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GLADU PRESENT AT STATE HEARING

SILVER BAY CONSTRUCTION

Councilman Dick Gladu, a member of the steering committee of the "Tri-County Committee for Property Tax Relief" testified before the Assembly Republican Commission on Alternatives to School Property Taxes on August 10th.

He stated, "The current school funding system, with its over dependence on property taxes, is seriously flawed and needs to be changed. Property tax, as currently conceived, may represent the easiest way to raise dollars for school funding, however, it has evolved into an out of control force that needs to be dealt with."

Mr. Gladu listed several inconsistencies in assessment methods and also said, "There is no relationship between property taxes and the individual's ability to pay."

He urged the State to "evolve to full funding for a sound basic education, gradually migrating from the high dependency on property taxes."

He concluded by presenting several suggestions concerning revenues, expenses and funding methods. The full text can be found on the Hague Town website <townofhague.org>.

Last spring another new business opened in the downtown area. Silver Bay Construction, founded in 1976 by Jim Young of Sabbath Day Point, has relocated their offices. They are now in the apartment/office building purchased and renovated in 2003 by Rolly and Kathe Allen.

In 2003 Steve Young joined his father in the construction business as the Vice-President for Operations. Steve has a degree from UVM and worked in commercial banking. He brings his business and financial skills to the company and is learning more about the construction trade that he worked in with his father through high school and college. Steve is married to Beth Campbell and they live in Glens Falls. A visit to the company website provides a link to Beth's beautiful photography.

Silver Bay Construction is a year-round business with 16 employees. They build custom residences and work on major renovations and additions. You can stop by their office where you will be greeted by Kathy DeFranco or for additional information visit the website <www.silverbayconstruction.com>.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

CREATIVE TALENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Transfer Station hours will change on Labor Day. There will no longer be any Sunday hours. The facility will be open only on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Whether your creative talent lies in photography, design or writing you have an opportunity to share your ideas townwide by entering one of the two contests currently being promoted in Hague.

ATTENTION SEASONAL RESIDENTS

Is there a green dot in the lower left corner of your mailing label? If so, please read on. We will be sending your September *Hague Chronicle* to your "winter" address. It will be mailed on Thursday, September 22, 2005. If you want us to continue sending it locally, please let us know and tell us when to change it.

The Bicentennial Committee is holding a Logo Contest for a logo design and slogan for the 2007 Hague Bicentennial. Debbie Manning, Town Clerk, is receiving the entries and can provide further information. She can be contacted at <townclerk@townofhague.org> with subject "LOGO" or by mail at Town Clerk/LOGO, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY. 12836.

Please note that the Post Office does NOT forward the *Hague Chronicle* that goes to local addresses. Send information to HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com or PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836-0748.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Photo Contest to create a collection of images from the Hague area. Complete rules and further information can be found at the newly updated Chamber website <hagueticonderoga.com/photocontest> or by contacting Sandy Rust at 518-543-6530.

The Annual Senior Picnic will be held on Tues., Aug 23rd, at the Hague Firehouse starting at noon. The Club will supply burgers, franks, beverages & desserts, while everyone brings a dish to share. This gathering is always popular & well attended.

The Senior's Fall Outing will be held on Tues., Sept. 20th. The car pool will leave the Community Center at 9:15 a.m. for the drive to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at The Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, VT. After our tour, we will enjoy lunch at the Club's Red Mill Restaurant. Final sign up and car pool schedules will be established at the picnic.

September's Monthly Meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 27th at the Community Center starting at ONE O'CLOCK. (note the change in time) We are happy to announce that our day's Program will be GRANT VAN PATTEN, PART II. Grant will present his Slide Show depicting his many years of involvement in the Television Industry during it's early years. In his words, "This was when TV was Live & you went on the air without a safety net!" Am certain you can all remember seeing a 'blooper' or two that occurred while watching your favorite shows. Well Grant has many of them on slides! We will see pictures of Uncle Milty, Howdy Doody, Sid Ceaser, Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, Wally Cox, etc. If VAN PATTEN, PART II is even half as entertaining as PART I, we are in store for a delightful afternoon. The Senior Citizens invite all of you out there to come join the fun. You do not have to be a Club Member . . . laughter is contagious and we would like to share it with you. Do plan to come.

