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MARGARET DARRIN HONORED

Wiawaka Holiday House, a nonprofit retreat center for women, hosted a luncheon on June 29, 2009 honoring Peggy Darrin of Hague, a longtime supporter. Almost 200 people attended the luncheon at the Lake George Club in Diamond Point. Among the attendees were many of Peggy's Hague friends including Dolly Kennedy, Eloise Shakeshaft, Dottie Henry, Lari Dhein, Lynn Patchett, Bertha Dunsmore and Alison Craig. Susan Darrin was one of the key sponsors of the event, making her first public appearance since her double knee replacement. She hosted a "next generation" of Hague women also paying tribute to Peggy's philanthropy and including Susan Delarm Sandman, Sally Delarm Rypkema, Sheri Delarm, Lauren Parlin, and Donna Wotton. Senator Betty Little was on hand to help the Wiawaka board members present the award to Peggy. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle were held as a fundraiser for Wiawaka Holiday House which is located on the east shore of Lake George, just north of Lake George Village.

A lovely luncheon was followed by a fascinating fashion show of Victorian clothing highlighting the fashion of the early 20th century when Wiawaka was founded. Hannah Darrin, granddaughter of Peggy, was one of the featured models in the show.

... Donna Wotton



EATON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Mary Ann Eaton, educator, author and owner of The View Restaurant, has announced her candidacy for Town Board member. Mary Ann lived part time in Hague from 1997 - 2004 and became a permanent resident in 2005. She and her late husband, Bradley Whisher, operated The View from 2001 - 2006. With the time to devote to being a Councilwoman, Mary Ann looks forward to using her talents to serve in the local government.

ARTS FAIR IN HAGUE

The 38th Annual Hague Arts Fair and Farmer's Market will be held on August 1 - 2, 2009 at the Community Center on Route 8. The fair will be open from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Approximately 60 exhibitors will participate coming from the local community, neighboring counties and states.

Over the many years this show has been held, the quality of the handcrafted items has continually been refined and improved. Some of the items to be displayed are handmade jewelry, hand woven baskets, Adirondack photography, handcrafted stoneware pottery, handmade soap, dried floral arrangements and many, many others.

Exhibitors will also present herbs, spices, jams, jellies, and kettle corn. Lunch items and snacks will be available both days.

For further information, please contact Judy Schultz at 518 -543-6769.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

The remaining schedule for Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm at the Hague Town Park;

- July 29 GARY FINNEY**
Traditional folk songs and rhythmic music with a driving modern beat.
- August 5 COMMUNITY BAND**
Exhilarating marches, patriotic music, famous classics, a bit of rock, jazz and "big band", sentimental tunes and Broadway hits.
- August 12 MICHAEL VASSALLO WITH THE HAGUE TRIO**
Standard songs and romantic melodies with a light jazz treatment.
- August 19 NORMA STRONG SCHOOL OF DANCE**
Varied dancing performances by students.
- August 26 STAN BURDICK SQUARE DANCING**
Square and folk dancing in the Park.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

June's monthly meeting proved to be not only enjoyable but informative as well. Guest Speaker, Vicky Bueno, Community Health Educator for MVP Health Care in Schenectady, NY, presented her program, *Memory Enhancement/Total Recall*. It was very well received by all so Vicky will be with us again for our September meeting with another presentation - *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

There will be no Club activity during July. Our annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at the Hague Fire House Outdoor Pavilion starting at NOON. Everyone is to bring a dish to share and the Club will supply franks, burgers, drinks & dessert. Anyone interested in checking out the Senior Club, do bring your favorite dish and join us. It is always a fun gathering.

The Seniors' Fall Outing will be on Friday, September 18, 2009. We plan to take the Luncheon Cruise on Lake George aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement. Cost to members will be \$10 per person. Sign up and payment of fee will be required at the Club Picnic in August. Transportation will be by car pool.
... Madeline Pelkey

MURPHY VISITS LOCALLY

On Monday, June 29, 2009 Congressional Representative Scott Murphy held one of his "Congressman on your corner" visits at the Hot Biscuit in Ticonderoga. During the hour that Murphy was there, he answered questions for several of those gathered, including Nancy Harrigan of Hague. Ticonderoga Supervisor Bob Dedrick was on hand along with Essex County District Attorney Julie Garcia. After only seven weeks in office, it was very heartening to see our 20th Congressional District representative come to "our neck of the woods."



photo by Judy Stock

When asked about the federal bailout, he noted that the goal is to "get out of ownership [of banks and companies] and get back to private property." He said that he and others at the federal level are very aware of the concerns. He noted the "need to change regulations so that this crisis can't happen again" and that "congress is working hard on it."

