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Hoax-Fest Coming



There's a reason for a big celebration. There's a reason for every man, woman, and child in Hague to join the celebration. There's a reason for everyone reading this who has "roots" in Hague to return to Hague on Saturday, July 7, for the festivities. Why? The Hague Monster—the infamous "George," the original Lake George Monster that rose out of Hague waters at the turn of the century to scare boaters—is coming "home" at last!

Officials of the Lake George Museum are "loaning" George to Hague for the summer. So, why not accompany this fact with pomp and ceremony? Why not bring George back to the Hague dock by steamboat? Why not have a parade in Hague—the first in 35 years—to welcome home the wooden beast? Why not bring back, in full costume, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watrous, original pranksters of that period, to lend a touch of reality to the occasion.

Well, it's going to happen! The multi-faceted celebration, called the Hoax-Fest, kicks off at 10 AM in Hague on July 7 with an auction set up by the Northern Lake George Rotary Club. And that's not all.

Another stellar attraction, starting at 11 AM, will feature Rick Belden, son of Town Supervisor Dan and Janice Belden, demonstrating feats of strength that gave him the title "Strongest Man in the World." Rick, like George, is "coming home for the Big Party." He will attempt to pull a 27,000^{lb} firetruck a distance of a quarter mile, to establish a new world's record.

Parking will be adequate for hundreds of

spectators, as well as media people, since the large area across from the town beach will be opened up for the day.

Even before the welcoming ceremonies and the parade start at about 1 PM, Penelope the Clown will be on hand to entertain the kids.

A hot air balloon will be tethered nearby. Food will be available. Three separate musical groups will entertain the crowd. The Ticonderoga Community Band is coming. The Fife and Drum Corps from Fort Ticonderoga will perform. After the parade, an ensemble of musicians will play at the Community Center during a more formal presentation ceremony. Special guests from a wide area will take part in this program.

Even before George, the Monster, arrives in Hague, he will be honored in Lake George with a mock trial in which Village officials determine the question: "Do we really want to let this treasure leave our shores?" Similarly, when the "ugly-but-personable" creature makes a stop in Bolton, several town officials will be asking, "Can't we capture this little fellow for our own museum?"

The day's activities are due to end about 4 PM. For the summer, George can be seen resting in his glass case at the Hague Community Center. Information about the July 7 event can be had from chairman Tom James at (518)543-6924, publicist Stan Burdick at 543-8824, or *Chronicle* editor Dottie Henry at 543-6633. Check the website at www.hagueticonderoga.com. Special thanks for planning this event go to Rotary clubs in both Hague and Lake George; historical associations in Lake George, Bolton and Hague; Chambers of Commerce in Lake George and Hague; and the Hague Fire Department.

Stan Burdick



SILVER BAY STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM

The Silver Bay String Quartet will once again perform a benefit concert at the Grace Memorial Chapel located at Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay on Saturday, July 21, 2001 at 8PM. A suggested donation of five dollars will be taken at the door with all proceeds from the concert going toward the maintenance and preservation of this historic chapel.

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONTINUES WORSHIP SERVICES ON JULY 1

Grace Memorial Chapel located at Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay will start its one hundred and seventeenth (117) year of providing interdenominational Sunday summer worship services for area guests and residents on July 1. Services begin at 10AM and all are welcome. A new addition this year to our services will be the celebration of Holy Communion on August 19.

The following is the schedule for services during the month of July. August services will be published in the July issue of this paper.

- July 1 The Rev. Deadra Johns, Coordinator: Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- July 8 The Rev. Wilbur T. Washington, Ret: Reformed Church of America, Bedminster, NJ
- July 15 The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY
- July 22 The Rev. Tom Waltz, Minister: Salem Presbyterian Church, Studley, VA
- July 29 The Rev. Bruce Penn, Ret: Reformed Church in America, Hendersonville, NC

TI FESTIVAL GUILD TO OPEN SEASON

To open the summer season, the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will present a Barbecue Dinner and Showcase of Area Talent on June 26 at The View Restaurant at Indian Kettles at 6PM. Barbecued rib or chicken dinner may be chosen when purchasing tickets, which are available from any board member or by mailing a check to PO Box 125 in Ticonderoga, NY 12883. The show following dinner will feature barbershop singing, instrumental show tunes, folk tunes and songs, dancing and narration. Tickets are on sale for \$25. Deadline for advance ticket sales is June 23.

SOLID BRASS LITE will open the Ticonderoga Festival Guild concert season on July 10 with a fanfare of rousing sound. All six concerts will be under the Tent on the Town Green in Ticonderoga at 8PM. On opening night, the traditional buffet will be served, coordinated by John Brown and his larger-than-ever committee.

On July 17, Echoes of Earth and Sky will be heard from the stage as a duo presents stories, dances and songs of Native Americans. A journey into Gaelic music follows, on July 24, with High Road leading the way. On the final night of July, the 31st, La Chic 'n Bones

returns to Ticonderoga with favorite son Jim King on trombone, for an evening of easy listening.