If anyone has an interest in joining the Hague Senior Citizens Club, please give me a call (Madeline) 543-6130. Perhaps you would like to check us out at the picnic. Hope we see you then - August 23rd. . . .mp

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

The Carillon Garden Club will present a Standard Fower Show on September 17 from 1-4 PM at the King's Garden, Fort Ticonderoga. The theme of the show is "Autumn Reflections." Entries will be in three divisions: design, horticulture and special displays.

General chairman of the show is Rose Marie Viscardi, assisted by Joyce Mouradian as consultant, Vivian Den Bleyker, design; Jackie Viestenz, horticulture; and Sharon Lonergan, special exhibits. The cost is \$6. Show is free to members of National Garden Clubs and their guests.

For more information, contact Rose Marie Viscardi at 543-6348.



On Sunday August 28 from 12Noon - 4PM, a spaghetti dinner will be held at the firehouse on the corner of Rt. 8 and the West Hague Rd. The dinner is being sponsored by family members and the Fire Dept. to benefit Ronnie Swinton's recovery from his recent illness. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Raffles will also be held to help defray medical expenses.

HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB

The Hague Fish and Game Club is having a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on September 24 from 3-7 at the clubhouse off West Hague Road. Tickets are \$7 per dinner.

On the same day a Turkey Shoot will be held from 11am -3pm and a Gun Raffle will take place at 6 pm. Targets are \$5 each.

The Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse and new members are welcome. For further information call Gene Moran at 543-6759.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD HOME TOUR

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will present its fourth Tour of Homes on Sunday, September 11, from 2 to 5 PM. Six houses will be open for touring, with a reception from 4 to 5 at the Clifton West Garden at the Hague Community Center.

Homes include an historical parsonage, a hundred-year old Ti home, a lake cottage, a gracious brick home, and other homes on Lake George, one 40 years old and one built recently.

The tour will begin at the Festival Guild office where ticket holders may pick up their programs and head south. Those starting from the Hague area may pick up programs at the Hague Community Center and do the tour in reverse.

Music and flowers donated by volunteers will grace each home and the reception. Tickets are \$20 each and available from board members, at Rathbun's Jewelers in Ticonderoga, or by mailing a check to PO Box 125, Ticonderoga NY 12883. For more information, call 585-6716.

The funds raised will help fund the Arts Trek Children's Programs and keep the Guild operating through the off-season months when plans must be made and grants written.

Cathie Burdick, 585-6716

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of its weekly rehearsal schedule on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, beginning September 13, 2005. The date for its Christmas concert is set for Sunday, December 4, 2005, at 3:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of the church. The Chorale welcomes new singers for all sections and does not require an audition.

AN EVENING FOR THE WEST MUSEUM

On September 4th from 5pm to 8pm, the Darrins are hosting a fund-raising event for the benefit of The Clifton West Hague Museum. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at their Viewpoint home. Donations received for the event will help the Museum receive matching grant money to further the goal of a great new museum in time for the 2007 Hague Bicentennial.

The Clifton West Hague Museum will preserve the heritage of our beautiful historic town. Efforts are continuing to catalog and display the substantial collection of photos and artifacts for the enjoyment of Hague residents and visitors alike.

For further information on this event, contact Bertha Dunsmore at the Hague Community Center (543-6161).

LGPC MEETING

The Lake George Park Commission will hold its monthly meeting at the Ticonderoga Town Center on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at 10AM.

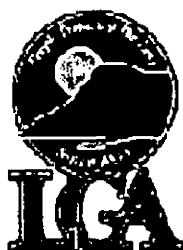
On the agenda will be a Stormwater Management Application submitted by G. Randall & Cindy Hajeck (Nextel Communications Tower); public comments on pending applicatons; fiscal actions report; law enforcement committee report; water quality programs report and public comments.

LGA PROGRAMS

The Lake George Association will present another Family Program on Thursday, August 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m at the Lake George Recreation Center off 9N.

This week's program will be **Wildlife in the Watershed**: What is living in woods and fields surrounding Lake George? Participants will learn some tracking skills, and also learn about some of the cool creatures that make this area home.

The program which is free of charge and open to the public, is recommended for families with children ages 5-12. Activities and games are featured during the two hour program. Reservations are required and for futher information, please contact Karin Badey at 668-3558.

