



### CELLULAR SERVICE UPDATE

In April of this year, your Town Board was approached by Independent Towers in partnership with AT&T Wireless to investigate the possibility of establishing a long term lease with the Town to erect a 100 foot cell tower on the property currently occupied by the Waste Water Treatment plant.

The significance of this request is that both parties, working together, had done enough homework to determine that this location would fill the cell coverage gap currently existing in the Hague - Northern Lake George area. Having a committed carrier (AT&T) in partnership with a respected tower constructor (Independent Towers), both with experience in the Adirondack Park, establishes a level of commitment and credibility in the project.

Over the next months, sight surveys and balloon tests were run, radio frequency maps generated defining the coverage areas, environmental impact assessed, agency documentation compiled, and initial site lease agreements drafted.

The Hague Planning Board, on July 8, 2010 unanimously approved the application and referred the matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a height variance from 40 feet to 100 feet. The ZBA unanimously granted such variance on July 22, 2010. The APA has completed a preliminary site plan review and work is underway to submit the application for final review.

A copy of the proposed Site Lease Agreement is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk. As an integral part of the process, a public hearing has been scheduled for August 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm to provide feedback to the Board from the public on the terms of the lease.

The Town has no financial liability on this project, with all costs of construction and operation borne by the carrier and tower provider. The Town will receive a monthly rent of \$900 per month (\$10,800 per year) which will escalate at 3% per year. In addition, the Town will receive 10% of the net revenue resulting from other carriers co-locating on the tower.

As is typical in the industry, given the capital investment and upgrades as technology evolves, lease terms range in excess of 25 years. The terms in this site lease consist of an initial term of 5 years which will be automatically extended for eight terms of 5 years each.

While maximizing revenue to the Town is an important factor, it must be put in perspective along with other factors affecting our residents. Broadband mobile technology is a key to our future. What was once considered a luxury is now a necessity. Mobile broadband has had, and will continue to have a profound impact on all segments of our population. This project provides the Town with a reasonable additional revenue source.

However, revenue is not the only consideration; other factors must be taken into account as we optimize this equation. Safety and security of our residents and visitors, the ability to communicate anytime anywhere as our personal or business lifestyles require, the ability to attract businesses and tourists all play into this equation. I believe we have achieved that balance.

... Dick Gladu, Councilman, Town of Hague

### OKTOBERFEST COMING ON SEPTEMBER 25TH

Plans are underway for the Second Annual Hague Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The event takes place at the Town Park and this year there will be extended hours from 10 am – 7 pm.

The morning festivities will include added activities for the kids and some Adirondack Arts and Craft vendors under the tent. Food and beer service and live music from Fritz's Polka Band begin at noon. Fritz's Polka Band is the official band of Jagermeister liqueur (so you know they've got to be great). Joining us will be the Jagerettes – the promotional team from Jagermeister – and we'll be serving Jagermeister in addition to lots of great beers and plenty of German food.

This year we'll be ready for the crowds and won't run out of anything! It will be great fun for the entire family. Plan to spend the day in the park on September 25th. Entry is FREE!

... Donna Wotton

### DELAYED MAIL AND SEASONAL ADDRESSES

We have heard from several readers that they did not receive their July issues of *The Hague Chronicle* in a timely manner. All addresses in the 128xx zip area have been put in bulk mail but we will now stamp all of them, except Hague which is delivered immediately. All other copies are mailed out first class and should be treated as such. This issue will be mailed out on the morning of Thursday, August 19, 2010 and should certainly reach you by the following Monday or Tuesday. Please let us know if you continue to have any problems with the mail.

Please make sure that we have your correct address in order to receive your issues where you are currently residing. We get some copies returned each month. For seasonal residents, we will send your copy to the address we have according to the dates you have provided. If you will be leaving the area at a different time this year, please let us know. The September issue will be mailed on the 23rd, the October issue on the 21st and the November issue on the 18th.

## SENIOR NEWS

Summer is stepping up its pace, and so are our Senior Citizens. Some of us took a fun trip to Lake George Village this month for lunch and miniature golf. Our Senior Citizens' Annual Picnic is only a couple of days away - August 24, 2010 at noon, at Hague's Firehouse Pavilion on West Hague Road. Please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, burgers, cold drinks and ice-cream will be provided by our Club.

