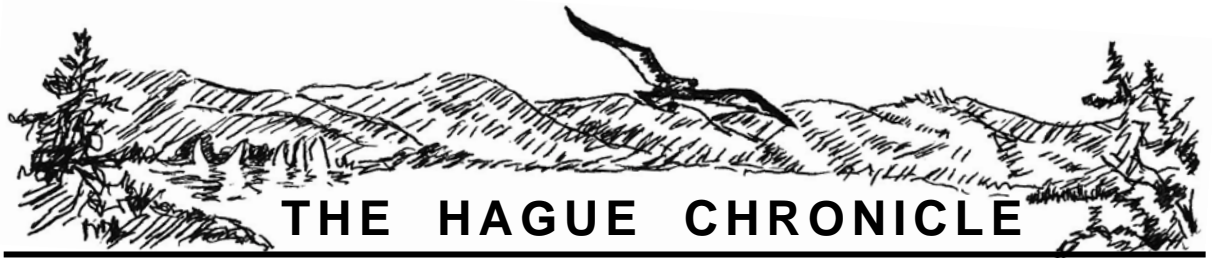


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## BUDGET TO BE FINALIZED

After several revisions, the final Ticonderoga School budget will be presented to the Board of Education on April 19, 2012. If passed by them it will then go to the voters on May 15th. May 1st is the latest date for copies of the proposed 2012-13 budget to be available for public release. A final Public Hearing on the budget will be held on May 8, 2012 at Ticonderoga High School at 7 pm.

On April 3, 2012, the Ticonderoga School Board met in the Hague Community Center for a budget hearing. Superintendent McDonald updated the audience on the budget revisions that have taken place during this process. The State had initially reduced aid to schools but then added some money back with Ticonderoga scheduled to receive \$50,000. The most unique change was the proposal by the district staff to a pay freeze to help with the budget gap. All staff in the school district have agreed to this freeze which includes no step increases, no percentage increases and a savings on benefits and retirement payments. The significant savings amounts to over \$700,000 leaving a remaining gap of just over \$200,000 – down from the nearly two million dollar gap in the first stages of the budget process.

*The Hague Chronicle* will be mailed before the April 19th meeting so we don't have the final figures at this time. The Board may find additional reductions to meet their target budget of a 3.5% increase or may present a budget with the gap included resulting in a 5.63% increase. This gap is the amount which remains above the tax cap over the target budget of \$17,846,823.

While cutting spending is one side of the process, looking for additional sources of revenue is another. The main income to the school district as many of us are painfully aware is from property taxes. This method of funding public education causes the yearly difficult decisions that must be made. As John Whitely, a Ticonderoga resident and tax activist said at the meeting, "The problem is this system which pits property owners against education."

The owner of the most property in the Town of Hague is the State of New York and they are not assessed at the same level as the residential property owners and hence a greater burden falls to the latter group. An interesting discussion raised several points about how this assessment might be changed. A partnership of the NYS School Boards Association and NYSUT (the statewide teachers union) might well have significant influence in this area but they would need to be encouraged to tackle this issue. Since this issue affects residents in the Adirondacks most significantly, leadership for this change should logically come from here. Although there has been local research done on the matter no concerted effort or leadership has yet happened.

... Judy Stock

## CALLING ALL VETERANS



We are seeking Military Veterans to march or be driven in the parade. Uniforms would be great, but not necessary. You will not be required to do more than to act as escort for Hague's Memorial Unit. We know our town has many, many veterans – please do come to help us out. Just give me a call at

543-6130.

...Madeline Pelkey.

## WICK NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LGPC

Dave Wick, the new Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), succeeds Mike White, who retired. Dave comes to the job with 18 years of experience working for the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District (WCSWD).

## PREVENTING INVASIVE SPECIES IN LG

Companion bills to regulate invasive species were recently introduced in both houses of the New York State legislature. The legislation would authorize the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to establish a list of invasive species that will be prohibited from being sold, transported, and introduced in New York State.