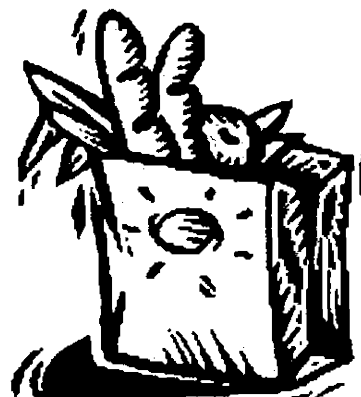


HAGUE FOOD PANTRY

Hague Food Pantry volunteers, Sheryl Bailey and Viola Vassallo, are asking summer residents to consider a gift to the Food Pantry as they prepare to close up their homes for the season.

Any gifts are appreciated. They can always use cans of vegetables, soup, tuna, stew and peanut butter. There is also an ongoing need for low sodium food products.

You can drop off bags at the Community Center.



CATHERINE CLARK IS NEW ZEO

Catherine Clark was appointed as the Town of Hague Zoning Enforcement Officer by the Town Board at a special meeting on August 2nd.

Cathy has served as President of the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George and was on the Town Planning Board. She ran for a Council position previously and was slated to be on the ballot this fall before her appointment as ZEO.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/28/05

Robert Goetsch, Chairman and Bruce Clark, Mary Lou Doulin, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr., George Ianson, and Bill Pittman were present and Tina King was absent.

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

The Board approved the modifications made to the house plans which reduce the footprint of the building, making it less non-conforming.

Hague Volunteer Fire Department, (25.4-1-16), West Hague Rd. OC-1

The department requested retroactive approval for a variance for having greater than 20% lot coverage and less than the required 25 ft. front setback. A Public Hearing was scheduled for the next month's meeting on August 23, 2005.

PLANNING BOARD - 8/4/05

Chairman David Swanson, Rolly Allen, Cathy Clark, Pam Peterson, John Brown and Peter Foster were present and Tim Costello was absent.

A Public Hearing was held on the application by Elizabeth Meehan and N. Jon Meehan for a subdivision on 860 New Hague Road. Adjoining neighbor Mary Meehan, of 867 New Hague Road, indicated that she has a deed showing her ownership of some of the property listed in the application.

The next Public Hearing was held on the Ragot application to subdivide property on Route 9N across from Cape Cod Village. Chairman Swanson reported that 18 letters had been received in opposition to the application. Some cited the problems of flooding on a section of the property but most of the letters addressed concerns about the restrictions in Mr. Ragot's deed stating that sub-division was not allowed.

Chairman Swanson addressed the issue of the deed restriction. He noted that the Planning Board does not have the right to enforce private covenants. Although the Cape Cod Village Club has the right to pursue the enforcement of the deed restrictions in a civil court, the Planning Board does not have the right of enforcement according to the legal advice of both the NYS Department of State and Town Attorney Viscardi.

Additionally, Chairman Swanson noted that the Ragot application meets the minimum requirements for a subdivision although the Planning Board has not yet acted on the application. The Planning Board has 62 days to act after the Public Hearing on a proposal. If they do not take any action, it is automatically approved.

The last Public Hearing was held on the Beneduce application for a major subdivision on Dodd Hill Road. Joe Feurst, All Points Land Survey, represented Mr. Beneduce. He stated that they are following all the guidelines in the subdivision regulations.

Alice Patchett spoke in favor of the project and spoke about the good character of Mr. Beneduce. Peter Loyola, with CLASite who prepared the SWPPP report, stated that they will comply with the stormwater regulations and are proposing only selective cutting. A retention pond will be built mostly on Mr. Beneduce's property so he will be maintaining it.

Nelson Waters, 239 Decker Hill Road, spoke in favor of the project noting that the lots are larger than required, the property is flat, there is plenty of room for ingress and egress and the stormwater plan is "above and beyond" what is necessary.

Several letters have been received against the proposal including an unsigned letter. It was stated that it is the policy of the Planning Board not to read an unsigned letter.

Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, has reviewed the application and finds that there is no reference to the LGPC regulations on stormwater management. He spoke at length in detail and also wrote a letter to the Planning Board outlining several general issues as well as with the stormwater management plan. He requested that no approval be given until these issues are addressed and that the Public Hearing be kept open.

Sandy Swanson, 124 Dodd Hill Road, expressed concern about the impact of 10 new wells and a guarantee that it would not deplete the wells of the existing homes. The engineer felt that the wells would be around 100ft deep but one neighbor had to drill over 500 feet.

Susan Darrin, 15 Viewpoint Road, expressed concern about Lot 11, the large remaining parcel in the subdivision that Mr. Beneduce is keeping. Since that lot adjoins a brook which runs into Lake George, she asked about restrictions or plans for further subdivisions of that parcel. Mr. Feurst said that the plans call for a 100 foot buffer on either side of the brook.

