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LAKESHORE GARAGE STRUCTURE RAZED

The building formerly occupied by the garage on Lakeshore Drive is gone. The property had been marketed by Bell Point Realty as a commercial space for \$1,495,000. Now according to Rolf Ronning of Bell Point Realty, they will seek a subdivision of 2 to 3 residential lots. He said that he hopes to present his proposal to the Planning Board as soon as possible.

With the demolition goes the last part of the structure which was well-known for its distinctive style. According to Jim Bolton, in the late 1920's his father, Earl Bolton started a car storage and auto repair shop which later was known as the Trout House Garage. Jim said, "Roy Bennett was in charge of construction. Roy had built many of the original buildings at Arcady and my parents liked the Tudor design." According to a letter that Graham Bailey sent to the Town Board, this Tudor Adirondack style was designed by Ward Shippey, an important regional architect in the 1920's and 1930's.

Some of the early employees were Gus Davis and Howard (Spike) Barnett. As WW II broke out and the men went to war, gas was rationed and tires were nonexistent. Earl Bolton closed up the business and he and his wife Marge went to work at Baer Manning for war production, as did many area people.

After the war, Gus and Adrian Davis went to work for Rosmond Buick in Ticonderoga. Spike stayed on with at the Trout House Garage until the mid 1960's when he went to work for the Hague Central School as bus mechanic. Working with Spike over the years were Bert Reynolds, George May, and Ernest (Gramps) Jordon.

After a fire in 1969, only the southern part of the original structure still had the Tudor style. Jim Bolton said that this fire was heartbreaking as he had been the third generation in the business. He left the area and his mother, Marge sold the garage in 1971 to Richard Frasier who renamed it Lakeshore Garage.

When prohibition was about to be repealed, Earl and Marge Bolton had built a new bar and grill in the same Tudor style. It was named The New Trout House Casino, after an earlier casino that was located north of this site. The New Trout House Casino was later known as the Dock 'n Dine Restaurant until it, too, was demolished and the property became residential lots.



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SENIOR NEWS

The September outing to the Adirondack History Museum & the Fall Festival in Elizabethtown, NY was a total success. All had a great time and found the venue offered something of interest for each to enjoy. Lunch at the Deer's Head Inn proved to be a delightful ending to our day.

September's meeting took a surprise turn. Our speaker from RSVP canceled at the last minute but our Club Member Jim DeLarm came to our rescue. He gave a very informative and humorous talk about Tahawus Mining and its village, now presently just a ghost town. Most interesting, Jim. We thank you for sharing your stories with us and for offering to guide us on a picnic hike up there in the spring. We will be ready.

Several Club Members are planning a 'mini-trip' to the Vermont Country Store in Weston, VT on Monday, October 16th. We have about 20 signed up to go so should be a fun outing. Maybe we will all buy our 'winter long johns' while we are there! I recently heard that 'S' word lately - snow in the mountains, and you know Seniors . . . they always want to be prepared!!

October's Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, the 24th at NOON at the Community Center. We are planning a Halloween Luncheon Party complete with a Costume Parade and Contest. Prizes will be awarded so all are asked to come in disguise. You can't win if you don't dress the part - be scary - be funky - be silly - be whatever . . . just join the fun. ... mp

APA APPROVES SIGN FOR LOWE'S

About forty residents of the Ticonderoga area traveled to Saranac Lake on October 14th to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Adirondack Park Agency. They wanted to observe the outcome of the vote by the commissioners on the application by Lowe's for a variance from the APA's sign size regulation. Lowe's is planning a store for Wicker St. in Ticonderoga and said that unless they could have at least a 245 square foot sign on the front of the building, they might not build at all. Chairman Ross Whaley and other commissioners chided local politicians and residents for their criticism of the APA, noting that the law required the process of hearings, evidence, dispositions etc. Yet he and each other commissioner that spoke, noted that under the regulations they could find that the scenic and esthetic harm was minimal compared to the economic benefit. By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved granting of the variance. Groundbreaking is planned for next spring.

Long time summer resident, Barbara Rottier, an attorney on the APA staff, assisted the commissioners in the legal process of this issue.

...Ken Engler

EATS & EXERCISES - PILATES & T'AI CHI

We have a nice complement of shops and services in Hague with the addition of two new exercise options. So we can now eat and exercise downtown.