Lake George Association Executive Director Walt Lender said, "We urge all stakeholders ... to support this bill and to contact their state representatives in both the assembly and the senate." Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, cosponsor of the bill in the Assembly, noted, "Invasive species can present devastating threats to the ecology of New York, and to its recreational and economic health. We need to do all we can to control existing invasives from spreading, and new invasives from being introduced." State Senator Betty Little introduced the bill in the Senate.

Once present, invasive species are expensive to eradicate and manage, and threaten valuable industries in New York State. "The Lake George community spent over \$630,000 in 2011 to fight the Asian clam alone," said Lender, "and we expect to spend a similar amount in 2012. We need to do everything we can to prevent the very expensive spread of invasive species. This New York law will help us to do that on a statewide basis." Visit <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/what-we-do/Invasive-Species/invasive-species.asp](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/what-we-do/Invasive-Species/invasive-species.asp)>.

## TASTE OF TI COMING IN MAY

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum will host the 10th annual Taste of Ti on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm at a new location in the Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria.

## HAGUE SENIOR NEWS

It's that time of the year again when things start to get really busy for the Senior Club with the Memorial Day Parade, White Elephant Sale and Senior View Café all coming up. We would just like to remind anyone who has things that they would like to donate to contact Pat at 543-6502 or Emily at 543-6325. We will start taking things in at the Visitor Center on April 16, 2012. Please call so we can set up a time to meet. If you would like to help out with the sale and the steps to getting ready to make the sale possible, please call Pat or Emily. You do not have to be a Senior Club member to help because extra hands are always greatly appreciated.

The next regular meeting will be on April 24, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Community Center. We will be having a guest comedian coming in to give us a laugh or two. So come on out, sit back, get some snacks, relax, laugh and enjoy the fun.

We will be taking another road trip on May 3, 2012 to the ECHO Lake Aquarium in Burlington, VT. Carpools will meet at 9 am in the Community Center parking lot. After visiting the Aquarium we will go out to lunch at a place still to be determined.

We are looking forward to another great year of trips and events which you all make so much fun with all the different personalities we have in our club membership. If you would like to be a part and are only here during the summer, come check us out. You do not have to be a full time resident. Membership is open to all those 50 years of age or more and dues are \$5.

After a week off after the Parade, the Senior Club will be on to another big event. This year will see our third Senior View Café during Americade. We will be open from June 3 – 10, 2012 with cleanup on June 11th. The Hague Visitors Center turns into our Café where we help visitors with directions and information on things to do. We also offer them – as well as any of our local residents or other visitors – a good place to get a bite to eat, oldies music and a place to sit back and enjoy the beautiful view of Lake George from the great Hague Park and Beach. This event is a great time to show some good old country hospitality, so anyone who would like to be a part of this event please call us. We hope you will stop by and enjoy what we are doing for the community. ... Pat Hintze

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**  
Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm  
  
Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

## HVFD WARNS OF BURN BAN

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) asks that you please take notice of the NYSDEC Burn Ban that is in effect state wide until May 15 and possibly beyond if rain does not come sooner. All outside fires should be for cooking only, and closely attended.

EMS coverage has now gone to seven days a week with our expanded contractual services. Training schedules for April have been completed. Currently Firemen are preparing apparatus and equipment for spring/summer operation and our Fire/Rescue Boat is serviced and in the water.

In March there were 17 Fire calls using 112 man hrs. and 8 EMS calls using 317 man hrs. This time of year is when brush fires can occur frequently, and the hours required to deal with them can mount up quickly, so it is timely that we should once again put out the call to anyone who might be interested to consider joining our ranks. Being a Volunteer Fireman stands at the core of community service. Our next meeting is Monday, May 7, at 7 pm at the Firehouse located at the intersection of West Hague Road and Graphite Mountain Road (Route 8).

Early boaters use caution, all markers are not yet in place.  
... Joe McCrannels

## BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship, sponsored by the Hague Baptist Church, meets in the Fellowship Hall for food, activity and scriptures relevant to a theme. The next get-together will be on May 12, 2012, with a Mother's Day topic of "Cherished Memories." Other women are invited to join them and to bring something that stirs memories of your mother or your children, along with any advice you were given that either worked or did not, or a funny story to share.

The ladies will be making a card, so please bring a few pretty, flat buttons for your card if you can find some around your home. If you can, bring a picture of you and your mother, and/or you and your kids. For further information call Kitty at 543-6852.