In light of the 62 day time clock which starts at the close of a public hearing the Board decided to keep the Public Hearing open until next month to give time for some of the issues that were raised to be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS -SUBDIVISIONS

1. MEEHAN (11-1-4.2), 860 New Hague Road, OC-1 and RC.

The applicant wishes to subdivide a portion of the 125 acre property into two parcels of 5 acres and 119.6 acres. The Board voted to postpone action on this application since no revised plan has been received and an issue of ownership was addressed in the Public Hearing.

2. RAGOT (42.20-1-6), Lakeshore Drive, TR-2

The applicant wishes to subdivide a 7.73 acre parcel to create 4 lots - 3 of 1.1 acres and the other of 4.43 acres. The Board tabled this request for 30 days to ensure that issues raised in the Public Hearing are addressed.

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3. BENE DUCE (42-1-23.1), Dodd Hill Road, TR-1

The applicant requests approval for a major 11-lot subdivision. A list of items to be considered were discussed with the developer after the site visit and indicated in the sketch plan approval (including the 100 ft buffer on either side of the brook and no development on lots 1 & 2 beyond the stone wall). Mr. Feurst noted that each lot will be cleared for the driveway and house but no other cutting will be done in order to maintain buffers between the lots. A note is on the plat to indicate the restrictions on the cutting.

A new survey indicates the buffer. The issue of parkland requirements, and whether the buffer satisfies this requirement, will still have to be determined by the Town Board after recommendation by the Planning Board.

Mr. Feurst indicated that the location of the wet pond will contain any stormwater runoff before it gets to the brook. Additional considerations will be given to the concerns about stormwater management. A preliminary hydrostudy should be done with regard to the 10 wells on 10 acres which share the same aquifer with other properties already using it. Public Hearing is being held open so no action was taken.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

1. LIPORI (26.10-1-18), Forest Bay, TR-1

The Board approved the applicant ion to remove the existing house and replace it with a 2-story log home.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DWENGER (60.9-1-31), Bobkat Lane, TR-1

At a continuation of the meeting on August 8th, the Board approved the application to add an addition (which will be within 100 feet of the Lake) to the front (street side) of their existing home.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town Board met for three special town board meetings on July 25, July 29 and August 2.

The Hague Chronicle was not informed of these meetings (a requirement under the Open Meetings Law) and therefore can only report from the published minutes.

The Board rescinded Resolution #23 (signs on Carney Point Drive) and passed Resolutions #54 (authorizing the Supervisor to act in financial matters) and #55 (to participate in a GIS needs assessment).

Interviews were held for the position of ZEO. Catherine Clark was appointed at the August 2 meeting.

The Town Board meeting was postponed from August 9th by Supervisor Belden. In order to meet our publishing deadline, we are reporting just the highlights of that meeting. The full minutes of any Board meeting can be found on the website <townofhague.org>.

Supervisor Belden and Councilmen Patchett, Gladu and Meola were present and Councilman Megow was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Gus Getta.

Public comments were heard from Judy Stock, Hague Chronicle Publisher who "expressed chagrin" that three special meetings had been held since the last regular meeting and no attempt had been made to contact *The Hague Chronicle*.

Comments were also heard from George lanson and Nelson Waters concerning a possible conflict of interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals since Bruce Clark is a member and his wife, Cathy, is the new Zoning Enforcement Officer. Mr. lanson noted that if there was a 5-4 vote that was in favor of a ruling by the ZEO there might be an appearance of conflict which might lead to a legal case. Mr. Clark noted that if he had felt there was any conflict issue he would have resigned already. The Board members would like a legal opinion and Supervisor Belden is to contact the Town Attorney.

Phil Smith, President of the Forest Bay Property Owners Association, spoke about the support of the Association for Town plans to extend the sewer to the north. He said that they hoped to hear of an update soon. Supervisor Belden later mentioned that they are still waiting for the figures from the county engineers and will let Forest Bay know when he hears.

The Board voted to amend the insurance policy to reflect replacement costs which will increase the premium by \$1500.

Councilman Meola reported that activities in the Town Park are working well this summer. The weather has been good and the workers are doing a great job. The beach and park have been well maintained. There have been fewer geese and the waste has been cleaned up. The Town has collected \$4000 in launch fees and issued a number of violation notices for boats parking over- night. The ordinance states that there is to be no boat repair in the slip although one individual has been working on boats on a regular basis.