President Pat Hintze (543-6502) and her Board would like to remind you that we'll have to sign-up and finalize the details for our annual big trip that takes place on Thursday, September 16, 2010 - the Lake George Luncheon Cruise on the *Lac du Saint Sacrement*. The cost to members is \$10 per person. Guests are welcome to join us for \$28 - that's still a discount for our group. Our deadline for payment to the LG Steamship Company is near! Please bring your ticket money or a check to the picnic. But even more important, bring yourself! It'll be good to see everybody all together again. The details for the October outing will be revealed then, too.

So come to the picnic on August 24th to eat, gab and be merry. See you there! ... Chris Ianson

## FALL FUN RIDE AND PIG ROAST



Saturday, August 28, 2010 will be a busy day at the Hague Fish and Game Club off West Hague Road. The day starts at 9:30 am with the Fall Fun Ride, for ATVs and horses. The ride will leave from the Clubhouse grounds and will be going onto private property. A \$5 ride fee will be collected and make sure that you have your

helmet on when riding your ATV.

Upon completion of the ride, the Club's annual PIG ROAST will kick off at 3 pm. Dinner will consist of roast pig, corn, potato, roll and cake dessert and the suggested donation price is still only \$10. The dinner can be eat-in or take-out and refreshments will also be available.

Starting at 6:30 pm, club member and famous local DJ, Tom, will be spinning records for your listening and dancing pleasure. Come on out and join in for a day of fun at the Club.

... Steve Ramant

## HVFD THANKS ITS SUPPORTERS

On August 5th, the EMPs of Silver Bay staged their annual musical to benefit the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. The show, "NUNSENSE," playing to a nearly full house, was a great choice, very funny, and one of our members had a major role. Thanks again to Silver Bay and their EMPs for a very generous effort.

On August 7th, we hosted our Annual Steak Roast at the Pavilion. The weather cooperated and we had a good turn out of both local and seasonal folks. As usual the food was more than abundant. Raffles ran all day long, and just about everyone went home with a prize. As was mentioned in our last edition, part of the proceeds of this event will go to assist member Bob Rafferty with recently incurred hospital expenses. Thanks one and all for your support of this annual event.

A Fund raiser Pig Roast in support of the Jason Laundree Memorial Training Fund will be held September 11, 2010 at the Firehouse. Watch for details.

In July there were 37 fire calls using 155 man hours and 22 ambulance calls using 212.5 man hours. One of those fires was the total loss of the West homestead, over a century old. Our Chief, Ray Mury was injured and hospitalized briefly from fighting the fire. He's fine.

Since the Vela Grande Toured, it seems like everyone with a bicycle has taken to the roads, so let's keep an eye out for them.  
... Joe McCranels

## READERS INQUIRE

Can something be done about the odor emanating from the sewer pump station at the bottom of Dodd Hill Road?

When Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Tim Costello has been made aware of the issue, he has continually increased the amount of chemical treatment at the pump station. Improved charcoal filters have been installed in the exhaust fans.

Tim would like to remind everyone to use phosphorus free cleaning agents. In addition to being better for the environment, it is costly to remove the phosphates at the Treatment Plant.

To contact Tim or the Plant call 543-8862.

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## LGA CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

The Lake George Association (LGA) is finalizing plans for its historic 125th Annual Meeting, scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010 at 10 am at the Lake George Club. The public is invited to attend and the meeting is free; an optional lunch afterwards is \$21 per person. Reservations are required.

Ken Wagner, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker. Ken is editor in chief of Lake and Reservoir Management, the international journal of the North American Lake Management Society. For decades, Ken has played a valuable role in environmental research conducted on Lake George, working with the Lake George Association and other lake organizations

The public will also have the opportunity to learn more about the environmental status of Lake George, and to meet others with a passion for its protection. Updates on many environmental initiatives taking place around the Lake will be given. Executive Director Walt Lender, Randy Rath, LGA project manager and Emily DeBolt will all speak on the Lake's work.

New members, and those who care about the Lake and would like to learn more about protecting it, are welcome to attend. Nominations for Directors include Thomas Jarrett and Salem Amerce and returning directors Holly de Buys, William Dutcher and John Schaninger.

Many other groups are commemorating the LGA's 125th Anniversary. The New York State Legislature adopted a joint resolution which recognized the LGA's significant accomplishments throughout its history. The Warren County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation naming the month of August "Lake George Association Month." The proclamation recognized that "the members of the Lake George Association have worked together to protect, conserve and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin for 125 years." In addition, all post offices around the Lake will hand stamp, upon request, any mail posted on August 20th with a special commemorative stamp.

For more information, contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or visit the LGA website at <[www.lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org)>.

