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Thanks!

Judy Stock, Editor/Publisher



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WINNERS

- 1) BEST IN PARADE to North Country Landscaping - "SPRING AFTER THE STORM"
- 2) MOST CREATIVE to the Hague Senior Citizens Club - "FOUR SEASONS IN HAGUE"
- 3) BEST ADIRONDACK to the Fish & Game Club - "50th ANNIVERSARY"
- 4) MOST PATRIOTIC to the Bible Study Group - "FREEDOM FLOAT"
- 5) BEST YOUTH to Girl Scout Cadets Troop #3256
- 6) HONORABLE MENTION ADULT to Fire House Restaurant, Uptown Bakery, Juniper & Tom Lapoint, Contractor - "FROM FARM TO TABLE"
- 7) HONORABLE MENTION YOUTH to Nevaeh Trudeau, Anthony & Nicholas Fenimore - "FUTURE FIRE FIGHTERS OF HAGUE"

DOG SHOW WINNERS

Another successful "Ready to Go Doggie Show" was held on May 24, 2008. Chairperson of the event, Linda Benway, announced the winners in each category.

Costume: 1st -Karen Gladu with "Holly"; 2nd- Nevaeh Trudeau with "Heidi" and 3rd- Kayla Girard with "Cheyenne"

Trick: 1st- Rachel Rowe with "Lacey", 2nd- Corey Girard with "Cheyenne" and Nicole Brissette with "Danger".

Agility - large breed: 1st- Lise Glading with "Rosie"

small breed: 1st- Ean Rowe with "Lacey" and 2nd- Sandy Haber with "Akiva"

Best in Show: Small breed: 1st- Sandy Haber with "Montana" 2nd- Gail Leather with "Dixie" & 3rd- Ean Rowe with "Lacey"

Medium breed: 1st Kaley Manning with "Abe," a Chocolate Lab, 2nd- Mary Lou Doulin with "Sherlock," a Bassett Hound, 3rd- Diane Farinick with "Buddy," a Bassett Hound

Large breed: 1st - Art Hatfield with "Samantha," a Saint Bernard, 2nd - Jessie Patchett with "Emma," a Golden Retriever and 3rd- Bill Pittman with "Webster," a Golden Retriever.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mickey Fitzgerald.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

MEMORIAL DAY 2008

A group of fourteen from the Senior Club had a beautiful day for a picnic and tour of the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga on June 12th. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 24, at 12 noon. It's our traditional covered dish luncheon with a few rounds of bingo thrown in for fun. If you signed up for a dish to bring, we'll be calling to remind you! But if you didn't sign up, just come anyway and bring something good tasting to share. Also bring a "white elephant" to give as a prize for the bingo winners.

We'd like to thank the many folks who contributed goods for our "white elephant" table at the beach on Memorial Day. The Club took in more than \$400 - a new record for us! - and we sold A LOT OF STUFF! We had a great team working on the sale this year and are already looking forward to doing it again next year - so tuck those treasures away for us all year! ... Pat McDonough

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE - Madeline Pelkey, Emily Cobb, Pat McDonough, Gladys Graser, Joan Steitz, Shirley Smith, Shirley & Don Carey, Ray Snyder, Kathie Ramant, and Pat Hintze - extends its appreciation to all those who supported, participated and/or attended Hague's Memorial Day Celebration. Special thanks go to the Hague Town Officials & Staff, the Hague Chamber of Commerce, The Kiwanis Club, the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, the Stewart's Shops, Walmart, and all the many private donors who helped meet expenses.

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Saturday, May 24th, turned into a beautiful sunny day with perfect weather for Hague's Sixth Annual Memorial Celebration. The Funfest at the Beach was a hive of activity all day. Linda Benway's DOGGIE SHOW turned into Success #2 for her and for all those competing pups, of which there were many. All the participating concessions realized very positive results, the children enjoyed the new games available, the Dunking Booth reaped a 'few swims' and WOKO maintained the musical mood of the day. It was truly a FAMILY FUNFEST.

The GOD BLESS AMERICA PARADE was another crowd pleaser consisting of a vast variety of units. With the Marine Colorguard and Hague's Veterans' Memorial in the lead escorted by the American Legion & Veterans, followed by the Fife & Drum Corps and Reenactors, we all were given a moment of pause - to remember - THIS IS MEMORIAL DAY! Dottie Henry as Grand Marshall led the formation consisting of six marching bands, Clowns & Classics, the Tarry-Ho Mini Horses, Dogs leading their Masters, several Creative Floats, the Keystone Kops, the old fashioned Ragtime Calliope courtesy of the Disbrow Family, a Stilt Walker, etc. More family units and youngsters were involved this year which was great to see.

