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**TOWN OF HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE AND FUNFEST
SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



9AM TO 4PM: FUNFEST AT THE HAGUE TOWN PARK –ROUTE 9N

CRAFTERS, FLOWERING PLANTS, WHITE ELEPHANTS

KIDS' GAMES, FACE PAINTING, DUNKING BOOTH

FOOD CONCESSIONS BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS – HOAGIES, HOT DOGS, BURGERS, SOFT DRINKS, BAKED GOODS, ETC.

DJ MUSIC ALL DAY BY STEVE PELKEY, WOKO RADIO PERSONALITY

10AM - 1PM — EXOTIC ANIMALS

10AM – 1PM — ADIRONDACK SAVE-A-STRAY

10:45 AM — YO-YO CHAMPION

10:15 AM & 11:30 AM — CHAMPLAIN VALLEY K-9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE DEMO

12:30 PM — CAMBRIDGE BAND LIVE CONCERT

AND MUCH MORE

2PM: PARADE – ROUTE 8 TO HAGUE TOWN PARK ON 9N

6 MARCHING BANDS, FLOATS, CLOWNS, CLASSIC CARS, ETC.

PRIZES: BEST IN PARADE, MOST CREATIVE, MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST ADIRONDACK AND BEST YOUTH

HONORABLE MENTION ADULT AND YOUTH AND NEW MOST HUMOROUS.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE.

3:30PM: MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

GUEST SPEAKER

ROBERT WOODRUFF, ABC SPECIAL NEWS CORRESPONDENT

3PM TO 7PM: HVFD'S OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN BBQ – ROUTE 8

TICKETS AT THE DOOR – HAGUE FIRE HOUSE OR FROM HVFD MEMBERS *(See page 2 for details)*

HONORING THE U.S. FLAG

During a parade, at the moment the American Flag passes you, all should stand at attention in silence facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts. Persons in uniform should stand at attention, face the flag and render the military salute.

**HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
ANNUAL CHICKEN & RIBS BBQ
MAY 29TH, 2010
3PM - 7PM**

**Chicken & Ribs BBQ Adults \$12.00
Chicken \$10.00
Children under 12 & \$8.00**

**MENU ½ Chicken, 3 Ribs baked potato,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw
Strawberry shortcake,
Beer, Soda, Water
Also Hamburgers & hotdogs will be served**

**Music provided by Hague DJ
Service
RAFFLES, FUN & MORE!!!!**

**Don't forget the Hague Memorial Day Parade
Starting at 2pm**

Flyer submitted by HVFD

HAGUE CHAMBER MOVES FORWARD

The Hague Chamber is moving forward with some very exciting news. A new continuous loop video, featuring the events and establishments in Hague, is going to be placed at the Visitor's Center at the Town Park this summer.

As a proud participant in the Memorial Day Parade, you'll notice a banner with all of our future events. In the works are a meeting, coordinated by the Chamber along with Town Officials, with representatives from our Town groups and others to plan a yearly calendar of events for our Town. If interested in helping please contact Chamber President Tom Haskell at 585-9890.

With a growing membership of over fifty and looking for new members, we'd welcome your involvement. Please check out our newly designed web site, <www.visithague.com>. We're here to serve you and our Community. Thanks for your support.
... Steve Ramant

CLEAN UP DAYS – JUNE 18 – 19, 2010

Hague's annual clean up days are scheduled for Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19, 2010. On those day, Town residents may bring one standard size pickup truck load for free to the Highway Shed on West Hague Road [not the transfer station] from 7 am to 3 pm only. Items must be sorted – White Goods (stove, washer, dryer but NO refrigerators or dehumidifiers, etc.), Furniture (chairs, TV, sofa, rugs, etc.) and Metal. But no recyclables, no garbage, no brush or leaves, no construction materials (C & D), no tires, no propane tanks.

For those residents who are sixty years of age or older or who are physically disabled/handicapped, the Highway Department will pick up your items which have been sorted and placed at the roadside by 6 am on June 17, 2010. But pre-registration is mandatory!

Call the Community Center at 518-543-6161 for more information or to pre-register.

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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS - SATURDAY, MAY 29

FUNFEST—New Attractions: The EXOTIC ANIMAL EXPERIENCE is being provided by Cindy Bardin from Granville, N.Y. This will include a monkey or two, a baby kangaroo, a baby bear, tortoise, snakes, etc., all animals from far away places. Neat to see in the Adirondacks. Another new attraction will be the CHAMPLAIN VALLEY K-9 SEARCH & RESCUE DOGS organization from Keeseville, NY demonstrating their animals in action. Plus we will have ADIRONDACK SAVE-A-STRAY with pets for adoption. Another Show of interest is our "YO-YO" CHAMP, Grayson Andrushko from Ticonderoga who will be on stage entertaining us with his Yo-Yo expertise. He will also be available during the day to share some of his 'tips on tricks'. Please see page 1 for more details of the day.