## FESTIVAL GUILD FAMILY PICNIC

The President's Party of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will be a family picnic on September 11, 2010 at 4 pm at the K of C Pavilion in Ticonderoga. Each year the president picks an event, open to the public, as a special get-together.

A basket raffle will be part of the program. Featured will be traditional picnic food: hot dogs, hamburgers, wings, baked beans, salad, chips, dessert and beverages. Games will be offered for the children and others who wish to enter. For musical fun, easy circle and square dances will be called.

The ticket price is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children - not to exceed \$25 for a family. Tickets are available from board members and by calling 585-7015. ... Cathie Burdick

## FIRE DESTROYS WEST HOMESTEAD

The entire Town was stunned and saddened by the complete loss by fire of the West homestead on Route 8 opposite the Catholic Church. Fortunately, Marguerite West, 97, was able to get out of the house as it was consumed by the blaze.

Fire Chief Ray Mury was injured while fighting the fire and spent some time in the Burlington hospital but is now home and doing well.

Members of the Hague Baptist Church and many others rallied around Marguerite and her immediate needs were met. She is currently staying at the Westmount Facility in Glens Falls where visitors have reported she is still exhibiting her amazing spirit and sense of humor.



Her daughter, Besty West Jensen, has sent the following note: "I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who helped my mom, Marguerite West, during her recent fire and subsequent hospitalization. Thank you for all of your words of comfort, your many gifts to her, and the care that she has received during this time. She always told me that she had many excellent friends in Hague, and you have surely proved that. May the Lord bless each and every one who had any part in caring for her."

## CHAIR AUCTION - A PLUG FOR A FRIEND

Have you seen the decorated Adirondack chairs around the Town of Bolton? They provide a fun focal point during the summer season and then are auctioned off for charity. Proceeds benefit the High Peaks Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. The chairs are decorated by local artists who volunteer their services. The chair that raised the most money last year was that of a great blue heron painted by Joyce Cleveland of Bolton. This year she has designed "Bears and Berries" which is displayed at the Bolton Chamber of Commerce building and co-designed "Trolling for Trout" shown in front of the Bolton Museum.

Joyce is a life-long friend of mine and one amazing artist. She was a well-known commercial free-lance artist for many years designing cards, fabric, collectibles, puzzles and many more items. She has retired to Bolton and has expanded her artistic endeavors displaying original oils and watercolors at a variety of venues.

All the wonderfully designed chairs will be auctioned on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 4 to 8 pm at Sweet Pea Farm, 121 Federal Hill Road in Bolton Landing. For further information and a view of the chairs see <[www.chrissyfund.com](http://www.chrissyfund.com)>.

... Judy Stock

## TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 7/19/10

All Board members with the exception of Councilman Martucci met at 9:30 am with Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce. The Board discussed different avenues on how to promote the Town of Hague as a four season tourist attraction encouraging families to visit Hague.

Tom Haskell will compile a list of events with costs, within a model plan for promotion, to present to the Board. He will also present a sketch of the monitor and case that the Chamber would like installed outside the Visitor Center.

## TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 7/29/10

All Town Board members were present along with Michael Farrell from Vision Engineering and Highway Superintendent Don Smith.

Mr. Farrell reported on the violations at the Highway garage and his proposed administrative compliance order. The Board authorized Mr. Farrell to submit the final report to the EPA. There will be an established schedule and the prepared documentation will be set for bids for contractors.

The Board discussed having a Public Works department instead of an elected highway superintendent. While there would be some advantages, the Board agreed that they wanted to keep this Town position subject to the will of the voters.

The Board approved \$250 out of the occupancy tax money to pay the Chamber of Commerce to remove the bulletin board at the Visitor Center and install the monitor and case for the promotional video.

## TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 8/2/10

All Town Board members were present for the special meeting to discuss correcting the procedures needed for the cell tower agreement with Independent Towers. A public hearing must be held and the Board must pass a resolution subject to permissive referendum on the use of Town property at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Independent Towers. Councilman Meola had reservations about conditions in the proposed legal agreement. He also presented a letter from another company which indicated a possible higher income to the Town and felt he that “we owe it to the taxpayers to get more information.”

The consensus of the rest of the Board was that the cell service should be in place as quickly as possible and that any change of tower company would result in a lengthy delay due to the many steps in the APA application process. Any company is welcome to develop a plan at another location outside a 1 1/2 mile radius and present it to the Board.