The MEMORIAL SERVICE at the beach was another memorable event. Guest Speaker, Dottie Henry, herself a veteran of WW II, a Sergeant in the WACS (Women's Army Corps), very aptly expressed her views on what Memorial Day represents as well as adding a few military service stories of her own, some with a bit of humor as only Dottie can do. In keeping with the service theme, there were music, prayers by Father John O'Kane and Rev. Skip Trembley, Flag Salute by Art Belden, and words of welcome by Supervisor Dan Belden. Frank Koenig of the American Legion and Ray Mury, President of the HVFD delivered the Dedications. Drum Rolls, Musket & Cannon Fire, and the lonely sound of TAPS echoing over the lake, followed by a very expressive rendition of "AMERICA" left us no doubt - this was Hague's DAY TO REMEMBER! ... Madeline Pelkey

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Councilman Rudy Meola has put together a varied selection for the "Music in the Park" summer series to be held at 7:30 pm in the Hague Town Park. The classic rock group "Sikaya" will perform on July 9th, country and folk music will be performed by May Jo Von Tury & Dwinyl Smith on July 16th and Nelson Shapiro will play jazz on July 23rd. More will be included in the July issue.

WESLEYAN CHURCH PROGRAMS

The Hague Wesleyan Church holds its Sunday services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. The later service provides a nursery and junior church for ages K-7th grade. The church has put together a special Sunday school program for all ages. According to Melanie Houck, Church representative, this program is just 20 minutes long and will focus "on applying the Ten Commandments to our lives today and what they should mean to us. Many questions about them and their relevance will be answered during this 11 week session." It will be held on Sundays starting June 22 to August 31 from 9:45 to 10:15 am at the Hague Wesleyan Church. Melanie says, "Each class may be short, but it will be very powerful so please join us!" The new pastor is Skip Trembley and the office phone is 543-4594.

SEMBRICH STUDIO EVENTS

Events being held in Bolton Landing
(www.operamuseum.org):

- June 21: 7:30 PM \$20
Lake George Opera Apprentices (www.lakegeorgeopera.org)
- June 23: 7:30 PM FREE
FILM: "They Shall Have Music" (1939) (Bolton Town Hall)
- June 25: 1:30 PM \$10
Seagle Colony Season Preview (www.seaglecolony.com)
- July 2: 1:30 PM \$10 Silver Bay Ensemble
July 7: 7:30 PM FREE
1948 FILM: "The Red Shoes" (at Bolton Town Hall)
- July 12: 7:30 PM \$25 Simon Mulligan Piano Recital
July 16-18: 2:00 PM FREE "The Fascination of Form"
Guest Educator: Hugh Allen Wilson, *Pre-registration requested*
- July 18: 10:00 AM FREE "Hansel and Gretel"
Seagle Colony Children's Opera at the Bolton School
- "The Maiden's Wish"---A FESTIVAL OF CHOPIN: July 23 - 27, 2008
- July 23: 1:30 PM FREE LECTURE
"The Liaison of Sand & Chopin"
Ruth Albert Spencer with Christopher Johnson, piano
- July 23: 7:30 PM FREE
FILM: "Impromptu" (1991) *(Bolton Town Hall)
- July 24: 7:30 PM \$20
CONCERT: Davydov/Fanning Cello & Piano Duo
All-Chopin Program (at the Hyde)
- July 25: 7:30 PM \$20 "Chopin and the Nightingale"
A Dramatic Reading with Music
- July 26: 7:30 PM \$25
GALA PIANO RECITAL: Christopher Johnson
- July 27: 2:00 PM \$20 "Chopin and the Nightingale"

The market is held Friday afternoons from 3-6 pm, June thru October, on the banks of the scenic Schroon River in the Warrensburgh Mills Historic District, on River Street (Route 418) near Curtis Lumber. The market is a "producer-only" market, limiting sales to locally grown produce, wine, baked goods, preserves, maple syrup, honey, dairy, poultry, meats, plants, cut flowers and refreshments. All prepared foods are made "from scratch", utilizing locally grown ingredients whenever possible.

For further information contact Teresa Whalen at 466-5497 or e-mail <taawhalen@yahoo.com>.

ANNUAL HIGH PEAKS ARTS AND ANTIQUES SHOW is looking for Artisans, Crafters, and Antique Dealers. Event: Aug. 23 & 24 at Marcy Airport Field, Route 73, Keene Valley from 10 am-4 pm, rain or shine. Tent and outdoor space available. For an application or more information, contact Jodi Downs 518-576-4719 or jodisamuelsdowns@hotmail.com

NORTH COUNTRY ARTS CENTER is seeking exhibitors and vendors for its 10th Annual Colors of Fall Art Festival, Sept. 20, 10 am-4 pm at Crandall Park, Glens Falls. For information or an application, contact Kate Austin at 353-2121 (after 4 pm)/ Entry fee: \$45. Mail to: North Country Arts Center, 65 Ridge St., Rm 207, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

THE ARTS CENTER AT OLD FORGE presents the annual Northeast National Pastel Exhibition. The exhibition runs through June 8; on Mon.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm and Sun. 12-4 pm.



