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YOUR TOWN AT WORK

This month we are featuring our seasonal workers. Lots of dedication is needed by these Town employees who ensure the smooth operation of the Town Beach, Launch area and Visitor Center.



Staffing the Visitor Center are Evelyn Gravelle, Susan Adair and Joe McCrannels. Keeping order in the boat launching area are Kathi Ramant and Scott Barringer.

Evelyn, who is a retired receptionist from International Paper, has lived on Lakeshore Drive for 27 years and volunteers at St. Mary's. Susan, a nurse from Saratoga Springs, lives in Graphite. Joe retired to Hague from the YMCA and is working for the fourth year in the Park.

Kathi and her husband, Steve, live on Pine Orchard Road and are active in many community groups. Scott, whose first interest is music, has lived in Hague for 13 years.

The lifeguards at the beach this summer have already returned to college - Bryce Gurney to SUNY Cortland, Sarah Bissell to Liberty University, Lynchburg, PA, and John Paul Ockin from Crown Point to Houghton College.



HAGUE SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Since the Seniors don't meet in the month of July, we are now looking forward to our Annual Picnic which will be held on Tuesday, August 28th at the Hague Fire House starting at noon. The Club supplies burgers, franks, drinks and dessert, while members utilize their talents in the kitchen once again to bring a picnic fare dish to share. This is a fun gathering when we get a chance to sample great recipes and catch up on all the summer time news. Anyone who is interested in joining us, please do come and bring along one of your favorite food items too. During the meeting we will discuss the plans for our Fall Outing and the Signup Sheet for those who wish to attend will be available.

The Club Raffle for the Party Basket has done very well this summer. This great gift consists of a beautiful wool afghan handmade by member Shirley Smith plus a bottle of wine with cheese & crackers. The raffle drawing will be held during the picnic on August 28th. Some lucky 'winning ticket holder' will be getting a call from us very soon. We thank all of you who took part in this Senior fund raiser.

We have many fun plans on tap for the next few months - Meetings of Interest, our Fall Outing, a few 'mini-trips' will be available, a Halloween Party (of course), the December Christmas Tree Shop to plan for, & that favorite annual Christmas Bash is definitely a special event. Plus, we know there is always a surprise or two on the agenda - have to have those!! So folks - any of you readers who are 50+ why not plan to check us out. Membership is only \$5 a year and we are a great Club to belong to - just ask any one of the Members!! You will be glad you did. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Community Center at 1:30 pm unless otherwise advertised. Hope to see you at the picnic on the 28th! ... mp

CROP WALK

Do you know that about 800 million people in the developing world are chronically undernourished? That number is almost three times the population of the U.S. You can help alleviate the number of hungry people by participating in the CWS/CROP Walk. Help the Hungry and Get Exercise, Too

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, at 1:30 P.M., the Ticonderoga region will again hold a Church World Service CROP Walk to benefit hungry people around the world, with at least 20% of the funds raised going back into the local community. Registration and the Walk will begin at the entrance of Bicentennial Park, near the Heritage Museum, on the corner of Montcalm St. and Tower Ave., Ticonderoga. In case of rain, registration will be held upstairs in the Elks Lodge across the street (Tower Ave.). The Walk will be a 4 mile walk through Ticonderoga, with a 1 or 2 mile shorter route option. Walkers are asked to get sponsors ahead of time for donations for their walk; and/or the walkers may sponsor themselves.

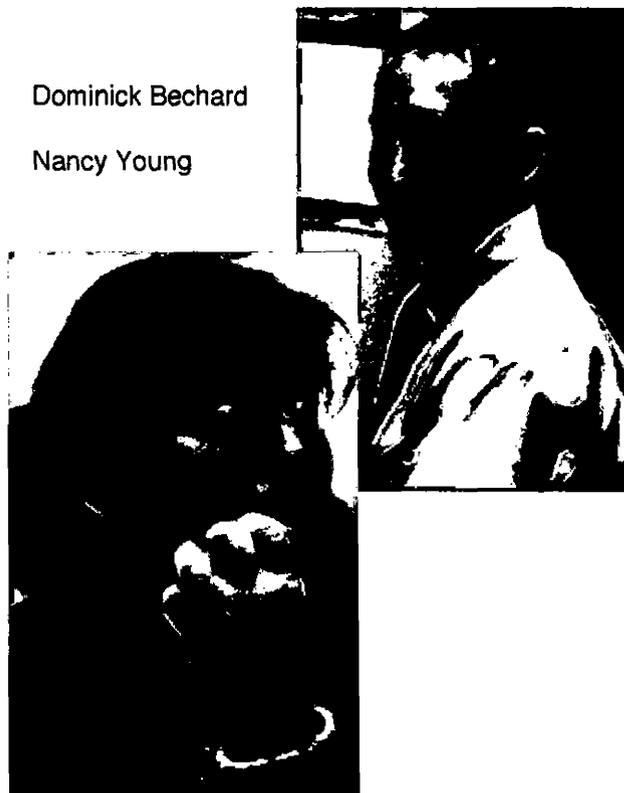
Church World Service sponsorship/donation forms should be filled out ahead of time. To get the forms or more information, contact Beverly Sann at (518) 543-6299 or <bbsann@nycap.rr.com>.