## LADIES BRUNCH

The Hague Wesleyan Church is sponsoring a Ladies' Brunch and Tea on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 11 am at the Hague Community Center. The theme is "Cups of Comfort" and there will be free food, fun, gifts and more. The brunch is open to the public and to make a reservation, contact Joyce at 494-4131 or <jhouck@frontiernet.net> or contact Nancy at 597-3754 or <momokrin@gmail.com>.

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**MEMORIAL DAY 10TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
SATURDAY, MAY 26,  
2012**

**FUNFEST at the Town Park:** The Parade Committee has organized a day full of activities. The DOGGY SHOW is back with Linda Benway and Leslie Midgley, to include pets for adoption from Westport SPCA and Ti Angel Connection. Competitions will include Costumes, Agility Ring, etc. Pet registration is 9 am at the beach with show from 10 to noon. (For information call Leslie at 585-6666.) ABC CRITTERS with Nancy Carlson's 'Unwanted Pets' returns with some great fun additions. New this year on stage will be MAGIC PATTI with her hatful of tricks and a JAZZ/BLUES BAND from Plattsburgh, along with the popular CAMBRIDGE BAND. Also on tap will be music by STEVE PELKEY, WOKO Radio Personality. All this plus a chance to test your skills at the MEMORIAL GAME BOOTHS with prizes galore, games for the youth, Crafters, Hague Historical Society/Chronicle Booth, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Food Concessions etc. etc.

**"GOD BLESS AMERICA" Parade:** Prize categories are: BEST IN PARADE, MOST CREATIVE, MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST ADIRONDACK, MOST HUMOROUS, BEST YOUTH, AND HONORABLE MENTION for both ADULT and YOUTH. So people – put on your thinking caps and plan to join the march. The Parade will include an impressive Memorial Segment, 6 Bands, Floats, Scouts, Classics, Shriners, and new this year, 'THE BATTENKILL JOEY CLOWNS' – will be with us from Greenwich. Please don't forget to call us to register for a placement number to be in the lineup.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** This year we are honored to have two Military Veterans as Guest speakers - Tom James, Air Force during Vietnam and Ray Tolar, a World War II Marine. They will share with us their views on the true meaning of Memorial Day based upon their own experiences. The Dedication will be complete with drum rolls, musket salutes, TAPS, and the roar of the canon as it fires out over the Lake. This you won't want to miss.

We thank all who have contributed to our efforts to date. Truly your support is a welcome addition to our budget which we tightly control. You do make a difference! Anyone wishing to make a donation, please make checks payable to HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB PARADE ACCOUNT and mail to Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. For information please contact Michael Cherubini at 543-6463, Emily Cobb at 543-6325 or me at 543-6130.

... Madeline Pelkey

**PUBLIC DINNERS RETURN**

A Public Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of the Masons and Eastern Star will be served Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available from 4:30 pm and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available both by advanced sale and at the door.

**WHAT A HOOT: ON THE PROWL FOR OWLS**

On a crisp, windy night in early April, under clear skies and a full moon, 11 hardy souls arrived at The Last Great Shoreline tract in Putnam. We were on a mission, led by Sarah Hoffman from the Lake George Land Conservancy, to observe barred owls. Sarah first shared with us a few facts about barred owls. They can measure up to 25 inches in length and have a wingspan of up to 50 inches. Barred owls tend to mate for life, and they make their nests in hollowed out trees. They have few predators, and often thrive in suburban settings. They feed mainly on small rodents.

Duly informed, we set off on our expedition. We used our flashlights sparingly, thinking they might scare away any owls – as if our tromping wasn't enough to alert them to our presence!

Coming upon an overlook, we stopped to enjoy the view across range upon range of Vermont mountains and to see if Sarah could attract the owls with her two calling devices. No luck. We walked on. And suddenly, there it was, off in the distance: "Whooo. Whooo." We stopped dead in our tracks and listened. Nothing. Sarah took out her hooting device and called. As if on cue, a commotion akin to a hoot-enanny started, with the hoots getting closer and louder. My first thought was that some pranksters were pretending to be a pyramid (did you know that's the term for a group of owls?) and having a big laugh at our expense. But Sarah knew better. As we looked up toward the sky, an owl swooped over and landed on a branch directly above us. Sarah shone her light on it, and it remained unfazed. For a couple of minutes, that owl sat motionless in the tree, letting us observe it, before taking flight to return to its mate, who was still hooting off in the distance.