FIREWORKS

The annual Fourth of July fireworks will be presented by the Town of Hague on Thursday, July 3, 2008 at dusk in the Town Park.

MOBILE FOREST MUSEUM

The Northern Forest Center's mobile museum, *Ways of the Woods: People and the Land in the Northern Forest*, will be in our area July 15-20, 2008 at the Saratoga County Fair in Ballston Spa, July 26-27, 2008 at the Bicentennial Celebration in Keene Valley and August 2, 2008 at the Warren County Youth Fair in Warrensburg, NY.

The traveling exhibition combines multi-media displays housed inside an 18-wheel tractor-trailer with interactive outdoor displays, artifacts and children's activities to explore the ever-changing relationships between people and land across the Northern Forest.

For more information see <www.northernforest.org/>.

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Lyndsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman, George Ianson and Martin Fitzgerald were present. Donna Charboneau and Glenn McKee were absent.

VAN BUSKIRK (93.19-1-2) 7796 Lakeshore Dr (RC)

The applicant wanted to install a 176 sq. ft. patio of pavers with a crushed rock base on a legal nonconforming lot. The existing house now covers 15.9 % of the lot and a landscape plan was submitted.

The Board voted 4-1 to deny the variance because it is construction within 50 feet of the Lake and it was felt that the benefit sought could be achieved by other means.

NAVITSKY (93.19-1-10) 7763 Lakeshore Dr (RC)

The applicant wanted to expand and relocate a previously approved garage as well as have a 96 sq. ft. shed.

The Board felt that the storage above the garage should be adequate to hold anything that might be stored in the shed. They did approve the garage requests provided there is a grading plan to provide for runoff from the bank.

Bill Pittman reported on the Training Conference held in Hague that he attended. ZEO Clark mentioned having additional training materials and reminded Board members of the mandatory four hours of training per year.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/5/08
[Report will be in July issue]

TOWN BOARD - 6/10/08

Deputy Supervisor Edna Frasier chaired the meeting with Rudy Meola, Dick Gladu and Mark Martucci also present. Supervisor Dan Belden was out of town.

A moment of silence was held for Toby Hatfield.

Mark Carpenter from Upstate Insurance dropped off the Town's insurance policies and thanked the board for using Upstate again. Although Upstate's bid was \$600 more than the other bid, Mr. Carpenter explained that it provided unique coverage having to do with liability related to lawsuits.

In a question about liability and alcohol it was learned that the town has \$6 million in liability. Other organizations can take out an additional \$1 million and become the host insurer for an event. If alcohol is given out at an event but there is a set fee it is still considered selling alcohol and proper state permits must be obtained. George Ianson suggested that opening the door to an event would lead to any organizations that want alcohol.

David Dunn, Chamber President, has requested that the Town Board give the Chamber an exemption from the town law stating no alcohol on town premises so that they can use the Town Park for an art show with alcohol refreshment. Councilman Meola stated that the Town needs to cooperate with

the Chamber and moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce to have 2 dates per year at the Town Park where alcohol can be served. The motion was amended to include an event checklist of criteria set by the Board. In a message to the Board, Town Attorney Viscardi indicated no legal problem with doing it. The criteria established was that there be proper insurance with an appropriate certificate referencing the town, that a checking procedure would be used to monitor the event, the ambulance squad would be notified and parking and noise containment would be addressed.

The motion was approved 3 (Meola, Gladu, Martucci) to 1 (Frasier).

George Ianson noted that on June 4, 2008 he was the only member of the public who was at the Town Board Special Meeting. He questioned why a special meeting was necessary when the Board was going to be meeting a few days later and the public had little knowledge of the meeting. He felt that the topics of dogs and a fence did not qualify for an emergency meeting and "things should not be done in the dark."

Councilman Gladu stated that they had legal, personnel and safety issues which had to be acted upon quickly.

David Dunn noted that the Town is losing business and the Chamber is looking at economic development for town. When he picked up the Town Comprehensive Plan, he noted the issues are addressed in the plan. The Chamber would like to bring in a local consultant next month to present in written form how to make the plan work. Councilman Gladu will work on this issue.

Cathy Clark discussed a letter she had written about traffic concerns on Overbrook Road. Recently she counted 55 vehicle in 37 minutes using this rather narrow roadway. She was concerned for a number of reasons the most important being that children play in this area. She asked that the highway crew or town board do an inventory of the road. Councilman Martucci will look into it.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that the Board of Assessment Review has completed its work. There were three grievances and none were reversed but understanding was achieved. The final equalization rate will be out July 1st with the final roll and % relative to Ticonderoga available in early August.

