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## PADULA LECTURE SERIES

The Dan Padula Memorial Fund is proud to announce the formation of the Dan Padula Educational Series, a series of lectures by local and regional speakers concerning health care and health care issues. These lectures are designed to be informal and informative, with time for audience participation. The Hague Community Center will host the first of the series on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 7 pm and is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

The topic of this first lecture will be on the screening and management of Alzheimer's patients at home and in Skilled Nursing Facilities. The speaker will be Elizabeth Smith-Boivin, MS who is the Director of the Anne B. Goldberg Alzheimer's Resource Center, Neuroscience Advanced Imaging and Resource Center, Albany Medical Center. Ms. Boivin has spoken on similar subjects at several national level meetings, been interviewed by the New York Times and Dallas Morning Times, and has appeared on a local PBS Television Broadcast (WMHT Studios, Schenectady, NY), Coping with Alzheimer's: Resources for Caregivers. She is a Trustee of the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and Board Member of the National Alzheimer's Association.

The Dan Padula Memorial Fund is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to serve the community at large through education, recreation, and philanthropy.

## BOAT LAUNCH CLOSED

The Hague Boat Launch will be closed on Saturday, May 28th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 28th, is almost here! The Senior Parade Committee has been working very diligently since January to put together Hague's 3rd Memorial DAY TO REMEMBER. You won't be disappointed.

The Family Funfest at the Beach from 10am to 4pm will appeal to all ages. There will be games and face painting for children. You will be able to browse through crafts, white elephant tables and many various displays. Foods galore will be available to satisfy every appetite - cotton candy & kettle kom, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, hoagies, baked goods and hot and cold beverages. Plan to have lunch while listening to a German Music Concert by The Cambridge Band (between noon and 1 pm) and WOKO Radio Personality, Steve Pelkey will be on tap all during the day.

Hague's Clifton West Historical Museum located at the Community Center will be open from 10am to 1 pm . . . lots of interesting artifacts there to check out.

At 2pm sharp the Gala Parade begins. Listen for those church bells at 1:55pm and stand ready. The Marine Colorguard and the Ticonderoga Fife & Drum Corp. will lead the march. Following in their wake will be floats, horses, bands, classic cars, and so much more. Some new . . . some old . . . but guaranteed, our Village will be filled with music, smiles & laughter. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be announced from the Visitor Center Stage at the Beach immediately after.

The Memorial Service will take place at about 3:30pm on the Stage at the Beach. The day's festive events are all acts of Community Celebration, however this Service is the true reminder of what Memorial Day stands for. There will be song, speech & prayer followed by a rifle salute and the echoing sound of Taps. . . .mp

## HAGUE SENIOR NEWS

We had a great turnout for the April Meeting. Our Guest Speaker, Grant Van Patten, held a captive audience in the palm of his hands. His tales of yesteryear's experiences in the world of television were filled with the big names of the 50's and laced with lots of humor while creating a vivid insight into the workings of a very new and rapidly growing industry. Story after story kept everyone in stitches to the point that the show just ran out of time! We were unable to view Grant's vast array of slides. So folks . . . prepare to see GRANT VAN PATTEN, PART II to be scheduled at a later date. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, thanks ever so much Grant, for a wonderful, fun filled afternoon.

On May 19th, there will be an Award Luncheon at The Lodge at Echo Lake, Warrensburg, sponsored by Warren County Council of Senior Citizens to honor Hague's own, Janet Hoffay. She has been elected the County's Outstanding Contributing Senior of the Year! Happily Janet will have a very large cheering section in attendance . . . several very proud family members will be there along with many of her senior friends. Will report all the details next month.

May's meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th at the Community Center STARTING AT NOON with a 'Swinging Seniors' Luncheon. We have much to celebrate this month. Plus, last minute details and plans for the Memorial Day Celebration will be finalized. We hope to see all our members there. ....mp

## LAKE GEORGE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Opening day at the Lake George Historical Association Museum and Bookstore is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. A reception will be held from 1-3PM. Museum hours are: May & June: Sat and Sun 11-4; July & Aug: Tues, Fri, and Sat. 11-4, Wed & Thurs, 3-8 (closed Sundays and Mondays). Sept: Fri, Sat, & Sun 11-4; Oct: Sat. & Sun 11-4.

The museum is located at the Old Warren County Court House, Canada & Amherst Sts, Lake George, NY. For more information call 518-668-5044 or email: lgha@localnet.com.



## TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Heritage Museum will open for the season on May 28 from 10AM-4PM. From May 28-June 18 the museum will be open weekends only from 10-4. From June 25 to Labor Day it will operate daily 10-4. From July 6 - Aug. 12 on Wed and Fri children's workshops will be held from 9-10:30AM.

## CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE

The Champlain Valley Chorale presents its Spring Concert, "It's All about the Music" on Sunday, June 5, 2005, 3:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, N.Y. The public is invited to this admission-free concert presentation.

## HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

There were three fire calls last month, with 97 man hours expended. The department made four ambulance calls with 19.5 man hours expended.

Don't forget the chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 28 from 4 - 8PM at the fire house. Menu consists of BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, rolls & butter, strawberry shortcake and a beverage. \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children. WOKO (98.9FM) will be on hand to entertain and raffles will be held. . . jt

## ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB CARD PARTY

The Carillon Garden Club's fourth annual card/game party and luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 16 at 11:30AM at the Hague Community Center. There will be items for raffle and many, many door prizes. A gourmet lunch will be served at 12 noon. Reservations should be made to Chairperson Joan Miller, 585-2533, or any member of the Garden Club. Make up your own tables, bring your cards or games and have a great time!

## LOOKING FOR THE MONSTER

Where, oh where has our Lake George monster gone? Not the original one, but the duplicate that we would like to use for parades, etc. It has been missing for quite a while. Surely, whoever has it must be willing to return it to its original haunt by now. We would love to have him in our Memorial Day Parade. Can someone give us a clue as to where to find him?

. . djh

The Lake George Association (LGA), the nation's first lake association, has received a check for \$10,320 from donations made by General Electric (GE) employees and retirees through GE's matching gift program.

According to Walt Lender, LGA Executive Director, the money will help support LGA's Lake Saving Projects, which improve the natural resources of the Lake George Basin through stream corridor restoration, stormwater management, land use management, delta remediation and invasive species control, as well as public education and outreach. Lender has also recently attended a national lakes conference where he stated, "A major issue that I heard about from nearly every other participant is the harmful effect of fertilized lawns on lake water quality."

In other news, the LGA has begun a campaign to urge towns within the Lake George Basin to clean out roadside culverts and catch basins. An annual cleaning of stormwater catchments is an effective way to slow down the rapid expansion of deltas at the mouths of several streams resulting from road sanding and maintenance. The association would like to see town highway departments give this job a high priority. To help town highway crews accomplish this task, the LGA offers the use of the non-profit's Catch Vac. The LGA Catch Vac is a large, trailer-mounted vacuum unit that is designed to clean sediment and debris out of the stormwater catchments. It has proven to be an economical and efficient way for highway departments to solve the problem of clogged catch basins and culverts.

The LGA has announced that Julie Martin and Randy Rath, the Lake Saving Projects Coordinator and GIS Mapping Specialist respectively, have successfully completed comprehensive training courses covering aspects of onsite wastewater treatment. Wastewater treatment is a key concern of the LGA in protecting the water quality of Lake George. The courses were offered as part of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Training Program in cooperation with SUNY Delhi, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Lake George Watershed Conference and the NYS Onsite Wastewater Treatment Training Network. Ms. Martin has been active in Hague working on the plans for the sedimentation basin off West Hague Road.

For more information on the LGA contact Communications Coordinator, James Hood, at 668-3558 or go to <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org)>.



The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 24th, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Queensbury Fire House, Route 9L, Cleverdale, NY

The LGPC has announced the Invasive Species Advisory for the 2005 boating season. The Commission is calling on every lake user to follow the basic invasive species precautions, "Inspect, Wash, Drain, Dry," to prevent transportation of zebra mussels, waterchurn, alewife and other invasive species into Lake George.

The Commission is also appealing to the public to comply with the Park Commission's regulations prohibiting any person from launching a boat into Lake George's waters unless it has been inspected and all marine growth has been removed.

The Commission has been actively working on and strengthening its Invasive Species Prevention Program which includes several initiatives. For more information contact the LGPC at 518-668-9347 or at <[www.lgpc.state.ny.us](http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us)>.

#### YKNOT SAILING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Maryellen Rudolph, Program Chairperson of the Y-Knot Sailing program at YMCA Camp Chingachgook, is looking for volunteers for their sailing program for disabled sailors. They will sponsor clinics throughout the summer and need volunteers for everything from helping get sailors into their vests, driving a van, helping them transfer onto the boats, to taking care of utility dogs. Especially needed are experienced sailors who can accompany, assist, and help sail the boats. For further information see <[www.yknotsailing.org](http://www.yknotsailing.org)> or email: program@yknotsailing.org or call 656-9462.