We continued on our trek through the woods, stopping occasionally to listen and to call. And although we didn't see or hear any more owls that evening, we all agreed that it had truly been a magical encounter with this denizen of the night.

... Ginger Kuenzel

**DINNER AND MOVIE ON SILVER BAY CAMPUS**

Chip Devenger has announced that the next date for dinner and a movie at Silver Bay is May 11, 2012. The movie "Muriel's Wedding" will be shown after a 6 pm dinner (soup or pizza).

The movie description states: Misfit Muriel (Toni Collette) has always escaped life by listening to ABBA ditties and dreaming about marriage. When she and her flighty friend Rhoda (Rachel Griffiths) leave small-town Porpoise Spit, Australia, behind them, her fantasy starts to come to life. That comes along in the form of a hunky swimmer (Daniel Lapaine) looking for Aussie citizenship. At long last, her storybook dreams have come true, but is Muriel ready for this reality? This R rated movie lasts 105 minutes.

All are invited but it is requested that a spot be reserved by contacting Chip at <cdevenger@silverbay.org> or 518-543-8833 ext 215. A suggested donation for the evening is \$5.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/10/2012

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Fitzgerald, Martucci, Meola and Ramant were all present.

A Moment of Silence was held for Katherine Barton and Jim O’Toole’s mother.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor: Bruce Clark asked about the difference in rates for sewer fees for Districts #1 and #2. Supervisor Frasier noted that each district has its own reserve fund. The Board indicated that the reserves in Sewer District #1 were lower and that they had been the beneficiaries of previous grants which led to the higher rate but they did not seem clear on how the amount was decided. The Board later passed resolutions establishing the rate at \$475 per EDU for Sewer District #1 and at \$425 per EDU for Sewer District #2.

In a discussion of the minutes, Councilman Meola noted that they didn’t reflect that a decision was made on the bike rack, but the old one was already being painted and getting ready to use. Supervisor Frasier stated, “We didn’t think it was necessary to take a vote.” The bike rack will go to the Park and the Board will get back to Joe McCranels about the rest of his suggestion on a canoe and kayak rack.

*Ed note:* Later in the meeting, Councilman Meola reminded Board members that recommendations from the committees that require Board actions should be given to the Board on the Friday before the meeting. These are examples of the difference in styles of the Board members. Councilman Meola believes that rules and procedures should be followed while the others appear to be more concerned with the outcomes. Meola has pointed out that the process goes much more smoothly if the procedures are followed. There is reasonable discourse that can take place at achieving both results. Unfortunately, by their demeanor, two of the Board members (not Councilman Ramant) appeared to not take the discussion seriously.

### **In other business:**

Councilman Meola asked when Elan Associates would be getting back to work on the boat dock. Supervisor Frasier stated that they are continuing with necessary paperwork and hope to begin work by April 30th.

Councilman Martucci reported that the HVFD rescue boat has been in the water as of March 28th.

Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that sweeping had been done. The Department also has worked on all the dirt roads and they are passable. They are continuing work up at Jabe’s Pond.

There is still a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Additional information was given to the Board on the Oktoberfest by Councilman Ramant and Oktoberfest Committee Chairman Graham Bailey. The Committee will operate under an agreement with the Town and will organize and plan the whole event but stay within their budget. A condition to have the Town cover any shortfall if necessary was stricken before approval by the Board. The Oktoberfest will take place on September 22 – 23, 2012 with many new ideas and a greater emphasis on a German theme rather than just a fall festival.

Supervisor Frasier noted that they had received a report from Paul Belden of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and he is stocking up on spare parts and has made changes to the Dodd Hill pump station.

