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The Town of Hague
Known as Rochester
until April 6, 1808
formed from the
Town of Bolton
February 28, 1807

2007 HAGUE BICENTENNIAL

This celebration won't happen without YOU! We need your help and we want your input. Here are a few of the ideas your fellow Hague citizens have on the horizon for August 2007. Wouldn't it be fun to have a barbeque in the park for all of Hague? How about a racing regatta, just like in the 1950's - boats with souped-up outboard engines or an elegant parade of Hackers, Fay & Bowens and Adirondack guide boats? Haven't seen your old school buddies for a while? We've got a Hague School Reunion on the drawing board. We even have a group preparing to take oral histories of our wonderful senior citizens.

Are there pictures and artifacts you have in your attics? What stories, pictures and articles do you have on the hotels, motels, mining and logging industries? How many of you have family artifacts concerning the dairy industry and the boat building business? Have you old records on your homes? Many of us live in homes that were brought down from Graphite! How many generations has your family lived in Hague? Does anyone know the oldest grave in Hague?

We will be working for and with the committee formed to expand the Clifton West Hague Museum. So please don't bring your items to us....just tell us what you have! Help us identify the people who have the history of our community and its industries. Let us strive to bring the history of Hague alive and build on this strong foundation a celebration that will inspire us through the next 100 years. Please contact Bicentennial Historical Committee members, Holly de Buys (hhdebuys@aol.com or 543-8863) or Dottie Henry (hchague@aol.com or 543-6633).
... HdB

TOWNWIDE BICENTENNIAL PLANNING

First things, first. We are having an open meeting for the whole town of Hague, August 16 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Come help us put this Bicentennial Celebration on the top of our community's "to do" list for the summer of 2007. We need you to bring your enthusiasm, ideas and a hat ready to throw into the planning and implementation of our Bicentennial Celebration. There will be a job for everyone with an interest in Hague, its citizens, the festivities, and our wonderful history.

If you have ideas, are willing to help or just want to know what is going on, don't miss the meeting on August 16th!

For further information contact Judy Stock (HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com).

BICENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

The Bicentennial needs a LOGO! If you like to design and have a creative mind, please put them to work for a terrific logo to decorate the publicity and correspondence for the 2007 Hague Bicentennial. And if you have a great slogan that goes along with it, send that along too!

The winner will get lots of attention and deep appreciation and thanks from the Bicentennial Committee. We may even be able to round up a prize!

Designs (reasonable size) may be submitted electronically to <townclerk@townofhague.com> with subject "LOGO" or by mail Town Clerk/LOGO, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY. 12836.

AUGUST 6-7 WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Arts Fair, Bake sale, Garage Sales, Steak Roast
See page 2 for details!

**CHRIS NAVITSKY
CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR**

At the June meeting, our Guest Speaker, Lynn Osterberg of the Alzheimer's Assoc. presented many interesting facts about the warning signs of memory loss, various possible causes (Alzheimers or other disorders) & how the Alzheimer's Assoc. can help. Lynn works as a Facilitator in Chestertown, as well as being a Program Manager of the Adirondack Region. She is striving to establish local Support Groups for Caregivers in other towns in Warren County. If you are interested, give Lynn a call at 1-800-272-3900.

During the business segment, the Seniors voted to sponsor the Memorial Day Celebration for the next two years -- 2006 as well as 2007, which will be Hague's Bicentennial Year, since some plans & commitments for this momentous event will take place during the 2006 scheduling.

The meeting was closed with refreshments & a video viewing of Hague's 2005 Memorial Day Parade, taken by Wilfred Hutchinson of Ti-South TV.

There is no club meeting in July. However, Ethel Andrus & Georgina Lindquist will be attending the NYS North Country Regional White House Conference on Aging in Plattsburgh on July 26th. As our County Representatives they keep us abreast of all items of interest.

The Annual Picnic will be held at the Hague Firehouse on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd starting at noon. The Club furnishes hot dogs, burgers, drinks and dessert, while Seniors each bring a picnic dish to share. Needless to say, this is another one of those 'Tasty Gatherings' when our members contribute one of their favorite recipes for all to sample.

Our Fall Outing will be held on Tuesday, September 20th. Via car pool, we will visit the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at The Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, VT. After our tour, we will enjoy lunch at the Red Mill Restaurant located nearby on the Club grounds. Final signup & car pool schedules will be established at the picnic. All members will be contacted re pertinent details prior to Aug. 23rd.

Once again, to all you 55+ Readers . . . we extend an invitation to you to check us out. We are an active, fun loving group. See for yourselves. Bring a dish to share and join us at the picnic. If you have any questions about our Club, give me a call (Madeline) at 543-6130. Hope we see you on Aug 23rd.