Art Steitz told the Board that one of the street lights planned for Route 8 has been set up in his yard and "it is ugly." (Driving by his house later that night, we certainly concur.) It was suggested that something will need to be done and it may involve losing some of the \$36,000 spent on the lights. Supervisor Belden said he would set up a meeting with the Enhancement Committee and the Town Board.

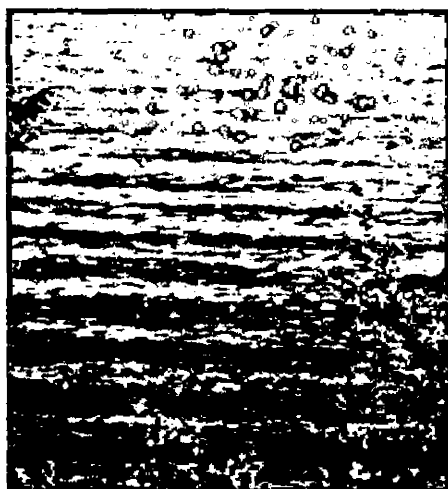
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Imagination is more important than knowledge...
Albert Einstein

Councilman Gladu reported on his testimony before the Assembly Committee on taxes and also proposed that the Board support sending out a petition he had prepared which he feels keeps pressure on the legislature. Councilman Meola felt that the petition would not do any good and was a distraction from the need to push for decreases in the school budget. The Board did not approve support of the petition (Gladu and Belden for; Meola and Patchett against) but Mr. Gladu said he will pursue the petition as a private citizen.

The Board approved a proposal to sponsor a weekly bus trip to Ticonderoga at the request of the Hague Senior Citizens. The Ticonderoga School District will be able to provide a small bus for 8 or 9 people on Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm for \$132 per day.

The Board accepted Cathy Clark's resignation from the Planning Board as she was appointed Zoning Enforcement Officer at a special meeting on August 2. Advertisements will go out for a new Planning Board member.



Did you know?

The latitude of Hague is 43.745N.
The longitude is -73.498W.

The population, at the time of the 2000 census, was 854.

SOURCE: www.epodunk.com/cgibin/genInfo.php?locIndex=788

On Tuesday, August 16th, the Hague Bicentennial Committee held an open meeting for all interested persons to learn about what the committee has discussed to date, to generate enthusiasm and to get new ideas and volunteers.

The Bicentennial Committee has formed sub-committees to deal with a variety of tasks. The Executive Committee, chaired by Judy Stock and Dan Belden, ex-officio, will oversee the activities of the Bicentennial Committee with the heads of the other sub-committees and Councilman Gladu from the Town Board. They will help coordinate the publicity and advertising of events with the Hague Chamber of Commerce as well as make information available to the public through the Town website <townofhague.org>.

The Treasurer, Bob deBuys, is working with the Town to set up accounts and work on budgets.

Holly deBuys chairs the Historical Committee which is coordinating the collection of information from organizations in Hague to complete a timeline to be displayed during the Bicentennial. She is also collecting information on town history which can be shared with the West Museum.

The committee charged with the Logo contest and investigating merchandise that can be sold during the Bicentennial is headed by Debbie Manning, Town Clerk.

Kay Santaniello and Judy Stock will co-chair the Reunion Committee which hopes to have many former students of Hague Central School participate in the Bicentennial.

Chairmen of individual events are still to be determined and volunteers are needed and most welcome. If you wish to help in any way, contact Judy Stock at 543-6517 or by email at <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com>.

The Bicentennial will encompass all the events during the year but the focus of the Celebration will be from August 9 - 19, 2007. The weekend of Friday, August 9 - Sunday August 12 will be devoted to the Hague Reunion events. The weekend of Friday, August 16 - Sunday August 19 will have special Town events, and other activities/displays/shows will occur during the week.

On Saturday, August 17 there will be a Town party and fireworks.

The members of the Hague Bicentennial Committee are Rolly Allen, Dan Belden, John Brown, Peggy Darrin, Holly deBuys, Bob deBuys, Bertha Dunsmore, Ken Engler, Diane Farinick, Dick Gladu, Dottie Henry, Kay Holliday, Vinnie Jones, Karen Laudree, Debbie Manning, Madeline Pelkey, Judy Stock and Nancy Young.