The nineteenth season of Arts Trek programs will open with Solid Brass Lite presenting a program called "Beat the Brass, with familiar show tunes for children and a "Name That Tune" contest. This program is on July 11 and starts at 10:30AM under the tent, as do all the Arts Trek programs.

On July 18 Echoes of Earth and Sky will present a children's version of their program of songs, dances and stories of Native Americans, with audience participation in dancing and drumming. The Irish Minstrel takes the stage on July 25, as Richard Stillman presents a variety of Gaelic music, teaches the audience to be human bagpipes, and encourages them in an Irish jig.

These concerts are made possible by support from members and business contributors, sponsors, the New York State Division of Youth (through the Essex County Youth Bureau), by a CAP grant from the Arts Council of the Northern Adirondacks, by a grant from International Paper Co. Foundation, and with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts.

For info. call Cathie Burdick, 585-6716 or 543-8824.

FORT TICONDEROGA REENACTMENT

A reenactment of the "Death of Lord Howe" at the Battle of Ticonderoga Falls will take place in Ticonderoga on June 21, 2001 and June 22, 2001. The battle itself will be at 3:30PM on June 22. This event is free to the general public. WMHT will be filming the entire event for inclusion in a television special on Adirondack legends due to air later this year. For info. contact Christopher Shaw, 585-2821.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will meet at 12 Noon on Tuesday, June 26 at the Community Center. This will be our annual sandwich/salad, dessert party. Bring a sandwich to share; the salad and dessert will be provided for by the Club. Our speaker will be a representative from Moses Ludington Hospital and Nursing Home. We are also looking ahead to our September trip, with plans being made for it. Also, on Wednesday, June 27 we will be going to Fort Ticonderoga, with lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please register for this at once, by phoning 543-6161. You will be contacted by phone concerning this expedition. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to visit a world famous museum in our own back yard. Admission to fort is free.

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words, it is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices are ultimately our responsibility. . .

. . . Eleanor Roosevelt

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/24/01

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 6/12/01

The Town Board and the Zoning Board met at 6:30 to discuss ethics. Skip Hourigan from the Town Board led the discussion.

The regular meeting was opened with the introduction of board members by Chairman Robert Goetsch and the approval of the minutes of the April meeting.

The first order of business was the O'Toole variance. Warren Co. DPW with the permission of the O'Toole's would like to subdivide a 2.02 ac. lot into two lots of .25ac and 1.77 ac. The larger lot will conform to minimum lot dimensions and area. The smaller lot will not meet area requirements of the Hague Zoning ordinance.

Art Hatfield made a motion for the ZBA to accept the application as properly signed as an application for a variance on the O'Toole property and schedule a Public Hearing for next month's ZBA meeting on June 28.

Doc Doctors (for Ingrey) 45-2-1, Bob Kat Lane, Arcady The Doc Doctors are applying for a variance after the fact for a 16ft x 20ft deck which is 26ft from the lake and requires 24ft relief from section 160-50B(b)

Art Hatfield moved that the ZBA accept the application from the Dock Doctors for the deck at the Ingrey property in Arcady, the neighbors be notified, and a Public Hearing be set for June 28. Approved.

Dimond (46-1-10) Var 02-01 Pine Cove Rd.

Ms. Dimond is requesting relief from the Hague ordinance for side yard setback (6 ft relief) and Lake Shore setback (sec 160-50) B (b) 46ft relief for a boat rail launch system and a 200 sq. ft. accessory storage building, ZBA will join Planning Board on June 2 for site review on this matter.

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD 6/7/01

Andrew and Linda Cornell plan to build a home on Rt. 8 across from Sunset Hill Road. It is within 75 feet of the brook. Permission granted by a 6-0 vote.

Nelson Waters came before the board asking for permission to store boats on his vacant lot on Decker Hill Road. Mr. Waters had originally obtained permission to park cars, pick up trucks and trailers to alleviate the overparking at the beach. This permission did not include boat storage. A lengthy discussion ensued stating that a completed application must be submitted, and he must have an LGPC permit. While he is getting the permits he needs, Mr. Barone, Zoning Administrator said he could use his property for boats. After the permits are granted a public hearing must be held. The issue was tabled until the next meeting, when permits should be in place.

Dock Doctors made application for a gazebo at the Ingreys in Arcady. In the process of filing the application, it was discovered that the builder of the dock had not gotten a permit. They are now seeking a permit for the dock, after the fact.

The Hague Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 12 with all members present.

John Barber made a presentation on the upcoming Hoax Fest on July 7. Mr. Barber detailed the many activities planned for this day. Also assisting in the presentation were Stan Burdick and Tom James.

