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YOUR TOWN AT WORK

(Second in a series of articles about the people who work in Hague as we celebrate the Hague Bicentennial.)



Bill O'Leary

Tim Costello

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Hague's Wastewater Treatment Plant occupies the land that for many years was the Hague School ballfield. It is now covered with all the facilities of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment operation. This plant is operated by Tim Costello who formerly served the Town as Zoning Enforcement Officer. Bill O'Leary serves as the Plant Operator trainee and is getting additional training and experience to be certified as an operator.

The plant is a busy place with daily testing in the onsite lab for State requirements and additional testing for nitrates and phosphates in the influent and effluent. Once a month the tests are sent to outside labs for checking. NYS DEC in Warrensburg also monitors the plant.

In addition to the lab work, there are pumps to maintain and other general upkeep such as snow removal or mowing for the main plant and 3 pump stations.

Tim says that it is a really nice facility and he would be happy to have people come for a tour. Just call ahead at 543-8862. This number is also one to use if you have a problem with a line or grinder pump which they will maintain. In a real emergency when the office is not open you can contact Tim at home.

ATTENTION RURAL MAILBOX CUSTOMERS

If you aren't receiving your mail and wonder why... get in your vehicle and try driving to your mailbox. If YOU can't reach the box, your carrier can't! The carrier has to be able to pull into the box, deliver the mail and safely pull away from the box. Thank you for your attention to this. Jacqueline Fort, Hague Postmaster

KIWANIS SUPPORT FOR HAGUE

The Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club, many of whose active members are Hague residents, has generously helped with two important projects in Hague. Every year they budget about \$1,000 to give back to the local communities. Last year Kiwanis donated the new business sign that has just been installed at the intersection and this year they are paying for six of the Bicentennial Banners that are now on display in town. According to Art Hatfield, Kiwanis has several fund raising events every year and the Hague businesses and residents have always been very supportive.



lettering on new banners

MARCH FIRST DEADLINE

Assessor David Martucci urges all primary residence homeowners to contact the office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the Basic STAR exemption (for primary residence homeowners, regardless of age or income), the Veterans' exemption or the exemptions which must be renewed each year - Senior Citizens' exemption and Enhanced STAR exemption.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The filing deadline is March 1, 2007.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Club's January Meeting proved to be a good 'kick off' to the New Year. Karen Laundree of the Chamber of Commerce joined us with the latest info regarding the AARP Tax Preparation Program. It is just wonderful that here in our own Town, this Income Tax Service is available. Many of our Seniors have taken advantage of this and been very pleased with the outcome.

Also with us that day was Elizabeth Shriner of the Glens Falls Association for the Blind, who performed several 'Eye Health Exams' prior to our meeting. As Guest Speaker, she explained to the Club about all the various services that the Association for the Blind provides for people of all ages. They even do 'Outreach & Home Visits' for those who have visual difficulties, providing them with the tools to make every day living easier. 'Liz' brought some of these items with her to show and I must say the TALKING BATHROOM SCALE provided a bit of humor with the crowd. They even have a large catalog of many products available to assist with independent living. If you or anyone you know is having 'sight problems' please give Elizabeth a call at 792-3421. The office is located at 144 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY. open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. They are there to help you.

The monthly February Meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at the Community Center STARTING AT NOON! (Note the time) It will be our Annual Covered Dish Luncheon when all the members bring one of their 'tried and true' recipes to share. For all of you readers out there who have been considering joining our Club, this would be a good time to check us out. Just bring one of your favorite dishes with you and I guarantee, you won't be disappointed. We are a great group of people . . . just ask us !! See you there. . . . mp

MEMORIAL DAY 2007

Hague's Celebration will be on SATURDAY, MAY 26th, which will mark the fifth year that the Senior Citizens Club has sponsored this event, plus this is Hague's Bicentennial Year! Needless to say, the Parade Committee is already in full swing with the planning process. Everyone - MARK YOUR CALENDARS & START PLANNING NOW. Let's make this our best Memorial Day ever!!!

For the FUNFEST AT THE BEACH we will need Crafters, Food Concessions, Demonstrations of Interest, etc. For the PARADE we hope to have everyone in Hague represented - Chamber Members, Family Groups, Clubs, Single Individuals, Youth Groups, etc.

Prizes will be awarded in these categories:
MOST PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION
BEST HISTORICAL HAGUE PRESENTATION
BEST YOUTH PRESENTATION
OVERALL BEST IN PARADE
HONORABLE MENTION/YOUTH HONORABLE MENTION/ADULT

For further information contact Emily Cobb at 543-6325 or Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The World Day of Prayer will be held at 10 am on Friday, March 2, 2007 at the Cornerstone Alliance Church, 178 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Women and men in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer with "United under God's Tent" as the theme suggested by the women of Paraguay.

