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### IT'S TRUE - WE FINALLY DID IT!!!

Work has finally begun on Hague's sewer system. After 17 years of cutting through red tape and answering a number of lawsuits, the sewer system is finally a reality. There will be plenty of inconveniences when driving through Hague for the next year, but please bear with us. It will all be worthwhile to save the future of our Lake. The following press release has been given to *The Hague Chronicle* by the resident engineer from Clough Harbour & Associates:

Work on the Town of Hague Sewer District No. 1 entered the construction phase on April 1, 2002 when Warren County DPW issued the contractors notice to proceed.

The project includes a wastewater collection system and a wastewater treatment plant. Funding for the construction of the project is provided under a USEPA Grant designed to protect the water quality in Lake George and the surrounding watershed. Construction is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2003.

Sewer District No. 1 includes the area starting just north of Lakeshore Terrace and running south along Route 9N to Cape Cod Village. Side roads served by the wastewater collection system include Lakeshore Terrace, Overbrook Road, Route 8, Holman Hill Road, Pine Orchard Road, Spring Rock Road, Dodd Hill Road, Robinhood Drive and Shamrock Hill. (Cont. on page 9)

#### A SALUTE TO FREEDOM

#### TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

In its 26th annual season, The Champlain Valley Chorale will present "A Salute to Freedom" on Sunday, June 2, 2002 at 4:30PM at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. A special appearance of the Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps will be held during intermission.

Until May 31, 2002, the transfer station hours are Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. 9AM - 5PM. From June 1 to Sept. 15 they will be Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., 9AM - 5PM. CLOSED on May 27 for holiday.

The program will include popular favorites during the first half. Following intermission, the chorale will present *The Testament of Freedom*, a setting of four passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson and musically arranged by Randall Thompson. Dr. Peter Cook, as Thomas Jefferson, will read from these passages. A full orchestra and piano will accompany the chorale for this portion of the program. Val Dixon will direct the chorale, with Katie Putzke, accompanist. Pat Cornell has been directing the orchestra in its rehearsals.

**HAM DINNER SPONSORED BY THE HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AT ITS BUILDING ON W. HAGUE RD. ON MAY 25 FROM 4:30 - 7:30PM. THE MENU CONSISTS OF HAM, POTATOES, VEGETABLE, SALAD, PEACH COBBLER AND BEVERAGE. Adults \$8.00 Children \$5.00**

There is no charge for this concert. A free will offering will be accepted to help defray expenses. The Carillon Garden Club will assist the chorale in serving refreshments following the concert.

#### SCHOOL BUDGET AND ELECTION

Hague residents may vote on the school budget and school board members on May 21, 2002 at the Town Center from 12Noon to 8PM. There are three openings on the board and three incumbents running for reelection. They are Dr. William Brennan, Mrs. Joanne Brown and Mrs. Nancy Reale. Be sure to come out and vote!!

## PUTNAM PRESBYTERIAN HOSTS DINNER

A complete home-cooked turkey dinner will be served on Saturday, June 1 at three sittings: 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30PM at the Putnam Presbyterian Church on Lower Road in Putnam Station. "Take-outs" will be available from 4:30-5:00 PM.

This annual event has had tremendous success, providing funds for the Deacons' fund for special projects, including summer camperships. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, rolls, cole slaw, celery, cranberry jelly, home-made pies and coffee and tea. All this for a neat price of \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10.

For reservations, please call Sharon Burnett at 547-8498 or Louise Davidson at 499-2428.

## LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION

Bruce E. Young, resident of Huletts Landing, NY and a Park Commission member since 1996, was elected to the position of Chair at the Commission's regular monthly meeting on April 30, 2002. Also elected were H. Gordon Burleigh, Vice-Chair and Maggie Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Lake George Park Commission is a New York State environmental, planning and public safety agency devoted to the preservation of Lake George and the safety of its users. Commission programs include a seasonal Marine Patrol, milfoil management, stormwater regulations for development, permit requirements for docks, wharfs, moorings and marinas, and special water-based regulations. Special programs include Zebra Mussel Prevention Program, completion of a new Lake Nutrient Budget Study and proposal for a Sonar Demonstration Project.

The LGPC consists of nine citizen members and the Environmental Conservation Commissioner, ex-officio. The citizen members are appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Two members must reside in Essex County, two in Warren and two in Washington Counties. The remaining three must be members of a civic, protective or service organization within the Lake George Park. The Commission members serve without compensation.

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President Gerald Crammond and Secretary Ethel Andrus attended the meeting of Warren County Historians at the town hall in Bolton. Representatives from all the Warren County town historians were present and all came equipped with pictures and artifacts that were important to their towns' historical records. President Crammond chose Graphite as Hague's theme and had two bulletin boards displaying some of our best photos of Graphite when it was a flourishing mining town.