Rudy Meola presented the Board with a petition opposing the expansion of the proposed public water district to include sections south of the bridge on 9N and part of Route 8 from the bridge to the area near the old fish weir. The signatories are in sympathy with the need to upgrade the present private system but that effort should be limited to the area now being served by the Hague Homeowners Assoc. Waterworks

At a special meeting on 3/23/01 the Town Board authorized the expenditures of \$7,000.00 for a feasibility study on the proposed water district. In a similar situation, but involving a proposed sewer district, the Ticonderoga Town Board rejected the request for funds for a feasibility study upon the advice of the town attorney, who claims it is illegal for the town to spend public money to assist private homeowners. Mr. Meola asked that the State Comptroller be asked for an opinion.

The issue of implementing the \$11,000 grant for the removal of junk cars and junk yards was discussed. The town has received nine responses from people who would like to participate in the program. The Town Attorney is preparing a contract to be used with the hauler before the progress begins. The Board will also set up a special meeting to work on a local law dealing with junk and the operation of junk yards.

Because of some apparent inequities in assessments of real property, Supervisor Belden suggested that Warren County Office of Real Property be approached on doing a revaluation. The last revaluation was done in 1999. A meeting will be scheduled to review this issue.

The various Board committees made their reports, including the need to replace the phone system at the Community Center, the building of a shed in the back of the Center to store mowing equipment; highway dept. preventative maintenance is proceeding on schedule; the transfer station still has a vacant position, the summer swimming program will be held at the Silver Bay Assoc. facility from 7/2 - 8/10/01; the basketball program will begin on July 10; the music concerts in the park series begins July 11. Plans are being made to provide an arts program for children in place of one for adults.

In other business the Town Board:

- approved the use of the Town Park on 6/22 for a coffee house by the Wesleyan Church.

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- received a letter from the Wikoffs in appreciation of the clean-up day.
- received a request from the Hague Senior Citizens Club to provide them transportation on a scheduled basis.
- was informed that the Silver Bay Assoc. has offered to buy recreation equipment for the town park.
- referred to the opinion of NY Audit and Control on an issue dealing with the money received on the adopt-a-basket program - a bookkeeping matter.
- will schedule a meeting of the Town Board with the Comprehensive Plan Committee to review its recommendations.
- authorized the supervisor to apply for a grant to buy a truck to transport recyclables. . . rm

FROM OUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

There is no statutory or legal authority which grants a property owner or resident along a public highway any right to place a mailbox in a highway right of way. The owner may have an informal license, but this does not endow the owner of the mailbox with any legal rights in the highway when needed for highway purposes.

The Highway Superintendent and the State have a duty to keep the highway available for the public use. Snow removal and snow storage are an incident of that use.

"The highways of the state are made for and devoted to public travel, and the whole public have the right to their use in their entirety and when obstructions to public travel are found within their bounds, the commissioners of highways are clothed with power to remove them without waiting for the slow process of law, even though travel be not absolutely and entirely prevented." Vanwyck. V. Lent, 33 Hun 301; When the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with the individual's receipt of the mail, the latter must stand aside. The owner has no right to interfere with the speedy and efficient removal of snow by placing the mailbox in such a position as to cause this result, and no liability results on the part of the public official charged with the the duty of snow removal if such a box is so placed that it may be injured by proper highway maintenance. (Informal Opinion, Attorney General 2/28/66)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAILBOX INSTALLATION

- (1) MOUNTING HEIGHT FROM GROUND TO BOTTOM OF MAILBOX SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 42 INCHES.
- (2) MAILBOX MUST NOT ENCROACH OVER THE SHOULDER OF THE HIGHWAY.
- (3) A SECURE ATTACHMENT OF THE MAIL

BOX TO THE POST IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE BOX FROM BEING SEPARATED FROM THE POST IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS STRUCK BY A VEHICLE.

(4) "NO DEADLY FIXED OBJECTS" SHALL BE USED FOR MAILBOX SUPPORTS.

" DEADLY FIXED OBJECTS" ARE THOSE THAT COULD CAUSE A FATAL INJURY IF STRUCK BY AN ERRANT VEHICLE.

CORRECTION

Last month we published the list of businesses who are supporting the Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce web site We apologize for omitting the following names: The View at Indian Kettles, Eddie's Restaurant. Thanks for your support.

HAGUE BUSINESS COMMUNITY EXPANDS

Hague has another new specialty shop with the grand opening of The Red Garage on Saturday, June 16. This antique shop, art gallery and gift shop, run by Judy (Brock) Stock is located at 8910 Lakeshore Drive.

Judy grew up in Hague and graduated from Hague High School in 1962. After graduation from William Smith College she began a 30-year career as a high school mathematics teacher and, upon retirement, came back to Hague last June. The red garage was originally built in 1954 by her father, Louis Brock, who owned Hague Contracting Company and later used the building for insurance, real estate and finally Norlago Marine.