The Hague Creek Cafe continues to serve breakfast and lunch on weekends and a very popular set meal on Wednesday evenings. Upstairs at the Cafe (side entrance available) is the location for Pilates Mat classes given by Brenda-Jean Rider, a Pilates instructor, who has been in the fitness industry since 1996. Brenda and her husband, Allan, are building a house on Pine Orchard Terrace and come up on weekends from Bridgeport, CT.

The Pilates technique focuses on the mind/body connection. The Mat classes work on strengthening the core, breath control, flexibility and proper alignment. The exercises are suitable for all ages & fitness levels and participants bring their own mat and wear loose clothes for movement.

Brenda-Jean says she "enjoys helping people learn and understand how exercise and nutrition is essential to their goals." She believes that "focusing on the balance of mind/body will create permanent results."

The Pilates Mat Classes are held on Saturdays of every month for the fall and winter seasons. The hours are 9 am and 11 am. For further information you can contact Brenda at 203-579-0333.

Additional spots serving food are The Hague Market with its daily specials, the Uptown Store open for breakfast and lunch on weekends and the Firehouse Restaurant open for dinners each evening except Tuesday and Wednesday.

The other exercise option is Holistic Stress Management which combines music with Qigong and T'ai Chi. These Chinese exercises are for quieting the mind and strengthening the body to optimize health and bring lives into balance. The classes are being offered by Mae Pagan who says the class "offers low-impact exercise to reduce stress, enhance optimal health and to simply create a sense of joy and well-being in our lives." The classes will be held at the Community Center on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm starting on October 26th. For further information you can call Mae at 543-6605.

SENIORS BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

The Senior Citizens Club is again publishing a "WHAT'S COOKING IN HAGUE" cookbook. This special Bicentennial Edition which will include recipes and reminiscences has been researched, written and edited by Chris Ianson and Pat McDonough.

This new book is at the printers and the Seniors expect to offer it for sale at the December 2nd Christmas Tree Shop. This Bicentennial Edition is filled with recipes and stories from many longtime residents of Hague. Chris and Pat have been working diligently on this project all summer and the results are totally outstanding!

More details on the price and mailing will be in the November Hague Chronicle. All proceeds will go to the Hague Memorial Day Parade Fund.

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB HONORED

The Carillon Garden Club has recently received first place award for its 2005 flower show, "Autumn Reflections". The show was held in The King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga on September 17, 2005. "This was an exceptionally prestigious award to be given to a flower show," said Rosemarie Viscardi, flower show chairwoman. Cathie Burdick was president of the club at the time and Joyce Mouradian and Vivian Den Blyker were the design consultants. Jackie Viestenz was the horticulture consultant. The show was very well received by the public.

At the October 3 District IV meeting held at the Georgian in Lake George, the Carillon Garden Club received first place in New York State for its 2006 yearbook. The yearbook consists of a calendar of events, descriptions of programs, directory of members and district officers and other pertinent information. It was first judged in the District IV competition and then submitted to the state.

The Carillon Garden Club is an integral part of the Ticonderoga area community. It meets the third Thursday of each month at the Hague Community Center at 11AM. Its goal is "to promote interest in gardening, to aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources; to protect civic beauty; to study and advance the fine arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design, and horticulture."

The club has about 60 members. New members are always welcome. The club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State.

HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will be available on November 2 at the Community Center from 2-3PM. This is available to seniors, 60 years of age or older with a monthly income under \$1,764 for one or \$2,307 for a family of two. If you have not received notification in the mail please pick one up at the Community Center prior to November 2. Please bring with you verification of address, age,, income for anyone in the household and fuel or utility bill.

HVFD SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) held a very successful turkey dinner, prepared by Renee Swinton and her most capable food committee. We are pleased to report that the net proceeds from the event were contributed to the "fund for Chet Frasier". Thanks to all who supported this worthy effort.

In September there was one fire call which was rescinded with no man hours expended. There were 5 ambulance calls, using 40.5 man hours. We can thank our citizens for practicing safety first for the near absence of fire calls at a time when there are usually a number of grass fires.