Councilman Ramant reported on work being done at the Park and Visitor Center. They were able to get rid of some of the geese and the others seem to be smart enough to stay away – at least for now. He also gave his recommendations for summer positions which were approved by the Board (although Meola noted that these recommendations should have been given to the Board in writing on Friday). Serving as lifeguards will be Jamie Patchett, Jenna Petro, Rebeca Diehl, Samantha Sharrow and Teresa Medina. Jessie Patchett and Kim Coffin will go through training and serve as attendants at the boat launch. Interviews are still being held for Visitor Center staff.

The Board approved continuing to use the Upstate Agency for Town insurance as they submitted the lowest of four bids.

After the discussion last month about vendor fees, the Board decided to eliminate fees entirely for both local and out-of-town vendors. However, vendors will still have to get a permit from the Town Clerk. The Oktoberfest Committee may set their own fees and requirements.

Traffic control is a major issue for the Memorial Day Parade. With their limited personnel, the HVFD is not able to provide it. Mike Cherubini of the Parade Committee investigated the costs from a number of companies that provide these services. The Board agreed to using Green Mountain Flagging who submitted a proposal for 6 people for 5 hours for \$1350. The Committee will give them specific instructions.

Supervisor Frasier reported that she will set up a committee of about five people to look into the comprehensive plan and has already contacted some of them.

Supervisor Frasier reported she has gone through training at the County and has been certified in disaster preparedness.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 3/22/2012**

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Bill Pittman, Lindsay Mydlarz, Ray Snyder and Christopher Navitsky were present. Maureen Cherubini was absent.

### COMMONS (26.10-1-37.11) 31 Commons Way (TR-1R)

The ZBA approved the application for an addition to a non-conforming house.

### CONNOLLY (26.18-1-8) 9236 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

During previous construction a ground floor deck was removed and the owner applied to replace the 8’x 22’ 9” deck which was approved by the ZBA.

### QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The application for a modification to a previous variance was approved.

**Remember to VOTE, May 15 School  
Board and Budget**

## PLANNING BOARD - 4/5/12

Chairman EJ Siwek and Board members Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark, Pam Peterson and Bob Whitaker were present. Mike Cherubini was absent. Town Attorney Dominick Viscardi was also present.

### WILSON/FLOOR (25.1-1-17 & 18) Summit Drive & Route 8 (OCI) SUB 03-12

The owners of this property have been trying to get approval of a ten-lot subdivision for seven years. Mr. Wilson noted that the Planning Board and ZEO Clark had been most cooperative but that they have had a difficult time with the LGPC. They are submitting a new application for a five lot subdivision of 148 acres containing a large back lot of 90 acres with each lot having a direct driveway onto Route 8 or Summit Drive.

### COMMONS (26.10-1-37.11) 31 Commons Way TR-1R VAR 10-12 SP 01-12

The owners applied for an addition to a nonconforming house and the part of the addition requiring Planning Board review was approved.

### KATZ (26.14-1-6) 26 Friends Point Rd. (TR-1R) VAR 03-12 SP 02-12

The applicants are requesting a Variance for a two phase project. The proposed phase one project will redesign the roof line to prevent ice jams in the winter and extend the sunroom 3' to accommodate the installation of a new folding glass doors and screening. The installation of 2 or 3 steps will be needed for the access to grade.

The proposed phase two project is to construct a master bedroom suite, which will connect the existing main house to the existing bunk house, making just one dwelling unit on this property. None of the proposed additions will make these non-conforming structures more nonconforming or bring either structure closer to the lake.

The Planning Board approved the application with the requirement that there be minimal disturbance to the ground cover along the shoreline and that stormwater controls will direct the flow away from the Lake.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board then moved to go into executive session to confer with Attorney Viscardi. When they returned the Chairman stated that no action was taken but it was presumed that there was discussion of the Patchett application.

### PATCHETT (26.17-2-44) 9 Overlook Lane (Hamlet) SP 04-12

The owners of the property are requesting an after-the-fact approval for a house used as a tourist accommodation in the Hamlet. Mr. Schmulsky, lawyer for Mr. Patchett, stated that his client's goal was to be in compliance so they have filed this application as requested. However, Mr. Schmulsky made it clear that the goal is to continue the use as it has been and they consider it a rental of a single family home and not a tourist accommodation. The Planning Board removed the cease and desist order and consideration of the application will move forward with a site visit.

## TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after May 1, 2012 at the Hague Community Center, on Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll, by appointment only, on Monday, May 7th, Wednesday, May 9th and Monday, May 14th, from 10 am to 2 pm and on Saturday, May 19th, from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP 524) are available at the Community Center or may be downloaded online at <[www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessment\\_grievance.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessment_grievance.htm)>.

## CANINE EVENT ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Gender Free Inc. (a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization) is once again holding its annual community fundraiser, the *Ready to Go Doggy Show*, for fun and entertainment on May 26, 2012. Many fabulous four-footed canine family members will be participating at this event on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Hague Town Park.

Gender Free has also invited other area animal rescue and adoption agencies to help raise awareness of their purpose(s): *providing a nurturing environment for abandoned and otherwise unwanted (and sometimes neglected) animals until they are adopted by their forever parents.*

By becoming a \$50 sponsor, you will be presented with a warm and unique way of putting your name or your business's name in front of not only all of the community members who bring their dogs to the event, but also others who stop by to see what the fun is all about. Your name will be seen on a large cut-out of your choice (for example a fire plug, dog house, dog bone, or paw print) displayed around the show arena. You may even honor a loved one or a deceased pet by choosing a sponsorship poster icon in their name.

We hope that you will join us in supporting this important and fun event. If you have questions, or an interest in helping, please contact me at <[lmidgley@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lmidgley@nycap.rr.com)> or 585-6666.  
... Leslie Midgley

## SERVICES AT SILVER BAY

On Friday, May 4, 2012, all men are invited to a Men's Prayer Breakfast, "Pancakes and Prayer," which will be held at 7:30 am in Brookside Community House.

On Sunday, May 20, 2012, a Communion service will be held at 8:30 am and a worship service at 10 am at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel on the Silver Bay campus. The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Silver Bay Chaplain, will be preaching. The choir will rehearse at 9:15 am with Choir Director Patricia Cornell and the soloist is Robert Steinfort.

For more information call Beverly at 543-8833, ext. 293.



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Hague Heritage Cemetery is the site of the final resting place of the Garfields. Nathaniel Garfield, Sr., was born in Leicester, MA, in 1760. He served two tours of duty in the service of his country during the Revolutionary War. Like others, he left Massachusetts with his young family and found his way to the shores of Lake George. His was one of the earliest stopping places along Lake George; a Warren County record shows his son as "Innkeeper" in 1821. For more than 40 years they ran their hostelry and were noted by many travelers as bounteous hosts who set a fine table with local fish and game. T. Addison Richards wrote in an 1853 Harper's Magazine article: "Three miles onward [from Sabbath Day Point] we make the little village of Hague, if village it can be styled. The visitor will remember the locality as Garfield's - one of the oldest and most esteemed summer camps. Judge Garfield would seem to have an intimate acquaintance with every deer on the hill-side, and with every trout in the waters, so habitually are these gentry found at his luxurious table. An excellent landing facilitates the approach to Garfield's, and the steamboat touches daily up and down."

As with other establishments in Hague, Garfield's was once the home of the local post office. Nathaniel Garfield, Jr. is listed in the September 1835 P.O. Department Listing, showing compensation of \$17.92. He served as a justice of the peace, as well, and was known as "the Judge". The building is said to have been a local meeting place complete with a "ballroom" where many festivities took place.

In their later years, Nathaniel, Sr. and his wife Eunice lived in the private rooms of the hotel with their son and his family. He died in 1839 and the business continued under Nathaniel, Jr.'s management until he passed away in 1853 at age 60. His son Hiland continued the operation for some years and in 1861 they sold to William A. G. Arthur and the family moved to Western New York. The hotel later burned to the ground and was rebuilt, rising from the ashes as the Phoenix Hotel.

Source: "The Story of the Garfields, 1630-1929, Nathaniel Garfield Branch;" Compiled by Mary Garfield Raymond.