We will host the event in 2003, and while there are no definite plans, we will probably have the business meeting at our community center, a quick look-in at our museum, lunch at Silver Bay Assoc., a tour of these grounds at SBA, and a side trip to Sabbath Day Point, where so many colonial troops rested on their trips north to fight in the Colonial wars. Ideas and assistance are solicited for this occasion.

Six folks formed the working crew who raked and sawed their way through the Hague Heritage Cemetery on May 4. The winds of late winter had done their usual damage to trees, and Jerry's chain saw was a necessity. The Society has taken a great deal of interest in this cemetery since 1960, and although there was a lack of interest for a long period of time, the Society has once again assumed some responsibility for cleaning it up. We thank those who contributed their slave labor for this clean-up. The Hague Historical Society was responsible for the split rail fence that surrounds the cemetery, raising the money for it by having a bake sale, writing a book (which was paid for by advertising material solicited by society members) and the book sold on a door-to-door basis by the more enthusiastic members of the society.

We thank those folks who turned out and helped that lovely day. Your hard work and interest are greatly appreciated. . ewa

## HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 28 at 1:30PM. Ideas for trips will be appreciated. Come equipped with your ideas. . ewa

## HAGUE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

At present, the museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon until 4PM. Some rearranging has been done, and files have been moved from the museum room to the historian's office which should allow more exhibit space. One of the historian's duties is to provide information to folks who are trying to trace family information. We will be very grateful to anyone wishing to tell us all about their ancestors and how they happened to come to this area. For instance, my father, Capt. Walter G. Watts, a rover until he landed in Hague, came seeking health; my mother's family could trace its migration from MA to the northwest, leaving Shattucks in CT and VT as they travelled northwest. Of course, the graphite mines drew many people to the area, and when the mines closed in 1921, many chose to remain. Many of us have family stories that have been handed down; won't you share them with us? . . ewa

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/25/02

Present were ZBA members Cris Ginn, Charlie Chase, Bruce Clark, Tina King and Nelson Waters. Absent were Robert Goetsch, Chair, Mary Lou Doulin and Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator.

A public hearing was held at 7PM concerning the variance application for a subdivision by Brad Whisher, at Indian Kettles. Mr. Whisher would like to restore the original Indian Kettles subdivision configuration allowing separate ownership of commercial and residential lots by subdividing a 1.17 acre lot into two lots of .167 acres and 1.003 acres. The larger commercial lot will conform to the minimum lot dimensional requirements but not area. The smaller, residential lot will not meet minimal dimensional or area requirements IAW Hague Zoning Ordinance Section 160-23.

Four letters opposing this subdivision were read into the record. The opposing parties were: The LGA, Glenn Huestis, Ruth Huestis, Peter Tacy. Mr. Tacy was present at the hearing. Attorney John Silvestri spoke on behalf of Mr. Whisher.

The regular meeting was convened. (A) A preliminary variance was requested by Mr. DePaula, Kettles Subdivision, Land Use TRI, APA Moderate Intensity. Mr. DePaula would like to construct a 24' x 24' deck on a large rock lakeside to provide a flat space for his family to sit and enjoy the lake. The setback from the lake would be zero and therefore needs relief from section 160-50B(b) The application was accepted as complete on the condition that additional information concerning side yard setbacks and the layout of neighboring lots be submitted to the ZBA before the next meeting, in order to go ahead and schedule a public hearing.

(B) Final variance for Whisher at Indian Kettles (See above) Warren County had no objection since there is no county impact. The Hague Planning Board recommends approval. Bruce Clark moved to grant the variance with additional restrictions to become conditions of the deed: a. No additional subdivisions of either lot (reflected in the deed). b. Documented proof (valid NYS permit) that the septic system is adequate for both the commercial business and residential lot. c) That any building expansion of the residential lot will not violate front, rear, or side-yard setbacks.

Motion was carried 4:1. Yes, Bruce Clark, Cris Ginn, Nelson Waters, Charlie Chase. No, Tina King.

In regard to appointing alternate members to the Zoning and Planning Boards, Art Steitz, Councilman, said that it is illegal for the board(s) to have alternate members. . djh

PLANNING BOARD - 5/2/02

Present were Planning Board members Dave Swanson, chair, Nancy Harrigan, John Brown, Dick Gladu, Ralph Denno and Peter Foster. Absent was

Chuck Fillare.

Disbrow: Discussion was continued on the Disbrow project to construct a building and parking lot on their property on Split Rock Road for a music museum. Objections from neighbors were considered. The Board rejected the proposal 6-0. It was noted that Mr. Disbrow could submit another proposal which would include plans for Split Rock; would size down both the building and parking lot and would consider different placement of the building.