As always, we encourage anyone to consider being a part of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. It can be a rewarding experience. ...jm

GLENS FALL SYMPHONY

On Sunday, November 19, the Glens Falls Symphony will present its second concert of the season at the Glens Falls High School. This year the concerts are focusing on the piano and the talented David Pasbrig will be performing on the GFSO Steinway Grand Piano. "Pictures at an Exhibition" which was written for the piano will be featured and later in the program the orchestra will do the best known interpretation of it by Ravel. Gunther Schuller, a composer and conductor, will conduct one of his pieces. The concert begins at 4PM and tickets are \$25 each or \$22 each for groups of more than 8.



LGLC ANNOUNCES OUTINGS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites the public to join in their free Fall/Winter outings. Pre-registration is required for each event by contacting the LGLC at 644-9673 or ssmall@tnc.org. Further information can be found at www.lglc.org.

On Sat., October 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm there will be a Summit Hike at Cat and Thomas Mts. Preserve in Bolton led by local volunteer guide John Crist. Hikers will loop from the preserve trailhead at Valley Woods Road to the top of Thomas Mt., then along the preserve's newest trail following the ridgeline to the summit of Cat Mt., and back down again on this challenging, 6.5-mile trek. Hikers are advised to be prepared with proper footwear, lunch and plenty of water and to bring binoculars and cameras as well to capture the spectacular views from each summit!

On Sat., December 16 the Christmas Bird Count will be held in the Bolton area. The CBC is a nationwide activity organized by Audubon that uses "Volunteer Citizen Scientists" to gather information on bird numbers over a three-week period at the turn of the year. Observations are submitted to a nationally based science staff, and after review by a panel of regional experts, the cumulative data set is made available to the public and researchers for review and scientific study. Interested bird watchers can be a part of this effort by joining the LGLC staff for this one day to observe birds in the Bolton/southern Lake George area.

The LGLC also recently received a grant award of \$173,066 from the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation for the Cat and Thomas Mountains Preserve trail stabilization project, for site remediation at the LGLC's Macionis Family Center for Conservation in Bolton Landing, and for continued collaboration with the Darrin Fresh Water Institute on a water quality research project.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/28/06

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Martin Fitzgerald, Jr., George Ianson, Glen McKee, Lindsay Mydlarz and Bill Pittman were present and Mary Lou Doulin was absent.

IHH Properties(26.18-1-1.1)Lakeshore Mine Rd. OCII

A public hearing was held on the proposal to subdivide a 24.24 acre parcel into two lots with one lot consisting of 2 acres and the other 22.24 acres. The density restriction in zone OCII is 8 acres. The Board approved a variance for the 2 acre lot since the proposal will not have an undesirable effect on the character of the neighborhood and will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood.

Keating (43.5-1-5) Graphite Mountain Rd., Hamlet

A public hearing was held on the applicant's request for an 8 ft. fence across his front and side property lines in order to ease noise issues in the area. Variances are requested for the height of the fence (fences on residential lots are limited to 4 ft) and for a roadside setback and for a setback from the Hague Brook. A letter from Bruce Clark was read favoring the request.

The Zoning Board denied the request because they felt that the proposal will have an undesirable effect on the character of the neighborhood and the benefit can be achieved by other methods feasible to the applicant such as an air conditioner to muffle the noise.

Macionis (26.6-1-1) Lakeshore Dr. TR1

A public hearing was held on the applicant's request to construct a 10 ft. by 32 ft addition, a 6 ft by 24 ft. walkway and an exterior staircase. A variance is needed for the walkway which will be located within the 50 ft setback from the lake. ZEO Cathy Clark reported that the APA has reviewed the variance request and do not feel the situation constitutes a hardship. They feel the owners could get similar results through other means. The Board denied the variance request because there are other viable options (such as a smaller room and/or a 4 ft. walkway).

Babinsky. (76.20-1-11) Lakeshore Dr. TR1R

The applicant would like an after the fact approval for the greater portion of a 4 ft. high fence located 6 inches from the southern property line and within 50ft of the shoreline. The ZEO previously ordered the removal of 50 ft of the fence which was located on the shoreline, but allowed a portion of the fence to remain, pending the outcome of the ZBA decision. A site visit and public hearing were scheduled and a request was made for a survey.