Joyce Barry, a weaver of Ticonderoga, will present a program "Fabrics of the Bible" while weaving on a loom. She will discuss in particular Joseph's coat of many colors. Joyce's skill in weaving is known throughout the community by her demonstrations at the Heritage Apple Fest and the Penfield Museum in Ironville.

Invite your friends, family, and communities of faith to join with the women of Paraguay in prayer and song to support women's ecumenical ministries toward justice, peace, healing, and wholeness. The annual offering will support the work of World Day of Prayer and help meet the needs of families in regions of turmoil worldwide.

For further information about this World Day of Prayer phone Cathie (585-7015) or Grace (585-7928).



Uptown Store Ice Sculpture

...before the storm

...and after



photos by j. stock

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SILVER BAY YMCA FREE PASS OFFER

Those who missed the recent Open House of the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks are encouraged to pick up a free three-day pass at the front desk of the Inn. After using the free passes, a Silver Bay YMCA membership is required for continued use of these programs. Affordable membership dues are made possible through OPEN PATHWAYS, which is based on family income and number of dependents and made possible through the generous contributions of YMCA members and supporters in the Annual Giving Campaign.

The Silver Bay YMCA Fitness Center will be open from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays through the winter and spring. The indoor climbing wall will be open Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Thursdays at 7:30 pm. Climbing passes are \$20 for 10 visits in the Winter/Spring community program. A Core Conditioning fitness class will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm and will run through the spring. The focus of the exercises is to strengthen abdominal, back, and gluteus muscles. No prior fitness class experience is required - all levels welcome. For questions or to set up an appointment with the trainer contact Doug Sham at 543-8833 ext. 249 or e-mail <DSham@silverbay.org>.

Silver Bay is also hosting the First Community Cook-off - a Homemade Soup and Bread Cook-off - on Saturday, February 24 at 6:00 pm in The Store. Admission is free, but each family is asked to bring one homemade soup and/or homemade bread to share.

HVFD IN REVIEW

We are thankful that there were no catastrophic events in Hague during 2006. There were a total of 37 fire calls using 301.5 man hours and 68 ambulance calls using 539 man hours this past year.

At a recent meeting Imogene Frasier presented the Ambulance Squad with a check for \$451, the total proceeds from the annual Memory Tree collection. The Memory Tree Fund was established by Imogene in 1988 as a memorial to her late son Dale, with proceeds directed to the Hague Ambulance Squad annually. We are most grateful for this effort in our behalf.

Our annual Beste Scholarship Breakfast on February 17th was a success helped by the presence of the entire Silver Bay Association Board of Directors, who were meeting over the weekend. We appreciate such interest and support.

While most of Lake George is now ice covered, much of it in the north basin is new and thin, so due caution is advised. ...jm

Did you know?

Horse racing on the ice was a huge event in Hague in the winters of yesteryear.

PROOFREADING TEXT FOR MUSEUM EXHIBITS



Kathi Ramant, Judy Stock, Ethel Andrus, Gale Halm, Pam Peterson.
Not shown: Pat McDonough, Chris Ianson, Dorothy Brauner

HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

The Hague Historical Society has several events planned for this Bicentennial Year. The geographic boundaries of Hague were created by an act which was passed by the New York State Senate on February 28, 1807. Now 200 years later, the Society is planning a "field trip" to Ticonderoga on that date to attend the program "Good Old Days in Graphite" presented by Craig Lonergan at 7 pm at the Hancock House. Anyone interested in joining us for a carpool can meet in the community center parking lot at 6:30 pm or call Judy Stock at 543-6517 to arrange a ride.

The Exhibit Committee of the Historical Society has a special interest in this topic since it is the focus of one of the exhibits to highlight the reopening of the Clifton West Room of the Hague Historical Museum. Together with professional consultant Virginia Westbrook, members of the Historical Society have researched and collected material for the exhibits as part of our Bicentennial Celebration. A gala opening in the Community Center is planned for May.

FREE TAX HELP

Free tax preparation services are available again this year in Hague, Ticonderoga, Port Henry, and Elizabethtown. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax returns and free e-filing for low and middle-income taxpayers. Taxpayers who are over 60 years of age or eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit are encouraged to participate.

The program utilizes the services of volunteers, trained and certified through the cooperation of the IRS, to prepare basic tax returns. Taxpayers with complex tax returns, including rental incomes, partnerships, farming, or many stock-and-bond transactions, are advised to seek professional paid assistance. The AARP site based in Hague is sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

Both federal and state returns are completed together and e-filed, for accurate and fastest processing of refunds and are "by appointment only". For more details and scheduling an appointment with AARP's Hague site or in Ticonderoga, contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/25/07

Chairman Robert Goetsch, Lindsay Mydlarz, George Ianson, Bill Pittman and Martin Fitzgerald, II were present. Glen McKee was absent and one seat is vacant.