Whisher: Mr. Whisher's request for a subdivision has been recommended to the Zoning Board. Additional requests for this property would need another application with public hearing and site review.

Meehan: Ms. Meehan would like to subdivide a 26.21 acre lot into two lots of 23.17 acres and 3.04 acres. The Planning Board will conduct a site review and a Public Hearing is set for June 6th.

Snyder: Mr. Snyder would like to subdivide a 16.59 acre lot into two lots of 12.89 acres and 3.7 acres. This request will be added to the Public Hearing on June 6.

DePaula: Mr. DePaula, Indian Kettles area, would like to put a 24 ft x 24 ft deck on the lake over a very narrow ledge. The Board will conduct a site review.

The Planning Board has received a copy of a petition which was submitted to Town Board. A motion was made, and carried 6-0, to table discussion until the Town Board takes action. . js

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/14/02

The Hague Town Board held its regular monthly meeting with Councilman Megow absent.

A public hearing was opened for information on the proposed purchase for \$175,000 of a Navistar 4400 series KME Rescue vehicle by the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. An older truck is being replaced by this new, multi-use truck with extrication tools, Diesel, automatic airbrakes, 2 1/2 tons. Since the Fire Dept. already has a mortgage on its building, in order to qualify for a low interest loan, the town must pass a resolution stating that there is no objection to the Fire Dept. purchase and financing. The hearing was closed and an appropriate resolution was passed later in the regular meeting.

At the beginning of the regular meeting a moment of silence was held for: Byron Brown, Jack Bolton, and William Winslow.

Several residents of New Hague Road spoke about the petition they had presented last month to the Town Board, concerning the Scott and Alice Patchett property on New Hague Rd. Zoning Administrator Paul Barone provided the Board with documentation and a paragraph by paragraph response to the petition. Councilman Hourigan stated that by law the petition must now go to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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The Board members then gave their committee reports:

Assessor/Justice - Grievance Day will be held on May 28th. Taxpayers should see the assessor, David Martucci prior to that time.

Town Park/Beautification - The boat slip dredging is complete. The town has put a liquid on the grass at the town park to discourage the geese. It worked but now with the rain, the geese are back so it will be reapplied. Ralph Denno mentioned that for ducks and geese on docks you can put up string no higher than 8 inches and wrap it around several times and they won't go over it. Also a reminder was given - DONT FEED THE DUCKS AND GEESE!!

Councilman Meola suggested sending out requests for proposals by area electricians to complete the wiring necessary in the Community Center parking lot and at the Town Park.

Councilmen Meola and Steitz will come up with a schedule for the open times for the bathrooms at the Town Park and present it to the Board. There is a 2-hour limit on parking of boats at the Town Launch. Violations can be noted to the Town Board for attention.

Supervisor Belden will appoint a committee to review the proposals for Streetscape Enhancement.

Youth - The summer program is all set and ready to go - according to weather - if enough interest is shown by the June 21st deadline for registrations. Call the Community Center for further information.

Buildings and Grounds - The county will repave the Community Center parking lot with materials paid for by the town.

Museum and Historian - Ethel Andrus and Jerry Crammond have done a lot of work setting up the museum with more visible displays. All are encouraged to visit and enjoy the results of their efforts. The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12Noon - 4PM.

Transfer Station - There has been overwhelming interest in the Town Clean Up Day. Councilman Hourigan suggested that perhaps a system could be set up where residents could have a one-time-per-year voucher to take these items to the Transfer Station which would spread out the use.

In other business the Board:

- approved \$300 to co-sponsor a fireworks display on July 4th with the Hague Chamber of Commerce.
- voted unanimously to support the nomination of Sheri DeLarm Ginn as a member of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC)
- approved (3-1) (Councilman Meola voting nay) a resolution for a public hearing on June 11, 2002 at 6:15PM in the Community Center on a proposal to increase the term of office of the Highway Superintendent from two years to four years.
- approved a resolution (4-0) for a public hearing on June 11, 2002 at 6:15PM in the Community Center on a

proposal to increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from two years to four years.

- authorized the Town Clerk to name Mary Jo Keeler and Ruth Barone as Deputy Town Clerks for the year 2002.
- authorized the supervisor, in special situations, to approve employee attendance at seminars or conferences which may occur in between board meetings.
- accepted Webb bid for \$4390 for boiler.
- agreed to request again bids for the town truck to be due on June 7th at noon.
- approved the following 2002 summer appointments: Park Attendants - Marty Brown, Don Best, Dick Parkis, Lewis Simmons and Gerry Boyd, alternate; Lifeguards - Joee Plass, Peter Mack and Kaitlin Pote, alternate; Visitor Center - Joan Steitz and Shirley Vickerson

In other business it was agreed that Art Steitz will contact David Darrin, Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to find out when the final draft will be submitted to the Town Board. . js

#### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The following are the winners for the 20 week club for the past five weeks: John Barber, Renee Hamel, Alan and Joann Geisel, Abina Glennon, Todd Mitchell. The final winners will be published in June. The \$3,790 raised through the 20 week club was presented to the TL Little League for its lighting fund.