HVFD NEWS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) will have two important fund raisers so get out your pencils and prepare to mark your calendars. On Saturday, August 1, 2009, the HVFD will sponsor its' ever popular Annual Steak Roast along with music, raffles and a white elephant sale. Custom cut choice steaks, baked potato and all the usual fixin's will be available at \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Additionally, steamed clams, hamburgers and hot dogs will insure that no one goes home hungry.

This event will be closely followed on August 6, 7 and 8, 2009 by the Silver Bay Emps annual musical which will benefit the HVFD from the first night's proceeds. This years show is entitled "My Favorite Year". The curtain time for the show is 8 pm with tickets at \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids under ten. Try to make one or both of these events to show your support for your local volunteers.

The food booth which we operated during the evening of the Hague fireworks was very successful and we thank all those who patronized us.

There were a combined 43 Fire and EMS calls using 244 man hours including NC Triathlon support, which again this year went off without serious incident. The Fire Police responded to 5 calls in June, and it is reported that the Hague Fire Police will host the Upstate NY Fire Police Association Conference on September 12, 2009. Pre-registration of \$15 is recommended.

Three new members were inducted at our most recent meeting: Drew Hanna-active firefighter; Elizabeth Huestis and Dana Prazynski- supportive members. Welcome to you all.

A committee has been appointed to review and update our by-laws so that they are more in keeping with the needs of the department and the community. The Mountain Lakes Emergency Services coordinator updated responsible staff on state regulations' compliance.

Recently our new Fire/Rescue Vessel was called into service for the serious motel fire in Bolton Landing, and we can report that it performed exceptionally well.

With more and more kayaks and canoes on the water, power boaters should keep a weather eye. ...Joe McCranels

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Looking Back



Researched by the Hague Historical Society



The Hague Historical Society recently came into possession of this old piece of equipment and a pile of shoe forms which leads us to wonder if this “machine” had anything to do with a shoemaker of yesteryear. It had been stored in a sealed attic in a local cottage and only became known when the ceiling rotted a bit and could no longer hold the weight – it fell to the floor and prompted the owner to look above the ceiling!

An 1892 Ticonderoga Sentinel, in an article on “Early Incidents of Hague” by Mrs. Hoyt Johnson, tells us that the shoemaker would come to the house of a family and measure for shoes. He came with his bench and tools and was usually allotted a corner of the kitchen where it was warm so he could keep his waxed threads warm. Who was this cobbler? If you know anything about a shoemaker in Hague, perhaps in the 19th century, please call 543-6725 or email <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

HANCOCK HOUSE EVENT

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will have a Summer A-Fair on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will take place on the lawn of the Hancock House located by the monument in Ticonderoga. The event will take place rain or shine. For more information email <tihistory@verizon.net>.

FORT TICONDEROGA EVENTS

Some of the upcoming events at Fort Ticonderoga include:

- July 24 Centennial Birthday Party at 7 pm
- July 25 Champlain Quadricentennial and Fort Centennial Celebrations
- August 1 Fife and Drum Corps Muster
- August 1 Officers' Dinner Fundraiser
- August 10-21 Iris Division - weekdays in the King's Garden from 12:30 - 3:30 pm

For more information go to:
<www.fort-ticonderoga.org/happenings/caledar.htm>.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sexton Sisters program on June 23, 2009 was a great success with an unexpectedly large and very appreciative audience. Judy Stock presented a slide show which captured the feel of the Hague community in the late 19th century as well as telling the story of the Sexton sisters and their photography. If you missed it, you might want to stop in at the Community Center to study the wonderful photographs on display in the lobby showcase. Don't miss this one – it's worthwhile!

We are pleased to report that the Historical Society purchased a small bench that has been placed in the Hague Heritage Cemetery. It offers a pleasant place to sit and contemplate in this quiet spot. Our thanks to Ray Snyder and the Highway Department for helping us get the bench in place.

Tuesday, July 28, 2009 is the date for this summer's natural history program on birds. See related article. Please join us to hear Mike Peterson's presentation. Bring the children and grandchildren along as well!

Still thinking about participating in the “Houses in Hague” program on September 1? We're putting it together right now so let us know pronto! Call Pat McDonough at 543-6725 or email at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

BIRDING EXPERT PETERSON TO SPEAK

The Hague Historical Society is fortunate to have author and birding expert, John M. C. “Mike” Peterson, of Elizabethtown and Montreal, as the guest speaker on July 28, 2009 at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Mike will speak on “Adirondack Birds and Birding”. The author of books on the birds of Essex, Franklin, and Hamilton counties, his most recent work is *Adirondack Birding: 60 Great Places to Find Birds* (2008), co-authored with Gary Lee of Inlet.