Councilman Gladu had done some additional negotiating with Independent Towers and they agreed to pay rent of \$900 per month to the Town instead of \$800. AT&T is currently signed on as a service provider and if other providers sign on, there will be some additional income to the Town.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 8/10/10

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

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met to discuss the cell tower agreement and then held a public hearing on a map amendment to the Zoning code. No comments were heard.

Supervisor Belden opened the regular meeting and asked for a moment of silence for John J. Brown and the Reverend Floyd Tyler.

John Paul Okrin, lifeguard at the Hague beach, requested that another guard be hired part time so that they will have coverage which, under the DOH regulations, will allow the swimming ropes to be moved out farther. Currently there is not enough depth to swim within the ropes and some people are not using the area. Jamie Patchett, Alice Patchett and Mary Lou Doulin spoke in support of the proposal.

A related discussion addressed the need for additional lifeguards. In order to have enough manpower, some consideration has been given to hiring lifeguards from Ticonderoga or Silver Bay. Anyone interested in filling in as a lifeguard should contact the Community Center.

Steve Ramant urged the Board and others in Town to support events put on by local organizations. He noted that the Hague Fish and Game Club will be holding a kids fishing clinic on August 18th. On August 28, 2010, the Club will sponsor ATV rides in the morning and have a pig roast in the afternoon.

Chris Navitsky spoke in support of developing a plan for addressing the comprehensive plan and conducting a survey. He also noted that he had previously volunteered to draw up plans for the Town parking lots. He offered to provide additional information to the Board on the phosphorus ban and hoped that all these issues would be addressed.

### Committee Reports:

**Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement:** Councilman Martucci reported that they are waiting for the DOH requirements for a certified kitchen to be sent. Some Board members expressed dissatisfaction with the work of the downtown enhancement planners.

**Fire Department:** Councilman Gladu reported that Fire Chief Ray Mury is feeling better. He also noted that they are beginning the budget cycle and would like to talk with the Department in September.

**Highway:** Highway Superintendent Smith reported that they will be paving Pine Cove on August 26th. He also noted that a chemical that was ordered ‘doesn’t meet our policy’ and he is trying to get it returned.

**Museum & Historian:** Council member Frasier said the Hague Historical Society will be holding a presentation at the Hague Community Center on August 24, 2010 at 7 pm, on hotels serviced by the steamboats that landed at Sabbath Day Point, Uncas and Silver Bay. Supervisor Belden said he thought the last program with Bruce DeLarm was interesting.

**Personnel:** Highway Superintendent Smith needs to hire additional help for 20 hours per week at the Highway Department. The Board has a list of people who have indicated interest in other part time positions and will see if they are still interested.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** Councilman Gladu commended the Code Committee on their due diligence going through all of the Code. The Committee has requested that their recommendations to date be accepted by the Board.

**Recreation, Promotion & Youth:** Plans for the Oktoberfest are progressing well.

**Sewer Districts #1 and #2:** Councilman Meola noted that Supervisor Belden had sent a letter to Paul Belden, recently hired for the Sewer Plant, without stating a starting date and he suggested that clarification was needed. The Board agreed that the date is July 6, 2010 since Belden was working at the Plant in the morning before going to another job.

**Town Park:** Councilman Meola noted that the playground equipment should be replaced. Councilman Gladu made a motion to hire an additional lifeguard and to take the money out of the contingency fund. There will be 2 lifeguards on duty every day if personnel can be found.

**Under other business, the Board:**

Set a public hearing on August 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm to consider the cell tower lease and agreement.

Adopted amendments to the Zoning Map related to parcels in a section of town near the intersection of Fitzgerald Road and Decker Hill Road across from the Sewer Plant. The entire Special Commercial Use Zone is now designated as Open Country-side I and the minimum lot requirement is 2.9 acres.

Gave approval to the Hague Senior Citizens Club for use of the Visitor Center for Americade 2011.

Appointed Jerry Crammond as the Hague Representative to the Warren County Bicentennial Committee.

Approved a motion that effective 9/1/10, Tim Costello will change from full-time to working at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for five to seven hours per week at \$30 per hour. It will be a part time position so does not include health insurance. Tim will be there as the Supervisor until Paul Belden is certified.

Authorized the Supervisor to sign the checks to turn over \$3000 from the general fund and \$1000 from the occupancy fund to the Oktoberfest Committee. The Town will request a copy of their budget.

Supervisor Belden will check with Diane Trudeau about the status of implementing the direct deposit for employees.

Gene Moran asked about support for a coin drop for the Fish & Game Club. The Town does not either approve or disapprove. It is a state law that they are not legal.