The software for the Town Justice has been squared away and she is getting caught up on tickets.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Councilman Martucci reported that Mike Manning has been out due to illness and the Highway Department has filled in and done a good job. The Board extended special thanks to Deputy Highway Superintendent Dan Steitz for coordinating this effort.

Work still needs to be done on the front and east steps of the Community Center. Also needed is an outside source to clean the air ducts, clean the hardwood floors and do carpet cleaning.

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Finance & Insurance - Council member Fraiser said they have a contract for \$6600 from a retired state auditor who can audit all the town books including the town justice and town clerk. He has previously worked on an audit in Hague so is familiar with it. No other responses were received.

Fire Dept - The Fire Department is looking into the acquisition of a fire boat which would help to get to homes on the lake. They are hoping for a shared services agreement with Ticonderoga, Putnam and Huletts to help with the expense which would be about \$100,000.

Highway - The work on the brush pick up is done and they will work on clean up day. The Town is still trying to sell the 1985 International dump truck with plow. If no bids are received, it will go to the county auction. Bids are due by June 17th at 1 pm which is not very timely for our readers.

Museum & Historian - Councilwoman Frasier noted the Historical Society will be having their annual meeting on June 23rd and has put new displays in the lobby and museum. A large screen, which they will use for the June 23rd program, has been ordered by the Town and will be available for everyone to use.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Councilman Gladu continues to work on telecommunication sites and ZEO Clark said that the necessary regulations are moving forward with advice of the APA. She also reported that the Fund for Lake George has identified places in Hague where the coliform levels are high - particularly at the boat launch area. The Board approved hiring someone to trace out where the problem is coming from as well as to look at Trout Brook.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth - Councilman Meola reported that the Silver Bay Youth Program starts at the end of June. 25 kids have signed up but only 12 have filed applications to date.

Town Park - Councilman Meola reported that the rest rooms at the Town Park will be open starting June 20th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Visitor Center will open on June 27th and the beach will have lifeguards. The Board approved having the lines restriped in the beach parking lot.

Transfer Station - Councilmen Martucci and Gladu reported that they are looking at different companies and methods of charging for the new contract. After much negotiations, for next year Casella will not charge for recycling and a 30 gal. bag will be increased only \$0.25 to \$4.25. The Transfer Station will continue to be open on Sunday during the summer from noon to 3 pm.

In other business, the Board

Agreed to close the Boat Slip from 6 am to noon on June 28, 2008 for the North Country Triathlon.

Decided to ask organizer Randy Engler for a detailed budget to support his request for an additional \$5000 for the Triathlon.

Accepted revisions to date in the Employee guide and will continue to work on other areas.

Changed the sewer rent from 20% to 1 EDU for property 26.17-2-43.

Heard a report from Councilman Gladu on the current status of tax revision legislation. He will again be attending meetings in Albany to work on the "circuit breaker" feature.

Approved asking the Town Attorney to file an action for a nuisance in relation to a property which has repeatedly been cited for noise from dogs. This action was taken for this immediate problem which has not been resolved. Councilman Gladu suggested another option over the long term would be requiring a kennel permit if a property has 5 dogs or more over 6 months old.

OPEN WATER SWIM CANCELED

Graham Bailey, Chairman of the lake George Open Swim, has announced that the open water swim planned for August 24th to be held entirely in Hague, was canceled for lack of sanctioning assurance by the United States Masters Swimming organization. Bailey stated, "While there is considerable interest in the event from many swimmers who would probably participate in a non-sanctioned event, we cannot proceed without the insurance provided as a sanctioned event." He has indicated that he hopes it can be held in the future as it can be a major event in our area.

ARTS FAIR VENDORS

Vendors of hand-crafted items are for the 37th Annual Hague Arts Fair on August 2-3, 2008 can contact Judy Schultz, <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com> or 543-6769.

NORTH COUNTRY TRIATHLON

According to event founder, Randy Engler, only 350 slots are available for the *North Country Triathlon* and they are filling up fast. Olympic and Sprint distance races will both be held on Saturday, June 28th with a 7:30 am start at the Hague Beach. The activities will go until around noon and everyone is requested to be especially cautious that morning about cyclists and runners on the highway.

A post-race party with great live music, ice-cold beer and other refreshments will be held throughout the afternoon at the Firehouse Restaurant. Volunteers will have a 'ton of fun' and get a free t-shirt. Sign-ups and more information at <www.northcountrytri.com>.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO RESIDENTS ABOUT JUNE 28th

The Boat Launch will be closed from 6 am to noon.

Use caution on the highways that you will be sharing with the cyclists and runners.

Chief Hoffay reported on some issues with the Fire/Rescue boat and a committee will pursue a course of action in its regard.