Strycker. (43.17-1-3) Springdale Manor Dr. TR1

The applicant is requesting an increase in square footage of more than 25% on a legal non-conforming residence in order to replace the existing one story home with a two story house. A site visit was scheduled and the request will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD - 10/5/06

Chairman Dave Swanson and Pete Foster, Rolly Allen and Pam Peterson were present and John Brown, Katy Wells and Tim Costello were absent.

IHH PROPERTIES, LL (26.18-1-1.1) Lakeshore Mine Road (OCII)

The density variance has been approved by the ZBA in order to divide a 24 acre parcel into 2 parcels - one of 22 acres which remains encumbered by a conservation easement and one of 2 acres for the residence known as "The Boulders". After the public hearing the subdivision was approved by the Planning Board with the condition that as a Class A, APA project, it be approved by the APA .

SHAW (12-1-7 & 12-1-1.2) Trout Brook Road (OC1)

Preliminary plans for a subdivision and lot line change were presented. The applicant currently owns two lots of 2.33 acres and 8.71 acres. They would like to transfer approximately 3 acres of one lot to the other making the lots 5.33 acres and 5.71 acres in a 2.9 minimum lot size zone. One of the lots, currently landlocked will obtain road access. A site visit was scheduled.

BABINSKY (76.20-1-11) 8118 Lakeshore Drive (TR1-R)

The application for a fence on the southern property line was tabled until more data verifying a correct survey was available.

STRYCKER (43.17-1-3) 35 Springdale Manor Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is requesting a variance to replace a legal pre-existing non-conforming house with a two story house within 100 feet (actual 28 ft) of the lake which requires Planning Board review. A site visit was scheduled.

MACIONIS (26.6-1-1) 9500 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is requesting an addition of a walkway, a deck and an exterior staircase to an existing house. Approval was given for the deck and staircase but the walkway which was to be 45' from the lake was not approved.

SWANSON (42-1-28.1) 124 Dodd Hill Road (TR-2)

The Board approved an application for a 6'x 30' 5" addition to an existing deck and an after the fact approval for a 10' x 16' storage shed. There is a setback of 65 ft from a wetland and the APA is not requiring a permit.

IMPORTANT CIVIC VOLUNTEER NEEDED

There is a vacancy on the Planning Board. All interested persons are requested to send in an application by November 10, 2006.

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Art Steitz, Dick Gladu and Edna Frasier were present while Tom LaPointe was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Don & Nita Buchanan, Frank Kireker and Esther Fisher.

Graham Bailey gave a presentation on the Lake George Swim Marathon he has organized for Saturday, June 30, 2007. The professional swimmers will start in Lake George and end at the beach in Hague around 6 pm. There will also be amateur swim races sponsored by the towns along the Lake on Sunday, July 1, 2007. The Marathon Committee is asking for funding from each town as well as Chambers of Commerce and Lake associations in addition to corporate, business and private donations.

Dorothy Henry requested return of the water cooler which Supervisor Belden said he would see was replaced.

Linda Benway presented a petition from residents in the New Hague Road area for cable access which will also allow high speed cable internet service. The Board accepted the petition and will forward it to the cable company (Time Warner).

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that the assessor is looking at permits issued this year and some from last year to update the inventory on the roll. In the spring there will be a request to the public to update their inventory sheets.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - LaPointe/Steitz

Enhancement Committee - A grant from the state for \$47,000 has been received for the proposal on improvements at the boat launch area. (see 9/20 meeting on page 6)

CARE - Volunteers Cheryl Bailey and Viola Vassalo have resigned and Edna Frasier and Bertha Dunsmore will now coordinate the program.

Highway - Highway Superintendent Don Smith announced that there is now a full crew with the hiring of Jason Laundree. It was noted that the Board has accepted (at 9/28 meeting) the low bid of \$83,000 for a new salt shed to be construction by the same company that did the one in Bolton.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - The ZEO's report indicated that 7 land use development, 2 site plan review, 2 variance, 1 subdivision and 3 wastewater permits had been issued this month. New permit fees will take place as of January 1, 2007 and based on this years use it would bring in an additional \$3000.