Judy's shop contains a wide variety of antiques including some vintage photographic, electronic, marine, household and picnic equipment, antique tins, dolls, china and silver. There are handmade floral decorations created by Ann Marie Safford from Schroon Lake and ceramics hand painted by Joan Necaster from Ticonderoga. In addition there is an art gallery featuring the works of illustrator and designer, Joyce Cleveland from Bolton Landing. Some of the collectibles that Joyce designed are also available for purchase including a selection of beautiful baby items and Christmas treasures that are no longer in production.

With the addition of the Red Garage, there are now six specialty shops in Hague for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Judy designed a bookmark and brochure giving a description and map of all of these shops. It is available by visiting Mt. Zion Gifts, Graphite Mountain Stoneworks, Carriage Barn Antiques, Hague Creek Antiques & Gifts, Graphite Mountain Stoneworks, Carriage Barn Antiques, Hague Creek Antiques and Gifts, Old Glory Antiques, or The Red Garage.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SANE
FOURTH OF JULY.**

NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade

Laura's column this month digresses from nature but we think it is certainly "food for thought."

Common Sense

When automobiles crowded city streets
People devised a system to avoid collisions.
And thus red light means "stop,"
Orange light means "caution"
And green light means "go."

As the world population increases,
Intelligent people need to contrive land use laws
To avoid ecological disasters.
Thus, there are places where development should "stop"
Other places where development should use "caution"
And some places where development may proceed with
proper controls.

Mankind needs such common sense. .

. . . Laura Meade 10/21/91

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT M. HOYT
by Laura Meade, December 14, 1994

Soon after Bob Hoyt died, I went down to the Hague Beach and sat by the park attendant's booth where Bob had worked in recent summers. A north wind was churning waves a foot high, and a thousand mists were rising and drifting southward. They looked like tiny sailboats, each carrying a cargo of a small burden - away to an unknown land. I thought of the many kind and worthwhile deeds that Bob had performed for years - every one a weight of effort for him - yet each joyfully given. It seemed as if his burdens were being borne away in the mists.

Then a huge slender plume rose and danced along the far shore and disappeared into the clouds. It was as if Bob was leaving his favorite place on earth to go to the land of eternal life, leaving his good deeds for others to do.

Soon the lake became totally calm, a peaceful mirror, reflecting heaven and earth. If you were to gaze into its surface, you could see your own image, and perhaps that of Bob Hoyt's. Would you see yourself as a person who had so believed in God and had lived the teachings of Christianity as he did?

Could you reflect his life in yours and truly be part of the Holy Spirit as he was?

HAGUE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

The Hague Youth Committee presents a series of free musical performances at the Hague Town Park. In case of inclement weather, performances will be held at the Hague Community Center.

Wed. July 11 - 7PM Nelson Shapiro & Phil Henry

Wed. July 18 - 7PM Jenks and Reilly Duo
Wed. July 25 - 7PM Silver Bay String Quartet
Wed. Aug. 1 - 7PM Stan Burdick - Square Dancing
Wed. Aug. 8 - 7PM LaPointe Brothers
Wed. Aug. 15 - 7 PM Rick Bolton & the Dwyer Sisters
Wed. Aug. 22 - 7PM Mary Jo Von Tury & Dwinal Smith

Bring your own chairs, or blankets. Come and enjoy these free concerts under the stars.

WEATHER NOTES

By Mary Lou Doulin

In the previous months we have passed from a drought to conditions of almost ample rainfall. We went from the high risk of forest fires to flash flood warnings on the radio. Through it all the birds returned, the flowers bloomed and each day the foliage was more verdant.

June is the prime month for your senses to come alive. Only in Bermuda during the season when the Easter lilies bloom have I ever experienced such night-time redolences. In May, first it was the fragrance of the lilacs that filled one's senses and then the bouquet of locust tree blossoms on the warm June nights that permeated the air. Such sweet pleasures are right here in Hague. As June is wont to be, the humidity has been increasing as well as the temperatures. The temperature reached 93 degrees by the middle of the month. Thunderstorms are more frequent and gardens are thriving.

LGPC ZEBRA MUSSEL ADVISORY

The Lake George Park Commission has issued a Zebra Mussel advisory for the 2001 boating season for all areas of the lake. The LGPC is appealing to everyone involved in boating, SCUBA, fishing and construction activities to be part of a concerted effort to prevent the ecologic and economic destruction of zebra mussels

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

BEGINNING JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 15
OPEN - MON., TUES., THURS., FRI., SAT., SUN
CLOSED WEDNESDAY

BRIDGE THEATER OPENS FOR SEASON

The Bridge Theater is a one of a kind theater built on the old Clinton Street Bridge. Local theater group, Potter's Players, directed by Winnie DeGroff will be performing on Thurs. nights at 7:30PM during the summer. Sat. night performances at 7:30PM will be by Riverview Entertainment Productions from Troy, NY.