MORE - YOUR TOWN AT WORK

There are two other "specialists" who work for the Town. Dominick Bechard is the Court Clerk and is at the Community Center every Thursday tending to the court records for Justice Knott. Dominick lives in Ticonderoga and is a graduate of THS. Nancy Young, a former Town Clerk, serves as the Recording Secretary for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board. Nancy is a long-time resident of Hague and well-versed in the meeting structure of these Boards. She is also called upon to take minutes for special meetings.

Dominick Bechard

Nancy Young



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SEASONAL RESIDENTS TAKE NOTICE

Jackie Fort, Hague Postmaster, asks that you please take notice of these new procedures. If you are leaving this fall and have a PO Box or a mailbox, go to the Post Office, ask your letter carrier, or go on <www.USPS.com> to fill out a forwarding card.

This card is only good for 6 months. If you are away longer than that, you will have to fill out a second card during the winter. If you are returning here next summer, please mark your forwarding card TEMPORARY.

AND FOR THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

We now have both your addresses on file with the forwarding dates. This system works well if you use the same forwarding date each year. However, if there is a change, please let us know so we can update our computer. Thanks!

The mailing dates for the remainder of 2007 are September 20, October 18, November 21 and December 20.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

A final program in the Wednesday series of music in the Hague Town Park will be held on August 29th. The Smith Vontury Band will play that evening according to band member, Scott Barringer.

YOUTH TENNIS OFFER

The United States Tennis Association is giving a free tennis racket and a cinch bag with each junior membership. The cost of the junior membership is \$ 18.00. and benefits include the USTA Magazine, USTA League Tennis, USTA Tournament Tennis, discount on Travel, exclusive USTA Merchandise, special perks at top US Tournaments, and access to USTA resorts and camps.

This offer is made available through the Warren County Youth Bureau. For an application and further information, please contact Rudy Meola.



The Graphite Mountain Stoneworks retail building was completely destroyed by fire recently. The business is owned by Doug and Karen Laundree.

HVFD LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department has announced the resignation of Chief Chris Swinton who cited business and personal concerns. Chris was in the Fire Department for nineteen years, eight as Chief, where he spent long hours and led by example being the first to say "I'll do it!" when something needed to be done even when it was difficult to do. As the leader of the most important group serving health and safety needs of the Town, Chris always put the Department first.

The Department was faced with trying to fill some very large boots. The Department appreciated Swinton's offer to continue until the end of the year but felt that they needed to get on with the task of reorganizing the position of chief and to put in place right away an interim solution while they work on a long term answer. So, with deep appreciation to him for his outstanding service to the Department and community, they accepted his resignation.

The Department announces that Jim Young and David Hoffay have been elected Co-Chiefs on an interim basis with Paul Belden remaining as Assistant Chief. These three, along with Ray Mury, President, and Charlie Antonetti, Vice President, will form "the office of the chief" with responsibility to reorganize Department leadership while continuing to maintain a high level of operations and administration as they look to identify a new chief. ...jb

BURNING ALERT

While there is no official burn ban in effect at present, we all know how dry the forests and fields are in the general Hague area. The Hague Volunteer Fire Department therefore advises that residents not burn except when necessary, and use extreme caution when doing so.

In July there were 7 fire calls using 98 man hours and 16 ambulance calls using 288 man hours. We anticipate significant reorganization in the department with the loss of Chief Chris Swinton. We suggest that this would be an excellent time to consider joining the department to be a part of the team that charts a new course for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. We are recruiting new members to become Firemen, EMTs, and support personnel.

Contact any member of the department for more information. ...jm

ANTIQUES SHOW OVER LABOR DAY

Hague Creek Gifts and Antiques is holding an Antiques Show on September 1 and 2 from 10 am to 4 pm. Dealer spaces are available for \$25 and antiques, artisans and crafters are all welcome. For further information, call 518-543-8155.

PLANNING BOARD - 8/2/07

Chairman David Swanson, Tim Costello, Peter Foster and Pam Peterson were present and Rolly Allen, John Brown, and E.J. Siwek were absent.