Recreation/Promotion - Supervisor Belden suggested a committee of Mary Lou Doulin, Art Hatfield, Jim O'Toole and Rudy Meola, in addition to input from Graham Bailey and any other people that frequently walk, to discuss the plans for a walkway along Route 9N.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - A Title 9 grant is available for sewer plant repairs.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Steitz reported that the Visitor Center bathrooms will be closed at end of this weekend and made ready for winter.

Under unfinished business, the Board:

- Scheduled a meeting to discuss the environmental report for Sewer District #2.
- Approved using \$3000 of 2006 occupancy tax funds toward the June 2007 swim marathon.
- Learned the Noise Ordinance Committee had a second meeting to get more input and there will be a follow-up work session on October 24th at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

Under communications & petitions, the Board:

- Received a request for funding from the Black Watch Library which will be discussed at the budget workshop.
- Received a letter of resignation from the Planning Board from Katy Wells and will advertise for a new member.

Under new business, the Board:

- Approved a request from the Hague Historical Society for work on the museum room.
- Referred a request from Harriet Cole for extension of time on a legal matter to the lawyer, McNally.
- Passed additional resolutions related to applications for grants for the sewer districts. Some grants can only be used for sewer upgrades and others can be used to bring down the capital costs for the proposed district.

The Supervisor reported that the preliminary County Budget has been reduced from 14.5% to 6% and they are aiming for 4-5%.

TOWN BUDGET

The Town Board has had three budget workshops to review the budget for 2007 and will present the proposed budget at a public hearing on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

Supervisor Belden again hopes to have a budget which reflects no town general fund tax. The income from county sales tax, interest on investments and mortgage taxes is able to cover most of the basic town expenses. There will however be taxes to cover the special districts such as street lights and fire and ambulance.



SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

September 20, 2006 - 2:30 pm

Supervisor Belden and Council members Frasier, Steitz and Gladu met with Kay Barton and Art Hatfield from the Enhancement Committee and Lisa Nagel and Jarrett Tatich from Elan Planners.

Supervisor Belden explained that the Environmental Protection Fund grant application prepared by Elan Planners for implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was approved. The Town will receive \$47,000 toward the enhancement of the boat launch area in the Hague Town Park. The project will be done in about 3 weeks next spring.

The next Enhancement Committee meeting is scheduled for November 1 at 2:30 pm.

September 28, 2006 - 4 pm

The purpose of the meeting was to review the bids and award a contract for construction of a new salt shed at the highway department garage. The lower bid of \$83,000 by S&R Construction was accepted.

The Supervisor was authorized to withdraw the \$83,000 out of the General Fund surplus and as money comes back from DEC and NYS the money will be reimbursed back into the General Fund. (A grant application will be made to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program.)

The Board also approved a resolution to authorize the preparation of a report that affirmatively identifies and discusses the factors relative to remediation of the Jenkins Brook Delta. The Director of the Lake George Watershed Conference will be asked to coordinate the preparation of the report.

In addition, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town of Hague and Sewer District accepted 100% ownership of all the equipment and responsibility for maintenance.

October 5, 2006 - 8 am

The Town Clerk presented the Tentative Budget for 2007 to the Town Board. (The Supervisor is the appointed Budget Officer for the Town and after he prepares his tentative budget it goes to the Town Clerk who presents it to the Town Board.)

The Board then scheduled workshops and a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for October 30, 2006 at 6:30 pm.

In addition the Board, acting as the Town Board of Health, gave approval to Schaller (26.10-1-26) to install a 500 gallon septic tank with the condition that they connect to the proposed sewer district #2 when possible.

SEWER RENTS DUE

Town Clerk Debbie Manning reminds everyone in Sewer District #1 that this is the final month for collection of sewer rent for 2006. Send your payment, including the penalty due, by October 31, 2006.

**NEW ZONING PERMIT FEES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007**

Land Use	\$30
Site Plan Review	\$50
Variance	\$50
Waste Water	\$25
Minor Subdivision &	\$50 +
Lot line changes	\$5 for each lot over 2
Major Subdivisions	\$750

NOISE ORDINANCE

A Public Comment Meeting was held on September 26, 2006. Chariman Gladu explained that the meeting was scheduled to gather additional feedback for the proposed Noise Ordinance. According to Dick, comments so far indicate a willingness to proceed with the development of a fair and balanced ordinance. He stressed the ordinance must complement, not conflict with the quality of life in Hague and must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. In addition it must recognize the seasonality of the town and have an identified enforcement process.