#### NEW COTS FOR HVFD

Past support from the Hague community has helped the Hague Volunteer Fire Department to recently take delivery of two new Ferno Power Flex Ambulance Cots representing just one more step in the department's goal of providing outstanding emergency services to the community.

The cots are hydraulic power operated with infinite positioning, providing increased safety to both patient and ambulance staff; and can be handled by just two persons. Additional contributions toward the cost of this equipment (\$7000 each) will be greatly appreciated. . . jmc

Chairman Robert Goetsch called the meeting to order with Bruce Clark, Mary Lou Doulin, George Ianson, Tina Barth King and new member Martin Fitzgerald present and Bill Pittman absent.

DOUGHERTY (43.13-1-36), 4 Cranberry Lane, Cape Cod Village, TR-1

The public hearing held over from the previous month was closed since the applicant is working through the Cape Cod Village Homeowners Association before proceeding with the Town application process.

REINGOLD (43.13-1-5), Abenakis Rd. TR-1

Based on consultation with potential builders, Mr. Reingold has requested using new materials for the work which was approved. In essence this will mean not moving the accessory structure (although removing plumbing) but rather building a similar structure onto the original cottage.

PHELPS (43.5-2-38), Dock Rd, Hamlet

Applicant wishes to add a second story above the existing house. Although the proposed addition will be further back from the Lake than the existing portion of the house, it will be within the required 50 ft shoreline setback and within the required side setback dimensions. The addition will result in excess of the current limit of 25% maximum square footage increase. The Zoning Board has requested input from the Planning Board.

PLANNING BOARD - 5/5/05

Chairman David Swanson called the meeting to order with Peter Foster, Rolly Allen, Cathy Clark, Tim Costello and Pam Peterson present and John Brown absent.

WILEN (43.13-1-4), Lakeshore Drive, TR-1

The revised deeds conforming to the approved lot line change were submitted along with the final plats which were signed by Rolly Allen for the Planning Board.

WILSON (25.1-1-17 and 25.1-1-18), Graphite Mt and Summit Rds, OC-1

The applicant resubmitted a sketch for a major subdivision of the 2 parcels into a 10 lot subdivision. The plans include buffer zones along the stream and outside boundaries and a reasonable limit on the percent of further development. The Board approved the sketch plan which is the first phase of subdivision approval.

BENEDUCE (42-1-23.1), Dodd Hill Road, TR-1

The applicant wishes to subdivide the property into a major 11-lot subdivision. The Planning Board set up a site visit.

HINES (26.14-1-5), Friends Point Drive South, TR-1

The applicant wants to make minor modifications to the roofline and entrance of the existing house. The work will be within 100 feet of the shoreline so a site visit was set up.

PHELPS (43.5-2-38), Dock Road, TR-1

The Board set up a site review and will meet in order to consider a recommendation for the Zoning Board at their next meeting.

MAIARO (42-1-9 and 25.4-1-41), Decker Hill and Fitzgerald Roads, OC-2

The Board is waiting for the APA to review the request for a change in zoning.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING -4/25/05

A special meeting in Executive Session, attended by Board members Belden, Meola, Patchett and Gladu, was held to discuss the negotiations with the Silver Bay Association. The Board approved a motion "that the agreement with Silver Bay Association signed on April 13, 1999 be modified to increase the voluntary contribution to \$25,000 for the year ending 12/31/05. The term of the agreement will be for one year - 2005. All other terms and conditions to remain the same. Silver Bay Association will prepare the agreement, subject to review by the Town Attorney."

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/6/05

Board members Dan Belden, Dick Gladu, Lu Megow, Bob Patchett and Rudy Meola were all present along with Town Attorney, Dominick Viscardi.

The Board went into Executive Session for agenda items relating to negotiations and litigations. Mr. Viscardi reviewed the proposed agreement with Silver Bay Association and the memo from Attorney McNally dealing with Brennan and Cartwright tax certiorari cases.

The Board reconvened in regular session and approved a motion to accept the recommendation of Judge Aulisi for a \$1,350,000 assessment on the Cartwright property.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/10/05

Board members Dan Belden, Dick Gladu, Lu Megow, Bob Patchett and Rudy Meola were all present.

Susan Deragon, representing a group of parents of skateboarders, requested that the Board provide a place for skateboarding. She stated that the parents are willing to supervise a skate park and that the basketball court would be the best location. She said that the kids would understand that they would have to stay out of the area unless supervised and that it would be fenced. The Youth Committee (Councilmen Meola and Gladu) will meet with the parents and try to work something out.