Best (10-1-17) New Hague Rd. OCII

The application for subdivision of a 26.42 acre parcel into lots of 18.42 acres and 8 acres was approved. Pam Peterson noted the importance of implementing a stormwater management plan.

Hume (26.6-1-9) 34 Forest Bay Rd., N (TR-1R)

The applicant has resubmitted an application for a deck addition to a legal non-conforming house which was previously approved by the Planning Board but denied by the APA stating a hardship was not established. Three sets of plans were submitted but the Board recommended the ZBA wait until the APA makes its determination.

In other business, the Board voted to recommend the Proposed Telecommunications Ordinance to the Town Board for adoption.

David Swanson and fellow members expressed gratitude to Tim Costello who is retiring from the Planning Board after many years of service.

Peter Foster provided an update on pedestrian safety. A petition to the Town Board for such items as sidewalks, crosswalks and signage will be circulated.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS-7/19/07

Chairman Robert Goetsch, George Ianson, Glenn McKee and Bill Pittman were present and Donna Charboneau, Martin Fitzgerald and Lindsay Mydlarz were absent at this meeting that was held a week earlier than usual.

Town of Hague Sewer District #2

Proposed Sewer District #2, will extend through the Friends Point/Forest Bay area in the north and to Arcady Bay in the south. Major public utilities are not an allowed use in the OCII and RC areas, (portions of Friends Point/Forest Bay), thus requiring a "change of use" variance which was approved.

Weinstein, (60.5-1-20), 55 Pine Cove Rd., TR2

The applicant is requesting a variance for a 12x15 ft. storage shed located 32.5 ft. from the shoreline. An existing 4x4 ft. shed, located 22 ft. from the shoreline will be removed if the variance is granted. Members questioned the need for such a substantial sized building and discussed other options available to the applicant. The variance was denied.

Hume (26.6-1-9) 34 Forest Bay Rd. N (TR-1R)

The applicant is resubmitting an application for a deck addition to a legal non-conforming house. A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 23, 2007.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 7/17/07

Present were Supervisor Belden, R. Gladu, A. Steitz and E. Frasier. According to the minutes (since *The Hague Chronicle* did not know in advance about this meeting) among the actions taken at the meeting were:

- Appointment of Mark Martucci to fill the vacancy on the Town Board until 12/31/2007 due to the resignation of Tom LaPointe
- Desire to send a letter of thanks to David Darrin for the use of his property as a parking lot
- Hiring of Bob Rafferty as a part-time sub-contractor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Increase in salary for Plant Operator due to increase in work and hours

Councilman Gladu would like the Town to start having the water tested for e-coli at the beach, due to the multitude of geese.

NOISE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL RESCINDED

Due to our error in listing the time of the meeting, *The Hague Chronicle* was not present at the August 13, 2007 Public Hearing which was held at 6 pm. Town Board members Belden, Frasier, Gladu and Martucci were present.

The notice of the Public Hearing stated that "this proposed Local Law #1 of 2007 shall be submitted for approval to the qualified voters of the Town of Hague at the general election to be held on the 6th day of November 2007." Although only listed as a hearing, Supervisor Belden moved to rescind their previous vote to put the proposal on the ballot. The only vote against this action was from Councilman Gladu who noted that there was a great deal of input in the form of petitions, letters, emails, and phone calls of approximately 125 people on both sides of the issue.

\$23.8 MILLION BOND ISSUE

The Ticonderoga School Board will hold a vote on September 25, 2007 from noon to 8 pm for a \$23,872,700 bond to be used to update facilities in the district. Voting in Hague will take place in the Community Center. According to the *Times of Ti*, the proposal calls for an addition at the high school, creation of new classroom space, moving administrative offices, improved parking and renovation of current facilities. *The Hague Chronicle* hopes to have more specifics on the funding in its next issue which will come out a few days before the vote.

An informational meeting will be held in Hague at the Community Center on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm. Dick Gladu has been working to encourage Hague voters to attend the meeting so that they will be fully informed about the expenditures and what the bond issue would mean for Hague property owners.

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Art Steitz, Dick Gladu, Edna Frasier and Mark Martucci were present.

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board acting as the Board of Health regarding an application for 7 variances for a Gravity Distribution Mound Septic System for White (93.12-1-34) in Silver Bay. Bob Holmes of Jarrett Martin engineering firm presented the proposal. Concerns about the proposal were presented by Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper and Dave Ehmann for Beach Lambert and questions were asked by neighbor, Mrs. Johnson. The Board voted to table the hearing until more information was available about the concerns.

A moment of silence was held for Ella Frasier Contreni, Keith Tyler and Calvin Tyler.