June 5th through the 8th, the Rotary Club will again be sponsoring a canteen in conjunction with the Americade. Coffee, tea and soft drinks, as well as home-made chili and hot dogs with special Adirondack sauce, will be on the menu. The Rotary Club invites not only cyclists, but our residents also, to stop by for lunch or snack during this time. Help make the Americade participants feel welcome in Hague and help the Rotarians to raise money for their many projects.

#### MOSES-LUDINGTON HOSPITAL MEETS NEEDS OF COMMUNITY

MLH was established in 1908 and remains the only hospital providing healthcare in Southern Essex County. Like many other rural providers, MLH has faced a shrinking demand for traditional hospital services, insufficient funding revenues and the challenge of providing services in a highly competitive market. Consequently MLH has redefined its mission.

Ambulatory surgery offered at MLH includes hernia repair, tubal ligation, D & C, insertion of ear tubes, breast biopsy, carpal tunnel, and the list goes on. There are many outpatient clinics with doctors coming on a routine basis from Burlington and Glens Falls. Community services, diagnostic services and wellness programs are all offered at MLH. For info. call (518) 585-2831.

NATURE NEWS  
by Laura Meade

The April 2002 issue of "The Conservationist" has everything you ever wanted to know about toads and frogs but were afraid to ask. Since they are very similar in appearance, it's a trick to tell the difference. Besides that, the color and size and patterns of each are highly variable, one also must consider the life styles, such as whether or not it is a tadpole, a pollywog or a more mature frog or toad in the third or adult stage. That transformation occurs sometimes just as it evolves from an aquatic, tailed, gill-breathing herbivore to being an air-breathing tailless, four-legged carnivore. Besides that, many features of frogs and toads as adult look very similar.

Trained scientists have carefully recorded the whereabouts of eleven species of frogs and three species of toads. They colored blocks on a New York State map of the exact location of sightings, with blue ink, after careful monitoring. This must have taken a long time, as these creatures are not easily seen. In our Adirondack habitats there are nine frogs (including the Spring Peeper) and three species of toads.

This data is based on New York Amphibian and Reptile data, a project funded by Return a Gift to Wildlife, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the New York Diversity Research Institute.

Besides differences in species, many frogs have unique male and female colorations. Some are more frequently heard than seen (such as the Gray Tree Frog) or the high pitched chorus of Spring Peepers. Some frogs may be only 1 - 1 1/2" long while others average 2-3".

Only one toad, the American Toad, is common in the Adirondacks. It can be identified by its spotted belly and one to two warts on its back. It prefers a variety of habitat from forests to lawns. Its ink black tadpoles often swim in schools of shallow waters of ponds, ditches, lakes and marshes and meadows. The adults average 3-4 inches long.

Using unique mating calls is one way to search for toads and frogs. These creatures are among the most reclusive species of wildlife in our area.

SPRING IS TRYING TO SPRING  
(Not too successfully!)

Just checked on our town's hanging baskets at the nursery and they are coming along nicely. The Hague Enhancement Committee hopes to have them hung by Memorial Day Weekend.

Our Clifton West Memorial Garden has been started. Master Gardener, John Brown, has been digging away near the flagpole at the Community Center. He has run into so many rocks he claims there must have been a prison there! We just have to wait until it warms up a little before the garden is planted. It is not too late to send your monetary contribution to this gar-

den, which is a memorial to our long-time historian, Clifton West, who died last year. Make checks payable to The Hague Enhancement Committee, c/o Community Center, Hague, NY 12836. It will be a grand enhancement to our Community Center.

It has been suggested that we ask our citizens to contribute plants (perennials) to this garden. The following is a list of the ones we would like to use and if you are planning to separate some of these plants in your garden, would you like to share them with the whole community?

Veronica, salvia, Alaskan daisy (sometimes mistaken for Shastas), heliopsis, blue indigo, Stella Dora lilies, hosta, coral bells, blazing star, phlox, Russian sage, coriopsis, sedum, sundrops, lamb's ear, lupine, lady's mantle, black-eyed susan, day lilies.

If you have any other suggestions, we are receptive. The more perennials we can get from our residents, the less money we have to spend on buying them! Please contact John Brown, 543-6298, after May 20 if you can share any plants from your garden.

WEATHER NOTES  
by Mary Lou Doulin

It has been a cool to cold, wet spring. We have received more needed rain which has certainly helped the water table, lawns and vegetation. The Hague Brook water level which had been quite low for months was elevated about a foot. At times the sound of the flow of water was a wild rushing roar.