Members Jocelyn Fischer and Jason Pound are currently updating our web site and creating a link to/from the Town of Hague, Chamber of Commerce and Silver Bay YMCA. We recently honored Shirley Smith (who plans to move south) for all she has done for the HVFD over the years. Also, thanks to Jerry Frasier who built 3 new grills for our bar b-q.

In April and May there were 10 ambulance/fire calls using 110.5 man hours. We hope that each and all will give serious consideration to the article below which so well identifies the needs of a volunteer fire dept. today. Summer is here, and with it comes a precaution to enjoy yourself safely, both on land and water.

... Joe McCranels

EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT

For approximately 60 years, the members of the HVFD have provided fire and ambulance services to the Town of Hague based on a contract which is renewed annually between the parties. A great deal has changed in 60 years, including the size of the Town and the number of full and seasonal resident dwellings, as well as the amount of visitor and vehicle traffic.

There has been a significant improvement in the 'tools' available to safely provide both fire and EMS services. We have come a long way from our little International pumper, our first piece of equipment. Why don't we operate with one truck out of the old firehouse, instead of 3 trucks, 1 tanker, 1 rescue truck, 2 ambulances, a rescue boat, a six-wheeler and a van operating out of a modern firehouse and a sub-station? Why do we spend tens of thousands of dollars every year to maintain and up-date this equipment? Why do the volunteers who are the HVFD spend countless hours undergoing training, answering calls, doing the work of the Department?

We do it because we have stepped forward and obligated ourselves to provide these important services, to be ready to answer the call when it goes out - day or night, winter or summer, cold or hot, sleeping or awake. It is our voluntary obligation and we take it seriously, because we know that the Town relies on us to answer the call.

Why all the expensive gear? This gear is our tools, what we need to do our job, to protect your lives and property, as well as to protect the safety and well-being of our volunteers when they answer a call. When we buy a new piece of expensive gear, we look at the needs of the community, our obligations and responsibilities as a Department and what it will mean to the health and safety of the community. We hope we will never have to use any of it but we don't want to have to say we are sorry to someone whose house has burned to the ground or who has failed to receive prompt emergency medical treatment, or whose loved one was severely injured answering a fire call that we just didn't have the equipment we needed to do the job. Certainly the costs are great but so are the responsibilities assumed and the help and assistance provided.

The Department raises its own funds to acquire this equipment through a number of fundraisers during the year as well as from the fine support of the townspeople. Our summer appeal is coming up in June so we urge you to "respond". As we have said so often, you enable us to do our job and to have the necessary equipment to answer the call each time it goes out. If you have any questions about your Hague Volunteer Fire Department, contact the Department co-chiefs Jim Young (543-6806) or Dave Hoffay (543-6666), the President Ray Mury (543-6550) or Vice President John Barber (543-6870). We will answer your questions as well as the "calls". ... John Barber

The Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting Monday, June 23rd at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. Please join us and don't forget to bring your annual \$5.00 dues! There'll be a brief business meeting, a program, and refreshments. The program will be presented by our Vice President Gale Halm who will share with us some wonderful film footage from the first half of the 20th century. These films capture life on the shores of Lake George at the height of the hotel era.

The Museum will be open for the evening and you may enjoy two new exhibits which the Society has developed. The first exhibit you will spot in the showcase in the entryway of the Community Center. It covers all that we know about Hague's schools prior to the consolidation of the districts in 1927. The *What's Cooking in Hague* cookbook exhibit may be found in the Dorothy Henry cabinet in the Museum itself.

The Society's note cards will be available for sale as well. If you're not going to be in town on the 23rd and still want to support the work of The Hague Historical Society, you may send dues and/or a contribution to: Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. As always, we appreciate your support. ...Pat McDonough

NATIVE PEOPLE PROGRAM

There will be an interesting presentation on July 30th at 7 pm at the Town of Chester Municipal Center co-sponsored by the Town of Chester Historical Society. The program is titled "Native People in the Adirondacks: Ancient Places and Hidden Histories" and is being given by Marge M. Bruchac, an Abenaki Indian scholar, museum consultant and performer with origins in a small multi-ethnic community in the Adirondack foothills.

HVFD NEWS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) recently received a heart felt thank you and a \$300 check from National Grid for our assistance and support during and after the recent ice storm. We continue to receive such thanks from many of our community members.

In response to the tragic accident which occurred recently on the New Hague Rd, the Department decided to secure a swing set for the young children involved. The Chamber of Commerce stepped forward with funding, our own members handled the construction, and a collection from members provided the children with a gift card from Walmart. They were thrilled.

We wish to thank our community members and visitors alike for your great support of our Chicken BarBQ on Memorial weekend and the coin drop the following week. The HVFD was well represented in the parade, and thanks to Donna Trudeau for organizing our Future Firefighters Neveah Trudeau and Anthony and Nicholas Fenimore. They took first in their division. Nice job kids.