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CHAMBER PHOTO CONTEST

The Hague Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to get clicking and enter it's inaugural photo contest! The Chamber will be creating a collection of images from the Hague area that can be used on its newly designed web site, as well as in print form. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories. Winning photos will also be displayed on the Hague Chamber of Commerce website photo gallery. There are two categories: People/Activities/Action and Travel/Nature/Scenic with up to five (5) entries allowed in each category. Photos may be in either print or digital form. Many of our readers must have wonderful photos they can enter!

For further information and complete rules, see a participating member of the Hague Chamber or visit their website at <hagueticonderoga.com/photocontest>.

Chris Navitsky, Lake George Water Keeper, was honored by The Adirondack Council as its "2005 Conservationist of the Year" at the Council's annual Forever Wild Dinner at the Lake Placid Resort on July 9.

"Chris has been an important force for environmental protection since he first began his work on Lake George, under the guidance of The Fund for Lake George and the Riverkeeper Program," said Adirondack Council Executive Director Brian L. Houseal. He is the 21st annual winner of the award. Other award winners have been Gov. Pataki, Gov. Cuomo, NY Times Editor John Oakes and others.

Chris has been a valuable help to Hague's Planning and Zoning Boards. We congratulate him on this honor and hope to welcome him soon as a Sabbath Day Point resident!

AUGUST 6-7, 2005 WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

PORCH AND BAKE SALE: The Hague Baptist Church is planning a porch sale, including baked goods, on the porch of the parsonage on Saturday starting at 9AM. (Ed. We all know what great cooks those Baptists are, so come early and enjoy!)

ARTS FAIR: The Hague Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Community Center from 10AM - 4PM on Saturday and from 10AM - 3PM on Sunday.

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE: Individual Garage Sales will be held throughout the Town from 10AM - 4:30PM on Saturday.

The Town is coordinating this community-wide sale by providing maps to locations of the participating garage sales.

These maps will be available at the Community Center, the Visitor Center and Local Businesses. No fee is required but you must register with the Community Center to be included in the map.

STEAK ROAST: On Saturday, the HVFD will serve steamers from 2-4PM and a steak dinner from 4-9PM including baked potato, corn & dessert.

The dinner at the Firehouse on Route 8 will feature music, raffles and entertainment.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Music in the Hague Town Park continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. The remainder of the events include: July 27 - Tom LaPointe; August 3, Norma Strong School of Dance; August 10, Gary Finney New Yorker; August 17, Stan Burdick - Square Dancing; August 24, Mary Jo von Tury & Dwinal Smith.

In case of inclement weather concerts will be held at the community center.

HULETT'S CRAFT FAIR/FLEA MARKET

Register for the Saturday, August 20th craft show/flea market at Washington County Park, Huletts Landing, from 10 am to 4 pm to benefit the scholarship fund of the Mountain Grove Memorial Church. Vendors' fee for tables in the covered pavilion, 8 ft long with bench attached on each side, is \$25. Contact Sue Young at 518-499-1024 or Lois Anne Galbraith at 518-499-0608 to register.

SQUARE DANCING IN THE PARK

All participants, young and old, will enjoy the free Square Dance Jamboree set for Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 PM at the Town Beach in Hague.

Caller Stan Burdick of Ticonderoga has urged non-dancers, including "foot-tappers," to come, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy the music or dance a hoedown. Easy instructions will be given for each dance, whether it is a line dance, square dance or easy folk dance.

Country-style music will be featured and musicians are urged to come just to "jam along" with others, and show off their musical talents. Solo selections are also planned. Visiting musicians are asked to volunteer at this free public concert, just for the fun of it, since funds do not allow reimbursement for them.

The old saying, "Put down your hoe for a hoedown," is the theme of the Jamboree.

... Stan Burdick, 585-7015

FESTIVAL GUILD CONCERTS

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild continues its programs under the tent in Ticonderoga on Tuesdays at 8PM.

July 26, Vickie Russell, eclectic grouping of songs, accompanied by her husband.

August 2, The Sounds of Brass - Adirondack Brass Quintet

August 9, Hometown Night - Tom Wilkinson & Ty Chanson, fiddle and guitar.

And the free ARTS TREK programs for children are held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30AM.

July 27 - Kitty Jones of Kit's Kaboodle. Kitty takes with the settlers as they moved west and became pioneers of this country.

August 4, "Be Cool, Be Safe" - Rick Adams' zany comedy and funny songs will help children cope with bullying.

August 10, Taino - Enjoy the beat of Caribbean music, play the instruments and learn about the rainforest.

For further information, call 585-6716.

TICONDEROGA CARTOON MUSEUM

The Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum presents Friday Live, each Friday from 2-4PM.