SHEEHAN (25.3-1-16) 9394 Graphite Mt Rd (OC)

The applicant requested a variance for a six foot chain link fence with a 1 foot setback from the property line for protection from neighbor's dogs. The fence, currently in place, is an open chain link fence and blends in with the surroundings since it is colored green. The Planning Board recommended that the ZBA maintain the integrity of the four foot fence regulation as stipulated in the Code 160-52 A (1). Lindsay Mydlarz recused herself and after much discussion by the remaining members the variance was granted. Although the ZBA was not concerned directly with the current location of the fence, the approval was for a 1 foot setback so that any part of the fence encroaching on the neighbor's property should be moved.

KEARNS (25.4-1-4.21) 19 Jakes Road (OC)

Applicant would like approval of a half bathroom in the second story garage office which has already been constructed. The ZBA deemed the application incomplete since they need to apply for a use variance and a variance for associated plumbing under Code Section 160-10 Accessory Structure & Uses.

PLANNING BOARD - 2/1/07

Chairman David Swanson, John Brown, Tim Costello, Pam Peterson and Erwin Siwek were present. Peter Foster and Rolly Allen were absent. Town Attorney Dominick Viscardi was also in attendance.

RYPKEMA (43.5-2-5) 9820 Graphite Mt Rd (Hamlet)

Applicant is applying for a change of use from a residential property to a commercial property, so they may open a retail store. Their intent is to sell furniture, home accessories, gifts, and wine. A site visit and public hearing were held. The application was approved.

WATERS (25.4-1-18.11) 239 Decker Hill Road

Applicant is requesting a four lot subdivision of a 16.1 acre parcel. It was deemed a Minor Subdivision and a public hearing will be held at the next meeting (March 1).

WHITE/BOSI (Lot # 93.12-1-4, 24, 35.1) Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The Board approved the application for a lot line change of three lakefront lots which will become two lake lots and their will be consolidation of adjoining properties west of Route 9N.

NIELSEN (76.12-1-15) 20 Tower Point Road (HS-R) Applicant is requesting approval of an 845 sq. ft. deck addition with hot tub, 65 feet from the Lake. A site visit was scheduled.



Kaley & Karney Manning enjoying a Snow Day.

photo by George Wilson

SCHOUTEN & RAAB (42-1-13 & 42-1-14.3) Decker Hill Road (OCI/SCUZ)

Applicants are requesting a Lot Line Change. If approved, they will be exchanging property foot for foot. Lot #1 is .91 of an acre and Lot 2 is 3.08 acres. The owners received preliminary/conceptual approval from the Planning Board on September 2, 2004, but survey wasn't filed with the County in the prescribed time. The Board waived a public hearing and approved the application.

RYPKEMA/AUERBACH 93.12-1-9.1 & 93.12-1-8 Lakeshore Dr. (TR1)

Applicants are requesting a Lot Line Change. If approved .008 of an acre will be transferred from a 1.26 acre lakefront parcel to an abutting .02 acre parcel. No lot will become more nonconforming. The Board waived a public hearing and approved the application.

STRYCKER (43.17-1-3) 35 Springdale Manor Drive (TR-1)

Applicant would like to replace a legal nonconforming one story house with a two story house. The footprint of the structure would stay the same. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance application for greater than 25% increase to a lawful nonconforming structure in October and the Planning Board approved the application.

TOWN BOARD - SPECIAL MEETING 2/1/07

Supervisor Belden and Board Members Steitz, Frasier, Gladu were present and Tom LaPointe was absent.

The Board authorized Supervisor Belden to enter into an agreement with the Hague Chamber of Commerce. The Town shall pay the Chamber of Commerce a sum of five thousand dollars on the 15th day of February 2007 and the remaining sum of five thousand dollars on the 15th day of August 2007, totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the contract year (1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007). A budget of sufficient detail shall be submitted to the Town of Hague in the prior year in the month of September for the ensuing year's budget.

The Board discussed a letter received from the Chamber of Commerce asking for Town Board permission to sell beer at the Town Park. The Board voted to send a letter to the Hague Chamber of Commerce explaining that due to the Town Park Ordinance and discussions held with the Town's Insurance Company no alcohol will be allowed at the Town Park during any event.

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Resolution #36 of 2007 was passed for the 100th birthday of Katie Hunter on February 18, 2007. It read in part, "We the members of the Hague Town Board join all of the citizens of Hague to express our appreciation for your exemplary life and offer you our heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable milestone in your life."