Comments were made with reference to the decision by the Board to rescind the action to put the Noise Ordinance on the ballot. The Board felt that there was not enough public interest in the matter although many people had participated in a number of meetings on the issue and had wanted it to be left up to the voters.

Rolly Allen, Bub Siwek, Peter Foster and Pam Peterson, all members of the Hague Planning Board, expressed concerns about speeding, crosswalks and general road safety in the hamlet and presented a petition with about 200 signatures that they had obtained in a relatively short time.

Since some of the recommendations need to be approved by the State DOT, Supervisor Belden said he would send the information to the state.

Town Board member Frasier said that the state would not reduce the speed zone and a crosswalk is not needed. She said, "Individuals need to take responsibility, 30 mph is what other towns are doing. I question what requests come to us."

ZEO Cathy Clark noted that trucks come down the Route 8 hill at more than 30 mph, but that speed limit is not being enforced. She also noted the narrow space across from post office is a dangerous spot.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that the Ticonderoga School Board has set a date of September 25th to vote on a proposition for a \$23 million, 20 year bond. He will contact the school district and try to get public meetings set up in Hague. He encouraged everyone to be fully informed about the proposal.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - The ramp still needs to be done so the Town must send out a package with proposal needs to possible contractors.

CARE/Enhancement Committee - Councilman Steitz reported that the boat launch boardwalk has been completed and the general contractor should be done next week before the Bicentennial.

Highway - The new truck is in. Supervisor Belden noted that on a recent project the highway department had "no hats, no vests, no signage." Highway Superintendent Smith said the need for correct safety procedures has been brought to their attention.

Museum & Historian - Board member Frasier remarked on the "tremendous postcard program" put on by the Historical Society. She would like to see more cases in the museum and has talked to the President, Holly de Buys.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - There are 2 applications for the Planning Board vacancy and a recommendation will be made next month.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth - Councilman Steitz remarked about the excellent Youth program at Silver Bay.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Supervisor Belden said they are waiting for the federal government comment period and then can go out to bids. An attorney is working on an easement problem.

Town Park - A sign will go up that there are no lifeguards on duty as they have already left to go back to college.

Under unfinished business, the Board

- Learned that the owner of the trailer on Yaw Road has until September 10 to move it or it will be moved by the highway crew. Supervisor Belden will write a letter.
- Thanked Perry Girard and Tavish Costello for the benches on the bridge in memory of John Costello and James Girard.
- Passed Resolution #54 to change the EDU's for Juniper Design (43.5-2-5) from 1 to 1/2 for a retail store.
- Received a letter from Mark Brissette concerning sewer operating conditions at 7 Skippers Way. The Board learned that the electricity was cut off and ZEO Clark asked, "Where is the sewage going?" A suggestion was made that the Board of Health may have to close it down but no action was taken.
- Received the Parade committee's financial statement.
- Heard again that the Town of Hague Equalization Rate for the 2007 is 70.50.
- Approved Kinsley Power's Service Agreement for generator maintenance.
- Passed Resolution #55 on Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. All information is now in the hands of the cell providers.
- Passed Resolution #56 on a budget amendment.

NOTE: The Town Board has determined that anything for the agenda must be submitted by noon on the preceding Friday.



Newly appointed Town Board Member
Mark Martucci 8/07

WOW - WHAT A BIRTHDAY!!!
by Dottie Henry, Editor

Monday, August 20, 2007, and I am still trying to come down from my "high" (no drugs involved either!) This past weekend from Thursday morning until Sunday afternoon was spectacular. I was privileged to be on the registration table for the all-class reunion on Thursday for a couple of hours. I renewed acquaintances with some of my former Brownies and Girl Scouts from fifty years ago. What a blast! I hate to admit it but I had a hard time identifying most of them, but then it worked vice versa also.

On Friday morning at 8 am the registration continued at Reunion Headquarters in the Community Center, which many of those attending had never seen. A lot of reminiscing gong on, which was fun to eavesdrop. Old pictures and yearbooks and other memorabilia were on display, plus our newly reorganized museum was enjoyed by many.

Each day brought exceptionally beautiful Lake George weather, with the meals in the park being served on schedule and leaving lots of time for get-togethers. On Friday the Bicentennial Committee made arrangements for the children, bringing in rides and many historical games which were researched by Karen Gladu and presented for participation with the children. The kids seemed to have a great time learning about the games and how their ancestors enjoyed such simple pastimes. The volunteers, of which I was privileged to be one, playing tic-tac-toe for a couple of hours, seemed to be having as much fun as the kids. Thanks to the Lake George Land Conservancy for the use of its park for these activities. At the same time an antique car show was held along Route 8. Great display of beautiful vehicles!