July 22 Director: "Editorial Cartoons";

July 29 Carol Gregson, artist, author, on "Book Illustrations, Line Art, Adirondack & Alaska Adventures";

Aug. 5 Dan Busha: "Comic Books History";

Aug. 12 Bill Holway: "Classic Sketching";

Aug. 19 Shirley McFerson: "Graphic Novels";

Aug. 26 Sid Couchey ("Richie Rich" strip artist): "Champlain Monster Spoofs & Other Projects".

For more information, call 518-585-7015, Stan Burdick, Director.

GRACE MEMORIAL SERVICES

The 10AM services continue at Grace Memorial Chapel in Sabbath Day Point for the remainder of the season with services by visiting clergy.

July 31: The Rev. David Mangiante, Retired: United Lutheran Church, Mount Holly, NJ

Aug 7: The Rev. James Neevel, Retired: Reformed Church in America, Clifton Park, NY (with Celebration of Holy Communion)

Aug 14: The Rev. Nickolas Miles, Minister: United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY

Aug 21: The Rev. Tom Peterson, Retired: United Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, NY

Aug 28: Dr. Glen C. Knecht, Minister: Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD

Sept 4: The Rev. Gerard Van Heest, Chaplain Emeritus, Hope College, Holland, MI.

HAGUE HAPPENINGS *by Stan*

Q. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ~~DOE~~-SEE-DOE?

A. THEY SQUARE DANCE! (DO-CL-DO) -AND BUCKS, TOO!

TOWN BEACH LIVE JAMBOREE SQUARE DANCE
FOR FAMILIES - WED. AUG. 17 - 7:30 PM FREE!

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

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

The applicant who wishes to subdivide a 7.73 acre parcel into 4 lots, submitted a revised sketch plan responding to issues and questions raised at the June meeting. A public hearing will be held at the August meeting.

SUBDIVISION: MEEHAN (11-1-4.2), New Hague Rd. OC-1 and RC

The applicant wishes to subdivide a portion of her 124.6 acre property into two parcels - one of 5 acres and the other of 119.6 acres). A public hearing will be held at the August meeting.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: LIPORI (26.10-1-18), Forest Bay Rd. TR-1

The applicant wishes to remove the existing house and replace it with a 2-story log home. A site plan review is required because the proposed house will be within 100 feet of the shoreline.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: MAGGIOLO (43.5-1-37), Skipper Way, (next to Lakeshore Garage), Hamlet

The applicant wants to construct a single family house within 100 feet of the shoreline. The Planning Board made a site visit on 7/12 and then met to approve the plan with the conditions that the property corners are to be established by a surveyor, that the plans follow those submitted and that no part of the house be less than 50 ft from Lake George or exceed any other setback restrictions. A permit will be needed from the LGPC since the proposed house exceeds 1000 square feet.

The Board then discussed the streamlined process that ZEO Graham Bailey has established and heard the final legal opinion on the Oxford/Tier application.

Chairman Swanson thanked Mr. Bailey, who is leaving the position, for his work with the Planning Board.

WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ZEO

The records of the Zoning Office show approval for the following applications from April - mid-July, 2005: 9 accessory structures, 7 sewer/septic permits, 3 additions, 3 houses, 2 subdivisions (one major and one minor), a sign, a boathouse, a fence and a roof modification.

All property owners considering any changes in any of these categories are reminded that permits are necessary. All the necessary information about the process and the required forms can be found online under zoning and planning at <<http://townofhague.org/townofhague/default.htm>>.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for Bill Pittman's mother, Mildred Garibaldi

During public comments, George Beck, Sabbath Day Point, indicated his frustration with water in his basement due to a culvert and catch basin which weren't working. He stated, " We are living with a sword over our head whenever we hear it is going to rain." Supervisor Belden said that he and Lu Megow, Chairman of the Highway Committee would visit the area with Don Smith, Highway Superintendent to see what corrections can be made. They may have to have the county engineer look at it.

The minutes were approved for the regular June meeting but not for the special meeting held on June 16 due to continued disagreement over wording.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu announced that the 2005 assessment roll is now complete and the equalization rate is 97%. Councilman Meola noted that from 2004 one article 7 has been resolved, one is still pending, and the attorney for one that was settled last year in May has still not completed the paper work.

Finance - Councilman Meola noting that the cost for upgrading all the computer equipment was about \$50,000, said, "Progress does not come cheap."

Fire - Councilman Gladu reported that the treasurers report for the Fire Department has been received as well as the variance application that was needed.

Highway - Highway Superintendent Don Smith said that the Town will be mowing and flowers too near the highway may be cut.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola reported that the West Museum Board of Trustees met and their focus is to work on fund-raising. An event will take place on Sept 4 from 5-8 pm at Viewpoint, the Darrin's home. More information will be coming out.

Personnel - Councilmen Patchett and Meola and Water Treatment Supervisor Tim Costello met with a candidate for the part-time position at the Treatment Plant. Another candidate has also indicated interest.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held in July. The violations of the Junk law are scheduled for Town Justice appearances on July 14, 28 and August 4.