On behalf of the Town of Hague, Bertha Dunsmore reads proclamation to Kate Hunter.



Kate Hunter celebrated her 100th birthday on February 18, 2007 at a party in Heritage Commons with her family and many friends.

Approval was given to William O'Leary to attend the Basic Operation for Wastewater Treatment Plants class offered at Adirondack Community College for the fee of \$400.

Permission was given to the Chamber of Commerce to use the Community Center for the Annual Arts & Crafts show August 4 - 5, 2007.

Supervisor Belden mentioned that \$80,000.00 has been funded from the Dept. of State for the establishment of the Brookwood (Veterans) Park. Notification has not been received on the Sewer grant for Dist. #2 or for the Salt Shed grant.

Supervisor Belden will appoint a committee to work on cell towers for this area.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/13/07

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

A moment of silence was held for: Kenneth Hemleb (father of Joyce Bothe), Marguerite Geary, Jane Parmley and Carlie Patch.

Under public comments Joe McCranels presented an update on the Rogers Rock Cross Country ski trails. He noted that much has been done but there is a problem with all-wheel drive vehicles using it. There needs to be a good effort between the Town and DEC in Warrensburg to put up proper signage and road barriers. Supervisor Belden thanked Joe for his efforts.

Rudy Meola again pointed out that the general fund balances more than cover monthly expenses and that at least some of those monies could be invested at better rates of interest. It was suggested that a short term investment would not tie up funds. Council member Frasier will check on the current balances and possible investments.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that there is a discussion going on with state leaders to understand the complex assessment process. There are more than 1000 assessing units in the state and less than 1/3 go through routine assessments. It is very difficult to get a consistent plan across the state to reduce the complexity. There are many proposals both by the legislature

and governor. For more information on some of these issues see the website of the NYS Office of Real Property Services at <www.orps.state.ny.us>.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Board members continued to discuss the type of flooring for the community center hallway. They will decide on the type of floor and then send out proposals for the labor which will involve a special meeting.

Finance & Insurance - The financial reports of the Town are being worked on and are due at the end of February. It is another year before the insurance is due.

Highway - Councilman Gladu thanked Dick Frasier for his help in putting together a comprehensive bid package for a new pickup truck.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - The engineer is still working with the APA to get them to sign off after wetlands at Friends Point were brought to their attention. A request from Dockside Marina to reduce the number of EDU's for their sewer rate was not approved. A new heated roter machine has been purchased that will clean frozen lines.

Under new business the Board:

- Appointed Donna Charboneau to a full 7 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Heard that the APA will be sponsoring a Local Government Day in Lake Placid & Ray Brook on March 22, 2007.

Supervisor Belden reported that Warren County needs a new social services building. They may have a private company build it and then lease from them in an attempt at cost savings. The state has put a cap on the county's portion of Medicare and Medicaid spending and will pick up the short fall which saves Warren County some money.

William Beach Lambert
from an interview with Judy Stock on June 15, 2006

Beach Lambert, who turned 96 on February 3, 2007, is a man with remarkable tenacity who has lived in Silver Bay most of his life. He first came to Silver Bay during the summer from Ticonderoga where he was born and graduated from high school. His grandfather, John Lambert, ran 3 paper mills in the village of Ticonderoga from 1870 until they were sold to International Paper around 1900. His father, (John) Harold Lambert married Alice Beach from New York City in 1908. She was the niece of the rector of the Church of the Cross, Samuel Van Loan. As a wedding present, his grandfather gave his parents the property on the Lake at Silver Bay (between the current Morgan Marine and Snug Harbor Marine) on which they built a summer cottage. The Town of Ticonderoga, Beach recalls, had "3 of everything" - 3 paper mills, 3 schools, 3 hardware stores, 3 clothing stores along with 5 grocery stores and 5 churches.

Beach remembers the swampy area that later became Morgan Marine as a place where he hunted wood cock, partridge and rabbit. When he was 10 there was a 10 cent bounty on red squirrels and he shot dozens of them with a 22 rifle. He also remembers when he was about 16 hunting with Bruce Carney, Albert Eichen and his father and getting his first deer with a 30 caliber carbine which he borrowed from the Carneys. Hunting was always a favorite sport for Beach and he later initiated the purchase of land on Bloomer Mountain and the formation of the Bloomer Valley Hunting Club.

The property on the south side of the Lamberts belonged to Eugene Wheeler who had a livery in Ticonderoga (at the site of the present Armory) where you could hire a horse and wagon. The trip from Ticonderoga to Sabbath Day Point was 16 miles and took about 4 hours. In the winter they would use the Lake. The marina to the north was owned by Walton Wallace who had a water taxi in the late 20's and hired Ed Rowe, a garage foreman from Albany, as his mechanic. Ed eventually bought the Wheeler property and ran Rowe's Marina for several years until he sold it to Werner Stahlman.