The Mohican boat ride on Friday night was great. The boat was filled to capacity and a great time was had by all. We cruised to the Hague line on the north and then went south to Sabbath Day Point. There again the weather was with us and it was a great blending of Hague residents, from babies in strollers to many of us Hague seniors. We are sorry so many people procrastinated and didn't get their tickets on time but live music in the park was provided for them.

Saturday was another very busy day with a wonderful antique boat show in the park launch area and at docks south of the park. Five hundred tickets were sold for the Barbecue, which was followed by a great concert by our own Rick Bolton and band. And then - the fireworks! Personally, I think they were the best Hague has ever had. It was a beautiful evening - cold, but beautiful.

Sunday morning an ecumenical, open air service was held at the park to celebrate Hague's Bicentennial and to remember former residents. Rusty Bissell, pastor of the Hague Wesleyan Church and Nelson Waters, Oliver Bevins and Iva Belden O'Brien, all former Hague students and pastors, living elsewhere, participated in a very moving service. This was followed by a brunch

and closing ceremony for the weekend with Master of Ceremonies Jim O'Toole. A letter from President Bush was read, plus remarks were made by our Supervisor Dan Belden, State Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, Warren Co. Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Thomas and a representative from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's office. Remarks about the Bicentennial were made by Holly de Buys and then several young people helped put articles in the time capsule. Closing remarks followed by the Bicentennial Vice-Chairman, Judy Stock with thanks to the Town Board, Reunion Committee and Bicentennial Committee. Jim had arranged for a color guard with men in uniforms of the French & Indian War, Civil War, WW I and WW II. They posted the colors at the beginning of the ceremony and retired the colors at the end, followed by a benediction. The Bicentennial weekend was concluded by the ringing of the five Meneely bells in Hague (plus a bell on loan in the park) in unison at 12 noon.

I didn't intend to be so verbose but I couldn't stop writing. But in conclusion, and most importantly, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Judy Stock (publisher of this paper and she had nothing to do with this article). For the past two years she has worked tirelessly on this bicentennial and reunion event for the town of Hague. She would be the first to admit that she had a lot of help from her two committees, but she was the driving force behind them. She made it work! So, when you see Judy, give her a pat on the back for a job well done.

I'm sure the committee would love to hear comments from others of you who were here this past weekend. We love letters and e-mails.

I have a wonderful feeling about our town. I think we can only get better for the next two hundred years. It was certainly the best birthday party I have ever attended!



MOHICAN
CRUISE
photo by
Jim Bolton

NEXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Hague Historical Society and Warren County Historical Society will present a program on "Ghost Towns of Warren County" on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. The program will examine early hamlet life in communities of the county along with how and why hamlets become extinct. The cooperative program will feature the history of Graphite, Wardsboro, and French Mountain with commentaries on some other unique places which no longer exist.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

REGISTRATION NOTICES

MARRIED: Alison LaCourse to Andy Duback on June 16, 2007 in Manchester, Vermont. They reside in Burlington, Vermont. Alison is the daughter of Craig and Diane LaCourse.

DIED: Dr. Harold Taber Commons, 101, Friends Point, Hague, on July 21, 2007 at his residence. Dr. Commons was a member of the first graduating class of Westminster Seminary and was also the oldest living graduate of the seminary. He is survived by two daughters, Corinth C. Wanstall, Tuscaloosa, AL and Elizabeth F. Barnard, Loveland, CO; two sons, Rev. William T. Commons, Harrisburg, PA and Harold T. Commons, Jr., Philadelphia, nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Dr. Commons has been a resident of Hague for over 60 years.

DIED: Ella Frasier Contreni, 79, on July 25, 2007 in Raleigh, NC. Mrs. Contreni was a former resident of Hague and a graduate of Hague High School. She was the widow of Adolph Contreni and is survived by two daughters, Carol Sadusky, Raleigh, NC, and Helen Hayes, N. Ft. Myers, FL; two sons, David and Michael; two grandsons, three granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

DIED: Keith Tyler, 53, Potts Grove, PA, on July 27, 2007. Keith was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Tyler, West Chazy, NY, former pastor of Hague Wesleyan Church in Hague. Keith attended the Hague Central School and graduated from Houghton College in 1977, majoring in music. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife, Priscilla, two brothers, Gary and Carl, one sister Jacqueline Henry and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Calvin S. Tyler, 58, Camp Hill, PA on July 31, 2007, while vacationing in Michigan. He was preceded in death by four days by his brother Keith (see above). He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Tyler and besides his parents is survived by his wife, Irene, children Sharilyn and Frank Bonura, Jennifer Tyler and two grandchildren; sister, Jacqueline Henry and brothers Gary and Carl and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Ernest R. "Gramp, Pap" Jordon, 84, Hague, NY on August 15, 2007. He was a lifelong resident of Hague and was employed by the New York State Environmental Conservation Dept. as a ranger at Rogers Rock Campsite for 24 years before his retirement in 1984. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Inza, one daughter Gladys Rockwell, five brothers, Arthur, Merlin, Charles, Calvin and Allen and one sister Joyce Hall; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