Lara Smith asked about what is happening with cable service on New Hague Road and who from the Board is working on it. Supervisor Belden said the cable company is supposed to have figures to the Town by September and he will give Lara any needed information to be able to contact them.

An audience member asked what the Town is doing about opening up the road to Jabes Pond. Supervisor Belden noted that the DEC has cut off funding for the maintenance so they have closed the road and the Town has no control over it.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/22/10**

Vice-Chairman Martin Fitzgerald, II and members Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman, George Ianson and Jon Hanna were present. Chairman Robert Goetsch was absent and one seat is vacant.

INDEPENDENT TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC/TOWN OF HAGUE (42-1-17) 68 Decker Hill Rd. (SCUZ)

The applicants would like to construct a 100 foot high Wireless Telecommunication Tower on a 10,000 sq. ft. leased section of land located at the Town of Hague Sewer Treatment Plant parcel.

A public hearing was held on the application and a resident of the neighborhood, Denise Gugumuck, spoke against the project being located there. She said she was not informed about the treatment plant and does not feel that she should "take a hit again." She feels that it diminishes the value of her property and also that it could be unhealthy living that close to radio waves.

The Board granted the variance citing that there was no undesirable change or adverse effect in the neighborhood. Beyond that there was no discussion by the Board.

QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Dr. (TR-1)

The Board reviewed the application to raise the roof on an existing cottage to gain more useable floor space, add a ramp to provide a second means of egress, and add an addition to a non-conforming house.

**PLANNING BOARD – 8/5/10**

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

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

The review continues of the application for a Major Subdivision of two parcels equaling 148.8 acres.

INDEPENDENT TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC/TOWN OF HAGUE (42-1-17) 68 Decker Hill Rd. (SCUZ)

The Board recommended to the APA that this application for a 100 foot high Wireless Telecommunication Tower be approved.

QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Dr. (TR-1)

The Board recommended to the ZBA that the application for expansion of a nonconforming house within 50 feet of the Lake be approved.

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OLIVER (26.14-1-2) 42 Friends Point South (TR-1R)

The Board approved, with conditions, the application to replace an existing one story garage, which sits 30' from Lake, with a new two story garage.

LUDLAM-MEYER (60.13-1-16) 46 Pudding Lane (TR-1)

The Board gave relief from a 2008 Planning Board condition so the applicants can extend the existing second story roof to include coverage of a one story section of an existing house.

## SUMMER SERVICES

The remaining summer worship services at the Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point include The Reverend Robert Johnson of Silver Bay on August 22, 2010; The Reverend Dr. Charles Stratton from Schenectady on August 29th and The Reverend Gerard Van Heest, seasonal resident of Silver Bay, on September 5th, with communion. The services are non-denominational and begin at 9:30 am.

Services will also be held in the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel on the Silver Bay campus at 10 am on August 22nd and September 5th with The Reverend Bruce Tamlyn, Silver Bay chaplain, as preacher.

## UPCOMING SCARZELLO PROGRAMS

August 25: From 10 am to 2 pm at her home in Chilson, Nancy will conduct a Herbal Workshop, "Tinctures, Syrups and Elixirs" showing how herbal preparations can be made at home. The cost of the workshop is \$65 and will include: In-depth instruction, hands on demonstrations, take-home items, handouts, plant ID walk and a light lunch. Please call Nancy at 585-2106 for registration details.

September 7: From 1:30 - 3 pm, join herbalist Scarzello for this walk and talk, touring the herb garden, garden grounds and field edges at the King's Gardens. Learn about the traditional and folkloric uses of herbs and wild plants, identification and ways we still use them today. The fee is \$15 and pre-registration is required by calling Fort Ticonderoga at 585-2821.

September 11: From 10 am to 4 pm, Nancy will explore the safe identification, hands-on preparations, harvest and storage techniques for edible Adirondack mushroom as well as medicinal mushrooms used for health and healing. All handouts, instruction, recipes, samples, take-home items and LUNCH are included in the \$95 cost for the day. Class size is limited and pre-registration required. Please call Nancy at 585-2106 for registration details.

September 14: From 2 to 4:30 pm, Herbalist Scarzello will teach harvesting and preparation techniques for simple herbal products for home use. Using fresh herbs harvested from the Fort's gardens, she will show the proper ways of making teas, herbal oils for massage, a salve and lip balm. The fee is \$25 and pre-registration is required by calling Fort Ticonderoga at 585-2821.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** Carson Jay Witherell on June 10, 2010 to Hendrik and Aren Witherell of Fort Richardson, AK. Carson's proud grandparents are Doug and Karen Laundree of Hague, NY and great-grandparents are Gene and Louise Schram of Whitehouse, OH. Carson Jay is also the nephew of Nathan Laundree of Hague and named after his late uncle Jason Laundree.