Janet Hoffay was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Town Board for her work with the Senior community.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu stated that reassessments have been mailed out for about 70 properties where changes were made. He further noted that although they are still waiting for the official equalization rate from the State, it looks like it will be close to 98%. He has been in touch with State Senator Betty Little and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward in the effort to remove the property tax as the major driver of school funding and to work on the spending side including unfunded mandates. A report will be published on the website with hard copies available in the town offices.

Councilman Meola noted that Grievance Day is May 24th and that the Board of Assessment Review needs to proceed according to the legal requirements.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Supervisor Belden said that more repairs need to be looked at for the Community Center because it will cost more if the repairs are not kept up.

Finance - Councilman Gladu noted that the financial software is up and running and the Town should now look into electronic banking.

Fire - A financial report has been requested from the Fire Department but has not yet been received.

Highway - Don Smith, Highway Superintendent reported that work is being done on the beach and they will be sweeping county roads.

Insurance - Don Smith is waiting for figures on the replacement of vehicles in order to complete the insurance inventory.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - May 19th is the first date for the appearance tickets for junk law violations. There was discussion on the requirements for major subdivisions and the Planning Committee (Councilmen Gladu and Patchett with input from Councilman Meola) will work to "articulate the options" with the Planning Board.

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman Gladu noted that next year the Association of Fire Chiefs will be meeting in Lake George which will provide a source of revenue and the Town should start considering how to market Hague. The Town website has had an average of 1500 visits in the last couple of months. Joe McCranels thanked the Board for their support of the Rogers Rock Cross Country ski trails last winter. Information from the DEC registration box showed 170 skiers signed during the period it was in place with 130 of those being local residents. He noted that there were problems with recreational vehicles.

Sewer District 1 - Supervisor Belden stated that items on the punch list have been attended to and within the month the Town will probably take over the ownership of the sewer district from the county. He said the county is working on plans to extend the district both north and south.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Meola submitted the proposed schedule for the Town Park from the Park Committee. The bathrooms will be open during the day from May 14th through Columbus Day. The park attendants will be on duty for Memorial Day weekend. The boat launch will be closed from 1 - 4 pm on Saturday the 28th for the parade. The beach will open with lifeguards on June 25th and remain open until Sept. 2, 2005.

For events in the park, the concession fee is \$25 for a local commercial resident and \$50 for out of town. There is no fee for a local civic organization.

Transfer and Recycling - Councilman Megow noted that the new transfer station hours will be from 9am - 5pm on Wed & Sat year round starting June 1, 2005. During July and August, it will also be open on Sundays from noon to 4pm.

Youth - Councilman Meola stated that the Silver Bay summer program, including canoeing, swimming, and wall climbing will take place from June 28 to July 29 for students in grades K through 8. Registration must be completed by May 26th. For further information call the Community Center at 543-6161.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

1. Accepted a bid from All Methods Waterproofing to waterproof the Community Center basement for \$10,133. Although it was the highest bid, it was felt that the warranties and recommendations made it the best proposal.
2. Approved changes to the Employees Manual concerning workmans compensation and disability.
3. Tabled changes to the Employees Manual concerning overtime and compensatory time.
4. Heard a progress report on work at the beach. Since more work was found than originally anticipated, it fell under emergency work and the Board approved the non-budgeted item.
5. Approved a change in effective date of sewer use fee for new construction which will be the day the hook-up permit is issued. They also reiterated that all sewer connections for persons already in the sewer district must be done by May 31, 2005 or incur a \$200 hookup fee.
6. Accepted the higher bid of \$625 from Tim Costello for the Dodge truck.
7. Approved the signing of the contract drawn up by the LGA (Lake George Association) for the retention basin project on the land of Don Smith. The contract signed by Don Smith, Walt Lender for the LGA and Dan Belden for the Town of Hague will allow the LGA to "now pursue the permitting and design process for the sedimentation plan", according to Julie Martin from the LGA. This basin will be designed to hold sedimentation during heavy rainfalls to prevent more sand buildup on the Hague Brook delta.

Under new business, the Board:

1. Tabled a recommendation to appoint a town personal paper server.
2. Approved the request of the Town Justice for mileage reimbursement for a conference on 12/3/05.
3. Approved a request from the Hague Senior Citizens Club to use the Visitor Center on 5/27 and 5/28 for Memorial Day weekend activities.
4. Approved Robert Dufault for June and Carol Stormer for July as part-time employees under the Green Thumb program.
5. Accepted the lowest bid of \$725 from North Country Landscaping for landscaping at the Community Center.
6. Approved resolution #45 in support of a grant application by the Town Justice for a new fax and paper shredder.