Chief Young is working on setting up a Fire Police course to be given at our site in the near future and a new E.M.T. course will start Aug. 5th in Crown Point. A "weapons of mass destruction course" was offered on June 9th for EMS personnel. New member and NYS Certified Instructor Dennis Johnson is currently setting up course classes and training schedules for on site member training.

~SOUNDINGS~

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HCAA "BYOE" PICNIC

BORN: A son, Aidan, on January 11, 2008 to Kimberly and Ken Chalk. Aidan is the great grandson of Howard Crusey and grandson of Bill and Ming Crusey. Aidan and his parents will visit the Crusey family in Hague this August.

We are reprinting this announcement and apologize for the error last month.

BORN: A son, William Raymond Thomas Snow, on April 15, 2008, to Michelle and Tom Snow of North Adams, VT. William is the eleventh grandchild of proud grandmother Barbara Snow of Hague.

DIED: Elsie Adams (Mrs. John I.) on May 26, 2008. Elsie was a long time vacationer and staff member at the Silver Bay Association. Recently living in Richmond, VA, she formerly lived for many years in Carlisle, PA. She is survived by three children John, Karen and Bill, 4 grandchildren and many friends.

DIED: Elizabeth (Toby) Hatfield on June 5, 2008 at her home in Pine Cove with her husband, Art, and three sons, Kent, Brian and Bruce at her side. Toby was a longtime member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and a volunteer for *The Hague Chronicle* among her many activities. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at at 2 pm at the chapel in Silver Bay.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Wyatt Peterson who has been named to the SUNY Plattsburgh Dean's List. Wyatt is the son of Myles and Pam Peterson and grandson of Dolly Kennedy, all of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Mathew Frasier, son of Edna and Richard Frasier who graduated from WPI with a degree in civil engineering on May 17th. Mr. Frasier will be working on dam engineering projects with the TVA in Cooksville, Tenn.

LONGTIME RESIDENTS

Hague Postmaster, Jackie Fort, and her family are marking 2008 as the 100th year that the family has lived in Silver Bay. Jackie's grandfather came to Watch Island Bay in the summer of 1908 from Ticonderoga. Later the family moved to Hague as their full-time residence. Jackie grew up in the home where she currently resides with her father, Beach Lambert, who turned a healthy 97 last February.

AARP DRIVING COURSE

The AARP safe driving course, sponsored by the Senior Citizens Club is being held on Wed, June 25, 2008 from 9 am - 5 pm. There are a couple of openings left and to register, call Judy Stock at 543-6517

The Hague Central Alumni Association (HCAA) has planned a "BYOE" (Bring Your Own Everything) picnic at the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. pavilion on Saturday, July 12, from 4 pm to 9 pm.

This site includes cover in case of rain, picnic tables, bathrooms, and a great BBQ pit for cooking whatever people want to bring. The HCAA will provide the charcoal. Members are asked to bring their main course and beverage/cooler, a side dish or dessert to share, a folding chair, extra pictures from last year's reunion or anything that could be used in the reunion album, and to warm up their vocal cords and bring any musical instruments that might be appropriate for a jam session, i.e., guitar, fiddle, etc. Rumor has it that "JB" Braisted will be there with his guitar and repertoire of favorites, so feel free to join in.

Membership dues are \$5/year, which are now due must be paid before the picnic. We're always looking for NEW members, especially those "70's people," many of whom seemed to be missing last August. Even people who maybe didn't attend Hague Central but are Friends of Raiders are also welcome to join by sending in their information, name, address, phone, email address, and \$5 dues made out to "HCAA" to Kathy Santaniello, 8417 Lakeshore Drive, Silver Bay, N.Y. 12874. Hope to see you at the picnic on July 12!

...Kathy Santaniello

4-H PROGRAMS

Cornell University Cooperative Extension's (CCE) 4-H Youth Development Program is forming a new special interest group for youth interested in forestry. The 4-H Forestry Club will introduce youth to the world of forestry and the forest industry. Club members will participate in hands-on activities and field trips. The forestry club will learn topics such as: tree identification, selecting and harvesting wood for a variety of products, disease and insects that effect trees, map and compass training, and environmental stewardship.

CCE's 4-H is also looking for youth members (over the age of 9) and club leaders to establish a GPS/GEOCACHING club as part of the national initiative called SET (Science, Engineering, and Technology). Members of the club will learn about Geocaching and know more about how to use a GPS.

They also are looking for members and mentors for the 4-H Rocketry/Aerospace Club as part of the SET initiative.

On Friday, July 11th CCE, with the help of Kmart and the Warren County Sheriff Department, will be hosting a public Bike Rodeo from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm at the Kmart store in Queensbury.