PARADE—This year we are honored to have LOU MEGOW as our "GRAND MARSHALL". Lou has an impressive history of Community Service: With the Fire Dept. Ambulance Squad since 1987, ambulance driver, achieved Advanced Life Support Level III Technician, Co-Captain 3 yrs, President HVFD 2 yrs, on Board of Directors for Adirondack Regional Emergency Services, Hague Town Board 11 yrs, Outstanding Senior Citizen-Warren County 1997 and Hague Senior of the Year 2001. We are very proud to have Lou Megow leading our Memorial Day Parade!

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE BEACH—We are pleased to announce that Robert Woodruff, a Silver Bay seasonal resident and ABC Special News Correspondent, will be our Guest Speaker. In the course of his reporting he has seen first hand many war torn countries and heard the stories they all tell. On Saturday he will share with us his thoughts on the meaning of Memorial Day

TRAFFIC CONTROL—Under the direction of David Snow of the Hague Fire Dept. traffic will be controlled by Henry Bariteau and the Hudson Valley Fire Police. Please give them your cooperation. ROAD CLOSINGS will be as follows: West Hague Rd. from Fire House to Hague Town Shed at 1 to 1:45 pm for Parade Lineup (Lineup will be moved down Rt 8 to be at Marching Point by 1:45.) Parade Motor Units - please be in the lineup as early as you can. RT 8 will be closed from Decker Hill east to Rt 9N at 1:45 pm once all Units have cleared. Route 9N closes at 1:50 pm at Dodd Hill and at New Hague Rd.

PARKING—In the Village we have several parking areas available. 1) Darrin Lot across from beach 2) Former Lakeshore Garage property on 9N - Parking Attendants will be available at both sites. Town Lots will have Parade Parking Signs posted - 3) Between Baptist Church & Junipers Shop (4) East of Wesleyan Church 5) Community Center. If you have difficulty finding a spot please stop to ask any Traffic Police or if you see any Red Shirts with White 'H's - that's a Senior - ask them. PLEASE - COME EARLY. Our day starts at 10 - with plenty to keep you entertained. For Easy Viewing of Parade - Chairs can be set up all the way up the Village Street. Judging Stand is located at the Baptist Church parking lot.

NOTE TO BOATERS—HAGUE BOAT LAUNCH will be CLOSED from NOON to 4 pm as a safety measure during the Memorial Day Celebration.

Let's all make this another wonderful DAY TO REMEMBER in the Town of Hague. ... Madeline Pelkey

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our Club's working full speed ahead on its two main upcoming events - the Memorial Day Parade and the Senior View Café during Americade. Donations of White Elephants in good condition are still needed for the Memorial Day Funfest and volunteers for the Senior View Café in June. Please call Club President Pat Hintze (543-6502) or Maureen Cherubini (543-6463) for drop-offs or pickups.

The Club needs many more volunteers during Americade on June 6 to 13, 2010 to man the Senior View Café at the Hague Visitor's Center at the Town Park. You don't have to be a Club member to sign up to help set up, organize, fetch and carry and cook. Please think about signing up for an hour or so each day between 11 am and 4 pm. Help serve coffee with refreshments or lunch. Give a great welcome to Americade cyclists and our hospitality with a smile to all who visit Hague Town Park and Beach. We'd also appreciate donations of homemade macaroni and potato salads. They'll go well with those popular baked potatoes and Sorbett hotdogs Pat has on our menu! This is our way to earn money for an outing of the Senior Club to take a trip just for the fun of it after a year of hard work. We really appreciate cash donations, too, in any amount. Thanks for your support, one and all!

We'll tie up all the loose ends at our regular meeting on May 25, 2010 at 1:30 pm. The Senior Club Board has cooked up some fun for us, too. And refreshments, of course! Bring your friends along. Newcomers are always welcome. We're still the "Swinging Seniors." Come check us out. See you at the Parade!
... Chris Ianson

HVFD NEWS AND EVENT PLANS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) will host their traditional Barbecue on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend following the program after the greatest little parade in the North Country. Offered will be Ribs as well as Chicken with all the trimmings and Strawberry Shortcake. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will also be available. The cost is \$12 for adults (chicken only will be \$10) and \$8 for children under 12.

In regular business all hoses on our 2 engines and pumper have recently been inspected and approved, and the fire rescue boat has had its spring service and is now back in the water. Work is underway to improve the air circulation system in the firehouse in the interest of conserving energy.

In April there were 3 fire calls using 15 man hours and 4 ambulance calls using 34 man hours. There were 15 hours of fire fighter training. Jocelyn Fischer has begun training for Fire Fighter I status, and there will soon be a new opportunity to begin training for fire police (a good time to join us!).

This is the time of year to warn recreational canoers, kayakers and tubers not to take on waters beyond your abilities. You endanger yourselves as well as those who are called on to rescue you.
... Joe McCranel



TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/11/10

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Virginia Smith, Bo O'Leary and Lucy Santaniello.