In the early 1900's, Lake George was the highway - using the Lake steamers Sagamore and Horicon to transport passengers and the Mohican for excursions and mail. By 1914, the Lambert family owned one of the first cars in Ticonderoga and made the trip to Silver Bay by car. The car made the 15 mile trip in 3/4 of an hour.

In 1918, during World War I, the Lambert family drove to Rehoboth on the Delaware shore. There were German submarines off the coast which torpedoed an oil tanker causing oil slicks on the beaches. The Lambert children swam in the ocean and got covered with oil. When they came home they were scrubbed with alcohol causing much physical discomfort and leading to the family lore that they were "wounded by enemy action."

In the summer of 1928 Beach worked on the road gang that built the state road. Macadam was put down over Tongue Mt. by hand with tar wagons and steam rollers. Later he worked for both the Town and County Highway Departments.

During the depression everyone was poor and he and his brother, John, did any work that they could to survive. They dug ditches, cut firewood, did outdoor manual labor, hunted and fished. During the winters from 1933 to 1940 they had an ice business. They cut a lot of ice at Sabbath Day Point, Silver Bay and Hague and even on Lake Champlain and North Pond. They then loaded it onto a truck which they sold for 2 cents a cake to the local hotels. They did most of the ice business in the area although there was also the Fitzgeralds in Hague who had the Push and Grunt Ice Co.

In 1932 Beach lived with relatives in Delaware and drove up to stay with a group of friends in the Silver Bay house. They used the fireplace to stay warm and kept a 10 gallon wooden keg of moonshine sitting on the hearth. They drove back and forth to Lake Placid for the Winter Olympics and saw many events including Sonja Henie winning her gold medal in figure skating. Beach remembers that before that event they flooded the rink to make it smooth. When Sonja came out to practice it was still wet and she fell and got her costume soaked. They also saw the accident that sidelined seven members of the German bobsled team. Beach is one of those fortunate enough to have attended both the 1932 and 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics.

On their way home on March 1, they drove back to Delaware with the rest of the moonshine in their car. They drove down Route 9 into New York City through the Holland Tunnel and stopped in Philadelphia for breakfast. Luckily they and their moonshine made it since they then heard on the radio that "no cars were allowed through the Holland Tunnel due to the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby."

In the fall of 1942, Beach was hired by General Electric in Schenectady and moved his family to an apartment in Fonda where they lived near Frank Carney and his family. He worked a day job as a Class A engine lathe operator.

After the war, Beach came back to the Silver Bay property and single-handedly built his Watch Island Cabins from wood he cut on his own and Carney's wood lots. He built the first three cabins and the office for the Mobil Oil Gas station, opening in the spring of 1946. He later built an additional 3 cabins. The original property was one and a half acres but in the early 1960's, Beach bought Uncas Mountain above his cabins from Bruce Carney.

In addition to operating his tourist accommodations for several years, Beach worked at International Paper as a supervisor of the AB Dick laboratory until his retirement. He was elected as an assessor for the Town of Hague in 1956 and served one term on the Hague School Board. He is the father of Hague Postmaster Jackie Fort, Jill Stull and the late Jody Lambert Braisted.

~SOUNDINGS~

WITH THE WOODRUFFS

BORN: A daughter, Emma Lee Geils, on October 20, 2006 in Winter Haven, FL to Donna and Paul Geils. Grandparents are longtime Silver Bay summer residents, Ann and Henry Geils.

BORN: A daughter, Lauren Anne O'Toole on January 18, 2007 to Peter and Brenda O'Toole of Ballston Spa, NY. Grandparents are Jim and Madeline O'Toole of Hague.

MARRIED: Tammie Marie Lehn and Ryan Joseph Davis on October 7, 2006 at Grace Memorial Chapel by Deacon Elliott Shaw, the groom's grandfather. The bride is the daughter of Kim & Donna Lehn of Plantation, FL and granddaughter of Donald & Audrey Lehn of Silver Bay and Plantation, FL and Beverly Huskey of Plantation. Parents of the groom are Gary and Wendy Davis of Ticonderoga, NY and grandparents are Elliott & Peg Shaw and Geraldine Davis of Ticonderoga.

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

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

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

DIED: Jane Vietor Parmley, on January 21, 2007 in Ticonderoga. Jane was a longtime resident of Hague on Holman Hill. She is survived by three stepsons.