7. Approved the date of June 14, 2005 at 6:15 pm for a Public Hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the definition of "Square Footage."

8. Approved a letter of support for the application for a grant by the Hague Community Homeowners Association to bring their small water system into compliance.

9. Approved resolution #46 in support of a cell phone tower. Verizon will investigate locations on the mountain on Arcady Bay, the landfill area and a private property in Graphite. With the need for cell phone service as a safety issue it is hoped to get APA approval.

10. Approved resolution #47 for the request by Scully, Bass Bay Road for 6 variances for a replacement onsite wastewater system. Engineer Bob Holmes said that the system meets the setback of 100 feet from the Lake. It was felt that this system was an improvement over the old system.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden reported that he has been selected to go to Syracuse for the County to meet about the Fire Chiefs convention. He also noted that the July 3rd fireworks will be a full half-hour (from 9:30pm to 10pm) and will be funded by the Town of Hague. Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost may send a check directly to The Town of Hague.

Mention was made of a figure of \$70,000 that was paid to the Ticonderoga schools by the International Paper Co. in lieu of taxes due to the reduction in their assessment. Also mentioned was an amount of \$165,000 that was overpaid to the Ticonderoga schools by the State because of a failure of an entry in Hague's assessment rolls. The amount was returned to Hague by the school district.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES TO MEET

The Hague Historical Society will be holding a joint meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society on May 27th at 7 pm at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga. The speaker will be Ted Caldwell from Bolton Landing speaking on the connection between Charles Lindbergh and Harold Bixby of the town of Bolton. Guests are always welcome.

For additional information on Hague taxes and assessments, see the recent news items on the Town of Hague website at <townofhague.org>

TED SANTANIELLO

Ted Santaniello, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sal Santaniello, Silver Bay, won 2 gold medals at SUNYAC Championships on April 30, 2005 held at Oneonta State College. Ted was first in 400M Dash (49.7). He also ran the first leg of the 4X400M Relay (3.31.45) which set a new facility record for Oneonta State College which hosted this meet. He was third in the 200M Dash (21.19) for a bronze medal. Ted is a junior at Plattsburgh State College.

JANET HOFFAY

Janet Hoffay, a member of the Hague Senior Citizens Club, was honored on May 19 at an Award Luncheon at The Lodge at Echo Lake. She has been selected as the Warren County's Outstanding Contributing Senior of the year. She also received a certificate of recognition from the Town of Hague at the last Board meeting. Janet is a contributing member of The Hague Chronicle staff by helping each month to get the paper out to our readers. Congratulations from all of us. We are proud of you!!

ROBERT KEATING

In a message from his program advisor, we have the following: "I am pleased to inform you that Robert Keating from Southern Connecticut State University, interning at the National Defense University, will be representing the International Affairs Program at the Closing Ceremony. Robert has done a terrific job, overcoming tremendous obstacles in his life, and is an inspiration to us all." Bob was chosen to be profiled by the Washington Center, one of twenty students out of fifteen hundred to be honored. He is a summer resident of Hague and we wrote about his activities in the February issue of The Hague Chronicle (page 8).

KAREN COSTELLO

Karen Costello, Hague, won "Fastest Mom" honors at the annual Charles Pratt Memorial Road Race on May 7. She also won first place in the 50-59 female age group.

ED HENRY

Ed Henry, F.N.P., son of Dottie Henry, Hague, has recently opened the Thayne Family Medical Clinic, a service of Star Valley Medical Center in Thayne, WY.

ENGAGED: Elizabeth Barton, daughter of Katherine M. Barton and the late Charles R. Barton, Silver Bay, NY, to Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, son of Clem and Mary Navitsky, Maybrook, NY. The wedding will take place in September 2005.

GRADUATED: Peter Fritzky from Bergen Community College with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Stephen Fritzky from Rutgers University with a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Engineering. They are the sons of Bill & Luann Fritzky, seasonal residents of Hague.



MEOLA PRESENTATION

Christian Meola, son of Rudy and Wendy Meola and grandson of Rudolph Meola was one of the students who participated in a 5th grade class project to celebrate Heritage Day at his school in Guilderland. Christian researched and made a presentation on Italy, the ancestral country of his grandfather.