This year was the first year that the smelt did not return up the brook. Usually one can tell the smelt are running by the parade of sea gulls on the walls. This year there were none. The only thing I did spot were were a few would be poachers, but their catch had to be miniscule.

The flowering shrubs have been packed with gorgeous blooms. Tulips have lingered and the forsythia was never more beautiful.

Sewer construction has begun and the property edges are being torn up for the lines. Along with the noise of the heavy equipment, the resulting dirt on the sidewalks, roads and air has transformed this normally picturesque and placid community to a more tumultuous setting.

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LGA 117TH ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2002  
LAKE GEORGE CLUB  
REGISTRATION 8:30AM, MEETING 9-11:30AM  
BUFFET LUNCH 11:30AM - \$15.00  
Phone 668-3558  
Lake George Association, Inc. PO Box 408  
Lake George, NY 12845

## JUNE EVENTS AT FORT TICONDEROGA

On June 15, 2002 The King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga, the 18th century Garrison Garden and the Native American Garden open for the season daily 10AM - 4PM. Admission is included with regular Fort Ticonderoga admission. A self-guided tour map is provided.

On June 15, Flag Day will be observed at the fort. Members of the BPO Elks Lodge #1494 join the Fort's Fife & Drum Corps and The Champlain Valley Chorale at 11AM. The event is free to those arriving between 10:30 and 11:00 AM.

Grand encampment of the French and Indian War, 9AM - 5PM on June 29-30.

Fort Ticonderoga is a 2,000 acre private, educational not-for-profit historic site in New York and Vermont preserved and managed by the Fort Ticonderoga Association. The Fort is open daily from May 10 - Oct. 20, 2002. Hours are 9AM-5PM. Admission is free for children under 7. Friends of Fort Ticonderoga and residents of Ticonderoga, Putnam, Hague, Silver Bay, Crown Point, NY and Orwell and Shoreham, VT receive free admission. For information call 518-585-2821 or visit [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org)

### PET NEWS

by Cathy Moore

Spring is here! Unfortunately the warm weather brings births of many kittens and puppies. Not every one will find a good home. Do you know anyone who has a cat that needs to be spayed or neutered? We can help! For the low cost of \$30.00 you can get this done. Please call us and don't hesitate. We are here to help. Let's all work together and stop pet overpopulation!

We've been finding homes for numerous animals. Can you open your heart and home to a homeless pet? We encourage older pets for families or individuals who don't have time to train a younger dog or cat. Older pets need love too! Following are some of the pets who need good homes:

Nala - Rottweiler/Lab mix, 8 yr. spayed female, real sweet, loves hiking, long walks and kids.

Puppy - Lab/Collie mix, 9 yr. spayed female, real gentle and sweet, housebroken, loves kids and car rides.

Chopper - Shepherd mix, 6 yr. neutered male, very sweet, laid back, housebroken. Loves kids.

Emily - Shorthair tiger/white cat, 7 yrs, spayed, loves to cuddle and be a lap cat.

Lady - Gorgeous 6 yr. spayed Maine Coon mix, black/white, needs special food in her diet.

We are currently in need of small cat carriers and blankets for animals. If you have one of these items and you would like to donate it to a good cause, please call us at 585-7271. If you know of a cat that needs to be spayed or neutered, or someone wanting to adopt a pet, please call.

## HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM OPENS



Starting Saturday afternoon, May 25, the fifth season of the Hague Cartoon Museum opens to the public.

Expanded hours and expanded features for this summer are announced by Director Stan Burdick.

Among the new programs available are Saturday theme days each week, involving displays and live presentations by cartoonists, artists and historians. Expanded times are now 2PM until 5PM each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days are available by appointment for groups.

These days will include: Animation Art, Fantasy Art, Editorial Art, Illusionary Art, Old Time Comics, Comic Heroes, Area Amateur Exhibit, Nast Day, Gibson Day, Schulz Day, Daumier Day, and Free Day with prizes. Two of the dozen or more presenters will be Jim Bond of Ticonderoga and Sid ("Richie Rich") Couchey of Essex, NY.

Burdick also pointed out that in addition to the 700 original pieces now displayed, dozens more cartoons have been added, and more interactive games and displays for youth and adults are on hand.

Further information is available by calling 518-543-8824 or the Hague Chamber of Commerce (sponsors) at 518-543-6353.

### SWIMMER'S ITCH

People who swim in lakes sometimes develop swimmer's itch, a skin rash caused by a parasite in the water. This itchy rash can last several days, but does not usually require medical treatment.