**DIED:** Dr. Henry H. Mouradian, 105, of Ticonderoga, NY on July 21, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joyce (Schmeling) Mouradian; a son, Dr. William Mouradian of Palos Verde, CA; a daughter, Dr. Wendy Mouradian Dethier of Bellevue, WA; a sister, Grace Kilarjian of Freeport, NY; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Mouradian was active in dental practice in Brooklyn until 1973 when he and his wife moved to Ticonderoga. He was an associate with Dr. G. Peter Cook of Ticonderoga until his retirement in 1985.

**DIED:** John J. Brown, 94, of Cape Cod Village in Hague on July 31, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth (Bisogno) Brown. They have been permanent residents of Hague since 1994. He is also survived by one daughter, Joan Mary Forand, Bronxville, NY and one son, Thomas A. Brown of Phippsburg, ME.

## THE SEMBRICH HOSTS CANTORES MINORES

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum welcomes Cantores Minores, the men's and boys' choir of the Archdiocese of Warsaw, Poland, for a 7:30 pm performance on Friday, August 20, 2010. The program will take place at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 Goodman Avenue in Bolton. Admission is by donation and a goodwill offering will be taken to help underwrite the travel expenses of the choir.

The performance of Cantores Minores pays tribute to a number of significant anniversaries, including the bicentennial of the birth of Frederic Chopin and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ignace Paderewski. In concert with the American theme of the Sembrich's "A Summer of Barber," Cantores Minores will perform selections from Vittorio Giannini's "Mass for Men's Choir and Organ."

Other events at The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum, 4800 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, for this 2010 season include the video lecture "Copland and American Sound" at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 25th; Mezzo-Soprano Mary Ann McCormick's tribute to Louise Homer at 7:30 pm on Saturday, August 28th and "To Be Sung on Water: An Evening of American Choral Music with Lyric Consort" at 7:30 pm on Saturday, September 4th.

For more information see <[www.thesembrich.org](http://www.thesembrich.org)>, or call (518) 644-2431 (office) or (518) 644-9839 (museum).

# Looking Back



Dorothy Watts Goodfellow's "Growing Up Wild" (1977) is a lovely book you can return to time and again and always find something of interest about Hague history:

"There were few settlements, mostly on the west side. At the head of the lake was the small, neat village of Caldwell (now Lake George), where the County Clerk's office and Court-house were, both important in my father's professional life, since he was a civil engineer and surveyor. Two steamboats made their way (throughout my childhood) down and back daily throughout the summer carrying mail, freight, and passengers. The magnificent side-wheeler *Horican* and the smaller *Mohican* were thrilling sights to us children. Before the *Horican* there had been another side-wheeler, larger and more elegant, the *Sagamore*. These boats stopped at Bolton Landing, where the pretentious houses of wealthy summer people gave the name of "Millionaires' Drive" to a certain section of the road between Caldwell and the Bolton area; then at Sabbathday Point, where the Carneys' hotel held the post office, and a few miles farther on at Silver Bay, where the Y.M.C.A. had a large hotel and cottages, around which a summer colony had gradually grown. Below this stop were Hague, another small settlement rapidly becoming a summer resort, Glenburnie on the eastern side of the lake, and finally, Baldwin, the last stop on the lake.

"Since the road had not yet been extended (and was not to be until 1928) from Bolton over Tongue Mountain, and only a narrow gravel road covered the distance between Hague and Ticonderoga, these steamers played an indispensable role in our lives, bringing our mail, packages from the mail-order houses, freight and friends. To go to Ticonderoga was an all-day occupation with a team of horses, and few in our neighborhood could spare the time. There was a general store in Hague for local residents; those who could not reach it on foot or with horse and buggy rowed themselves or took the steamer. Hague to us children was a long dock reaching out into the lake, at which our father stopped his white launch, *Juanita*, to get her fuel tank filled. The lake was our highway – and that of the summer people, who had begun to arrive in growing numbers between the turn of the century and World War I."

... Pat McDonough

## CCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County (CCE) will hold the 1st Annual Cornell Cooperative Extension Golf Tournament on August 28, 2010 at Cronin's Golf Course in Warrensburg, NY. All proceeds from this benefit will be used to help financially support CCE's educational programs.