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman Gladu remarked on the excellent article about the Chamber of Commerce and downtown businesses in the Lake George Mirror.

Con't on page 5 - Town Board



Con't from page 4 - Town Board

Sewer District 1 - Clough Harbor is getting information about the areas which are part of the proposed sewer district grant. Councilman Gladu walked the Arcady Bay area with engineers from Clough Harbor and talked about where there were known deviations.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Meola spoke in remembrance of Curly Monroe, a long time park caretaker, who deeded his house to Hague to sell to use for the Town Park. A plaque honoring him has been placed on the Visitor Center. He also reported that \$2200 has been collected in boat launch fees.

The Town submitted a grant, prepared by Lisa Nagle for money for downtown enhancement. Although not funded this year we are in line for next year and she has been asked to reapply.

Councilman Meola noted that the Music in the Park is sponsored by the Town and concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Unfinished business

1. The Town has discussed the placement of the Route 8 street lights with downtown property owners. They are now waiting for a contractor to put them after receiving a DOT permit. When asked for input, one of the property owners on the route, Robert Keating, said that he would go along with the revised placement although he did feel that the "lights are more suited to a London steet than Hague." The Town will have the contractor put one light up to test for intensity before others are installed.

2. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code on "Square Footage" has been tabled while further study is done.

Communications & Petitions:

1. The Board received a letter of resignation from Graham Bailey, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The resignation letter from Mr. Bailey was not read at the Board meeting but *The Hague Chronicle* has obtained a copy of it. Mr. Bailey cited the inability to continue in a position where he was receiving public criticism by a member of the Town Board. Councilman Dick Gladu later indicated his concern with the circumstances of the resignation and has written a letter to the other Board members in order to initiate a process to try to improve the way the Board deals with its employees and citizen volunteers. *The Hague Chronicle* heartily endorses this movement toward greater civility.

To say the least, a town life makes one more tolerant and liberal in one's judgement of others.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Hyperion, 1839

New Business:

1. The Town Board approved the zoning change for the properties across from the Water Treatment Plant.

2. The Board accepted the resignation of ZEO Bailey. Supervisor Belden stated he had done a good job and was sorry to see him go. Councilman Gladu remarked that he has "brought professionalism and understanding into the position." No applications have yet been turned in although some interest has been indicated. Councilman Patchett noted Mr. Bailey has "been doing a fine job, and it will be a tough loss to fill." He suggested that the Town might ask the APA to send a staff person familiar with zoning codes to administer the office for 3 days per week since "we are in essence administering the APA plan." The Board approved writing to the APA to tell them about the problem and see if they would consider sending an administrator here. The Town will continue to advertise for the ZEO position in local papers.

3. Attendance at a conference in September by Justice Knott was approved.

4. Supervisor Belden has worked with Lisa Nagle on another grant proposal to get reimbursed for recent work done at the Town Park and the Board approved submitting the proposal. 75% of the funds for the storm damage were paid from federal funds and this would be over and above any other reimbursements.

5. The Board approved the sending of a letter by the Town Attorney to the owner of parcel 26.1-1-34 (Van Wirt) as it relates to "accessory structure."

6. A petition was received from residents of Sabbath Day Point requesting a speed limit of 25 mph on Carney Point Road. A public hearing has been set for 6:15pm on August 9th.

7. A town employee had not cashed checks from 2004 and a resolution was approved to authorize a budget adjustment so they could be paid.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden gave a verbal report on the county budget including monies expended for the major road damage and the favorable results of the ACC budget. In response to a question from Councilman Gladu, he stated that 13 million of the 28 million county budget raised by property taxes (about 45%) went to social services. The total county budget with income from all sources is 103 million.

Councilman Meola noted that lots of decisions are made at the county level and the local level boards should have some input. One way for this to happen would be for the town supervisor to involve the Town Board in the process when the issues are coming up. Supervisor Belden said that he doesn't always get the information in advance because the issues have been discussed in committees. (Supervisor Belden serves on 16 County committees).

LAKE GEORGE STEAMER ON SANDBAR

from *The Ticonderoga Sentinel*
Ticonderoga, NY. - Aug. 15, 1912

Running in a driving rain storm and an hour late The Sagamore, the second largest Lake George steamer of the Champlain Transportation Company, ran aground on the Hague sandbar shortly after eight o'clock Saturday night. The steamer Horicon left Lake George Village at 10 o'clock in the evening and after breaking all hawsers and chains aboard was forced to return to her landing, leaving her sister boat still firm in the sand.

