticonderoga Central School District.

Students are invited to submit a 1,000 - 2,000 word essay addressing this year's question: "What will Lake George be like 200 years from now? What will your descendants be doing on and around Lake George, and how will their experiences on Lake George be different from yours today?"

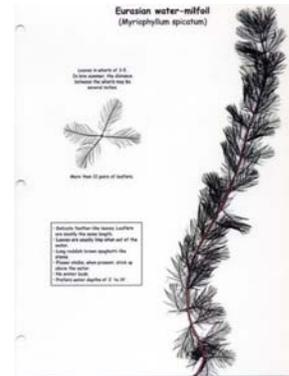
The winning senior will receive \$750; an additional \$250 will be awarded to the science program at the winner's high school.

Essays must be received by April 1, 2013, and can be submitted via email to <hbartonbenedict@lglc.org>. Essays will be judged on demonstrated knowledge of Lake George and on creativity. Award decisions will be announced by June 1, 2013.

LGLC STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT

LGLC has a job opening for one stewardship assistant position and is still accepting applications. This person will be part of a team of two, working to keep the trails safe, monitor conservation easements, lead hikes and help out with other organizational projects as needed.

COMBATING MILFOIL



The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) and its partners have made great strides in reducing milfoil in Lake George, according to the Commission's 2012 Eurasian Water-milfoil Management Report. Since milfoil was discovered in Lake George in 1985, more than 85 percent of milfoil sites in the Lake have been cleared, and plans are in the works for a final push to nearly eradicate this invasive species.

NEW WEBSITE FOR CCE

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) associations of the Capital Region has a new website: <<http://ccecapiitalregion.org>>. Visitors to the site can learn about programs including agriculture and farm resources, horticulture and landscape programs, 4-H youth development, nutrition and healthy family initiatives and economic vitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

- Friday, March 22 4:30 – 6 pm **Public Roast Pork Dinner**

Sponsored jointly by the members of the Ticonderoga Masons and Order of the Eastern Star, the dinner is held in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Take-outs available.
- Sunday, March 31 6 am **Easter Sunrise Service at the Hague Beach**

Following the service a pancake breakfast will be served at the Hague Baptist Church with a time for community fellowship, freely given. All are welcome to attend the 10:30 am service at the Church.
- Saturday, April 13 9 am – 3:30 pm **King’s Garden Second Annual Garden & Landscape Symposium at Fort Ti**

One-day symposium focusing on practical, easy-to-implement strategies for expanding and improving your garden or landscape. See article on page 6.
- Saturday, April 13 10 am – 12 pm **Volunteer Orientation**

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is seeking volunteers. At this orientation, you can learn about the volunteer opportunities, from trail stewardship to event planning.
- Sunday, April 21 10 am – 1 pm **Hike Spruce Mountain**

Join LGLC (www.lglc.org) and a local landowner on this exclusive hike up Spruce Mountain. Crossing private lands, this is a rare chance to view Lake George from this vantage point.
- Sunday, April 21 2 pm **Fort Fever Series! "Very Well Prepared for the British Army"**

Take a walking tour with Stuart Lilie of some of the many redoubts, redans, and entrenchments built to fortify Ticonderoga in 1776.
- Thursday, May 9 –
Sunday, May 12 **Big Game Expo at Silver Bay**

Special for *The Hague Chronicle* readers is a 50% discount on registration fees. See article on page 1.

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Anita McGraw, 91, of Summerville, SC on February 16, 2013. She and her late husband Don (an Armed Services YMCA director) enjoyed many family vacations at the Silver Bay YMCA.

She is survived by daughters Alice Patchett and Karen Laferty of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jessie Patchett, daughter of Alice and Scott Patchett of Hague, who has been named to the Dean’s List at the College of St. Rose with a grade point average of 3.87 for the 2012 fall semester.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jamie Patchett, daughter of Alice and Scott Patchett of Hague, who earned a 3.2 grade point average at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Nate Laundree, son of Karen Laundree and the late Doug Laundree, who has been named to the Dean’s List for the January 2013 session in the College of Applied Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

THANKS: For an additional donation to the Hague Memory Tree in memory of William E. Bodnar, Sr. and Vicki A. Bodnar.

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 Wednesday T’ai Chi -Community Center (5:30 pm)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

HAGUE CALENDAR

MARCH

- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 29 – April 7 Ticonderoga Schools Spring Break
- 31 6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service
- 31 *Happy Easter!*



APRIL

- 4 7 pm Planning Board
- 10 6 pm Town Board meets on Wednesday
- 11 4 pm Senior Club Potato Day
- 11 News deadline for April issue (Thursday)
- 17 5:45 pm Tour of Crown Point School
- 17 6:30 pm School Merger Committee meets
- 17 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed & posted on website
- 18 11:15 am Carillon Garden Club meets
- 23 noon Senior Club meets with lunch
- 25 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals



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

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