Mike Peterson got his first experience banding birds while an undergraduate at Hobart College, and has been a master bander since 1976, banding almost 75,000 birds, representing 162 species. He is one of the most successful field birders in the Adirondack-Champlain region, having seen 279 species.

“Adirondack birds are experiencing rapid change,” Peterson observes. “Carolinian, or southern, species are now regular along Lake George– Tufted Titmouse, Northern Mockingbird, and Northern Cardinal. Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon are recovering from the DDT era. Wild Turkey and Common Raven have exploded in recent decades. But other birds are in real trouble. Loggerhead Shrike no longer nest in the state, and Upland Sandpiper and other grassland birds are in serious decline.”

Peterson's talk will focus on local birds that have experienced the greatest changes, allowing time for questions and for observations on historical changes near Hague. He'll also be happy to sign copies of *Adirondack Birding*, which will be available at the program.



TRIATHLON A SUCCESS



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Randy Engler, North Country Triathlon Founder, has reported a very successful event with 350 participants including three from England and one from Canada. Many of the competitors had local ties and some of them were: Neil Rypkema, Alison Rypkema, Amy Summa, Doug Noordsy, Steve Young, Richard Johndrow, David Burrows, Patrick Dunn, Topher Robinson, Steven Engler, Lisa Engler, Judy Taylor, Meg Taylor, Brian Taylor, Scott Patchett, Karen Costello, Ken Parlin, Barbara Rottier and Hannah Darrin. The event raised \$4500 in support of the beneficiaries Hope Lodge of Burlington, Room to Read, 1% for the Planet, the HVFD and the LGLC.

Donna Levenstein coordinated the large cadre of volunteers many of whom were from Hague, Silver Bay and Ticonderoga. John Hartley filled in this year as co-director and will take over as the full-time director for the next event which will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

LAKE STEWARDS



Lee Peters from Ticonderoga who works at Rogers Rock, Jason Smith from Queensbury, coordinator and John Michels of Pine Cove, Hague who works at the Hague boat launch are Lake Stewards this summer working on Wednesday - Sunday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

The Lake Steward program is sponsored by the LGA, LG Watershed conference and Lake Champlain Basin Program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

TAKE A TRIP "UP YONDA"

Up Yonda Farm in Bolton Landing has a full calendar of events this summer for nature lovers both young and old. There are hikes, games, talks and other adventures all for a minimal fee ranging from \$2 to \$5.

Up Yonda, located on Route 9N just south of the road (County Rte 11) to the Northway, is open from 8 am to 4 pm on Monday to Saturday. For more information, call 644-9767 or <www.upyondafarm.com>.

COSTELLO MEMORIAL COFFEEHOUSE

The 6th Annual John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse, aka Flippancy Fest, will be held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Hague Beach starting at 6:30 pm. The rain location will be at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. The Coffeehouse features many local talents with music, poetry, art, and refreshments to feed our senses and souls. Please join us!

Donations ["Pass the Hat"] help to fund the John Costello Memorial Scholarship, a life enrichment award. It was established through Silver Bay YMCA in 2003 after the tragic loss of John Costello, a Hague resident who loved music and enjoyed "jamming" with friends.

This year's recipient and Coffeehouse organizer is Tom Denno, Jr. of Hague. For information call Carolyn Close at 543-8833 x211 or Karen Costello at 543-6590.



HAGUE CREEK GALLERY EVENTS

The Gallery at Hague Creek has opened its second season with a very successful artists' reception for Marianne Kuhn. Kuhn, a summer resident of Diamond Point is an accomplished artist who recently had a show in a gallery in the Chelsea section of New York City.

The gallery contains a variety of art including watercolors, acrylics, pottery, glass and jewelry. It features local artists including the works of Wendy Soliday of Silver Bay and East Montpelier, Vermont, Tavish Costello and Jim O'Toole of Hague, Laura Neadle and Betty O'Brien from Glens Falls and Ruth Rumney of Mineville, NY.

The gallery is open daily from 11 am to 4 pm except Wednesdays and Sundays. This year it is also open on Friday evenings from 6-8 pm. Evening appointments are available by calling the gallery at 543-8300.

On July 31st a reception will be held at the gallery from 5-8 pm. This reception will feature the pastel and oil works of Wendy Soliday. Also scheduled is a reception for Ruth Rumney from 5-8 pm on August 14th. The artists will be in attendance for the receptions to discuss their works.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George celebrated its 13th anniversary on June 30, 2009 with a fabulous breakfast meeting at the Silver Bay Boathouse. The officers for 2009 - 2010 were installed with Bob Johnson, President for 2008 - 2009 turning the gavel over to Vice - President Michelle Benedict.