... Pat McDonough

One of our projects this winter was the development of text for a new roadside marker commemorating another aspect of Hague's history – the location of one of Hague's earliest hotels, Garfields, that had later incarnations as the Phoenix Hotel, the Beachside, and the Cave. We are particularly grateful to David Darrin for giving permission to place the marker on his property across from the Town beach. We are also thankful to the Town for their support. The text was developed by Susan Darrin and Ginger Kuenzel; and the installation was coordinated by Ray Snyder working with the Town crew. We hope you'll take note of this new installation and watch for more markers in the months to come.

Ray Snyder and Pam Peterson have recently put together a new exhibit in the Oak Showcase in the Museum. The exhibit is a mini-retrospective on Hague's schools. Stop in to see it and while you're there, be sure to sign the visitor's register and enjoy the materials in the many binders we have out for your viewing pleasure as well as the computer station where you can view our earlier programs. ... Pat McDonough

### VENDORS WANTED FOR HAGUE ARTS FAIR

Vendors of handcrafted items as well as local produce vendors are being solicited for the annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague-On-Lake-George Chamber of Commerce. In addition to inviting crafters to participate, a special invitation is extended to local vendors who would be interested in selling produce, fresh flowers or artisan bread. Dates for the event are August 4, 2012 from 10 am to 4 pm and August 5, 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Both inside and outside spaces are available for the show which will be held at the Hague Community Center on Route 8 in Hague, NY. The deadline for registration is June 15, 2012. For registration or further information about spaces available and costs, please contact Mary Keefer at 301-237-8133 or email <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com>.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** Charlotte Catherine Henderson, daughter of Elizabeth and Scott Henderson of Berlin, CT on March 23, 2012. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Donna and Jim Henderson of Cromwell, CT. The Henderson family are long time summer residents of Hague.

**DIED:** Katherine "Kay" Madden Barton, 75, at her home on Sabbath Day Point on March 28, 2012. Kay was deeply committed to serving her community and served on several boards in Glens Falls as well as The Fund for Lake George and the Northern Lake George Rotary Club. She was also actively involved locally with the Silver Bay Association, the Lake George Association and the Enhancement Committee in Hague. She was well-known for spearheading social activities for an active group of area retirees.

Kay was married to the late Charles Barton, Jr. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Madden Dybas of Lake George; her sister-in-law, Carol Madden of Queensbury; her children Charles Barton III and his spouse, Kim of Queensbury, Mary Elizabeth Barton-Navitsky and her spouse, Chris of Sabbath Day Point and Helen Barton-Benedict and her spouse, Terry, of Ticonderoga. She is also survived by six grand-children, five step children, nine step grandchildren and fourteen step great-grandchildren.



### NOTICE TO BOATERS

The Hague Boat Launch will be closed on Saturday, May 26, 2012 from noon until 4 pm during the Memorial Day Parade. Also there will be no parking in the lot where the FUNFEST activities will be held.

### HVFD OPEN HOUSE AND PIG ROAST

The HVFD will hold an open house on April 28, 2012 from 11 am to 3 pm. The open house will feature tours of the fire house, free blood pressure checks and a free car wash. All children will receive a gift bag.

In conjunction with the open house the Department and the Hague Chamber of Commerce will have a pig roast starting at 3 pm. The menu will be roast pig, baked potato, tossed salad, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and the usual beverages. In addition to great food there will be drinks, music by the Hague DJ Service and raffles. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Please come and join us and meet your local volunteers.

The members of the HVFD are sponsoring member Lori Ross for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk, covering 39.2 miles, in Washington, DC on May 5 – 6, 2012. So far members have donated over \$480 and will also be holding a 50/50 raffle at the Pig Roast to benefit the cause. The Avon Breast Cancer Walk provides funds to support cutting edge research for finding a cure and prevention as well as programs that enable all patients to access quality care.

Donations can be made by visiting <[www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org)> and click on Washington, then type in Lori Ross. The HVFD is very proud of Lori and her dedication to this cause.

... Tom Haskell

## SEASON PASS TO FORT TICONDEROGA

"Fort Ticonderoga welcomes everyone to join the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga," says Beth Hill, Executive Director. Memberships for adults begin at \$50 per person and are tax-deductible. Benefits include free admission to Fort Ticonderoga (a single general admission for an adult is \$17.50), free or discounted admission to selected events, programs, and trips throughout the year and a subscription to Fort Ticonderoga's *The Haversack*. Hill also noted, "The Friends membership is a great deal and for a great cause! We are a private non-profit organization and don't receive funding from local, state or federal government."