During public comments, Christine Mckee and Victoria Hoffay discussed with the Board their desire to sell food from a portable wagon during the summer. They would like to use Town property - serving lunch through dinner to optimize the beach crowd - but otherwise will try to use private property. The Board had concerns about parking, access, etc. and would like to hear more specifics. If private property is used it was noted they would need to go through the Planning Board.

Committee Reports:

Assessor & Justice:

The assessment rolls are available at the Community Center. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 25, 2010 from 4 - 8 pm. The Board approved Janet Hanna as alternate to the BAR.

Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement:

The sound system has been updated by Ray Supply and the Board members used the microphones [partially successfully] during the meeting. The cost was much less than the allotted \$1700.

Councilman Martucci has arranged for two local chefs to look at the Community Center kitchen to see what is needed.

Councilwoman Frasier said that work has started on the Veteran's Memorial Park. There are over 300 names that will have to go on it. She also said that the planters will be out before Memorial Day.

Finance & Insurance:

Money will continue to be kept in money market funds because the return is a little more than current CDs.

Highway:

Superintendent Don Smith reported that they had cleaned out the tree in the cemetery, have taken leaves out of the Park and are working with the Seniors on the Memorial Day Parade.

Museum & Historian:

The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be on June 22nd with a program on hotels. They are also working on a marker for Graphite and will bring the proposal to the Board.

Planning/Zoning:

Councilman Gladu has sent to the Board a list of activities that are mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan and those that are responsible for them. He would like to have a workshop with those people and the Town Board.

Recreation, Promotion & Youth:

Councilman Meola reported that the Oktoberfest has a tentative date of September 25, 2010 and the Board needs to sit

down with Donna Wotton for planning. Any youth interested in the Silver Bay summer program should get an application from the Community Center.

Councilman Martucci reported that representatives from the various organizations met and will work together on publicity.

Sewer Districts #1 and #2:

The sewer bills have been sent out. About 75% of the properties in Sewer District #2 are already hooked up.

Town Park:

Councilman Meola reported that the garbage and recycling cans are out and the bathrooms will be open this week. The geese are a problem again, although there are not as many as before.

Transfer Station:

The Town has to renew the agreement for operation of the Transfer Station with Springer since Casella is not able to do it because there is no Crown Point bridge. They will meet with Springer and the proposal is to have the hours stay the same. Councilman Gladu will work further with them on the charges for electronics since they are charging from \$20 - 25 per unit.

Under other business, the Board:

Heard a report from Councilman Gladu who worked with the company (Independent Towers) planning a cell tower on Decker Hill. They did preliminary testing to prepare for sending the permit applications to the APA. The Town would get about \$800 per month for use of the Wastewater plant property.

Learned that Jabes Pond Road has been closed to vehicular traffic by the DEC due to budget constraints. Hikers may still use the area.

Decided to wait on any decision on the banners until working on next year's budget.

Passed Resolution #48 adjusting the EDU for the sewer district for four properties.

Passed Resolution #49 to hold a public hearing on June 8, 2010 at 6:15 pm for discussion of the Capital Cost apportionment for Sewer District #2.

Passed Resolution #50 amending the budget by transferring funds for the contract with the LGA for the summer Lake Steward program, for removal of two trees at the Heritage Cemetery and for a part-time clerk to help with records management.

Passed Resolution #51 declaring the Town as the lead agent for the environmental assessment (SEQR) for the Independent Towers project.

Passed Resolution #52 setting a recreational fee of three hundred dollars to be imposed at the discretion of the Planning Board for a major subdivision.

Passed Resolution #53 declaring there is no negative environmental impact for the cell tower project.

Passed Resolution #54 granting Independent Towers the

right to evaluate the site and do all necessary testing. Because the land was former school property, a release will be needed from the Ticonderoga Board of Education.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/25/10

All Board members were present for a special meeting with Mark Carpenter from Upstate Insurance and the proposed Insurance Policy was accepted. At the meeting, Councilman Meola also pointed out to the Board areas of inconsistency in relation to a matter of bill payment previously discussed.

PLANNING BOARD – 4/1/10

Chairman EJ Siwek and members John Brown, Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, Richard Frasier, Mike Cherubini and Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. were all present.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-41.1 & 26.17-2-42.11) 9117 Lake Shore Drive (Hamlet)

The application is for a Lot Line Change of 3485 sq. ft. approved Lot 1 will go from a 20,038 sq. ft. lot to a 16,553 sq. ft. lot and Lot 2 will go from a 21,780 sq. ft. lot to a 25,265 sq. ft. lot. Both lots are within Sewer District #1.

The Board approved the lot line change as presented with the condition that future sub-division of any lot on this plat equaling a total of 5 or more lots, excepting those lots pre-existing prior to the enactment of the Adirondack Park Act (May 22, 1973), will cause the plat to be deemed a major subdivision as warranted by the Planning Board.

WILSON (25.1-1-17 & 18) Summit Drive & Route 8 (OCI)

The application is for a Major Subdivision of two parcels equaling 148.8 acres into 10 new residential lots. Lot lines have been reestablished so the project is now a Class B regional project and falls under the jurisdiction of the Town of Hague Planning Board.