Swimmer's itch (also known as duck itch) occurs after a parasite of warm-blooded aquatic animals penetrates the skin of a human. The parasite dies immediately, but people who are allergic to it can develop a rash at the point where the parasite entered the skin. Swimmer's itch does not spread from one person to another.

The first sign of swimmer's itch appears shortly after leaving the water. The swimmer may notice a tingling sensation as the water evaporates and the parasite penetrates the skin. Often there will be a raised, reddened bump at the site of entry. Itching and skin tenderness commonly occur within one or two hours of exposure, subside for 10 to 15 hours, and then become extremely intense. This itching stage usually goes away in about a week. The rash most often occurs on the lower legs, but can also develop on the abdomen and arms.

The most important precaution you can take against swimmer's itch is to towel off thoroughly immediately after leaving the water. Watch that children do not allow lake water to dry on their skin after swimming or wading. Be especially careful during late spring and early summer, when the water temperature is right for cercariae to be present.

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A daughter, Elisabeth Anne, to Dr. Peter and Laura Igoe of Lockport, NY and summer residents of Friends Point. She is the first granddaughter of Frank and Bunny Igoe of Medina NY and Friends Point.

DIED: Jack Bolton, 81, Overbrook Road, Hague, on April 18, 2002 at Moses-Ludington Nursing Home in Ticonderoga. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Doris; one son, Donald, of Hadley; one daughter, Donna J. Aloï of Peru, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DIED: William V. Winslow, Jr., 84, Sykesville, MD and Silver Bay, NY on May 2, 2002 in Sykesville. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Charlotte (Knapp) and three daughters, Emily Goddard, Queensbury, Patricia Funderburk, Lutherville, MD and Elizabeth Kiker, Andover, MA; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM

Chingachgook YMCA Outdoor Center is sponsoring a 32-hour, and a 16-hour, hands-on Wilderness Medicine program at their site on Lake George. Advanced Wilderness First Aid runs from June 15th to 18th. The shorter Wilderness First Aid is offered on the 15th and 16th. Each is an intensive backcountry medical training course designed to show students how to deal with medical emergencies when they are miles from help and dialing 911 is not an option.

These courses are recommended for all outdoor professionals and enthusiasts who spend time in remote areas. Graduates are certified by SOLO. Call Chingachgook YMCA Outdoor Center and ask for Mark Erler, Adventure Director at 518-656-9462 Ext. 12 for logistical and pricing information.

COSTS ARE GOING UP!!

We have written this sad tale of woe before, but we will keep writing it until everyone gets it. The cost of getting this paper printed averages around \$400.00 and the postage averages around \$300.00 per month (before the expected increase). We have tried to come up with an average figure to use for the cost of the paper to mail to you and we have come up with a figure of \$12.00 per year (before postal increases).

We are changing our procedure somewhat. On the lower corner of your mailing label you will note a date. This is the date that we would expect another contribution from you. After a lengthy discussion with the board members, we decided to assume (unless otherwise requested) that the amount you send is your contribution for the year. This will make a lot less book-keeping for us. To alleviate the guess work, we will

credit you for a year, no matter what the contribution.

We are still a non-profit organization, which means you can deduct your contribution from your income tax. However we still have not been able to persuade the government to give us a tax free status, but we are still trying! We are all volunteers, of course. The figures stated above do not take into account any equipment which we may have to replace from time to time. Please judge your contributions accordingly.

As long as we have your attention, we want to thank you for all your past contributions. We would also like to suggest that you please let us know when you change your address. It is difficult to keep up with all our wandering readers!

If this is not any clearer than mud, please let us know! . . . *The Hague Chronicle Staff.*

F.Y.I.

• June 15, Madame Sembrich Studio opening day/annual member meeting. Open House 2-4PM at the Madame Sembrich Studio, Bolton Landing. PROGRAM: *Sembrich and Her Students*, Stephen Herx, Writer.

• LGPC meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 10AM at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. Call 668-9347 for info.

• To assist consumers in removing stains from clothing and furnishings Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County has available a new and revised edition of the publication "Removing Stains at Home". This booklet is free by contacting Cooperative Ext. at 377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885, Tel. 6699-4881 or 623-3291m e-mail Warren@cornell.edu

• Packet Four (free) with info. addressing various concerns and issues facing parents is available from Cornell Cooperative Ext. of Warren County. Included are materials on the following topics: *Two Dozen Ideas for Summer Fun, The Art of Teenage Persuasion, Talking with Children about Death and Staying Sane When Kids are Sick.* To call, see above listings.