The Sagamore was delayed more than an hour Saturday afternoon by the holding up of the train from Albany that brings her passengers to the lake. The boat left Lake George Village about five-thirty with the usual number of August passengers and scores of week-end visitors. Unusually fast time was made throughout the trip in an effort to make up the delay at Lake George station landing. Because of the darkness and the further interference of the rain, there was considerable difficulty in seeing the usual course and the lights on shore were but dimly visibly.

Either in steering by compass and so over-running its time, or by mistaking the lights of the Hague hotels for the dock lights, the accident is thought to have occurred. The boat was probably going at full speed and when the big lake steamer grounded, it ran its bow far up into the sand. The sudden stopping of the boat warned the engineer and the engines were immediately stopped, but not until the bow was so far out of water that her waterline was nineteen inches above the surface of the lake. Although there were still a number of passengers aboard the Sagamore, some of whom were en route for Hague and others for Rogers Rock and Baldwin, there was no confusion. Captain J. L. Washburn gave directions for reversing paddles, in an effort to back off the bar. This was soon found to be useless, and it was decided to land the passengers in small boats. After this had been done word was telephoned to Lake George and arrangements were made to send the steamer Horicon to the assistance of the stranded boat.

With new and stronger tackle the work of hauling the big steamer into deep water was continued early Monday morning. Lines were strung from the Sagamore to the Horicon and a tug. The lines broke under the first strain but the second attempt was successful, the big boat coming off the sand into deep water. The tug towed the steamer to the Hague dock, where coal, which had been taken out of the boat to lighten her, was replaced. Beyond a few scratches the Sagamore was uninjured and resumed her regular trips in the afternoon.

The Sagamore is now running the trips of the Horicon and the Mohican has taken the Sagamore schedule. The Mountaineer has taken the place of the Mohican.

... transcribed by Richard M. Strum 8/97 in his research for *Ti conderoga: Lake Champlain Steamboat*

JABEZ PATCHIN

by Ethel Andrus; Town Historian

When I was about five years old and considered old enough to make the trip, I was taken up the "Long Slue" trail to Jabes Pond. At that time, not far from the pond, were the remains of a cabin, dutifully pointed out to me as being Jabez Patchin's cabin. For some reason this impressed me more than the pond! Somewhere along the way the apostrophe in the name Jabe's got lost, and now someone is trying to remove the "s" from it. (Suppose it had been named Jim's, or John's or Edgar's Pond!)

On a bright sunny morning in spring when I was in the 4th or 5th grade, my father, who was taking my younger brother and me to school, brought his car to a halt on Route 9N; we all got out and Dad led us up a steep little path that later became Pine Orchard Road, to the small cemetery that sits on the rise just above the state highway. My father guided us to the tombstone of Jabez Patchin, which was, at that time, standing upright.

Years later, in the 1960's, the Hague Historical Society undertook to clear the overgrown grounds of the old cemetery and to raise enough money to put up a split rail fence around the grounds. (We had a food sale, a raffle with a savings bond as a prize, and wrote a book, mainly full of advertising.)

Since those days the Town of Hague has kept down the worst of the brush, but there are things to do: recent blow down to be picked up and broken fence to be repaired. Last year once again, the Historical Society, under the direction of President Gerald Crammond, more attention was given to the cemetery.

Much to the dismay of this member, there was no sign of Jabez Patchin's tombstone (it had fallen down sometime between my childhood introduction to it and the first work of the Historical Society). On April 29, 2000 a small group (3 Historical Society members and a volunteer) went in to pick up brush and repair fencing (the latter job was completed, thanks to Jerry Crammond and Bernie Smith). After a picnic lunch, Jerry Crammond and I began reading tombstone inscriptions and stumbled into the Patchin lot and found the broken stone of Jabez' first wife and a tiny stone marking the grave of a baby girl born to Jabez and his second wife (who lies in a Bolton Cemetery, near the Sagamore Golf Course). Jerry got a shovel and started cleaning moss and a layer of earth from what was obviously a stone, broken to pieces over the years, but truly the missing stone of Jabez Patchin. The dates are not visible, but we hope eventually to be able to decipher them.

Jabez Patchin in his lifetime was the owner of property on which the Silver Bay Association Inn now stands. According to legend he had a small hotel there, and until sometime in the early 1920's his hotel was incorporated into the Silver Bay Hotel, but these remnants were torn out during a restoration project of the Inn. Mr. Louis Spelman, who was at that time in charge of maintenance, told me that nothing, not even a nail, had been saved of the Patchin Hotel.

So now, only a broken tombstone and a small Adirondack lake bearing an addled verson of his name call this man to mind.

BORN: Bob and Holly de Buys, Hague and Birmingham, AL, are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters. Katherine May de Buys was born on May 9 to Robert and Amelia de Buys of Birmingham, AL and Riley Elizabeth de Buys was born July 6 to Bill and Paige de Buys of Cincinnati, OH.