JOHNSTON (60.5-1-5) 8746 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The application is for a modification to a 2008 approval. The new proposal is for an 1868 sq. ft. (footprint) addition which when completed would sit 56'3" from the Lake. The application was approved with the condition that all conditions are carried forward from the previous application.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 4/22/10

With no applications needing action, the meeting was cancelled.

SEWER DISTRICT #2 CAPITAL COSTS

The Town has the figures for the capital costs of Sewer District #2 and will hold a public hearing on June 8, 2010 at 6:15 pm for those in the district. The apportionment assessment roll is available in the Community Center. The hearing is necessary before action to allow property owners to pay their capital costs up front so that they would save on the interest over the long term.

Users of Sewer District #2 would have one month (from June 8 to July 8) in which to pay their capital cost if they choose the one payment option.

**BOLTON'S SON OF A SAILOR RESTAURANT
OPENS SOON**

by Christine M. Ianson

On the breezy afternoon of May 6, 2010, Steve McCranels introduced me to Tim Mulchy, the co-owner of the *Son of a Sailor Restaurant* in Bolton Landing. Tim was busy elsewhere for a bit, so I hung around watching the good-humored kitchen staff sanitizing and polishing every piece of cooking equipment to get the place ready for the restaurant's grand opening in time for Memorial Day. In the dining room workmen bustled about too—carpenters with measuring tapes, painters in splattered overalls, electricians with clipboards and an inspector waiting to talk to Tim. The job applicants wandered in and out. "Smiling Faces Required," were the first three words in the "help wanted" ad in the *Post-Star*. The kind of employees Tim and his sister Kathleen are hiring have a cheerful view of life with hospitality and restaurant work experience a plus!

Steve McCranels is Tim Mulchy's Front End Manager and on occasion, assistant to Chef Cliff Dutcher. Cliff's culinary experience reaches as far away as Hawaii and as close by as the other side of Lake George. But Steve is no stranger to professional food preparation either. The young Steve followed his father around the kitchen at Silver Bay Association since he was an 8-year old. Later on he became an Emp there and learned to do every job around campus, including working for Tim Mulchy in Silver Bay's kitchen and dining hall. Steve says he learned his love of cooking from his father, Joe McCranels. Joe studied Hotel Management at Paul Smith's College. From then on he packed quite a bit of culinary experience under his belt as chef for the officers during his military service years and during his 25 years in YMCA work.

The McCranels-Mulchy friendship began at Silver Bay over a quarter of a century ago. Joe served as Director of the NYC Holiday Hills Conference Center in Pawling, NY. From 1973-1975 he became the Food Service Manager at Silver Bay Association (known these days as Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks). When Joe joined Silver Bay's administrative staff during the late 1970's and early 1980's, Tim Mulchy came on board and became Joe's Food Service Manager. It was Tim who directed the transition from Silver Bay's old dining room to the new one in 1983.



But on this day, I watch the clouds change shapes in the patch of sky above the sign with the logo of the *Son of a Sailor Restaurant*. Outside at a table on the terrace with a view across 9N to Bolton Bay, Tim Mulchy, the son of a sailor in the flesh, tells a poignant story of what it's really all about—a living legacy from his father, Charlie Mulchy.

There's a flash-back to Charlie Mulchy in 1942, when he's aboard the SS Carlton in the North Atlantic. He's the chief gunner's mate. A torpedo from a German submarine sinks his ship. Charlie Mulchy and thirteen others endure a four-week long ordeal adrift at sea in a lifeboat. They survive only to become prisoners of war. Tim tells about reading what his father Charlie wrote about the experience in secret, on the leaves of a

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WITH THE LGA

Did you know that the Lake George Association (LGA) was started 125 years ago by a group of local fishermen, and that their first project was to stock the Lake with fish? This tradition has continued over the LGA's long 125-year history. If you'd like to join the FUN this year, in stocking Land-locked salmon, contact Emily DeBolt at the LGA. Volunteers will be going out on May 26 and 27, 2010.

On June 9 and 10, 2010, the LGA will host "LGA Day in Hague" at the Hague Town Park from 11 am – 2 pm where an educational and information booth will be set up. On June 19, 2010, Emily DeBolt, LGA director of education, will lead a lake-friendly workshop, "Landscaping with Native Plants." For more information on these programs or for the complete summer schedule please visit the LGA website at <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

LGLC ANNOUNCES SPRING EVENTS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites the public to participate in the following activities. The events are free but all require advance registration by calling Sarah at 518-644-9673, email shoffman@lglc.org, or visit <www.lglc.org>.

Saturday, June 5, 2010: Join the LGLC staff at 9 am to learn basic trail maintenance techniques while helping to clean up the trail system at Wiawaka Holiday House (3778 State Route 9L). Wiawaka is a nonprofit organization that provides a summer retreat for all women over 18 years of age. Lunch included, register by 5/28/10.