Comments from the audience indicated that a major concern was noise in the Town parking lots. Committee members, Art Hatfield, Art Steitz, Rolly Allen, Robert Goetsch and David Dunn will review areas of concern, collect more information from the community and study other noise ordinances.

The committee hopes to present some specific suggestions at the next public hearing which will be held on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

TCS PLANNING

At the October Town Board meeting, Councilman Dick Gladu again urged that Hague residents participate in the current meetings that the Ticonderoga Central School District is holding on establishing priorities for necessary repairs. He said the School Board is putting in place a 5 year plan identifying needs not wants, funding sources and an education plan. There will be a focus on health, safety and security.

Since these proposals will ultimately end in some kind of bond request, Dick hopes that more Hague citizens will take an active role in determining the plan. Dick has volunteered to be a member of the finance committee.

Councilman Gladu plans to put further information on the town website: <townofhague.org>.

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: C. Frank Kireker, 88, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ and a longtime summer resident of Sabbath Day Point in September in NJ. He is survived by his wife, Janet, a son, Charles, Middlebury, VT and daughter Sally K. Faulkner, Tennessee. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

DIED: Esther (Krager) Fisher, 94, on October 8, 2006 in Grand Isle, VT. Mrs. Fisher lived and taught school in Hague for a number of years. She is survived by one daughter, Esther Blow, Grand Isle, VT., three grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

DIED: The Rev. Donald B. Buchanan, 72, Hague, on October 10 as a result of an automobile accident. He is survived by one son, Jonathan, Las Vegas, Nevada, two brothers, one sister and four grandchildren. Rev. Buchanan has been pastor of the Hague Baptist Church for the past six years.

DIED: Juanita L. Buchanan, 66, Hague, on October 10 as a result of an automobile accident. She is survived by one son, Paul Alden Sr., Lake Luzerne, NY, one daughter, Deborah A. Raymond, Olmstedville, NY, one brother, one sister and three grandchildren. She was the wife of the Rev. Donald B. Buchanan who died in the same accident.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Shane King, son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel King, Hague who has been named to the Commended List at Tabor Academy for Semester 2 of the 2005-06 academic year.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Barbara Snow, Hague, who recently retired after 25 years of dedicated service at Rogers Rock Campground. She wishes to thank her coworkers at the campsite for the nice sendoff they gave her on her retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS: To George and Blanche Hanna of Sabbath Day Point who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on November 20th. The previous day they will celebrate George's 94th birthday.

BUCHANANS REMEMBERED

On Monday, October 16th, an overflowing crowd in the Hague Baptist Church remembered the Rev. Donald and Juanita Buchanan in a service of celebration of their lives and service. Pastor Nelson Waters and Bruce Tamlyn conducted the service which included songs of celebration by family members.

The Buchanans died as a result of a car accident on the NYS Thruway on October 10, 2006. Rev. Buchanan died at the scene and his wife died shortly afterward at the hospital. The Buchanans had lived in Hague for the past six years where they had come to serve the Hague Baptist Church.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

On the fourth Saturday of October each year USA Weekend Magazine sponsors MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, which happens to fall on October 28 this year. We are being asked to put our cares aside for one day to care for someone else. This largest day of service inspires three million people to help 20 million others on this day. USA Weekend and Paul Newman will salute MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY volunteers by awarding \$10,000 donations to the charities of 10 efforts.

Call 1-800-416-3824 or go online to makeadifferenceday.com and read what others have done, get ideas and register your plans. If your Sabbath falls on Saturday, you may volunteer on Sunday, October 29.

Will someone in Hague be a winner this year?

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Flu shots will be given at the Community Center on November 8, 2006 from 1-3PM. There will be a \$20.00 fee for non-Medicare patients. Since there is no shortage of the vaccine this year, anyone is eligible to receive the shot.

NEW HAGUE HISTORY WEBSITE

Bruce DeLarm, son of Jim and Pat DeLarm, has inaugurated a new website based on his genealogical research and interest in the history of Hague. Bruce has made much of his work available to the Hague Historical Society as it prepares for new exhibits for the Museum. The URL for this website is: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~haguenny/>.