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ESTATE SALE

SPLIT ROCK ROAD

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND--MAY 24, 25, 26, 27  
9AM - 4PM

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*The Tea Cottage at Gifts Plus, Tarbell Hill Road, Moriah, NY will open on June 1, 2002 and remain open through September. (Through Oct. for groups of six or more) The Tea Cottage serves traditional English Country lunches and cream teas Thursdays through Mondays. Lunch from 11:30-1:30PM and tea from 2:30-5:00PM. For menu or more information call 546-3513.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In March Paul Belden helped me rescue my Golden Retriever, Merlin, from a remote pond off Mountain View Road. All winter we walked to the pond and never went out on the ice; this particular day the pond was thawing except for a thinner patch in the middle. Unfortunately, Merlin picked this day to chase the resident beaver out onto the ice. He fell into the deep middle of the pond. The water was freezing and I could not swim out to rescue him.

After 30 minutes I feared I would watch him die. I decided to run home and call 911. Usually there is no one around on a Tuesday morning. This day my guardian angel must have been watching, for as I ran out on the road, Paul happened to drive into his driveway.

Paul, a friend and I ran to the pond and surveyed the situation. Truthfully, we still felt the situation dire. Finally, we shoved a whole tree downed by the beaver out into the pond under the ice and up under Merlin. We bounced the tree up and down until the ice broke from underneath. Merlin grabbed the tree, climbed over a small patch of ice and swam to shore where we waited, relieved and joyful. Merlin suffered no after effects of his ordeal.

Dr. Mack, DVM, felt it was a miracle that Merlin survived so long in such cold water.

We are so grateful for our wonderful, caring Hague neighbors. /s/ Deb Michela

From Frank Leonbruno, in regard to last month's article "Where's the Ice?", we have the following:

"The Lake did not completely freeze over six times during the past 94 years. The winters being 1918-19, 1990-91, 1994-95, 1997-98, 2000-01, and 2001-02. In previous years when freeze overs occurred, the lake always had plenty of ice in most areas of the lake even though it did not completely freeze over. This year the Lake was open in many areas, except for the many bays around the Lake. Mother Nature apparently did not care to forecast or predict the exact date or near dates of Lake George's freeze or melt." He closes with the following wish: "May Mother Nature be kind and gentle and may the wind be always at your back during ice out on Lake George."

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Monday, 4/29/02 and on Saturday, 5/4/02, classes were held at the fire station. This EVOC training was for proper handling and driving of emergency vehicles. Several other fire companies attended with a good turnout.

On Saturday, 5/25/02, there will be a ham dinner at the fire station from 4:30-7:30pm. (See p1) On

5/26 there will be a coin drop in Hague, so please come out and join us.

In the near future an informational letter will be published for the residents of Hague. This letter will enumerate our accomplishments for the year 22001 and what we hope to achieve in 2002.

The dining hall and meeting room are available for public use for a nominal fee, or voluntary contributions are accepted. Applications and information about the use of these rooms can be obtained at the Silver Bay General Store (543-6441) or by calling Charlie Chase (543-6614)

The HVFD responded to 5 calls in April expending 53 1/2 hours. Ambulance 740 made three runs in April, covering 92 miles, with 31 1/2 man hours used.

On Sunday, May 26 the HVFD will hold a coin drop in the center of town from 9.00 AM to 3PM. Please be generous.

We thank the personnel who give so freely of their time and strength to go forth with equipment and training to help those of us who need their services.

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN HAGUE

On Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th, 10AM - 4PM, the Hague Specialty Shops will be celebrating the start of a new season in Hague. Shops that are participating are Graphite Mountain Stoneworks, 9507 Graphite Mtn. Rd. (Rt. 8), Serdinsky Gifts & Taxidermy, 9819 Graphite Mtn. Rd. (in the hamlet), Carriage Barn Antiques, 9837 Graphite Mtn. Rd. (in the hamlet), Hague Creek Antiques, 9840A Graphite Mtn. Rd. (in the hamlet), Old Glory Antiques, 9100 Lakeshore Drive (Rt. 9N) (in the hamlet), and The Red Garage, 8910 Lakeshore Drive (Rt. 9N) (south of the hamlet). Visit each of these shops this weekend for free refreshments and a chance to win fabulous door prizes.

Then proceed to the Hague Firehouse for a delicious ham dinner on Saturday (see p1)

The American Legion Post 1538 will be conducting a service at the May Memorial Cemetery on New Hague Road honoring our veterans at 20AM on Monday, May 27.

A survey is being sent to all Hague residents asking for comments on future use of the old Town Hall. Please return your response in the stamped envelope promptly.

*No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the existence of that goodness. 5/02*



## SEWER (Cont. from page 1)

The wastewater treatment plant is being constructed on the old baseball field off Decker Hill Road. The wastewater will be treated and filtered, then discharged to groundwater through infiltration basins.

The Wastewater Collection System uses a combination of conventional gravity sewers and low-pressure sewers.