MARRIED: Lynne Coffin, daughter of Linda and Mike Coffin, Hague to Michael McClure, Brant Lake, by the Justice of the Peace in Schroon Lake on June 24, 2005.

DIED: Jane Hume McCormick Mitchell, 90, on June 2, 2005. She was born in Silver Bay and spent most of her summers there. She is survived by two sons, James (Shawn) and Robert (Robin) McCormick, a daughter, Sally Pickert, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held for her at the Silver Bay Chapel on Saturday, August 6 at 12 noon.

DIED: Mildred Grimaldi, 97, on July 7, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Joseph of Micco, Florida, her son, William Pittman and his wife, Carol, of Arcady Bay and by 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DIED: Werner M. Stallmann, 75, of Orlando, FL, on June 22, 2005. Mr. Stallmann operated Werner's Marina in Silver Bay from 1962 until his retirement in 2002.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: For John C. "Jack" Close on August 14, 2005 at 1 PM at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel, Silver Bay. Friends are invited to a reception following the service at Silver Bay Boathouse

NAMED: John Breitenbach of Silver Bay to the CVAC Division II All Star Baseball team. He was a 3rd baseman on the Ti Sentinel Sectional Championship Varsity Team this spring.

BOTHE IS SYRACUSE GRADUATE

William K. Bothe, son of Joyce and Bill Bothe, Hague, graduated on May 14 from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, with a BS in construction management.

He was placed on the honor list during his senior year. He also obtained an AAS degree in architecture from SUNY Delhi in May 2003.

He is an assistant project manager at BBL Realty Construction Co. located in Albany.

BREITENBACH IS BUCKNELL GRADUATE

Katherine G. Breitenbach, daughter of Mr & Mrs. John Breitenbach, Silver Bay graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa with honors in Psychology from Bucknell University on May 22, 2005 with a double major in English and Psychology.

At the senior awards ceremony, she also received the University Psychology Award, the Eleanor D. Decker Prize for Women " for the woman who embodies to the greatest degree the highest qualities of cultured Christian womanhood", a Student Leadership award, a President's Academic Excellence award, and a Diversity award

She will attend Albany Law School this fall.

Congratulations to the following Hague students who have been listed on the 2004-2005 6th marking period honor roll at the Ticonderoga High School:

Grade 12: First Honors - Wyatt Peterson
Second Honors - Aren Laundree, Maureen Palait
Grade 11: First Honors - Sarah Bissell
Second Honors - Andrew Trombley
Grade 10: First Honors - John Breitenbach,
Kacheena Trudeau
Second Honors - Kelly McCoy
Grade 9: First Honors - Samantha Abare
Second Honors - Alanna Swinton

SEVEN HAGUE GRADUATES IN THS CLASS OF 2005

Congratulations to the following students who reside in Hague and graduated in the class of 2005 from Ticonderoga High School

DANIELLE CONNORS, JOSHUA ROBERT PATCHETT, JOSHUA ADAM FRASIER, WYATT B. PETERSON, AREN G. LAUNDREE, RICHARD C. ZACHARENKO, MAUREEN NICHOLE PALAIT

HAGUE GRADUATES WIN AWARDS

Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship - Danielle Connors, Joshua Frasier, Aren Laundree, Maureen Nichole Palait, Joshua Patchett, Richard Zacharenko
John Glading Memorial Scholarship (technology) - Richard Zacharenko
Ticonderoga Emergency Squad's Dan Padula Memorial Award - Aren Laundree
Marc Barber Memorial Award (spirit of high school athletics) - Wyatt Peterson
Thomas E. Thompson Memorial Prize in Business - Maureen Palait
Crary Scholarship - Maureen Palait
Elks Club Award for best attendance over four years - Wyatt Peterson
Craig Laslow Technology Award (Wood Working) - Richard Zacharenko
Ticonderoga Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Award - Wyatt Peterson
Deo Colburn Scholarship - Maureen Palait
Ticonderoga Volunteer Fire Co. #1 Good Conduct Award - Richard Zacharenko
Lewis W. Sanders, III Scholarship Award - Wyatt Peterson
Honors for Senior English Projects: Aren Laundree and Wyatt Peterson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

THS PROM COURT

Sarah Bissell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. "Rusty" Bissell, Hague, was chosen as the Prom Queen for the Ti High School Jr. Prom held in May.

Marissa and Michelle Coffin, twin daughters of Lynne Coffin and granddaughters of Linda and Mike Coffin, Hague were selected to be in the prom court.

FYI: AREA ACTIVITIES

- Youththeatre, directed by Mickey Luce and Music Director Pam Granger will present Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida* on July 27 & 28 at 1PM at the Lake George High School Auditorium in Lake George and on Friday the 29th at 9:30AM.