A donation of \$75 per person includes green fees, cart, barbecue, awards, and prizes. The tournament will begin with registration at 9:15 am, followed by a shotgun start at 10 am.

The tournament format is a 4-person scramble. If you are not a golfer but would like to join us for the awards ceremony, silent auction, and barbecue, a contribution of \$25 will be accepted. The barbecue will begin at 3 pm.

Contact Amy Sabattis to sponsor a tee or make an in-kind donation. Pre-registration for the tournament is required by calling CCE at 518-623-3291 or 668-4881.

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you'd like to continue your journey to Hague's hotels, or if you missed Part I, and want to be sure to catch Part II, "Heyday of Hague's Hotels – Part II", will be presented on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, at 7 pm at the Community Center. We'll visit the many hotels whose guests arrived at the steamboat landings at Silver Bay, Uncas and Sabbath Day Point.



A friend of the Historical Society has recently shared with us a year-long journal kept by 16-year-old Ralph Waldo Balcom (1888-1956). It's a wonderful documentation of life in Hague in the early 1900's and copies of its pages will be available in the Museum in the early fall. To round out the document and other information about Balcom we are seeking a photograph of him and/or his family. The photo can be scanned and returned within minutes. Please call us at 543-6725 if you should have a picture or any information about Ralph Balcom. You can also always reach us at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

... Pat McDonough

## ROTARY TO SPONSOR "BOATHOUSE BLAST"

The Northern Lake George Rotary will sponsor the "Boathouse Blast" on Thursday, September 2, 2010 from 7 to 10 pm at the Silver Bay boathouse. The evening will feature Mike Vassallo and his band, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, a 50/50 raffle and a theme gift basket raffle. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit Rotary community and international projects.

For further information please contact Julie Cook at 543-6421 or Michele Benedict at 585-7785. All are welcome to attend this special celebration bringing our community together to enjoy the evening in this beautiful location overlooking Lake George.

... Diane Dickson

# 11TH ANNUAL LGLC CONSERVATION CELEBRATION AT BLYTHEWOOD



*Anthea Turner*



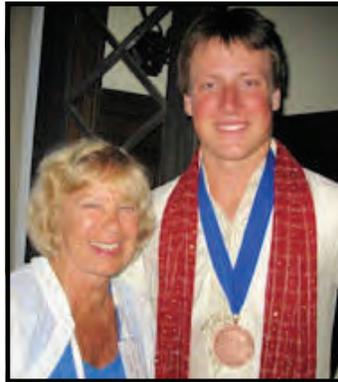
*John Macionis*



*Doug Smith*



*Beth and Chris Navitsky*



*Heidi Spencer and McLean Macionis*



*Rob Singer and Sheri DeLarm*



*George and Gloria Singer*



*Charlotte and Chuck Gosselink*



*Susan Darrin, Marion Cartwright*



*Rob and Christin Pedlow*



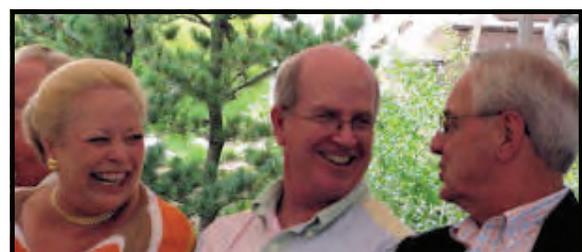
*Enid Engler, Pam Rottier, Seddon Beaty*



*Mary Earl, Nan Olsen, Peg Olsen, Virginia Smith*



*Rusty North, Susan Sandman, Karen Ritzdorf*



*Holly and Bob de Buys, Skip Meislahn*

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### Purple Prism Traps

Just past Lonergan's Antiques on the way to Ti, there is a large purple prism-shaped box hanging from a tree alongside the road. I passed by this one several times, then noticed a couple more while driving up Rt 74 on Chilson Hill and wondered *what were they?* Yesterday, a call into David Winchell of the DEC solved my mystery ~ they are traps for the destructive forest insect pest, the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Emerald Ash Borer has metallic green wing covers and a coppery red or purple abdomen. It is small enough to fit on a penny. Beautiful to look at, but the damage caused by the larvae, which feed in tunnels called galleries in the phloem just below the bark, is extensive. The serpentine galleries disrupt water and nutrient transport, causing branches and eventually the entire tree, to die. Signs of infestation include tree canopy dieback, yellowing, extensive sprouting from the roots and trunk, and woodpecker damage from larvae extraction. Since it was discovered in Michigan in 2002, the Emerald Ash Borer has been responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of ash trees in 14 states in the U.S. and two neighboring Canadian provinces.