Saturday, June 19, 2010: Take a hike from 9 am to 1 pm to an active rookery (Great Blue Heron Rookery, Gull Bay Preserve, Putnam) and watch these majestic birds as they interact as a colony. Along the way learn about the natural landscape and its plants and animals. Hike intensity is moderate (2½ miles round-trip), appropriate for most ages. Register by 6/16/10.

SEED KITS AVAILABLE

The Warren County 4-H program, through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), is working in partnership with the Master Gardener program to promote home gardening. Through our vegetable seed starter kit fund raiser the purchaser will receive five different vegetable seed packs, full growing instructions for each seed type, garden row markers, and the newest Cornell Cooperative Extension '2010 Booklet on Vegetable Varieties.' The vegetable seed kit includes tender green beans, cucumber, lettuce, squash and tomato seed packs. Each seed kit is only \$5.

Proceeds from the starter kits will be used by the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H (Youth Development Program) and the Master Gardener Volunteer (Consumer Horticulture Education Program) to help support the many 4-H youth programs in Warren County and the Master Gardener Volunteer programs that provide science-based gardening information to people in our community.

The seed kits are available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office on 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information contact CCE at 518-668-4881.

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB



The Hague Fish and Game Club had a very successful Spring Breakout ATV & Horse Ride on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The ride left the Clubhouse around 9 am and stopped for lunch halfway through the ride. Upon return a heated Horseshoe Tournament was held with a surprise winner. Everybody enjoyed the BBQ and danced into the night with records being spun by that famous local DJ, Tom Haskell, assisted by Meg.

The renovated Clubhouse, with its new Pine Bar and completely remodeled stainless kitchen was the talk of the day. If you haven't seen the completed work, please stop out and visit the new Clubhouse. ... Steve Ramant



AARP 55-ALIVE DRIVING COURSE

Sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens Club, this class will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 8 am to 4 pm. Benefits for taking this course include a possible 10% reduction on your auto insurance for three years and a reduction in points incurred on your driver's license, if any. This course is open to everyone and the fee is \$12 for AARP members (must bring your membership card) or \$14 for non-AARP members. All must bring your driver's license. Cash is acceptable and checks are to be made out to AARP 55-Alive.

Coffee will be served in the morning but please bring your own lunch. Since registration is limited, sign up by contacting Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

ROTARY DINNER

The Northern Lake George Rotary will host an International Dinner on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 6 pm in Gullen Lounge, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. The menu will include Moroccan eggplant salad, Georgian pork stew, Bilboa-style red snapper, chargrilled sirloin and salsa verde, five spice stir fry with vegetables and bananas foster. The cost for the dinner is \$30 per person including beverages. Children six and under are half price. A raffle and Silent Auction will also be held with proceeds going toward community and International service projects. For reservations, please contact Michelle Benedict at 585-7785 or David Cornell at 543-6081.

Rotary meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays at Silver Bay during the summer months and at Heritage Commons in Ticonderoga during the winter. Prospective members and visitors are always welcome.

POSTAL PATRONS RESPOND TO FOOD DRIVE

The Hague Food pantry was given 152 pounds of food donated by the rural carrier patrons on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This total was one of the largest ever according to Postmaster Jackie Fort. ... Steve Ramant



Did you ever notice “Mohican Crafters” on *The Hague Chronicle’s* monthly calendar of meetings and wonder, “what’s that all about?” Or did you ever look up as you entered the Community Center and see a large, beautifully done quilt of state flowers and wonder, “who did that?” The answer to both questions is pretty much the same.

The Mohican Crafters are a small group of four to eight women who meet twice a month to sit around a table and chat and stitch and catch up on each other’s lives as they crochet, knit, mend – whatever needlework they may be working on at the moment. They always have a bite to eat and occasionally go out for lunch together. They are all that remains of a much larger group, The Mohican Chapter of the New York State Home Bureau.

The Home Bureau was an outgrowth of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The group which met at Hague consisted of a maximum of 55 members, with the majority shifting back and forth between Hague and Ticonderoga ladies. It was a very structured organization that required attendance at district meetings, dues to be paid, and the purchase of whatever materials were needed for the designated “craft”. Founders of the group in Hague were Betty Decker, Ada Hoyt, and Ada Burgey.

Although it’s unclear when the group was founded, they did publish a cookbook at one time. It was undated, but listed Thomas Smith as Town Supervisor and we know that he held that position in 1972-73. Blanche Hanna recalled in 2009 that she had been a member for 30 years. Her friend Ethel Andrus had talked her into joining. Jackie Ambra, still a member today, has been with the group for 22 years. Her neighbor Ruth Huestis encouraged Jackie to join once she and her husband had retired to Hague. Probably the member with the longest tenure is Hague’s Marguerite West.

Among their projects were making hats for newborns and cancer patients, quilts for Ronald McDonald House and all manner of craft projects from slipcovers to lampshades and even some cooking projects. The quilt that adorns the wall at the Community Center has a square for each state with the state flower and some additional squares.