With his mother and grandfather as consultants, Christian created a three panel exhibit depicting the geography, history, art, music and architecture of Italy in addition to a number of anecdotal incidents of a personal or biographical nature involving his grandfather's family.

Councilman Meola was in attendance at the presentation, for which Christian was awarded an A+, where he enjoyed along with more than 100 relatives and friends, the cornucopia of homemade dishes that were typical of the eleven countries highlighted during the Heritage Day.

ACHIEVEMENT AND MERIT ROLLS

The following students have been named on the ACHIEVEMENT ROLL for the third marking period at Ticonderoga Middle School:

Grade 8: Shane King, Brendan Carberry, Shane Graser

Grade 7: Taylor Denno, Kaley Manning, Qirsten Ross,

MERIT ROLL:

Grade 8: Shane Fuller Amanda McCoy, Molly Ginn, Frank Lafferty, Aaron Lawrence, Mara Haskell

Grade 7: Michael Fish, Jamie Patchett, Jessie Patchett,

Grade 6: Dillon Lafferty, Kalene Ross

Kudos ~ The Federated Garden Clubs of New York State presented an award of honor for civic development to Dottie Henry of the Carillon Garden Club.

### SUMMER IS COMING!!

### CAPE COD ARCHIVES REVISITED

Although we can't tell it by the weather, summer should be here. Our hanging baskets are at the nursery ready to be hung in Hague on May 21, weather permitting. They are beautiful and will add a lot to the downtown area of Hague. Thanks to all of you great people who so generously donated to this project and a special thanks to Diane Farinick and Carol Pittman who willingly saw this project through, as part of the Hague Enhancement Committee.

We especially thank the following donors: Diane Dixon, John Geils, Howard & Donna Ticknor, Green Acres Campsite, J. C. Bambach, Elizabeth Decker, Ed Crabbs, Linda Case, George Mizer, Lynn Stote, Peggy Darrin, Anne Chesky, Carol Pittman, Scott Patchett, Cynthia (Girard) Ryther, Doug & Karen Laundree, Fred Klingler, Philip Mann, Helen Schoder, Muriel E. Schwarz, Dottie Henry, Diane Farinick, Graham Bailey, John Brown, James Modestino, Roderick Geer, Stephen Roth, Carol Randall, Donna Van Wert, Ed Konikowski, Linda Baker, William McFeely, The Toner family, Dolly Kennedy, Carolyn Dunn, Kay Barton, Betty Van Sleet, Pat Jones, Hague Creek Antiques, Kathe Allen, Judy Foster, Dan Belden, Brad Wisher, Betty McGuire, Viola Vassallo.

#### THANKS FROM BESTE FUND

The Beste Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank The Hague Chronicle staff who again helped us distribute our flyer and the following people/organizations who so generously sent in donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund in response to our recent fundraising appeal.

Kathryn & Julia Barry, Dan & Janice Belden, Bruno & Dorothy Brauner, John & Joann Brown, The Buck Family, Ives & Josee Darves-Bornoz, The Fisher Family, Frank Fowler, Tim & Michele Gautreau, Rod & Nema Geer, John & Virginia Geils, The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept., Stu & Mary Ann Harmon, Dottie Henry, Tom James, Rev. Robert & Mrs. Susan Johnson, Bob & Kathleen Maiaro, Robert & Patricia Mangino, Philip C. Mann, Alix Martin, Dan & Ann McGowen, Mr. & Mrs. Lu Megow, Northern Lake George Rotary Club, Anne & Chris Parlin, Mrs. R. Parmley, Brian & Beverly Sann, Sal & Kathy Santaniello, Lynn & Patty Stote.

It's never too late to send in a donation to: The Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12936.

#### WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIPS

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension 4-H Program is conducting two, three day Wilderness Exploration trips which are open to both 4-H and non-4-H youth. For more information, contact the Center at 518-623-3291 or 668-4881 or at <<http://cce.cornell.edu/~warren/4h.html>>.