HAGUE HOAX FEST

JULY 7, 2001

LETTERS TO EDITOR

I have enclosed a copy of a letter that I am sending to Dan Belden. I am sending this to you given your position as the publisher/editor of *The Hague Chronicle*

Ever since March I had intended to pen a letter to you responding to the article, "THE CASE AGAINST THE JET SKIS." While I never put those words on paper, *The Lake George Mirror* article was the impetus for my writing to Mr. Belden. Sincerely /s/ Ruth L. Smith, Westtown School, Westtown, PA.

Dear Mr. Belden,

"With great interest I recently read the article entitled "No Jet Ski ban on Lake George Foreseen" in the May 25, 2001 issue of *The Lake George Mirror*. I was pleased to learn that Governor Pataki officially signed the bill that allows individual towns to regulate personal watercraft (PWC). Knowing that this law was pending, for three months I carried around a copy of *The Hague Chronicle*, with the intent of writing a letter to the editor (Dorothy Henry). *The Chronicle's* March 2001 issue gave food for thought regarding the negative impact that PWC have on a body of water and the surrounding community.

"I have been coming to Lake George and the town of Hague for my entire life; my family owns the Wray property on Friends' Point. PWCs have been a source of frustration and annoyance for my family and friends alike. I respectfully disagree with quote, "Jet skis may be a problem at the south end, but not in Hague, not yet anyway." The southern part of the lake does have a lot more boat traffic, but up north, we too have our share of motor boats and PWCs.

"You also indicated that only three complaints were received last year. I think that that number is so low because most of us, up to this point, have not publicly shared our annoyance. We mutter under our breath, glare at the PWCs from afar and realize that a kayak, a swimmer, or someone sitting on a lawn, will never be able to catch the motorized vehicle. Therefore, in the past we have bought into the belief that there is nothing we can do.. Now the State of New York has empowered us, and I would like to know how the Lake George Park Commission plans to enact regulations. The question is not if something will be done, but rather what, how and when.

"I am aware that a total ban is not realistic for Lake George. Perhaps implementing a no-wake zone within 1500 feet (or greater) of the shoreline for PWCs. This would help reduce noise and we would not have to watch as many people drive around in circles as they chase their own wake. Lake George is large enough that restricting the use of PWCs within 1500 feet of the shore and islands would still allow for ample usage at high speeds. Certainly this would be realistic for Hague given the fact that we have the widest part of the lake - three miles.

"My family's home faces north and is part of the bay shared by Friend's Point and Forest Bay. One of our neighbors in Forest Bay owns two PWCs. One day three or four years ago, after a couple of hours of watching and listening to them run the vehicles in front of our house, I personally went over to their house and said something to them. The subsequent years have not decreased my irritation with the manner in which the PWCs are used.

"Personal watercraft have a significantly higher decibel level than most motorboats. Their sound can be heard over a much greater distance. In addition, it is my personal opinion that on the whole, they are driven with greater recklessness than a typical motorboat.

"During the recent Memorial Day weekend I spent many hours kayaking the water between Rogers' Rock and Hague. I found the water to be unique in that for several days there was almost no wind, allowing the water to be like glass for most of the time. The only waves created were by motor boats and PWCs. As I paddled, I was struck by the amount of verbal noise that users of PWC make. Certainly people in motor boats talk to each other and this can be heard above the drone of the engine. However, people on a PWC tend to do more yelling. In particular, shrieks of glee as the craft quickly accelerates.

"Lest you think that I am an anti-octane person, I assure you that I am not. My family has a motor boat and to date I have been water skiing on Lake George for twenty-six years. Now that we have been given the legal ability to do so, I simply would like to have in place some enforceable regulations for users of PWCs. They would then know that if reprimanded, one is not just stating a personal opinion, but the law.

"One of the things mentioned in *The Hague Chronicle* was, "Jet skis are currently the greatest threat to the American population of loons and have negative effects on nesting waterfowl." How interesting in light of the fact that for the first time ever, last summer I saw a loon on Lake George - near Anthony's Nose. Will loons continue to come to The Queen of American Lakes?

"I agree that more information and research is "needed about the extent and the nature of problems posed by jet skis and their users." Contrary to what Park Commission Chairman Mark Johnson stated, I do not think that taking some action would be premature. Forming a committee or two to investigate the issue and soliciting written comments would be a start.

"I am all for cleaner running engines - which the *Mirror* article mentions. However simply passing a safety course is no indication as to how a person will drive when they are out on the water. e.g. - The rate of speed they will travel when near the shoreline.

"As the supervisor for Hague, I would like to encourage you as well as the Park Commission members and representatives from other nearby towns and the village, to not put this issue on the back burner. Yes, zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil are a higher priority, but please do not put the problems created by personal watercraft and their users at the bottom of the pile.

"Thank you for your time and effort toward the people and issues related to the Adirondacks, Lake George and in particular Hague.