NYDEC Website

And now it has made its way into New York State ~ with more than 900 million ash trees in the state, there is a lot at stake. In June of 2009 the first Emerald Ash Borer was detected in Randolph, NY prompting state and federal officials to implement an extensive monitoring system that includes the deployment of approximately 7,500 EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) purple traps in ash trees in high risk locations along major transportation corridors (hence the traps we see on Rt 9N and Rt 74). This small, but destructive beetle infests and kills all North American ash tree species, including green, white, black, and blue ash. The primary way this insect spreads is when firewood and wood products are moved from one place to another. Many of New York State's forests and parklands are high-risk areas due to firewood movement. New York residents are urged to take preventive measures to keep EAB from spreading to other areas of the state such as:

\*Leave all firewood at home ~ please do not bring it to campgrounds or parks where it may be transported to other areas.

\*Use only locally cut firewood in homes or when camping.

\*Watch for signs of infestation in your ash trees. If you suspect your ash tree could be infected by EAB, please report to the state by calling 1-866-640-0652 so that appropriate measures may be taken.

\*Check out the DEC website for further Emerald Ash Borer info and photos.

Right now, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the DEC have been coordinating their efforts to determine if the Emerald Ash Borer has made its way into our high-traffic area by using the purple traps hung from ash trees.

The bright purple prism-shaped traps are made of corrugated plastic that are coated with a sticky substance and contain a scented lure. Placed along roads, at campgrounds, state parks and other areas throughout the state, the traps are inspected every 30 days and samples collected. After 90 days, the traps will be collected and removed from the trees. We are asked to assist in the survey effort by not having any contact with the traps or the ropes used to hold them in the trees.

Unfortunately, the Emerald Ash Borer was recently found present in nearby Hudson Valley, so the concerns for us locally are quite valid. Adirondackers are dependent upon the ash trees for much more than firewood. There are many traditional craftsmen that use the ash tree as the source for the weavers in ash splint baskets, pack baskets, chair seats and furniture; ash paddles for canoes and kayaks, and ash for boat building materials as well ~ the survival of these traditions and the livelihood of these people depend on these trees. The survival of the trees depends on us.

### PLEASE HELP FIND CHARLIE



On Friday, August 13th, "Charlie The Frog" was taken from the Michael's property on Friends Point. Charlie has great sentimental value to the Michael family and has been a fixture on Friends Point for many years.

Graham and Petey Michael would put Charlie out on a bench soon after their arrival in the spring and he would welcome all of the children old and young throughout the summer months. People would bring him gifts, bouquets of flowers, a necklace, "silly bands" this year, sun glasses, cigars as well as write Charlie letters. Charlie would frequently be dressed in appropriate garb to match particular holidays occurring during the summer months. The Michael family has continued the tradition, much to the joy of those who have come to know and to love Charlie.

With Charlie's big smile and skinny legs, and the memories of frog catching expeditions with their dad and grandfather, he brings affectionate reminders to the family of their deceased family member, Graham Michael. The family and all their Friends Point neighbors hope that Charlie will reappear back in his normal position on the bench.

If you have any information please contact Susan Michael Rogers at 610-431-1446 and 518-543-8826 after 8/21, or Sheriff Difiore at 518-743-2500, Case #10-10221.

... Bruce Craig and Susan Rogers

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### AUGUST 2010

#### SEPTEMBER 2010

- 20 10 am LGA meeting and lunch (see p. 3)
- 21 4—8 pm Bolton chair auction (see p. 3)
- 24 7 pm Historical Society program (see p. 7)
- 25 6:30 pm Public Hearing Cell Tower Lease (see p. 1)
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board
- 28 3 pm Hague Fish & Game Pig Roast (see p. 2)

- 2 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 **LABOR DAY**—Town Offices closed
- 7 First day of school for students
- 14 6:30 pm Town Board
- 17 News deadline for September issue
- 21 Ticonderoga School Board monthly meeting
- 23 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 23 7 pm Zoning Board
- 25 **OKTOBERFEST** (see p. 1)

#### AN INQUIRY

With the closing by the management company of the book exchange shelf at the Transfer Station, is there another place in Town where a book give-and-take could be placed?

Readers are invited to send in suggestions.

#### TRANSFER STATION REMINDER

Summer hours continue through Sunday, September 5, 2010.

Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 12 noon to 3 pm

Starting on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, winter hours are in effect.

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm



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