The Historical Society is working on plans for the new exhibits and would welcome any information that readers might have concerning Graphite and the mines or the Hotels and early tourist accommodations of Hague. Needed are photographs, family anecdotes, other ephemera and related artifacts. Anyone who can help with this information can contact the Hague Historical Society at PO Box 794, Hague, NY or call Judy Stock at 543-6517 or email haguejudy@nycap.rr.com.

HOLIDAY PLANNING

The Holiday in Hague event will be held this year on Saturday, December 2nd. The day will start with breakfast with Santa for the young people in Hague at the Community Center with the gaily decorated tree.

The tree decorating will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 1 pm. All residents are invited to help decorate the tree in preparation for this years holiday season.





PARENTING CLASSES

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is sponsoring a 7-week parenting program entitled "Parenting Skills Workshop Series". The classes will be held Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon beginning October 25, 2006 at a convenient Queensbury location.

The classes offer parents the opportunity to learn from one another in a fun, supportive learning environment. Five basic parenting skills are covered and are appropriate for parents with children of every age.

The classes are free of charge but registration is required by October 20, 2006. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County at (518) 668-4881 or 623-3291 to sign up for the series or for more information.



NEW LEARNING CENTERS DIRECTOR

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers in Moriah, Crown Point and Ticonderoga will be directed by Douglas Sham who has been appointed by the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks as the 21st Century Grant Program Coordinator. In each of these school districts students get assistance with homework assignments, daily recreation activities and enrichment programs.

Sham, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Movement and Sports Studies and a Master of Education - Health studies degree from Springfield College, worked with the 21st Century Grant Program in Holyoke, MA. He described the program as "an opportunity for young people to learn about cooperation and teamwork and to improve their communication and self-confidence."

Douglas Sham of the Silver Bay YMCA

PARTY OPTIONS AT SBA

The Silver Bay YMCA has announced that beginning on October 1 they will be offering "Celebrations at the Bay." The Silver Bay YMCA offers a unique location for birthday parties and other celebrations. Celebration programs may include the 24-foot climbing wall and a craft activity (year round) and archery or kayaking (mid-May to mid-October). A variety of party packages are available from just an hour-long activity to a deluxe party including a dedicated party space, food and all paper goods. For more information contact Erin Finkle in the Program Department at program@silverbay.org or call 543-8833.



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

The Monarch Tree

As I write this afternoon, the table is strewn with leaves collected from a walk I took this morning. I went to visit a dear friend, one who has watched me walking on this road all my life, one who has watched over the lives of many others before me and probably many after I am gone. She stands on the edge of the forest in the same place she has stood for maybe four centuries. We are not sure how old she really is since she began her vigil long before the land was settled, but her massive trunk implies the ancient, and I believe that this is the oldest tree I have ever come to know. She is a White Oak. I picked up a fallen twig from one of her thick branches, several clusters of reddish-brown leaves still attached at the tip, and added them to the others I had collected from her relatives ~ Red Oak, Black Oak and Chestnut Oak.

Botanists divide our oaks into two general groups: white oaks and black oaks. Leaves from the trees in the white oak group (includes white oak and chestnut oak) have rounded lobes and their acorns mature in one growing season. Lobes of the leaves in the black oak group (include black oak and red oak) have pointed tips and their acorns take two years to ripen.

Pioneers looked to the white oak as an indicator for the best place to build their homes, as the roots go deep into fertile and well-drained soil indicating prime agricultural sites. In the forest, the white oak can reach heights of 115' to get its leaves up to unobstructed sunshine, but when grown in the open fields, as this one has done, "the trunk is short and heavy, solidly engineered to support mighty, horizontal limbs...built broadly and looks like a monarch tree should look" (Rutherford Platt from *American Trees*).

In the era of the wooden shipbuilding industry, the white pine supplied shipbuilders with the tall masts and spars. Impervious to water and resistant to rot, white oak was the source for the timbers, hulls and decks of those tall ships. These same inherent qualities make white oak the cooper's choice for the staves of casks, barrels and kegs to age and store wine, liquor, and molasses. Tabasco sauce is still aged in white oak barrels! There are more uses for white oak timber than any other wood in the world, for use in shipbuilding, flooring, paneling, and furniture that reveals beautiful graining when polished.