The squares were all hand-embroidered and the finished squares were assembled by Emma Werschky. Many of the older women at the time found the embroidery difficult with aging hands and eyes so about 16 members embroidered with some taking on extra squares – Jackie did about 13. They worked on the squares at home and at their meetings. “We thought we’d never get there,” recalls Jackie, but as you can see at the Community Center, they did get there.

Present members of the group are Jackie Ambra, Maureen Cherubini, Mary Collett, Nancy Harrigan, Christine Ianson, Pat McDonough, Gertrude Raczkowski, Marguerite West and Jo Wray. They stitch for themselves, but they also create hats, mittens, scarves, and lap blankets for charities. Last year they contributed these to the Tiny Tim Program in Ticonderoga and they plan to do that again this year. In fact, they’ll have a few things for sale at the beach at Hague’s Memorial Day Celebration. The proceeds will be contributed to the Tiny Tim Program along with their ever increasing stockpile of handmade goods. Stop and see them that Saturday! ... Pat McDonough

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We hope you’ll stop by our table at the Fun Fest at the Town Beach on Saturday, May 29, 2010. We’ll be bringing a few volumes of the Museum’s pictures and programs for your perusal – they drew a lot of interest last year.

You can also buy Historical Society note cards and raffle tickets – 3/\$5 – for the Warren County Historical Society’s new book “Warren County – Its People and Their History Over Time”. It’s a great book to share with guests who might be interested in learning more about our region. Good present for history buffs too! The drawing for the winning raffle ticket will be at our Annual Meeting on June 22. ... Pat McDonough

LAKE GEORGE SHIPWRECKS DOCUMENTARY

A documentary, “Wooden Bones: The Sunken Fleet of 1758,” has been released by Pepe Productions, a Glens Falls, NY-based multi-media firm, and Bateaux Below, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that studies Lake George shipwrecks. “Wooden Bones” examines the historical event at Lake George known as “The Sunken Fleet of 1758.” It was the autumn of 1758, three years into the French & Indian War (1755-1763). With winter approaching and no fort to protect their fleet, Fort William Henry had been destroyed the previous year, British forces at Lake George made a fateful decision. They deliberately sank much of their flotilla, over 260 warships, to protect their wooden vessels from their enemy, the French. The British put their watercraft into “cold storage” intending to raise them the following year. Many of these sunken vessels, however, were not retrieved in 1759 and today they offer unparalleled opportunities for scientific study.

Hague summer resident, Dr. Russell Bellico, a Lake George maritime historian, is interviewed in the documentary. For more information including viewing the documentary trailer and how to order the DVD, consult the web site <www.woodenbones.com>.

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Virginia Marie Smith, 70, of North Creek on April 16, 2010. Ginny lived in Hague many years and is survived by her former husband, Ken Smith, Jr., longtime companion, John Austin, her sons Mike Smith and wife, Rachel; Mark Smith and wife, Sandy; Joseph Smith and wife, Anne; and daughters Claralee Allard and husband, Dan and Karen Smith (Rhino) as well as siblings and numerous grandchildren.

DIED: Krager M. Blow, 43, of Jacksonville, FL in a tragic motorcycle accident on April 20, 2010. He is the son of Esther (Fisher) and Raymond Blow of Grand Isle, VT. Esther grew up in Hague and attended Hague Central School where her mother, Esther, was a teacher.

RUTH ROBBINS DOING WELL

Ruth Robbins, who had a bad fall in her home last winter, is doing well in a rehabilitation facility in Glens Falls. She still has a long road ahead of her, however, and would certainly enjoy cards or visits from her Hague friends. A lifelong resident of Hague, Ruth was the secretary at Hague Central School for many years and knows all of the people who went to school in Hague.

Her address is: The Pines - Mrs. Ruth Robbins, Room #419B, 170 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

SILVER BAY ANNOUNCES SUMMER PREACHERS

Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks has announced the following preachers for 2010 at the Hughes Memorial Chapel with the Sunday services beginning at 10 am unless otherwise noted.

On May 16 and 23, Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Silver Bay YMCA Chaplain; June 6, Rev. Sandra Courdet, Area Executive for Africa Office- United Church of Christ Africa, at 10:30 am in the Auditorium; June 13 (9 am) and June 20, Rev. Tamlyn; June 27, Carol Fournier, Director/Co-founder of the Silver Dove Institute, Williston, VT.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students from Hague who made the Honor Roll at Ticonderoga High School during the third marking period.

Grade 12

First Honors – Kaley Manning, Jamie Patchett

Second Honors – Taylor Denno

Grade 10

First Honors – Corey King, William Lawrie

Second Honors – Abigail Gurney

Grade 9

First Honors – Grace Ginn

Second Honors – Karney Manning, Jordan McKee

FORT TICONDEROGA GARDEN PROGRAM

On Tuesday, June 8, 2010, herbalist Nancy Wotton Scarzello will explore the Fort Ticonderoga gardens and grounds on a 90-minute walk and talk. Join her to learn about the traditional and folkloric uses of wild plants, trees and mushrooms found here and in our own yards! Nancy will share ways we can still use these plants for foods and homemade medicines. The fee is \$15 and pre-registration is required for this 1:30 pm program. The rain date will be June 9th. Call (518) 585-2821 to register or for more information.