This Bike Rodeo is free and open to any Warren County youth ages 5 to 12 interested in learning proper bicycle safety and rules of the road. Participants will try their skills on the obstacle course. Every youth who participates will be entered in a chance to win a new bicycle from K-Mart.

Call the office to register before July 8th. To learn more about any of these programs, contact the CCE office at 518-623-3291 or 668-4881.

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LGA LAKE STEWARD PROGRAM

Lake George's Lake Steward Program is off to an active start for 2008. Coordinated this year through the Lake George Association (LGA), the Lake Steward program has assigned its staff to two public boat launches so far. Over the busy Memorial Day weekend, stewards were on duty at Norowal Marina in Bolton Landing and Mossy Point boat launch in Ticonderoga. In all, stewards encountered 261 boats launching into the waters of Lake George.

"The stewards' goal is to inspect boats entering Lake George and interact with the owners, educating them about transporting invasive plants and animals into the lake," according to LGA Executive Director, Walt Lender. "We firmly believe that education and information is key to helping stop the spread of invasives in Lake George. No one would willingly introduce something harmful into this pristine lake if they fully understood the ramifications."

Of the 261 boats inspected over the holiday weekend, four of them carried plant material, which would have been deposited into Lake George. The plants were removed by the stewards and sent to RPI's Darrin Fresh Water Institute for identification.

The Lake Steward Program is funded through the Lake George Watershed Conference and a grant from the New York State Department of State. For more information, check out LGA on the web at <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

TICONDEROGA BEACH PAVILION

The LGA is inviting the public to join them as they celebrate the grand opening of the new Ticonderoga Beach Pavilion on Black Point Road on Sunday, June 22nd at 2 pm. Senator Betty Little will lead the ribbon cutting with help from representatives from each of the project partners. Light refreshments will be provided.

FORT TICONDEROGA EVENTS

Fort Ticonderoga will celebrate its 100th season with many special events. NYS will hold its signature event for the 250th anniversary celebration of the Grand Encampment of the French and Indian War at Fort Ticonderoga on June 27 to 29th. For more information see <www.fort-ticonderoga.org>.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Saturday and Sunday, June 23 & 24, 2008 are designated as Free Fishing Days in New York State. During those two days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required.

TI FESTIVAL GUILD NEWS

A special program, designated as the President's Party will be a family presentation of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory by the Adirondack Regional Theatre on July 1 under the Festival Guild tent at 7 pm. Admission will be \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, with a family admission price not to exceed \$25.

The adult concerts are held at 8 pm under the Tent and begin on July 8 with a concert by O'hAnleigh, a popular Celtic group from Middlebury. Following that on July 15, David Ruch will present Songs of Old New York and Rick Rourke and the Lost Wages will appear on July 22. All are at 8 pm, except for the last one which will be at 6:30 pm and follow a picnic under the tent for those who wish to bring their supper with them.

All of the adult concerts are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Season tickets are \$50 and may be used for one admission to six concerts or for six admissions to one concert, or any combination of admissions up to six.

The Children's Arts Trek opens on July 9 with Phenomenal Physics with Dr. Fish, followed by David Ruch and a Native American program on July 16. The children's programs are at 10:15 am and are free to all area children and those who bring them. Donations are accepted. Grant from several agencies have been applied for in order to subsidize these programs, and membership contributions to the Guild help enormously. For further information and/or membership materials, call the Guild office at 518-585-6716.



NATURE NEWS

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by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Birds of Concern

On Thursday, June 12th I attended a lecture at the Lake George Land Conservancy office in Bolton presented by wildlife biologist Joe Racette of the NYDEC. Focusing on birds that raise concern in the Lake George watershed, the three that were highlighted ~ Peregrine Falcons, Canada Geese, and Double Crested Cormorants ~ are present locally between Hague and Ticonderoga.

Canada geese are traditionally migratory, but in the 1990's they became a year-round resident population becoming a nuisance at the public beach area. The best way to deter geese from taking up residence on our shoreline is to make it an undesirable habitat. Although in some instances depredation permits to shoot nuisance birds have been issued, it is futile and ineffective if: a) people feed the birds, and b) they have easy access and transition between feeding and nesting grounds of the grass and the safety of the water. There is a six-week period that occurs in the nesting season when the birds molt and cannot fly, keeping them close to their babies. The birds look for areas where they can easily move back and forth from the nest and feeding grounds (grassy areas) to the water. If we create barriers between the shoreline and the grass, either with fencing or vegetative borders, then these places become unsuitable and they'll move on to find a more appropriate place to live.