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CONGRATULATIONS: To Ted Santaniello who again has performed well at the Empire State Games. Held in Westchester on July 28, 2007, Ted got 2 Silver medals - in the Mens open 400m (49.19) and 4x400m relay (3:15.64), representing the Adirondack Region.

To schedule an appointment to register your child in grades 6, 7 and 8 for the 2007-2008 school year at the Ticonderoga Middle School, please call 585-7442, ext. 216 starting Monday, August 27, 2007.

Students who finished fifth grade in the Ticonderoga Elementary School last year are not considered new entrants. New York State Law requires that students have completed polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, and mumps immunization before school entry and parents must furnish the school with a certificate of immunization.

Final registration for the Fall 2007 semester of North Country Community College in Ticonderoga will take place on August 30, 2007 at selected times. For more information call 888-879-6222,x 686 or email <admissions@nccc.edu>.

A INSPIRATIONAL TRIATHLON

Liz DeFranco McDonough, daughter of Joanne and David DeFranco of Hague, competed in the Ironman triathlon at Lake Placid on July 22. She completed the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and the 26.2 mile run in 12 hours and 11 minutes. She placed in the top 1/3 of over 2500 athletes.

Her company newsletter noted, "What is perhaps even more impressive than completing the arduous task, was the fact that she not only swam, biked, and ran for herself, but also for a little girl suffering from Rett Syndrome, a neurological disorder with no known cure. McDonough found her inspiration in Grace Reddington, the little girl from Narragansett, RI, who was diagnosed with the disease when she was 18 months old."

"During the race, when I was sore or felt too tired, I'd think of Grace and that alone was enough to keep me going," said McDonough. Liz raised almost \$8000 for the Reddington family's fight against Rett Syndrome.

PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At the Silver Bay Association Employees' Banquet on August 13, the 2007 Peter Neal Memorial Scholarships amounting to \$8,000.00 were announced. These scholarships are presented annually to employees of the Silver Bay Association, based on high standards of work performance and financial requirements for college.

This year's winners are: Arion Moser-Springfield College, Gregory Becker-Springfield College, Brian Thompson-Franklin Pierce Law Center, Katie Smith-Stetson University, Christine Nystrom-The College of New Jersey, Elizabeth Becker-Gettysburg College and Annissa Corsi-University of Arizona.

Family and friends established the award in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Neal, son of Sally & Jim Neal of Venice, FL and Sabbath Day Point. Peter was an emp at Silver Bay in 1983-85. He died of colon cancer in 1992.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this memorial may do so by sending a check to the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR PROGRAM by Kristen McDonough

On July 27, I attended the Hague Historical Society program about the French and Indian War, presented by a man named Roger Fulton, who has been traveling Lake George by canoe. I attended the presentation with my grandmother, Pat McDonough, who is a member of Hague's Senior Citizens Club, and my brother Dennis McDonough who is only eight years old and found the presentation quite interesting. Even though I had already learned about the French and Indian War in sixth grade, I found that I "gathered" even more information than I did the whole year in sixth grade! Even though Mr. Fulton just talked about the basics of the French and Indian War, that was all you needed to know to understand the war. Most people would think learning about history would be boring, but he talked about it in a fun and interesting way. Mr. Fulton also explained to us about how history should be fun, not boring like most people think it is.

I liked how Mr. Fulton kept the presentation simple, but also gave many details to go along with the facts. Along with just talking about the French and Indian War there were many photographs to give you an idea of what the fighting was really like. I'm the kind of person who has to see it to believe it, so this presentation was really very interesting. As I mentioned before, I really liked the way Mr. Fulton used humor in his presentation; it was almost like he wanted it to be a kid-friendly presentation.

I really started to understand how key the French and Indian War has been for the development of Canada and the United States today. Mr. Fulton went into great detail on the French and Indian War and how most people might think the French and Indians were fighting each other, but it was really the French and the Indians were fighting the British! One horrifying detail he told us was that the Indians would scalp the British after they killed them. One point Mr. Fulton made was that they didn't play nice in this war!