WILDERNESS EXPLORATION FOR YOUTH

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE) 4-H Program will be conducting a three day Wilderness Exploration trip July 13 – 15, 2010 for 12 - 15 year olds at Putnam Pond. The trip is designed to give youth a basic knowledge of the Adirondack environment including its forest and wildlife. Low-impact camping is stressed, developing in youth an attitude that they are part of, not apart from, the environment in which they live.

Activities on the trip will include woods lore and safety, identification of forest trees and wildlife, compass skills, canoeing skills and safety. The trip will be well chaperoned and under the leadership of an experienced environmental educator.

Registration fee is \$50 and a pre-trip meeting will be held on July 9, 2010 at 6 pm. Register by June 10th by calling CCE at 518-623-3291.

HAGUE ARTS FAIR AND FARMER'S MARKET

Vendors of handcrafted items as well as local produce vendors are being solicited right now for the 39th Annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague-On-Lake-George Chamber of Commerce. New this year is an invitation to local vendors who would be interested in selling produce, fresh flowers and artisan bread. Dates for the event are August 7, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm and August 8, 2010 from 10 am to 3 pm.

All vendors are invited to participate at a reasonable cost. The show is held at the Hague Community Center. Outside spaces are still available.

For more information on the Arts Fair please contact Judy Schultz at 518-543-6769 or <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com>.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

The Lake George Community Garden Club will hold its annual perennial plant sale on the grounds of the St. James Episcopal Church, 172 Ottawa Street, Lake George on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 9 am – 4 pm.

Hundreds of perennial plants for both sunny and shady gardens will be on sale. Fruit, vegetable and herb plants will also be offered, and members of the garden club will be available to answer gardening questions.

This annual event is a great opportunity for all those interested in gardening to purchase plants at very reasonable prices. Proceeds from the plant sale benefit the community service projects of the Garden Club.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Remembrances through Nature

Several years ago, my friend Cindy in Ohio sent me a collection of plants from her garden. Cindy was a grower and researcher of Chinese medicinal plants and these made an interestingly beautiful addition to my display garden on my herb farm in VT. I left those plants in VT when I moved here two years ago, having no permanent place to move them. A month ago, Cindy also left us and made her journey to the spirit world, and I have had the strange sensation of deep sadness and missing her juxtaposed with this feeling of joy and love when I think of her and those plants ~ and I feel her presence a lot! The feeling nagged at me constantly to “do something” until I finally said, “what the heck, give it a try” ~ I made arrangements to go back and dig up the plants and bring them here, creating a new garden where she’ll be remembered through the plants ~ she’ll love that!

I have other people/plant connections that have developed through the years. My grandparents on my mother’s side lived in Connecticut and you’d hardly think that a cactus would remind me of my grandmother, but it does and I laugh out loud ~ happy when I do! She had potted cacti *blooming* on her windowsills and on a little table in an upstairs bedroom. Every winter, she and my grandfather would travel to Arizona and California to visit with my aunt and uncle. She’d find some little cactus baby growing in the desert and get my grandfather to kick it out of the ground with his shoe, scoop it up with a rolled up newspaper and tuck it into her suitcase. Being the drought survivors that they are, those cacti would make the trip home and be happy, happy, happy to bloom on her windowsill! Periodically, my grandfather would drive her over to the family woodlot (I got to go one time!) where he would dig a bucket of loamy woods soil for her houseplant potting mix. He kept that bucket in the trunk of his car, and it got lots of use. He even would bring home buckets of sand from the ocean beach to mix in for the cactus!

Last week I was cleaning up the yard in Forest Bay and had to rake around the sky blue forget-me-nots blooming in the lawn. I picked a bouquet like my grandfather (on my father’s side) would do in May when he and my grandmother arrived for the summer. Those blue forget-me-nots and the tiny pink gay wings growing down by the beach remind me of my grandmother and how she loved those little bouquets he would give her. Sometimes he’d send me in with the flowers, but she knew the message was from him, that he loved her and would forget-her-not. Me too.

Memorial Day traditions often include planting a tree, sometimes ceremonially, to remember and honor those loved ones that have passed. Spring is the time to do that planting, a time of re-birth and renewal, and a way for those memories to live on. I like that. Connecting a specific tree or planting and the beauty and joy it brings us, with the person, like I will have with my garden of Cindy’s plants. But I also like associating a plant in general ~ not a specific one ~ with that person. Like the forget-me-not and cactus ~ whenever and wherever I see them, they remind me of my grandparents. Flowers, trees, plants of all kinds, can heal on many levels ~ isn’t that a beautiful way to remember?

SON OF A SAILOR (Continued from page 5)

diary he had to hide from the German prison guards at Marlog Norg, where Charlie was held in the German POW camp during 1942 to 1945. Charlie never talked about his experiences to his children, but Kathleen has written down the things her father always said. One of them is: “I was just a sailor who happened to go in and out of hell...out is better!” And so it is.