Sincerely, /s/Ruth L. Smith

6/01

SOUNDINGS

KATIE BREITENBACH NAMED VALEDICTORIAN

BORN: A daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, on June 4 in Valhalla, NY to Jens & Kathleen (Curry) Mangels. Proud grandparents are Tom & MaryLou Curry of Great Neck, NY and Sabbath Day Point.

MARRIED: Kathleen Elizabeth Crabbs, daughter of Mary and Edward Crabbs, Fredericksburg, VA and Hague, NY, and John Charles Clark, son of Judy and John Clark, Waynesboro, VA, in Charlottesville, VA on May 12, 2001. Kathleen is the granddaughter of the late Edward and Bertha Crabbs, Hague

DIED: Melicent Smith Rives, 104, on May 31, 2001 in Melbourne, FL. She lived in Syracuse, NY and Stuart, FL and summered in Hague. She attended Emma Willard School in Troy and graduated from Syracuse Univ. She is survived by daughters Marilyn Miller, Woodsboro, MD and Nancy Messerly, Naples, FL and Forest Bay, Hague, NY

DIED: Blythe (Igoe) Leonard, 69, Williston, VT, formerly of Friend's Point, Hague on June 9 in Burlington, VT. Survivors include four daughters; Lisa Timee, Blythe Leonard, Amanda Vickerson, and Tracey Barth; one sister, Adelaide Cartwright and brother Frank Igoe. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Correction: On death notice of Bernard (Buck) Denno in May issue, grandchildren surviving should be 33 - not 23 as published. Also donations may be made in his memory to the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept.

THE FIFTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students are listed on the 5th Marking Period Honor Roll:

GRADE 12 First Honors: William Bothe, Katie Breitenbach, Dawn McCoy, Josh Plass

GRADE 11 First Honors: Heather Hassett, Alison Rutkowski

Second Honors: Angela Mascarelli, Joee Plass, Theodore Santaniello, Brandon Trudeau, Tyler Wells

GRADE 10 First Honors: Jessi Frasier

Second Honors: Jennifer Clark, Kelly Frasier

GRADE 9 First Honors: Matthew Frasier, Monica Sitts

Second Honors: Thomas Haskell.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

HAGUE SCHOLAR ATHLETES - SPRING 2001

First Honors: Bill Bothe, Matt Frasier

Second Honors: Joee Plass, Becky Ryder, Ted Santaniello, Brandon Trudeau, Jennifer Clark, Tom Haskell

We knew she could do it (she seems to be able to do anything!) We are very proud to have Katie as the valedictorian of the class of 2001 at Ticonderoga High School. Katie is the daughter of John & Deborah Breitenbach, Silver Bay. She plans to pursue a degree in Biology and Genetics at Bucknell University. Her high school activities have included Key Club (President and Treasurer), National Honor Society (President), Student Council, Spanish Club, Yearbook Staff, Drama Productions, Prom Queen, Band Secretary, Chorus President, Spirit of Sound Show Choir, Natural Helpers, Soccer and Cross Country - and that's just what she did at school! She has taken an active role in her church, and many other service activities. Katie, we are really proud of you!!!

There are nine other Hague students in the class of 2001. We plan to publish more about them in the July issue (after graduation) when we will have other awards to tell you about.

Jessica Frasier, daughter of Edna and Dick Frasier, Hague, received a bachelor's degree with distinction in civil engineering at the 108th commencement on May 13 at Clarkson University. She will be enrolled at Clemson University in S.C. in the fall pursuing her master's degree

FYI

• YMCA Camp Chingachgook is planning a canoe expedition for teens, 13 - 16 along the unspoiled waterways of Quebec's finest wildlife refuges. in July 2001. Also planned is a biking expedition along the coast of Maine from July 1 to 13. Enrollment spaces still available. . . Ages 13-16. For info. on either or both of these adventures, contact: Mark Erler (518) 656-9462 or fax 656-9362.

• Hague Comprehensive Plan Committee is beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Next meeting will be June 25 at 7PM for a continuation of review of the Chazen Plan. No meetings scheduled for July. Schedule for August will be published in July issue.

• From the desk of our historian, Clifton West comes the following note about Memorial Day. Dated May 30, 1890. "First decorated graves. All went to the lake this morning. Had music. The old vets with citizens marched up to the cemetery, decorated the graves then marched to the White Church and after singing America we listened to an excellent address from Commander J. H. Robinson of the M.E. Church at Tie. After which company was formed and marched to the Lake then dismissed. A good beginning for the first public demonstration."

"Hague furnished one hundred and six volunteers, one man was drafted, the men enlisted chiefly in the 118th Regiment the 5th N.Y. Cavalry, and the 23rd Independent Battery."

. . . Copied from the diary of James Balcom.