The Fort also has a volunteer program "Volunteers Count!" If someone volunteers 10 hours or more in a season, they will be given an Ambassador Pass for that year. "Volunteering," says Hill, "is giving time to one of America's greatest treasures."

For more information visit <[www.fortticonderoga.org/support](http://www.fortticonderoga.org/support)>.

### DOINGS AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga's "Fort Fever Series" concludes for the season on Sunday, April 22, at 2 pm., with "Henry Knox: Beyond the Noble Train of Artillery" presented by Director of Education Rich Strum. The cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door; free for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga. The program takes place in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. Doors open at 1:30 pm for the program.

In the coming months, the Fort Fever Series will be replaced by the Fort Ticonderoga Author Series. The first program in this series will be on Sunday, June 3, with Eliot Cohen, author of "Conquered into Liberty." You can learn more about upcoming education programs at Fort Ticonderoga by visiting the Fort's website at <[www.Fort-Ticonderoga.org](http://www.Fort-Ticonderoga.org)> and selecting the "Explore and Learn" button.



Fort Ticonderoga recently received a grant from Stewart's Foundation supporting new King's Garden programs in 2012. These programs will encourage young visitors to learn about different vegetables, flowers and insects. The funds will specifically support the development of four themed areas within the Children's Garden including *Flying Friends*, *Vegetable Maze*, *Edible Petals Patch*, and *Onion Island*. The Garden is open June 1 through October 8 and offers a wide variety of horticulture programs throughout the season.

International Paper Foundation has awarded Fort Ticonderoga a \$1,000 grant to help underwrite the 2012 Children's Garden programs. The grant provides funds for materials and supplies needed for the series *Growing up with Gardening: Sow, Grow & Know!* that will take place at 10:15 am in the King's Garden on July 10 and 24 and August 7 and 21. The fun one-hour program series, for children ages 3 through 8, will be presented in the King's Garden's Discovery Garden and is included in the cost of the Fort's general admission.

To learn more about King's Garden and its many family-fun programs in 2012, visit <<http://www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/gardens>> or call 518-585-2821.

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 24 1:30 pm Senior Meeting
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 26 7 pm Ti Elem/Middle School Concert
- 28 11 am – 3 pm HVFD Open House
- 28 3 pm Pig Roast at the HVFD

#### ROTARY SPONSORS INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Northern Lake George Rotary will sponsor their annual International Dinner on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 6 pm in Gullen Lounge in the Inn at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks.

Appetizers, main dishes, desserts and beverages will be served for \$30 per person.

For information and reservations, please contact Merribeth Elling at 585-2173.

#### MAY

- 3 9 am Senior club trip to Burlington, VT
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 4 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Silver Bay
- 5 11 am Wesleyan Church Ladies' Brunch/ Tea
- 8 1 – 5 pm Registration for School District voting
- 8 6 pm Town Board
- 8 7 pm Final Public Hearing on School Budget
- 11 News deadline for May issue
- 11 6 pm Silver Bay dinner and movie
- 12 10:30 am Baptist Ladies Fellowship
- 13 Happy Mothers' Day!
- 15 noon – 8 pm Public Vote on Budget and School Board Candidates
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 20 8:30 am Services at Silver Bay and 10 am

#### RENTAL INFORMATION

We will again publish rental listings for the coming summer as a service to our readers. If you plan to rent your home in the Hague area, send us the basic information (location, basic description and contact info) no later than May 11, 2012 to <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> and we will include it in our May and June issues – edited as necessary.

#### PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER



Send in your digital entries for the 2012 photo contest sponsored by *The Hague Chronicle*. Images must be taken between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to everyone both Youth and Adult. The categories are 1) Scenery, 2) People, 3) Animals, 4) Birds, 5) Still-life, 6) Boats/Boating and 7) Botanicals. Two pictures per category may be submitted. To see the winners from last year and to get the complete rules, go to our website <thehaguechronicle.org>.

**HAGUE HAPPENINGS** *by Stan*

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