Annie will be presented on August 3 and 4 at 1PM and on Aug. 5 at 9:30AM. All seats are \$7.00 for all performances. Advance ticket sales at Aviation Mall Office or call 793-3521 . E-mail at LGYOUTHEATRE.COM Sponsored by Creative Stage Lighting Co. Inc.

- The Hudson River Shakespeare Company will present *The Tempest* July 8 and 9 at 8PM and July 9 and 10 at 2PM.

They will present *Othello* on August 19 and 20 at 8PM and Aug 20 and 21 at 2PM.

All performances will be held at the Hudson Falls High School Auditorium, East LaBarge St., Hudson Falls, NY. Tickets are \$10.00. Info. 747-4418

- Sembrich Opera Museum presents its Music at the Lake - Summer 2005

Wed., July 27 at 1:30PM - The Silver Bay Chamber Ensemble, \$7.00;

Thurs. July 28 at 10AM, " Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing", opera for children at Bolton Central School - Children \$1, Adults \$3.00

August 3, 1:30PM, Steven Wogaman Pianist - \$7.00

Aug. 10, 1:30PM, Studio Talk, Schubert's Enticing Music and Elusive Life - \$5.00

Aug. 17, 4PM The Orchestra Story, or a short tale of one grand instrument, studio talk, Charles Peltz, Conductor of Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra - \$5.00

Aug 24 , 1:30PM Jeanne Robert Foster "Voice of the Adirondacks", \$5.00

August 28, 3PM, Mary Jane McCormick, Mezzo Soprano, \$15.00

Aug. 31, 1:30PM, Leonid Makarov, pianist, \$7.00.

All concerts with the exception of July 28 are at the Sembrich Museum.

For more info. call 644-2492 (office) or 644-9839 (museum).

- The Lake George Association 2005 Summer Outreach program includes the following:

July 26, Lake Talk: "Woodland Wonders" by Gerry Lemmo

July 27 Floating Classroom 10AM-12PM.

August 2 Lake Talk: "Birds and Gardens" by Drew Monthie

August 3, Floating Classroom 10AM-12PM

August 4 Family Program: "Creek Critters" 10AM-12PM

August 9, Lake Talk: "Using Robotics in the Underwater Archaeological Study of Lake George's Deepwater Shipwrecks" by Joseph W. Zarzynski (Bateaux Below, Inc.)

August 10 Floating Classroom 10AM-12PM

August 11 Family Program: "Birds and Bats", 10AM-12PM

August 16 Lake Talk: "Historical look at Steamboats on Lake George & Lake Champlain plus restoration of *The Ticonderoga* by Richard Strum, Dir. of Education, Fort Ticonderoga

August 17, Floating Classroom 10AM-12PM;

August 18 Family Program: "BUGS! (Ants and Mayflies and Bees, Oh My!)" 10AM-12PM;

August 24 Floating Classroom 10AM-12PM

August 25, Family Program "Wildlife in the Watershed", 10AM-12PM.

Note: All Lake Talks begin at 7:30PM and take place at the LGA building unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change, so please call ahead!

For more information, please contact Karin Badey 668-3558.

- The Ticonderoga Historical Society will hold its annual Summer A-Fair on the grounds of the Hancock House in Ti on Saturday, August 13 from 10AM-4PM, rain or shine. For info. call Robin, 585-7868

- Lake George Land Conservancy presents a program on Edible Mushrooms of the Adirondacks at the Hague Community Center on Sat, Aug. 20 from 1-3PM. Presentation by herbalist and amateur naturalist Nancy Scarzello, a summer resident of Hague and *The Hague Chronicle's* Nature editor.

COSTELLO MEMORIAL

The 2nd Annual John Costello Memorial Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, Aug. 4th at 7pm. A show will take place at North Field at Silver Bay with an outdoor coffee house at the Boat House. The event is open to the public.

The fund, established in 2004, gives a high school senior an opportunity to work at Silver Bay and enjoy the activities.

NATURE NEWS

Black Bears
by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Recent sightings of Black Bears in the Forest Bay and Friends Point area is cause for concern, the danger more so for the bears than for the humans. While the presence of bears conjures up visions of a dangerous predator ravaging the neighborhood or an exclusive photo op for nature lovers, in reality it is a very sad situation to have them frequenting populated areas.

The black bear, *Ursus americanus*, is much smaller than the infamous Grizzly of the West. Standing 2 ? to 3 feet high at the shoulder, an adult can reach up to 6 feet tall if balanced on their hind legs; weighing an average of about 200 pounds, but reaching up to 600 pounds, they are New York State's second largest mammal, second to the moose. They prefer mature forests interspersed with open meadows to provide their main food supply. In spite of their size and tremendous strength, most items black bears eat are small. They feed on a variety of foods with 90% of their diet made up of plant material and the remainder primarily insects, occasionally scavenging carcasses of larger animals or preying on small woodland mammals. (Note that people and dogs are not on the menu.)