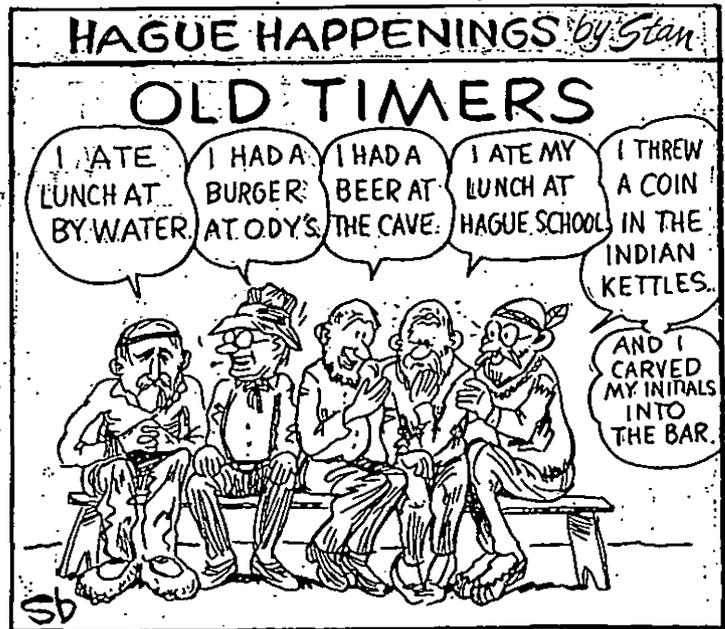
This 300 mile trip is supposed to end at Fort Edward on September 21st, on Mr. Fulton's 60th birthday!

(Kristen is in 7th grade at Dobbs Ferry MS)

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Leanne Polachek, granddaughter of Rosemarie Meeker of Hague will be leaving September 15th for a 2 1/2 yr volunteer program with the Peace Corps. She will be a business advisor on Ecotourism (tourism with a cultural and environmental focus) stationed in Ghana, Africa.

Leanne is a May 2007 magna cum laude graduate of Ithaca College.



FROM OUR CARTOONIST

Stan Burdick, our volunteer cartoonist, is also director of the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum. He sent the following 'bit of trivia' in connection with this month's cartoon which might interest readers of *The Hague Chronicle*.

"It was a real occurrence that folks visiting the Indian Kettles would carve their initials into posts that were part of the bar.

Currently I have one of those carved posts at the Ti Cartoon Museum that is part of another display and can be seen by anyone who visits the museum this fall in September and October. For some visitors, those initials may have a significance.

Another feature of the museum is interesting. Arto Monaco, the legendary artist, carver and builder of 'The Land of Makebelieve' in Upper Jay, NY now 'comes to life', represented in eight colorful cutout figures secured for the museum. It is part of our 'Parade of Comic Stars.' People who visit the museum see these cutouts that Arto lovingly created and say 'I remember when I was a kid and visited that historic village in Jay.'

We've added to this display a dozen more comic cutouts that were part of the cartoon-themed 4th of July parade in Ti. Come see it all, M-W-F, 2-4 at the museum."

MENEELY BELL TOWER REPAIRED

Blessed Sacrament Church's Meneely bell can ring again after this month's emergency repairs of its tower. The bell tower was in such danger of falling that extensive work had to begin immediately--at a cost of well over fifty-thousand dollars. The cost depleted the church's endowment fund on which it depends to cover its operating expenses to keep its doors open year-round.

In thankful celebration of our town's Bicentennial and in remembrance of how we all first began, all the Meneely bells in Hague rang in unison on August 19th.

Donations will be most welcome to help defray the repair costs and checks can be mailed to Blessed Sacrament Church (noted "Bell Tower Fund"), PO Box 529, Hague, NY, 12836.

NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Flight of the Butterflies

In early September, when we were just starting to get settled into the routines of a new school year, my sons and I would often collect a monarch caterpillar to watch its amazing transformation into a monarch butterfly. The caterpillars were pale greenish-yellow with white and black stripes, a couple of inches long and as thick as my little finger. Found feeding on a milkweed plant, we would cut the stalk and carry the caterpillar and its food source inside and place it in a terrarium to watch it form a chrysalis. Here is where it formed the body of the butterfly while pupating inside. Fourteen days later, the transformation had taken place, and as we watched the adult butterfly emerge from the chrysalis and fly off into the fields, we kind of thought that was the end of the story and we had witnessed the most amazing part of the butterfly's life.

But there was more to witness and more to amaze us both before and after this transformation. Recently, a friend pointed out to me a newly hatched caterpillar. I had never seen them at this point in their lives ~ only seeing the fully-grown caterpillars ~ and was delighted to find this tiny version that I had never noticed before. The monarch butterfly will lay one egg on a milkweed plant, one egg on another and so on ~ one egg per plant. We looked for milkweed plants that had a leaf chewed on, and then checking the underside of the leaves we finally found one tiny caterpillar. Only about a quarter of an inch long and as thin as a pencil lead, we checked on it for several days in a row to watch it grow. Four days later it had quadrupled in size! It was then easy to imagine the caterpillar we would find in a couple of weeks, ready to form the chrysalis and make its transformation into the butterfly.