In January 2005, we published an article which was written in 1999 by the late Clifton West, town historian, about the Cape Cod Village property. We have since received a letter from George Stanford, an owner of one of the cottages there who has made some corrections to this article. The following is his version of the story:

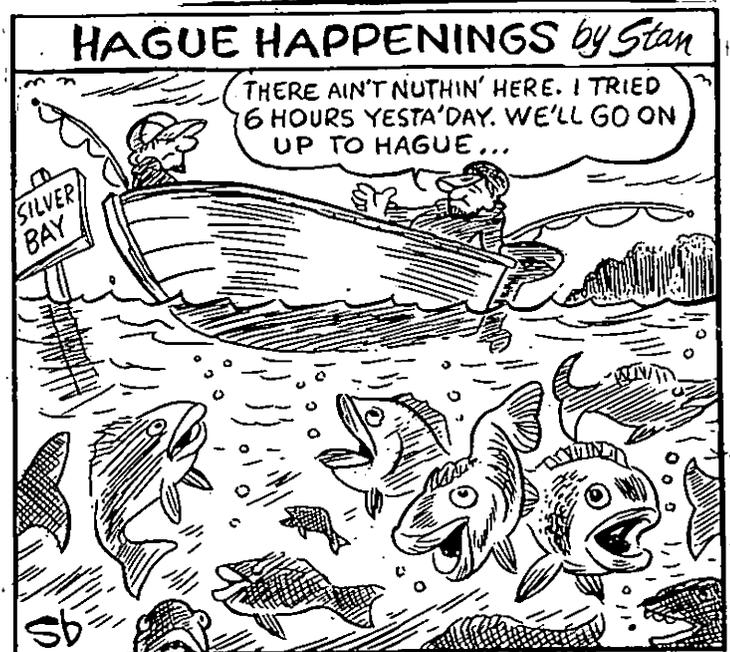
"Miss Mary Beste inherited the vast Enid Alden / Jenkins farm property in 1928. In 1939, not 1950, Cape Cod Village Inc. purchased from Miss Beste 7 1/2 acres on the lakeside of Rt. 9N and an additional 8 acres on the west side of 9N. Gordon Manning, acting as Cape Cod Village Inc. president, and Mary Beste signed a \$14,000.00 mortgage agreement on May 31, 1939. Gordon Manning, in 1950 did pay \$2,000.00 for a small parcel within the village as did some other Manning family members.

Cape Cod Village Inc. established and maintained a 12-unit motel colony around a "village green" within their 7 1/2 acres. Summer visitors to the area began buying lots from the sub-divided Cape Cod Village. 19 cottages were subsequently built and along with the vastly expanded 12 motel units, the 31 member home-owner association, Cape Cod Village Cllub Inc., was formed.

The summer restaurant mentioned in the archives article was the Cape Cod Village Inn. The Buttner family from N.J. purchased the inn in 1966. It was their summer residence until it burned down about 20 years ago. The land has since been sold."

Thanks to George Sanford for sharing this information with us. He was also instrumental in getting the state DPW to change the sign which appeared on the bridge by the "village" from Alden Brook, which was incorrect, to Jenkins brook.

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# NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

## COOK MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

The Cook Mountain Preserve in Ticonderoga is an area rich in history, diverse with habitats and offers a multilevel outdoor experience for hikers, birders and plant enthusiasts. A pull-off and kiosk on Baldwin Road, just 1.5 miles from Alexandria Avenue marks the trailhead of the preserve managed by the Lake George Land Conservancy, and as you step onto the trail leading into the preserve you are walking on the same land that General Abercrombie and Lord Howe marched in 1758 during the French and Indian War. They, and 15,000 troops had traveled by boat up Lake George and landed near where the preserve lies today to begin their 4-mile march to take Fort Ticonderoga from the French. Amazingly, they got lost in the woods, Lord Howe was killed and a mere 300 soldiers at the fort eventually defeated them. The trails on the preserve are well marked and you won't have to worry about getting lost like the soldiers did.

Last fall I wrote about our hike to the summit that is a moderately difficult climb of 895 feet in elevation, but this week I met Sarah Small of the Lake George Land Conservancy and walked the lower portion of the preserve along the Yellow Beaver Trail that meanders around abandoned beaver ponds, overgrown farmlands and moist wetlands for less than a mile round trip. A portion of the trail follows the remains of an overgrown railroad bed. Passengers would travel by steamship up Lake George, land in Ticonderoga (near the preserve) and then take this train to the landing on Lake Champlain (near Fort Ti) where steamships were boarded again to continue their travels north. The railroad also carried the apples grown on the farmland to Lake Champlain where they would be shipped by boat down the lake to the Hudson River where they were eventually sold in New York City. Apple trees still dot the land along the trails, decedents of the original varieties cultivated at the turn of the century.

Wetland plants dominate the lower portion of the trail near the beaver ponds with cattails, marsh marigolds, jack-in-the-pulpit, foamflower, horsetail grasses, valerian and the moisture loving trees like cedar, poplar and birch. As the trail turns gradually away from the beaver ponds and rises slightly towards the mountain, there is almost a visible line that is crossed where the vegetation is clearly different. Now, the trees we see are oak, white pine, beech and shagbark hickory while the plants we found were some of the more showy wildflowers like hepatica, large white-flowered trillium and bloodroot. Sarsaparilla, violets – both yellow and purple varieties, Christmas fern and wild grapevine were in abundance as well.