Mr. West adds that this was Hague's first parade. 6/01

"DEATH OF LORD HOWE" REENACTMENT

The Ticonderoga Historical Society is pleased to invite the public to attend the "Death of Lord Howe" reenactment on Friday, June 22 at 3:30PM. Following as closely as possible the actual events of July 5 through 8 of 1758 the event will actually start at Fort William Henry on Wednesday night and will conclude with the Battle of Ticonderoga Falls on Friday afternoon and the death of Lord George Augustus Viscount Howe.

At the Hancock House the Historical Society will be hosting representatives of Paramount Press and specifically artist Robert Griffing who specializes in paintings of Eastern Indians and the 18th century. Also available will be posters, prints, video, notes and post cards.

EVENT SCHEDULE

June 20, 2001

12-8PM British troops and boats arrive at Fort William Henry and prepare for the journey up Lake George.

2-5PM Book signing by Heritage authors and Paramount Artists at Fort William Henry.

June 21, 2001

Dawn - British flotilla leaves Fort William Henry and proceeds to Rogers Rock where they will camp overnight
6PM Early French forces, under Cliff Bearor. Leave Ticonderoga and a secure Mt. Pele (Rogers Rock) for the main force.

7PM Slide show preview by Bob Bearor in Community Building in Ti.

Dusk Bob Bearor leads the main French force up Mt. Pele where they will camp in memory of Langy and Trepezac

June 22, 2001

British forces begin final leg of water journey. French forces descend Mt. Pele and hold a council with the natives before continuing across Cook's Mt. and Bear Mt.

3:30PM French and British forces meet in combat at the original site of Lord Howe's death.

4:30PM All forces parade from battle site, down Montcalm St. to Bi-centennial Park for supper and festivities.

From 12PM to 9PM the public is also invited to browse the sutler shops set up in Bi-centennial Park on June 22. There will be a wide variety of 18th century items available for purchase and inspection.

Contact Steve Blanchard, 585-7868 for details or by e-mail ths2@capital.net

LAKE GEORGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM OPEN FOR 2001 SEASON

The beautiful and historic brick Court House in the Town of Lake George is now open Friday through Monday from Noon to 5PM. The public is welcome to enjoy the many exhibits on three floors of the old Court House that are a part of the Lake George Historical Association's collection of artifacts of the Lake George

region - and there is no admission fee!!

The main court room is in its original form in the 1845 Greek Revival-style and the original 19th century jail cells are part of the fun of visiting the Museum. Exhibits include: The "Radeau Exhibit" which features the LAND TORTOISE - the first American warship built on Lake George shores, and which still remains at the bottom of the lake; a facsimile of the Nara Gift Shop which closed its doors after 80 years in 1988 (remember the soccer machine? that's at the Museum too!); steam-boat era memorabilia and other boating items; an Indian dugout; archaeological finds; tramp art; fire-matic memorabilia and so many more artifacts in a setting that really can "take you back"! The Book Shop at the Museum offers historic books, maps and prints for sale. It's a good browsing place!!

Maggie Hinck McClure, who grew up living summers in Silver Bay, is the newly appointed Museum Administrator. In addition to tours in the Museum, Maggie is available to assist with research projects in the Historical Association's library and archives.

The Court House is located north of Shepard's Park at the corner of Canada and Amherst Sts. Call (518)668-5044 for further information.

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake George Association's 116th annual meeting was held at the Lake George Club on June 16 with President Richard Swire presiding. New members elected to the board were Bonnie Davis, Glenburnie and Todd Mahoney, Cleverdale.

David Decker, Project Director for the "Lake George - Plan for the Future" gave an in-depth report on the plan development and adoption. There are two more scheduled public information meetings to be held - Tuesday, July 17, 2001, 6PM at Hague Town Hall and Thursday, July 19, 2001, 7PM at Bolton Town Hall. Written comments will be accepted until July 26 and can be forwarded to Lake George - Plan for the Future, c/o Warren County Soil & Water District, 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885 or e-mail to: Lg2000@nycap.rr.com.

The second speaker was Dr. Kenneth Wagner giving a very detailed account of the benefits and a few downsides, to the application of sonar into Lake George. If you had any doubts about whether it is a good or bad idea, Dr. Wagner seemed to be able to set the record straight. We are now going through the permitting process. Since spring seems to be the best time for applications, perhaps if the permitting process moves along with any degree of speed, it could be done in the spring of 2002.

Mr. Phil Mann, Hague, has copies of "Our Lake Book" to distribute free to members (\$25.00 for non-Mem. Cont. on page 9 - LGA

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members) He will be happy to deliver one to you if you call him at 543-6662. "Our Lake Book" is a unique part of LGA membership. As a member you will receive new chapters to add to your collection each year. Topics coming soon include: Nuisance Species, Birds in the Basin, Wildlife, Land Use Planning, LGA Website Guide and more! Comments and suggestions for future segments in "Our Lake Book" are most welcome and should be sent to the attention of the LGA Communications Coordinator.