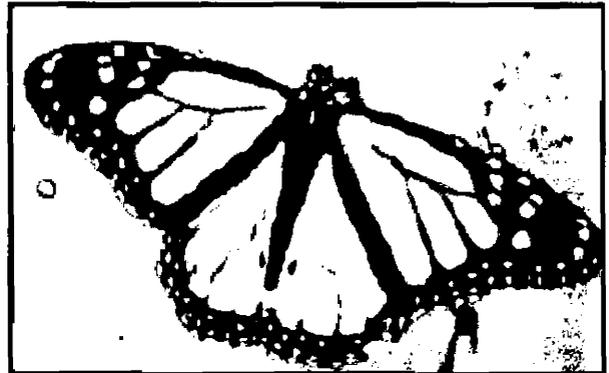
Monarch butterflies are easy to recognize with their brilliant orange-reddish wings with black veins and white spots. They have a wingspan of 4" and weigh less than half an ounce. Each adult butterfly has a life expectancy of 4 - 5 weeks. But as autumn approaches this life expectancy shifts and an annual creation of a unique "migratory generation" occurs. In their sites of origin, a special generation of butterflies is born. Unlike their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents - all of whom had lives measured only in weeks - these migratory butterflies survive seven or eight months!

This generation performs the incredible feat of flying from Canada and the eastern United States all the way to central Mexico, seventy miles west of Mexico City, to a forest smaller than the size of Manhattan. Here they winter in the high altitude valleys at 11,000 feet where the stable cold temperatures put them in a state of semi-hibernation to escape our harsh winters and save energy for the next five or six months. When warmer temperatures signal the time to return, these same butterflies begin the northward journey again. Once they reach the United States, they begin to reproduce and a kind of relay race begins: their short-lived offspring, with

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only four or five weeks to live, continue making the northward journey over the next several generations until autumn signals the need for the creation of the "migratory generation" once again. Amazing enough that the migration takes place at all, and then even more so to occur without one generation leading the next as birds will do, but how can a species change its lifespan and purpose in life for one specific generation and return to the norm in the next? Too mind-boggling for me to contemplate, I'm just going to continue to be amazed and delighted in yet another astounding mystery in Nature.



WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

Weather notes- July 14- August 18:

After seeing the weather reports for the South where triple digit temperatures have kept people sweating buckets and then tornados in Brooklyn, I guess our Hague weather has been just delightful. We had a period of rain July 18, 19, and 20. Then it was beautiful- sunny and 80 degree temperatures for July 20 - 24. Temperatures reached into the 90's on July 25, 26, 27. A cooler front came through and lowered the heat to 80-85 on July 28 - August 1, with lots of sunshine. August 2 - 5 was sunny and temperatures well into the 90's. Tuesday, August 7 was an extremely sticky day- hazy, hot, and humid. An overnight storm dumped 1/2 inch of rain. It was still raining on the 8th but it all cleared out by 10 am, the humidity dropping all day. August 9-12 temperatures were back in the 80's and the sun was still shining. Sunday, August 12 was the Perseid meteor shower. The best viewing time was to be after 2 am. I went to bed way before that so I don't know if it was a "Great show". It was looking cloudy at 10:30 pm. Monday, August 13 was partly cloudy with big grey clouds around 10 am. There was no rain in Hague, but I understand there was a quick downpour at the golf course. The ground is dry and we could use some rain- at night of course so as not to inconvenience the tourists.

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August- September 2007

August

- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 27 Middle School Registration (p. 7)
- 28 noon Senior Picnic (p. 2)

September

- 1-2 10-4 Hague Creek Antique Show (p. 3)
- 5 6:30 pm Information Meeting on \$chool Bond (p. 4)
- 6 7pm Planning Board
- 11 6:30 pm Town Board
- 15-16 Fish & Game Fall Festival
- 19 7 pm Historical Society (p. 6)
- 22 1pm Extra Helpings Distribution
- 20 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 27 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

ONGOING EVENTS

- 2nd Monday: Senior Bus to Glens Falls
- 1st Monday: Fire Department
- 1st Tuesday: Mohican Crafters
- 3rd Monday: Chamber of Commerce
- 3rd Tuesday: Mohican Crafters
- 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club
- 3rd Tuesday: Sno-goers
- 3rd Thursday: Carillon Garden Club



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