DIED: Gary David Peiffer, of HoHoKus, NY and Sabbath Day Point, on February 14, 2007. He is survived by his wife Suzanne Carney Peiffer and children Lauren and David.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Maria Fuller, of Hague, a Heritage Commons Nursing Home employee, who was cited by the ILH Public Relations Committee as the person who most "Makes a Difference". Maria stands out as someone who is caring, unselfish, assuring to her patients and gives them hope. She always remains pleasant while going above and beyond at work as well as, according to Inza Jordan, in her Battle Hill neighborhood where she cares for many family members.

Bob and Lee Woodruff will spend the month of March traveling to major cities and giving talks and book signings to raise awareness and resources for Traumatic Brain Injury. According to an email forwarded to us, there will be many different venues where they publicly tell their story of marriage, family and the events surrounding his ascension to the ABC anchor chair after Peter Jennings death..... and his IED blast injury a few weeks later, on January 30, 2006. There will be some detail of the painstaking recovery over the past year and private video including the family and how everyone worked together. *In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing* is their new book (co-written in alternating chapters) chronicling the events.

Proceeds from the book are being donated to a foundation that will help injured soldiers receive money for much needed rehab care beyond what the VA hospitals are providing. As a private citizen with ABC's resources, Bob clearly had an advantage and the book and speech will highlight some of this.

February 27th is the big media launch for Lee and Bob. Bob will be on Good Morning America, Lee and Bob will both be on Oprah, the first segment of several ABC news specials will air that night and Diane Sawyer will conduct an interview with them on the nightly news. They will continue various appearances on Letterman, Larry King, etc.

TICONDEROGA HS HONOR ROLL

For the 1st Marking Period:

- Grade 12 First Honors
 - Janine Best**
 - John Breitenbach**
 - Christophr McTyier**
 - Jason Siwek**
 - Kacheena Trudeau**
- Second Honors
 - Kelly McCoy**
 - Akashia Swinton**
- Grade 11 Second Honors
 - Daniel Steitz**
- Grade 10 First Honors
 - Jared Best**
 - Brendan Carberry**
 - Molly Ginn**
- Second Honors
 - Amanda McCoy**
- Grade 9 First Honors
 - Kaley Manning**
- Second Honors
 - Qirsten Ross**

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTORING

The Ticonderoga Middle School thanks all the mentors who are making a difference in the "Sentinels for Success" Mentoring Program. If you are interested in mentoring a young person, please contact the Middle School at 585-7442 ext. 215.

WINTER WEEKEND

With lots of hot chocolate and food of all kinds, those who attended the Winter Weekend activities on February 18th kept warm despite the chilling cold and wind. And thanks to the storm on the previous Wednesday, there was lots of snow to play in. A highlight at the Town Park were the snowmobile rides given by members of the Hague Sno-Goers.

The traditional Fred LaPann Memorial Road Race was held on a course from the Town Park along 9N and return to the Park. In the Co-Ed open event (ages 20-35), Tavish Costello was 1st and Julie Cunningham was 2nd. In the Masters division (ages 36-50), Dave Burrows was first with the best time of the day, Rich Pannell was 2nd and Ken Parlin and Kristen Balouch tied for 3rd. In the over 50 Senior Division, Jim Cunningham was first followed by Karen Costello 2nd and Dave Rutkowski 3rd.

The food was especially good this year. From the excellent Fire Department breakfasts to the food served in the tents to the delicious Beste Scholarship Dinner at Silver Bay.

On Sunday, the Costello Family hosted more than 30 cross country skiers at the Rogers Rock Park. The trails were groomed by Tom Haskell and David Snow and the Costellos ensured that the plowing was done, gave lessons to beginners and served refreshments to benefit the Beste Scholarship Fund. They will donate a matching amount to the John Costello Fund at Silver Bay.

The Cross Country trails will continue to be open daily and the trails will be lighted until 10 pm.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Looking for ways to reduce your energy use? Attend a workshop "Simple Steps to a Healthier, More Energy Efficient Home" sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County. It will be held on Tuesday, March 13, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Dearlove Hall, Adirondack Community College, Bay Road, Queensbury.

Incorrectly tightening a home to save energy can lead to poor indoor air quality and health problems. In this session, participants will learn simple ways to prevent indoor air pollution while reducing energy costs by up to 40 percent. Financial incentives for residential energy efficiency that are available through the Energy Smart Communities program of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority will also be discussed. Program information will be available for several key programs for 1 to 4 family homes.

For other workshops see <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/calendar.html>>. For further information contact Amy Sabattis at 623-3291.

LGA URGES CAUTION ON ICE

The Lake George Association (LGA) has compiled and issued an excellent list of safety tips for people who plan to venture out onto the Lake. <http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/html/ice_safety_tips.htm>..

Roof Collapse at Morgan Marine during February 14, 2007 storm.