BLACK WATCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual used book sale will be held at the Black Watch Memorial Library, Montcalm St., Ticonderoga on Saturday, June 23 from 10AM - 4PM in front of the library. A great opportunity to get some good summer reading for a bargain price.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our September trip will be to a small museum, discovered by Vice President Betty VanSleet in Saranac. A date has yet to be set, but be prepared to travel on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in September. We will lunch at the Hotel Saranac (operated by the Hotel Business students from Paul Smith College.) A registration sheet is already in place at the Community Center. A definite date will be announced in the near future and all members will be advised..

• The Hague Post Office collected a total of 201 lbs. of food for our local (Hague) food pantry from the USPS May food drive. Postmaster Fort wishes to thank all her customers who participated in this drive.

LATE BREAKING NEWS FLASH!!!

The Hague Hoax Fest Committee has just persuaded Hague's own Retired Judge Dominick J. Viscardi to represent us in the case of Hague Historical Society against Lake George Historical Society for the custody of THE LAKE GEORGE MONSTER. He has a formidable background of representing monsters in the past and we know he will do a great job of representing George.

The trial will be held at 9AM on Saturday, July 7 in the former Lake George Courthouse in Lake George, with Judge Austin presiding.

There will be a contingent of supporters from Hague to help plead our case. Would you like to join us? You will still be back in Hague in time to enjoy the activities here.

HELP WANTED

Openings for two youths 14-18 years of age to work for the town doing odd jobs for the summer months. Get application at Community Center.

STAMP TO HELP FUND BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

It would be wonderful if 2001 was the year a cure for breast cancer was found. The notion that we could raise \$16 million by buying a book of stamps is powerful!

As you maybe aware, the U.S. Postal Service has released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD It is important that we take a stand against this disease that kills and aims so many of our mothers, sisters, friends.

Instead of the normal \$.34 for a stamp, this one costs \$.40. The additional \$.06 will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$6.80. This one is only \$8.00 It takes a few minutes in line at the Post Office and means so much. If all the stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$16,000,000 for this vital research.

Just as important as the money is our support. What a statement it would make if the stamp outsold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care.

Do these two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. E-mail your friends to do the same.

Many of us know women and their families whose lives are turned upside-down by breast cancer. It takes so little to do so much in this drive.

Please help - Thanks!

Ed: If my arithmetic is correct (it is not my strong point) I figure that if all the people who get this paper buy one book of stamps, we would be contributing \$810.00 to this worthwhile cause.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION ZEBRA MUSSEL ADVISORY

The LGPC has issued a Zebra Mussel advisory for the 2001 boating season for all areas of Lake George. Every lake user is being asked to learn and follow the zebra mussel prevention precautions to stop zebra mussels from infesting the "Queen of American Lakes". The Commission is urgently appealing to everyone involved in boating SCUBA, fishing and construction activities to be part of a concerted effort to prevent the ecologic and economic destruction of zebra mussels.

Thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, drive unit, trim plates, trolling plates, prop gurds, transducers, anchor and anchor rope and trailer. Remove all water weeds.

Drain all bilge water, live wells, bait buckets.

Thoroughly flush the hull, drive unit, live wells (and live well pumping system), bilge, trailer, etc. If you find any attached adult mussels, use HOT water.

Dry in sun for 2-4 days before being launched in uninfested waters. For further info. contact LGPC, 75 Fort George Road, Lake George, NY 12845-0749 Tel. (518)668-9347 E-mail

info@gpc.state.ny.us Web site: www.lgpc.state.ny.us

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY 2001

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| 27 Senior Citizens to tour fort and lunch nearby p 2 | 18 10:30AM Arts Trek under the tent - p.2 |
| 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM | 18 Music in the park - p5 |

HAGUE HOAX FEST - JULY 7, 2001

There are still some details to iron out for our big day, but we would like to remind you that it is not too late to be a "Friend of the Monster", by sending in a \$5.00 contribution to The Hague Hoax Fest Committee, c/o Judy Foster, Treasurer, 9221 Lakeshore Drive, Hague, NY 12836-2023. Your contribution will get your name printed in our program as a "friend" and you will receive a monster logo. We will also have t-shirts and a few hats for sale on the big day. Copies of the story of the monster will also be available upon request. If you would like to participate in the parade (from the park to the community center), please call Dottie Henry, 543-8833 or the Community Ctr. 543-6161. Suggestions: antique cars, decorated bicycles, walk your pet, dress in costume - be creative! We also would like to have a flotilla of boats to escort the steamboat with "George" aboard when it arrives in Hague. Whatever you do, be sure to mark it on your calendar and plan to spend time with your friends and neighbors when we put our town on the map!

LATE NEWS: Stan Burdick, Director of the Cartoon Museum, has just informed us that he plans to have the museum open all day (from 10AM to 4PM) on July 7. So while you are downtown for the hoax festivities, plan to stop by and visit the museum.

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