~SOUNDINGS~

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

BORN: A boy, Sterling Robert, to Liz Monroe and Clive Foster, in Norfolk, VA. on June 22, 2005. Proud grandparents are Terry and Joyce (Monroe) Carawan. Both Liz and her mother are "natives" of Hague.

BORN: A son, Nathan Joshua to Nathan and Lacey LaCourse at Saratoga Hospital. He joins his sisters Savannah and Kailey. Proud grandparents are Craig & Diane LaCourse, Hague and Lloyd and Vicki Boyea, Moriah.

ENGAGED: Liz Monroe, Norfolk, VA, former resident of Hague, to Clive Foster, who is in the US Navy. They plan an early fall wedding and will be moving to Guam at the end of the year.

DIED: Augustus "Gus" Getta, a resident of Hague for 30 years, on July 27, 2005 in Lewes, DE. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, a former Hague rural mail carrier.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service celebrating the life of Arthur A. Anisansel will be held at Grace Memorial Union Chapel, Sabbath Day Point on Sunday, September 4, 2005 at 2:00PM.

If your child is entering grades 6, 7, or 8 at Ti Middle School, please call 585-7442, ext. 216, starting Monday, Aug. 29, 2005. Any students who finished 5th grade at Ti Elementary School in June are not considered new entrants.

Parents registering students should bring their last report card, proof of residency, social security number and student's immunization records. NYS law requires that students have completed polio, measles, rubella, diptheria, tetanus and mumps immunization before school entry. Parents must furnish school with a certificate of immunization.

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION RELEASED

The Ticonderoga School District has released figures on the tax rates for the school taxes which will be due in September.

The tax rate for Hague will be \$9.666946 per thousand of assessed valuation. If your property is assessed at \$100,000 that is 100 times the rate or \$966.69. For a \$200,000 assessment the tax would be \$1933.38 and on property assessed at \$1,000,000 the tax will be \$9667.95.

The tax rate for Ticonderoga is \$9.916186 per thousand of assessed value. The tax on a \$100,000 property is \$991.62 and on a \$1,000,000 property it is \$9916.19.

The rate of 9.66 for Hague compares with a 2004 rate of 10.04. The rate of 9.91 for Ticonderoga compares with a 2004 rate of 10.67.

~CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER~

JENNIFER GORDON

Jennifer, granddaughter of Stan and Jeanette (Fitzgerald) Gordon and grand-niece of Martha & Martin Fitzgerald, Sabbath Day Point, finished 1262 out of 2204 contestants (23% women) at the Ironman Triathlon Competition held in Lake Placid on July 24, 2005. Jennifer trained under Dawn de Merchant has recently earned her PhD from Springfield College.

DONNA BELDEN

Donna, daughter of Arthur and the late Joan Belden, has been voted Employee of the Month at the Glens Falls Price Chopper. Donna received a \$25 gift certificate and a pin as a reward for her hard work.

TED SANTANIELLO

Ted, son of Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Silver Bay, has been named the winner of the first-ever Duane Crammond Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,000 award goes to a Ti High graduate who participated in varsity cross country and/or track & field who attends college full-time. The scholarship is sponsored by the LaChute Road Runners Club of Ticonderoga. Ted has won numerous championships throughout his high school and college career. He will enter his senior year at Suny-Plattsburgh this fall.



**HAGUE HOME
ASSESSED FOR
\$425,000 in 2005
will pay school tax
of \$4108.45 in
September.**

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly-or not at all. There are many alternatives to chemicals. Ask your retailer to carry low-or-zero phosphorous fertilizer.

- Test your soil approximately every three years in either spring or fall. To take the sample, take about 1/2 cup of soil each, from various locations throughout your yard. Mix these together to get a generalized sample for your yard. (Contact your county's office of the Cornell Cooperative Ext. for lab locations, www.ccc.cornell.edu)

- If soil conditions demand it, the use of low- (in the 2-3% range) or no-phosphorous fertilizers is recommended. Large amounts of phosphorous in runoff contribute to algal blooms in the lake, which make swimming and boating unpleasant, and is bad for the fish and other wildlife. A bag of 10-3-10 mixture means that the blend contains 10% nitrogen, 3% phosphorous and 10% potash.

- Healthy trees and shrubs do not require annual fertilization.

- Fertilizing in the spring is not necessary if you fertilized in the late fall. Fall fertilizing promotes deep rooting and hardy lawns. Wait to apply until the average daily temperature drops to about 50° F everyday at least for a week.