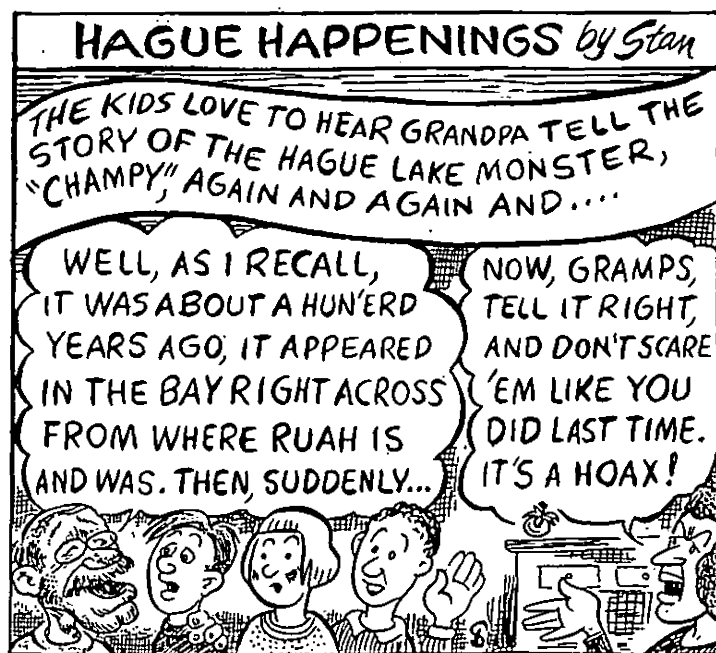
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TICONDEROGA MAIN STREET EFFORT

The Ticonderoga Main Street Partnership's regular monthly meeting on Jan. 16 served as a wrap-up general session after two days of intensive board and committee meetings with Teresa Lynch, Senior Program Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Lynch provided specific suggestions and recommendations based on the proven Main Street Center process, and emphasized the importance of rapidly securing an executive director for the TMSP. The position will soon be posted in print and on www.ticonderogamainstreet.com, among other places.

To accommodate school vacation and swelling attendance, the next TMSP meeting will be held at LaChute Hall in the Community Building on Feb. 27, at the usual time of 4:30-6:00 pm but on the fourth Tuesday of the month rather than the third. All interested parties are invited to attend and contribute. Further information about the Ticonderoga Main Street Partnership may be obtained from its website (in process of construction) at www.ticonderogamainstreet.com, or from Brick Howe at 518-585-2746/7762 or eahowe@rosevilleco.com.



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Coyotes of the Adirondacks

For the past week, I have been playing a game with a coyote. I follow an old logging trail on my snowshoes, packing a trail for me to use. The following day, after a dusting of new snow covers my tracks from the day before, I see that a coyote walked on my trail sometime in the night. Now I follow his tracks, covering them with my own and for the next several days this scenario is repeated ~ his tracks cover mine, my tracks cover his. Who is tracking whom I do not know for sure, but with what I know about coyote, my guess is that I am the only one playing this game. The clever and opportunistic coyote is most likely using the trail most easily traveled in the deep snow, and thanks to my game on snowshoes I have provided him with a good one.

The coyote (*Canis latrans*) is a relative newcomer to the Adirondacks. First appearing here sometime in the 1920's, the coyote gradually extended its range eastward after wolves became extinct in the eastern U.S. and southern portions of Canada. By 1950 they occurred throughout the Park and are now a common resident, filling the void left by the extirpated gray wolves as the dominant carnivore. Estimates are that there are between 20,000 and 30,000 coyotes in NY, established in all counties in the state except Long Island and New York City. Studies by the SUNY-ESF Adirondack Wildlife Program to determine the genetic origins of this eastern species are being conducted to determine if these coyotes are directly related to their southwestern cousins or whether they are the result of suspected inbreeding with the gray wolf that they replaced and domestic dogs. Scientists have shown that although some inbreeding may have occurred during early stages of range expansion into New York, today, coyotes breed true, i.e., matings produce coyotes, not hybrids, so some scientists have specified this animal the "eastern coyote".

The eastern coyote is considerably larger than its southwestern cousin. The average adult weighs about 35-45 pounds but some larger males may reach 50-60 pounds, a weight closer to that of the timber wolf, hence the speculation about inbreeding. The overall length is about four feet, including the 12-15" tail that is held horizontally or slightly drooping when traveling (a trait that helps to distinguish it from a dog). The coyote is beautifully colored with a grayish, reddish, or yellowish brown undercoat grizzled with dark gray or black on the back, upper sides and neck. A black patch appears at the base and the tip of the tail as well as the front surfaces of the ankles.