In the summer months they are looking for lush vegetation, strawberries, raspberries (a key fruit species for bears), blueberries, and sarsaparilla berries from meadows and the forest floor. Trees provide chokecherries, pin cherries, and dogwood fruits, later in summer and fall they'll look for apples, acorns, beechnuts and mountain ash berries. Throughout the season they use their powerful forearms, long claws and tongue to tear apart rotten logs looking for grubs and insects. But it is their keen sense of smell that lures them to food sources provided by humans. Extreme opportunists when it comes to food, they'll smell birdseed and garbage even if they can't reach it.

They are also considered to be very intelligent with excellent long-term memory and superior navigation skills, creating more problems when humans enter the picture. If the bears learn that they can find food, i.e. birdseed and garbage, near human habitation, they'll not only get used to being around people and learn that humans are not a threat, but remember the source and find their way back if relocated, becoming a nuisance.

Bears that become accustomed to humans, their food and their houses become "chronic nuisances", suffer diet deficiencies and end up getting shot by people or killed accidentally by cars as they cross roads to reach their destination. My sister has had one cross right in front of her car on 9N on two separate occasions in the last couple of weeks ~ both times headed toward homes on the lake. They'll also teach their young how to find food in these places and considering that you can't readily change bear behavior, it is the humans who must change.

Since training bears isn't feasible, Cornell University researchers are launching a program that they hope will change the habits of people that attract the bears. "Be a good neighBEAR...and don't feed the bears! If you remove the food, you remove the bear" is the message they hope to send.

Here is a list of things they suggest we do to prevent black bears from finding our neighborhoods inviting:

1. Discontinue feeding suet and/or birdseed to birds for the summer if bears are in the area. (My parents will hate this, but the bears can smell the smorgasbord set before them) 80% of bear-human encounters involve bird feeders.
2. Do not leave garbage outside of houses or garages. Grease, fat, bacon and other meats are especially attractive to bears and should be disposed of in sealed containers. All garbage should be placed in plastic bags within the can as well. Place camphor disks, mothballs, air fresheners, Lysol or ammonia soaked rags in garbage cans to mask the odors. These apparently are the only smells that deter rather than lure them! Store garbage cans in a secure place indoors such as the garage, rather than out on the porch or deck.
3. Remove the grease can from grills after every use. Turn the grill on "High" for several minutes after you are done cooking. Clean grills and barbecue areas frequently.
4. Do not feed family pets outside; even an empty dish can attract a bear.
5. Do not place any food outside to attract wildlife such as raccoons or squirrels.
6. Bears dislike lights, so leaving an outside light on at night or installing motion sensitive lighting can help deter them.

Without the food source they will not come OR won't stick around, so removing the food is key. Shy and sensitive in nature, we can scare them away with noisemakers such as banging pots and pans, and ~ I love this one ~ boat horns! Let's make the bears head for the hills so both bears and people can live happily ever after.

WEATHER NOTES
by Mary Lou Doulin

Wherever we go this beautiful and hot July we will find ample green. The above average rainfall we have received so far this summer is evident in the greens of the hills, lawns, trees and gardens. This active, southern hurricane season has already impacted us by dumping copious amounts of precipitaton. First it was Hurricane Cindy and now Dennis.

The final half of June was beautiful but by the last week another hot tropical air mass had settled and brought hazy, hot and humid days. From the end of June until now (with the exception of 6/8 and 9), most days have been humid and in the high 80s and low 90s and quite muggy too. The gnats are everywhere - on the beach, in the garden, and on the roads. Strangely the nights have remained in the high 70s and even in the 80s, which is different from the more cooling nocturnal temperatures of previous years.

The weather conditions have really encouraged the perennial and annual blooms to excel and have enhanced the beauty of our community with their presence. All the storm activity (including lots of thunder and lightning) has added a lot of debris to the lake. The branches, rocks and pine needles have made it difficult to wade into the normally clear Hague beach. However, between the life guards, Mike Manning and a few swimmers, it is being nicely cleared.. Swimming is great, the water temperature is about 73 degrees.

July - August 2005

July

27	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution
28	7pm	Zoning Board of Appeals

August

4	7pm	Planning Board
6-7		Townwide Activities (p. 2)
9	6:15 pm	Town Board
16	7pm	Open Town Mtg on Bicentennial (p.1)
17	7pm	Square Dancing in the Park
18		August <i>Hague Chronicle</i> is mailed
20		Huletts Craft Fair & Flea Market
23	noon	Senior Citizens Mtg. (p. 2)
24	1pm	Extra Helping Distribution

LEARN THE "BEAR" FACTS
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Don't Forget:

Ongoing Activities:

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 Wednesdays - Music in the Park (see p. 2)

More Area Events - see page 8

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