- There is a direct relationship between the height of the grass and the depth of the root system. Higher grass = deeper roots = healthier, hardier lawns.

Keep the grass length at about 3 inches. This is long enough to shade out some unwanted weeds, and to retain soil moisture through shading.

- Leave the lawn clippings on the lawn after mowing, or use a mulching mower. This helps to avoid some runoff, and can eliminate the need to fertilize by recycling nutrients.

- The most efficient time of day to water is early morning. Watering later in the day causes greater rates of evaporation meaning a greater need to water. Watering in the early evening does not leave enough time for the leaves to dry, and can promote disease on the lawn.

- Watering is only necessary when the first signs of wilt begin to appear.

- Deep, infrequent watering promotes deep root systems. Give the lawn about 1 inch of water when the first signs of wilt show.

- Water at a rate of 1/4 to 1/2 in/hr. More than this will increase runoff and soil erosion.

- Overwatering can wash away soil and fertilizers

- Some native landscaping resources:

Xeriscape and Water Conservation Plants, from the Cornell Cooperative Ext.

Finger Lakes Landscapes: Landscaping for Water Quality in the Finger Lakes Region from the Cornell Coop. Ext.

Protected Native Plants of New York State, from the VI District Judges Council of Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

- National Wildlife Foundation website; click on "Your Yard" and then go to the "Native Plant Guide", www.nwf.org

- * Print resources are available from the Lake George Association.

- Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum continues its summer programs on August 24 at 1:30PM - Jeanne Robert Foster "Voice of the Adirondacks". Eileen Egan Mack in the persona of Jeanne R. Foster - \$5.00

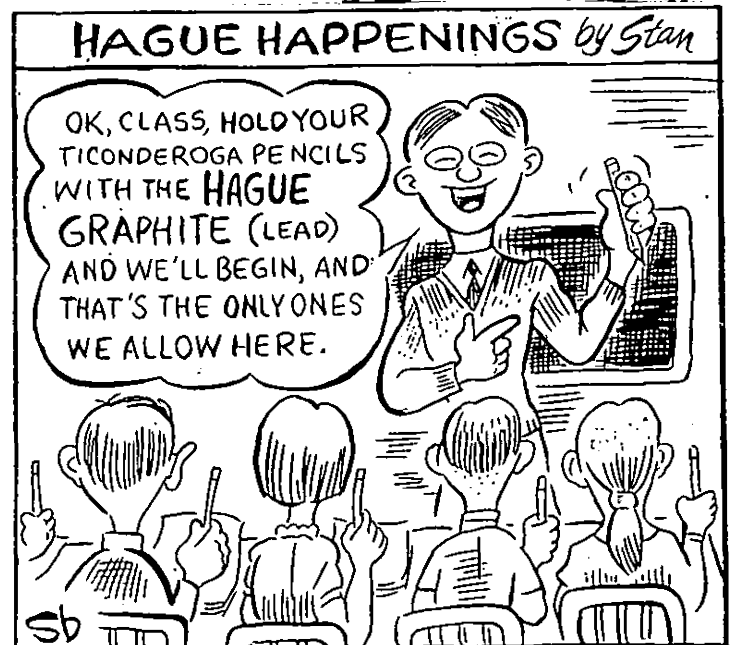
- August 28 at 3PM Mary Ann Mc Cormick, Mezzo-soprano - An Afternoon of Arias and Songs - \$15.00

- August 31 at 1:30PM - Leonid Makarov, young classical Russian pianist - \$7.00

- Lake George Land Conservancy's Nature Excursions and Events for 2005 continue on Sat. Sept. 10 - Cat Mountain Nature Hike, Bolton, 9AM - 4PM. Intensity: moderate/challenging. Bring lunch or snack and water.

- Fall foliage hike at Cat & Thomas Mountains Preserve, Bolton, 10AM-2PM. Intensity: moderate/challenging.

- Events are free but space is limited. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call 518-644-9673 for info. or email ssmall@tnc.org to register.