A low-pressure sewer system consists of pressure mains with individual grinder pump stations serving each sewer customer. The grinder pump stations are self-contained units housed in plastic tanks. They include a built-in control system and a small alarm panel that will be mounted on a building or post close to the grinder pump. Each sewer customer connecting to the low-pressure sewer system will install the grinder pump stations provided under the construction contract. The Sewer District will maintain the grinder pumps after installation.

The low-pressure sewer system was selected for several reasons:

1. Sewers can follow the contours of the land, which allows for shallower installation with much less excavation or blasting.
2. The smaller pressure mains and easier installation result in a much lower construction cost.
3. Pressure sewer design is flexible and can be designed to minimize damage to landscaping, paving and structures.

Parts of the low-pressure sewer system will be installed by horizontal directional drilling, a new construction technique that allows us to install the mains by drilling them into place without digging a long trench. This method further reduces disruption and speeds installation.

The contractor plans to complete construction of the mains along Route 9N and Route 8 by early this summer. The wastewater treatment plant should be ready to accept wastewater flow by March 2003.

Please contact the Resident Engineer, Steve Guzler at the Community Center, 543-6161 if you have any questions regarding the sewer work.

## BATS IN THE BELFRY?

Over 920 species of bats exist worldwide, accounting for nearly one-quarter of all known mammal species. Bats exist as the only mammal to exhibit true flight using wings adapted from arm, hand, and finger appendages. The use of sonar-like echolocation to navigate and hunt for food during nighttime hours is characteristic to bats. Bats are one of the least studied and most misunderstood mammal species to humans, plants, and other wildlife.

The global importance of bats in pollination, seed dispersal, and insect control has been proven to be extremely significant. Unfortunately, human igno-

rance, fear, myth, habitat destruction, and bats, slow reproductive rates continue to contribute to the decline of many bat species worldwide. Forty percent of American bat species are either in severe decline or have already been listed as endangered. Because of bats' role in keeping crop pest insects in check, bat declines in agricultural regions can have negative economic effects for both farmers and consumers as a result of increased annual crop damage. Ecologically, the extirpation of bats from an area can increase the need for use of chemical pesticides, as well as leave plant communities that rely on bats for pollination and seed dispersal without reproductive capabilities, potentially threatening entire ecosystems.

Mosquito-carried diseases are another reason to welcome and assist bats to your area. Bat houses are available at the Soil and Conservation Department in Warrensburg. . . Our thanks to Lois Radke

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TICONDEROGA

The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga celebrated its 75th anniversary at a gala dinner on May 10, attended by more than 80 members, spouses, guests and dignitaries. Kiwanis of Ticonderoga is a service club that undertakes and finances a myriad of community projects, with a special interest in the welfare of children around the world. It is one of the older Kiwanis Clubs in the nation and the largest and most active in the Adirondacks Region.

Assemblywoman Betty Little made a presentation to President Heather Knott from the N.Y. State Legislature.

President Knott summarized the history and mission of Kiwanis. The local club began in the 1920s at the old Burleigh Hotel in Ticonderoga. It was chartered by the Glens Falls Club in 1927, less than a decade after the founding of the first club in Detroit. In 1972 the Kiwanis of Ti organized the Key Club at Ticonderoga Central School, recruiting Steve Boyce as faculty sponsor, who has served as the first, only and current faculty sponsor. Women were admitted to the club in the 1980s. The president stated that in her view the two most important projects undertaken by the club were the creation of the Percy Thompson Centennial Park and the addition of the Kissing Bridge, the playground and the pavilions to the park, and the establishment of the club's scholarship fund.

Featured speaker was Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Director of Spiritual Life at the Silver Bay Assoc. and free-lance speaker, dispensing as such the motivational and the entertaining in particular.

Kiwanis, when not undertaking a gala evening celebration, meets for lunch weekly at noon on Thursdays, during the colder months at the Elks' Lodge and during the warmer months at the Ti Country Club. Visitors are welcome and new applications for membership are warmly received.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

### May

- 21 School Budget & election, 12 - 8PM, Com. Ctr. (p1)
- 21 Mohican Crafters- 10AM
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 25 Ham Dinner by HVFD (p1)
- 28 Senior Citizens Club meeting, 1:30PM (p2)

### June

- 2 Champlain Valley Chorale Concert 4:30PM p1
- 4 Mohican Crafters - 10AM
- 6 Planning Board - 7PM
- 10 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 King's Garden at Ft. Ticonderoga opens 10AM-4PM. Call 585- 2831 for info.
- 15 Flag Day Observance, 11AM at the fort.
- 16 FATHERS' DAY
- 20 Carillon Garden Club meeting - 11AM, CC

### FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING PLANT

#### THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another

#### NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

#### TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME

- 1. Thyme for each other
- 2. Thyme for family
- 3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

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