The opportunistic coyote eats almost anything, with the white-tailed deer making up the bulk of its diet. Some people are convinced that the coyote is a detriment to the deer population in the state, but the data shows that white-tailed deer numbers have progressively increased from the 1970's to peak populations in the 1990's. The deer population has increased right alongside that of the coyote population, indicating to others that this more likely creates a healthy balance in the ecosystem.

Although deer make up the bulk of the coyote's diet, it will target unhealthy, small, injured or dead deer - seeking the easiest meal to obtain, and will not shy away from carrion to sustain its appetite, the carcasses of winter-killed deer a mainstay in the colder months. The coyote will also eat snowshoe hares and a variety of other small mammals, and summer brings the many insects and berries that they enjoy as well. The one I have been tracking even made a visit to our bird feeder to snack on the fallen sunflower seeds below it.

February is peak breeding season for coyotes, the females bearing one litter of 5 to 9 pups in mid-April or May. The den is usually an underground renovation of a woodchuck or fox den or sometimes a hollow log or rock cave. Though weighing only 8-9 ounces at birth, they'll attain adult weight by the age of nine months. Some of the young ones will disperse at this time while others will stay with or near the parents for another year.

The call of the coyote is its trademark communication, with group howls and yip-howls advertising territories and reuniting pairs and family groups. Listen for their song these February nights ~ a soulful voice of the wilderness to remind us of the wildness within and around us all.

WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

Temperatures for the past month have been frigid with many nights well below zero. Highs for daytime hours hover in the single digits. On January 25 and 26 wind chill advisories were issued. The ice storm on January 15 hit Glens Falls and Saratoga areas much harder than here in Hague. We saw snow, sleet and freezing rain all day but had no power outages or trees and limbs down. While most of the Lake has frozen except Hague Bay, there were reports in the paper on February 10 of several snowmobiles going thru thin ice at Assembly Point. There were light snow flurries on several days but no significant snow fell until February 14.

After the Valentine's Day storm, we all have no doubt that winter did indeed, arrive. Since an "official" blizzard needs to have winds of 35 mph or more for more than 3 hours we can't categorize the storm as a blizzard. However, we will not soon forget the white-out conditions and slippery, clogged roads as the storm dumped 3 - 36 inches of snow in the Hague area. Schools were closed for two days and most of us were wondering where to pile all that white stuff as we dug out. The storm came just in time for Hague's Winter Weekend.

The record high for February was 61° on 2/26/57.

The record low for February was -38° on 2/18/79.

BALD EAGLE SIGHTINGS

On February 18, Pete Foster observed 5 bald eagles with a fish on one spot in Hague Bay between 7:30 and 11 am. He said when they dispersed they flew in all different directions. He spotted another later that day and on February 19, the day the Lake froze in Hague Bay, he saw 2 fly over the area.

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February - March 2007

February

- 22 ZBA meeting Cancelled
- 24 6pm Cook-off at Silver Bay (p. 3)
- 27 noon Covered Dish Luncheon (p. 2)
- 27 7:30pm Regular Ti School Bd Mtg
- 28 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
- 28 **Town of "Rochester" formed in 1807**
- 28 7pm Program on Graphite (p. 3)

March

- 1 Exemption Deadline (p. 1)
- 1 7pm Planning Board
- 2 Church Women United (p. 2)
- 6 Ticonderoga Schools - Early Dismissal
- 13 6:30 pm Town Board
- 13 6:30 pm Energy Workshop (p. 8)
- 22 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed

You may want to check out these websites:

Town of Hague	<townofhague.org>
Chamber of Commerce	<hagueticonderoga.com>
Hague Fire Department	<haguefire.org>
Swim Marathon	<swimlakegeorge.org>

... and thanks to Bruce DeLarm - the Hague Historical Society
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hagueny/hague_historical_society.htm

Our Readers Ask:

What information do you have about cell phone service in Hague?
 The Town Board is going to look into it again. After 2 recent accidents without cell coverage on the Northway resulted in deaths, there is an area wide resurgence in having service for safety factors.

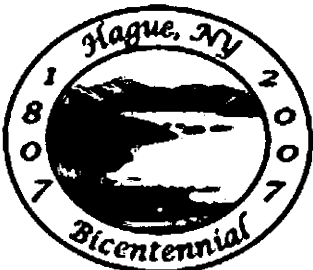
What time frame is there for dredging the Hague Brook Delta?
 While we do not have information on when it will happen, Supervisor Belden has said that the Town has completed any requirements of them and it is in the hands of Dave Decker of the Watershed Conference and Walt Lender of the LGA.

What is being done about the knotweed problem?
 The Town Highway Department has had training in identifying and properly handling invasive species including knotwood.

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