Tim and Kathleen will thank you for “...tossing your anchor at Son of a Sailor, Bolton Landing; even if just for a while....Most of all enjoy yourself, laugh out loud, life is good...trust Charlie on that point!”

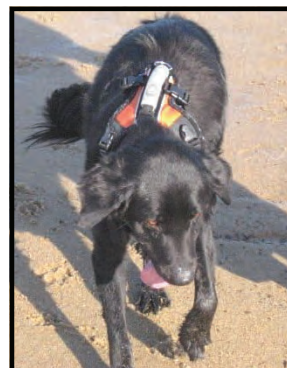


Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Hague, April 17 – May 14, 2010

After a rainy start to the reporting period, the weather improved on April 19 - 25 with sunshine and spring temperatures in the 60’s. Then a cold front moved in dropping daytime temperatures to a high of 36°. On April 27 we saw snow flurries for most of the day. In the higher elevations of Northern Clinton County and in Northern Vermont about a foot of snow accumulated. Here in Hague, the ground was covered but quickly melted. By Friday, April 30, temperatures were back in the 70’s. The high for the period occurred Saturday, May 1 with 85 degrees. Sunday was warm and humid at 84 degrees. May 3 - 7 temperatures were in the 70’s with mixed clouds and sun. Friday night, May 7 into Saturday May 8, there was an inch of rain. This past week, May 9 - 13, there have been freeze warnings each night. I noticed some plants were affected by the frost. Several hydrangeas in my yard have blackened and/or wilted leaves. Apple growers were particularly concerned about their crops. Be aware that the last frost free days in our area are not until May 30. Looking ahead to next week’s forecast shows that most daytime highs will be in the 70’s with lows in the 40’s. About 2.77” rain fell during the period.

RECOVERING CONTINUES FOR DIXIE



Dixie, whose story we have covered in the last few issues, is continuing in her recovery to be able to walk on her own. Donations toward the medical bills can be sent to: The Dixie Fund, 123 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

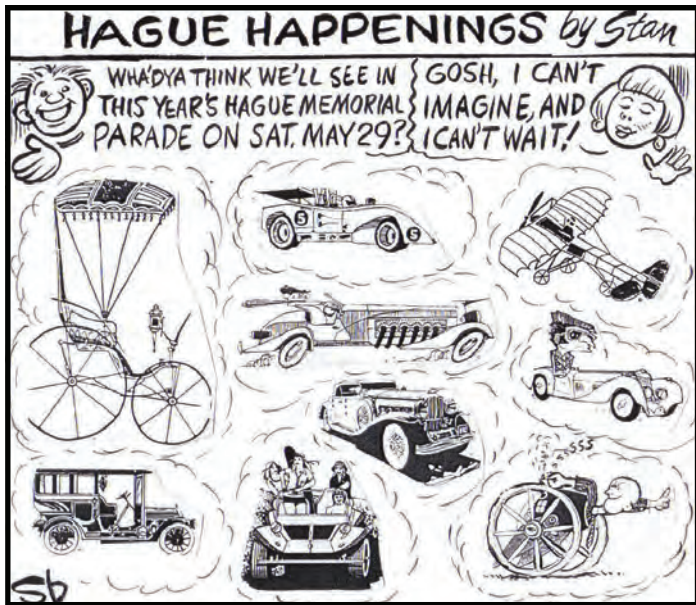
HAGUE CALENDAR

MAY

- 25 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 27 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 29 HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY— No school

JUNE

- 2 6 pm Rotary International Dinner
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 – 11 Americade – Motorcycles in LG area
- 8 1:30 pm Fort Ticonderoga Garden program
- 8 6:15 pm Public Hearing
(Sewer District #2 Capital Costs)
- 8 6:30 pm Regular Town Board meeting
- 9 – 10 LGA Day in Hague at Town Park
- 11 News deadline for June issue (note early date)
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 17 8 am – 4 pm AARP 55-Alive driving course
- 17 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed



CARTOON MUSEUM FINAL SEASON

Stan Burdick, Owner/Director of the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum and volunteer cartoonist for *The Hague Chronicle*, has announced the final season for the museum. The museum will be open every Friday throughout the summer, as well as by appointment (518-585-7015).

Stan also announced that the 700 piece collection is available for sale or relocation. Burdick has been creating and collecting cartoon art for over half a century. It is hoped that these original comic creations can be relocated intact to provide a showplace for this incredible collection.



NORTH COUNTRY TRIATHLON



Registration for the North Country Triathlon on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Hague is filling up fast. They only have 60 spots remaining – out of a total field of 400 racers. For those who have already registered, racer specific emails will be sent out soon.

The Triathlon is still looking for energetic, talented and fun people to help put the race on. Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday and will receive a t-shirt, great food and lots of fun. To register for the Triathlon or to volunteer for the event, see <www.northcountrytri.com>.

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