The double crested cormorants have taken up residence on Lefty's Island and Committee Island over the last four years and the damage they have done has been alarming. However, after learning more about their habits and what is being done to manage them, I am less concerned than I was previously. Roosting in the trees, their guano is so acidic that it kills not only the trees they roost in, but everything below them with the vegetation looking like buckets of whitewash have been dumped on it from above. Cormorants will remain even after the trees have died, willing to move to the ground for nesting, but I was relieved to learn that there are no nesting cormorants on this lake, and that the sites are well monitored to make sure that doesn't happen. Lake George is really not an ideal habitat for cormorants anyway. They are fish eaters preferring the smaller varieties like smelt and young trout and bass that live in shallow water with a depth of 25 feet or less ~ Lake Champlain being more to their liking. Visual predators, they must be able to see the fish underwater in order to catch them, and our clean lake does give them some advantage, as they are able to chase a fish to a depth of 60 feet when in pursuit hence a concern over possible impacts on sport fishing. With most of Lake George much deeper than that, they are confined to only a few islands.

In the four years since the birds first became of concern, the population has grown from a half dozen to 60 birds on the lake. Some friends and I have been watching the local birds closely and last year there were consistently up to 28 at any one time. Most of them are juvenile and are believed to be overflow from the huge colony in Crown Point. The fact that there are no nests is supportive to the fact that this is a non-breeding population here on Lake George, but the DEC has issued a depredation order (allowing shooting of the birds) to manage them, as this is the only known way to control the rapid population increase. The goal of the management team is for no more than 20 birds on the lake and no nests at all. There is some work to do to reach that goal but it already began this spring when the birds arrived soon after ice out and plans are to be diligent to maintain effectiveness.

The great news was that peregrine falcons have made a wonderful comeback from their endangered status and the two nesting sites on the northern end of the lake ~ Anthony's Nose and Rogers Rock ~ are being monitored closely by experts and amateurs alike to the enjoyment of all.

The next "Lake George Nature Talk" will take place at the LGA office in Lake George on July 10th at 7:00 pm and is on "The Turtles of Lake George".

WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

Weather Report May 18 - June 15, 2008

May 18th - 23rd was a cool period with some showers. Blue Mountain Lake reported snow flurries on May 19. The gap at Smuggler's Notch in Vermont was closed on May 20 due to snow. We were more fortunate here in Hague with just rain. A period of beautiful weather moved in for the Memorial Day weekend with warm, sunny days in the 70's- a great day for the parade. There was a freeze warning the night of May 28. Around the lake we did not see freezing temperatures but many outlying areas did get a late season frost. We received the most rain all month on the night of June 4. When the ground is extremely dry your flowers and shrubs would appreciate a drink. We had a taste of summer weather - hazy, hot, and humid June 7-10. Temperatures soared to a high of 94. A cold front pushed through causing severe storms on Tuesday, June 10. Hague was spared any serious damage from this round of storms. Thank goodness- we have just cleaned up the ice storm mess. Several sunny, dry, warm days followed giving us relief from the heat.

Daylight hours are approaching maximum. The 1st day of summer is June 21.

Black flies were plentiful this year. They seem to be dwindling in their numbers now. The mosquitoes and no-see-ums are out now too. Lake water temperature is about 54.

June - July 2008

June

20 - 22 Humor Conference at Silver Bay
 22 2 pm Ti Beach reopens (p. 8)
 23 7 pm Hague Historical Society (p. 6)
 24 noon Senior Citizen Luncheon (p. 2)
 25 9 am - 5 pm AARP Driving Course (p. 7)
 28 7:30 am North Country Triathlon (p. 5)
 28 10 am Ticonderoga HS graduation
 26 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals
 27 - 29 Grand Encampment at Fort Ti (p. 8)

July

3 7pm Planning Board
 3 9 pm FIREWORKS at Town Park
 4 HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
 8 6:30 pm Town Board
 12 4 pm Hague Alumni Picnic (p. 7)
 17 6 pm Dog & Noise Public Hearings
 17 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed

2008 SUMMER EVENTS

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm: Music in the Hague Town Park (7/9 - 8/20)

Sundays at Hague Wesleyan Church:
8:30 & 10:30 am Services; 9:45 am - Ten Commandments program

Under the Festival Guild Tent in Ticonderoga
Tuesdays at 8 pm - Concerts
Wednesdays at 10:15 am - Children's Arts Trek programs

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

SUNDAY HOURS noon to 3 pm
Start on July 6th

ONGOING EVENTS

1st Monday: Fire Department (7 pm)
 2nd Monday: Senior Bus to Glens Falls (8:30 am)
 3rd Monday: Chamber of Commerce (7 pm)
 1st & 3rd Tuesday: Mohican Crafters (10 am)
 3rd Tuesday: Ticonderoga School Board (7 pm)
 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club (7:30 pm)
 3rd Tuesday: Sno-goers
 4th Wednesday: Extra Helpings Distribution (noon)
 3rd Thursday: Carillon Garden Club (11 am)
 1st Friday: Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)

Every Tuesday at 7:30 am - Rotary Club meets
Every Thursday at noon: Kiwanis meets

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