The beaver ponds are abandoned at this time, probably from exhausting the food supply of poplar and birch trees in the lower wetland areas. We can see the stumps of trees 12" in diameter that were toppled by them and the remains of their dams along the railroad bed.

Sarah was there to check on the encroaching invasive non-native plants that are threatening the area. The Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), whose 3-14 foot tall feathery plumes will appear mid to late summer in the beaver pond area, threaten to crowd out native vegetation such as the cattails and wetland orchids. Sarah then pointed out another invasive to me, a non-native honeysuckle that we noticed lining the trails everywhere we walked. It's pink-yellow flowers bloom in June and the orange-red berries ripen in August. These can form dense shrub layers crowding out and shading native vegetation and hinder normal forest regeneration by releasing growth-inhibiting phytotoxins into the soil. The berries produced by these non-native honeysuckles are not as high in fat or nutrients as native varieties, thereby negatively impacting migrating birds that depend on them as a food source to carry them through the winter. They can be distinguished from native varieties by breaking a twig – non-natives will have a hollow stem.

To find out how you can help identify, control and manage these invasives a brochure is available at the kiosk at the trailhead or by contacting the Lake George Land Conservancy. Both invasives need constant attention to keep them in check and help is always appreciated ~ ask for Sarah Small at the LGLC to find out how you can participate.

## WEATHER NEWS

by Mary Lou Doulin

This has been a late, cold spring. We did have a burst of dramatically warm temperatures in the 80's in April, but that was short-lived. Daytimes have been 50 and 60ish. Nighttime temperatures have consistently been below normal, digging deep into the 30s and 40s. The first comparatively warm night was May 14 when 60 degrees was the consistent temperature.

Springtime to me is the most exhilarating season of the year. The thrill of the early warm days and the greening of the earth can't be beat. The humming birds have returned and I heard a whippoorwill last evening. Speaking of birds, it's fun to create a bird friendly environment. Like most creatures, birds need protective covering, food and a place to call home for rearing their young. Our area provides most of their needs, but I am concerned about the protective elements. Songbird population numbers have been decreasing rapidly in recent decades. There are many reasons for this but the least understood is the threat of the household cats that are allowed to roam outside during the nesting season. Statistics prove that they are decimating our birds. I know cats are wonderful creatures, but it would be helpful if pet owners could keep them inside during the nesting season.

Long range predictions for the upcoming summer season are for a cool, dry season.

QUITE A FEAT ~ When the ice was barely out, Cris Ginn, of Hague, both water-skied on Lake George and snow-skied at Killington on April 17,

MAY - JUNE 2005

May

- 24 10am LGPC meeting (p. 3)
- 24 noon Senior Luncheon (p. 2)
- 24 by appt Assessment Grievance (p. 5)
- 25 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
- 26 7pm Padula Lecture on Alzheimers (p. 1)
- 26 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 26 7pm Ticonderoga Middle School Concert
- 27 7pm Historical Societies Meet (p. 6)
- 28 all day Memorial Day Activities (flyer)

June

- 2 7pm Planning Board
- 5 3pm Champlain Chorale Concert (p. 2)
- 6 Free transfer station pickup for Seniors
- 7 - 8 Free transfer station dropoff for Residents
- 14 6:30 pm Town Board
- 16 11:30am Garden Club Card Party (p. 2)
- 19 **Happy Father's Day**
- 21 7:30pm Ticonderoga Schools Bd of Ed mtg
- 23 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 23 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23 7pm Ti Middle School Promotion
- 25 10am Ti High School Graduation

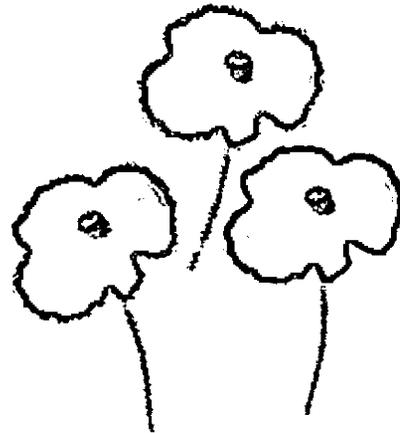
*In Flanders Fields*

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD  
(1872-1918) Canadian Army

*IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



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