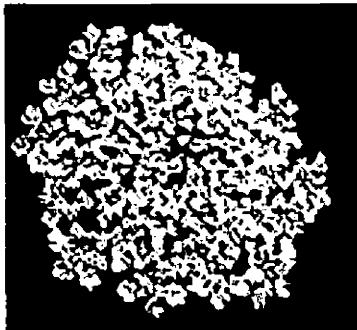
by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Queen Anne's Lace

The story goes that Queen Anne of England, who ruled from 1702 to 1714, enjoyed wearing lace on her dresses so much that she challenged her ladies-in-waiting to create a lace as finely designed as the flowers of the *Daucus carota*, or wild carrot, growing in her garden. She joined in the competition, won the contest and the flowers now bear her name. Lacy laid out in flat umbels of tiny white flower clusters, the flowers speak to us the common name of "Queen Anne's Lace" and are easily spotted along roadsides and fields in mid summer to October.

Scientists disagree whether the wild carrot developed into the cultivated variety we eat today or whether the cultivated had somehow escaped and gone wild. The two are closely related, that much they do agree on. Queen Anne's Lace has delicate fern-like leaves similar to that of the cultivated carrot, but the narrow tap root is noticeably different in that it grows very deep into dry soil in search of water and the interior of the root is white instead of yellow-orange. The smell of the broken root is reminiscent of carrot yet lacks the sweetness and delicious flavor of the cultivated. Over the centuries, the wild carrot has been used medicinally for many ailments including kidney problems, kidney stones, gas, gout and hiccups. The seeds have been used as contraception with questionable efficacy, and for essences and oils used in food flavoring.

Queen Anne's Lace is a biennial, growing the fern-like leaves and taproot in the first year, sending up the flowering stalk in the second, then completing its two year life span when the flowerhead curls inward and dries in the fall, forming what looks like a bird's nest, hence another common name for the plant ~ Bird's Nest. Another interesting feature is that although most of the flowers on the flowerhead are white, there is usually one in the very center that is deep purple, almost black. Legend has it that the Queen pricked her finger and that a drop of blood stained the lace, appearing on the flowers' center ever since.



The flowers are beautiful in arrangements and our family has combined them with the invasive purple loosestrife, goldenrod and other summer blossoms for two summer weddings and countless other events. The flowers can be colored by sticking the stems in vases of water that have had vegetable food coloring added to them. Within six to eight hours the white lacy heads will turn pretty shades of colors for some whimsical bouquets and arrangements.

My mother taught us two ways to use the dried pressed flowers that she would make from the fresh white flowerheads. By combining them with a few other pressed white flowers and arranged on black velvet for a beautiful lacy contrast, she then mounted and framed the bouquets behind glass. The picture will last for many years if kept out of bright light. Another was to spray the pressed and dried flowers with spray starch and glue a fine white ribbon loop to hang them, like snowflakes, on our Christmas tree.

To grow Queen Anne's Lace in your sunny wildflower garden or field, dig the young first year plants, identified by their feathery leaves. Dig deep to get the entire taproot. Do this two years in a row since the plants are biennial and will only bloom the second year. They will self-sow after that or you can add to the garden by gathering the seed from the dried "bird's nest" and planting it in the fall.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

It's hot and has been consistently so all summer. Hot days and hot nights were common. According to the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University, it has been the hottest June and July recorded in major cities in our area.

August has continued that trend. Humidity has appeared alongside the heat and you all know that means very sticky. The dog days of summer were ahead of schedule bringing all that sultry weather. The gardeners will appreciate the first rains of August that have come on this August 14. Although we have had ample amounts of precipitation early on in the season, until today we didn't have a drop for the month. So far it is a half an inch but it is a good gentle rain.

There is an expression that "when one has much to put in them, a day has a hundred pockets". And so it is living along Lake George. In spite of the excessive heat, this summer is teeming with pleasures. Beautiful Lake George and its restorative waters (80°) make any activity (especially swimming) in or around the water's edge a joy. Garden vegetables and stands locally are selling wonderfully fresh produce and in general, with all the additional activities of concerts, lectures, fairs and picnics, it's safe to say we are in high season.

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23 noon Senior Citizens Mtg. (p. 2)
 23 10 am LGPC meeting (p. 3)
 24 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
 25 10 - noon LGA program (p. 3)
 25 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals
 28 noon - 4pm HVFD dinner (p. 2)

September

1 7pm Planning Board
 4 5 - 8 pm West Museum Fundraiser (p. 3)
 11 2 - 6 pm TFG Tour of Homes (p. 2)
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 17 1-4 pm Flower Show in Ti (p. 2)
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 22 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Labor Day to June 30, 2006:

Wednesdays
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturdays
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed all other days

If there were in the world today
 any large number of people who
 desired their own happiness more
 than they desired the unhappiness
 of others, we could have paradise
 in a few years.

Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

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