The white oak's acorns are sweet and high in carbohydrates. Mammals that need a rich energy boost to take them through the winter when food is scarce, consume and conserve them in large quantities this time of year. Raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, bears, porcupines and red foxes all relish the meat of the acorn. There are 36 species of birds known to dine on them including wild turkeys and blue jays. Most of all, the white-tailed deer makes them the food of choice when they are plentiful. This morning we walked on the beach and saw that two deer had been there before us gorging themselves on the hundreds of acorns that had been washed up a few days earlier from the waves of the north wind.



Archeologists have unearthed evidence that the Iroquois consumed acorns as far back as AD 1000 as did many other native people in the eastern part of the continent. Boiled, dried and pounded into meal for baking bread, this method is still used today by those who enjoy wild foods of the season. The bark of the white oak is medicinal and has been used by many people for its astringent qualities and high tannin content. Whether used as a tea for diarrhea or congestion, a liniment for wounds and sores, or as a

wash for sore eyes or a mouthwash, the white oak lends itself to healing in many ways.

The oak is probably the most revered tree in all of history. The Greeks believed that oak was the first tree created by God from which sprang the entire human race. The Bible is full of references to the oak and to the ancient Hebrews it was sacred. The Celts, Germans and Baltic tribes of Europe all worshiped within great oak forests, as did the druids who believed that it contained the strength, power and energy of their mighty god Esus. The wizard Merlin worked his enchantments in a grove of oaks and King Arthur's Round Table was made from a slice of an enormous oak tree. I hold a similar reverence for this particular tree and visit it many times throughout the year, each time awed by its mere presence, appreciative of its strength and beauty, and thankful that I have come to know the White Oak and her many gifts.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

September was a little cooler than the past few years and we had a good amount of precipitation. In fact we are five inches above last year in that category.

October has been stunning!!! All the gorgeous sunny days filled with blue skies have enhanced the enjoyment of the seasonal color change. For vintage Adirondack fall foliage, this year locally has been one of the best in memory. Cooler temperatures have enhanced the pleasure of the magnificent sunshine and the lack of heavy recent rainfall aided the enjoyment of leaf color as so many trees returned their leaves and luminous pigments. Lake George is absolutely splendid and majestic surrounded by such a display of color.

What a surprise last Thursday October 10 at 2:30AM when the region experienced a 2.8 earthquake. The epicenter originated in Shoreham, VT. Earthquakes are rare and generally mild here but there is a history of them as recorded in the rocks and eighteenth and nineteenth century farmers' diaries. In the last twenty years I remember at least three, two of which originated in Blue Mountain Lake.

October - November 2006

October

- 21 9am-4pm LGLC hike (p. 3)
- 24 noon Senior Halloween Luncheon (p. 2)
- 24 6:30pm Noise Ordinance work session (p. 5)
- 25 1pm Extra Helping Distribution
- 25 7pm ZBA - note date change
- 28 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY (p. 7)
- 30 6:30 pm Budget Hearing (p. 5,6)
- 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN



November

- 1 2:30 pm Enhancement Committee (p. 6)
- 2 2-3pm HEAP program (p. 3)
- 2 7pm Planning Board
- 7 ELECTION DAY - *Town Office closed*
- 8 1-3pm FLU shots (p.7)
- 10 Planning Board Member Applications Due
- 11 VETERAN'S DAY - *Town Office closed*
- 14 6:30 pm Town Board
- 19 1pm Decoration of Town Tree (p. 7)
- 19 4pm Glens Falls Symphony (p. 3)
- 22 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed - date change
- 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - *Town Office closed*
- 23 7 pm ZBA (will be rescheduled)

ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS & 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
 Every Thursday from 1-2pm: Food Pantry

MIND & BODY EXERCISES (see page 2)

Wednesdays: Holistic Stress Management with Mae Pagan
 Saturdays: Pilates Mat classes with Brenda-Jean Rider

FOR YOUR 2007 CALENDARS

June 30 - July 1: Swim Marathon on Lake George
 August 17 - 19: Bicentennial Celebration & HCS reunion



TRANSFER STATION HOURS
 Wednesday & Saturday: 9am - 5pm

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