Special memories of the early years of the club were recalled by Jerry Crammond, one of the three original founders, Kay Barton, Dottie Henry, Dolly Kennedy and Tom James.

A highlight of the program was the announcement of the Volunteer of the Year and Rotarian of the Year. Both awards went posthumously to Brian Sann and were accepted by his widow, Beverly Sann. Bob Johnson spoke about Brian and his devotion to the work of Rotary including being a Paul Harris Fellow.



Pictured are Julie Cook, Assistant Treasurer; David Cornell, Treasurer; Beth Barton-Navitsky, Vice-President; President Michelle Benedict, Out-going President Bob Johnson, John Barber, Secretary; Marty Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms and Chip Devenger, Assistant Secretary.

T'AI CHI

Mae Pagan is again offering T'ai Chi classes at the Hague Community Center on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and walk-ins are welcome. The original no impact aerobics, t'ai chi promotes mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health by combining physical exercise with relaxation and meditation. The fee is \$12 (\$10 for Seniors). For more information, email <mountain@yahoo.com> or call 543-6605.

SEMBRICH PRESENTATION

The Marchella Sembrich Opera Museum, in conjunction with Lake George Theatre Lab, will co-produce a dramatic reading of the William Luce play, "The Belle of Amherst." The presentation will take place on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Museum, 4800 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing.

"The Belle of Amherst" is a one-woman show featuring Lindsey Gates as the 19th century poet Emily Dickinson. Admission is \$25 and includes a post-concert lakeside reception with opportunity to meet the artists. This event is made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization program and Warren County, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. Because seating is limited, reservations are recommended and can be made by phoning The Sembrich office at (518) 644-2431.



SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks and the Silver Dove Institute of VT will offer the *Art of Spiritual Guidance* training program at Silver Bay from September 18 - 20, 2009. Applications are being accepted for this internationally recognized program which is an excellent opportunity to explore and develop skills in ministry as well as faith-based, ecumenical and inter-faith spiritual direction.

The Art of Spiritual Guidance program at Silver Bay trains spiritual directors to contribute to the important ministry of healing by supporting individuals and groups in spiritual formation, creating healthy forums for discussion as well as private practices in spiritual development.

Carol A. Fournier, program faculty and the director of the Silver Dove Institute, has been actively engaged in international training since 1996. She is recognized for her guidance and leadership in spiritual and religious issues as well as interfaith initiatives by the spiritual direction, healthcare, counseling and higher education communities. Carol can be contacted at 802-865-2600 or via email at info@silverdoveinstitute.org.

For more information contact Beverly Hudak at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks at 518-543-8833, Ext. 293. More details and a program brochure are available at <<http://www.silverbay.org>> in the Spiritual Life section.

SILVER BAY YMCA SERVICES

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks continues its 2009 Sunday Worship Services 2009 at 10 am at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel on the Silver Bay campus.



The August 2nd and 9th services will be held in the Auditorium next to the Chapel and there will be no service on August 30th.

The remaining schedule of ministers is:

- July 26 Reverend Michael Prewitt, Hopewell, NJ
- August 2 Reverend Felix Carrion, Cleveland, OH
- August 9 Reverend Sandra Selby, Akron, OH
- August 16 TBA
- August 23 Reverend Bruce Tamlyn, Silver Bay, NY
- September 6 Reverend Bruce Tamlyn, Silver Bay, NY

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/22/09

The Board held a special meeting to respond to complaints received on the EDU assessments for Sewer Districts #1 & #2. At this and other recent meetings they reduced the EDUs to 1 for two single family dwellings, to 1 1/2 for a dwelling with bunk house; reduced by 1 EDU the assessments for the Lake Forest Acres Homeowners, Inc, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and the Hague Group, LLC (Uptown Store); and assessed the Forest Bay Property Owners 20% EDU for the beach lot and Fisher Act properties. Apparently still pending are requests by Bruce Rust and the Patchett Family Partnership.

TOWN BOARD - 7/14/09

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

A moment of silence was held for James Keis.

Emily De Bolt, from the LGA briefed the Board on current programs of the LGA including the Lake Steward program. She also extended an invitation to all the members of the Town Board and Planning and Zoning Boards to go out on the LGA Floating classroom on August 19, 2009 at 1 pm. LGA Director and local resident Rolly Allen thanked the Town Board for their support for the Lake Steward program in Hague. He noted that it is a good beginning but many more sites are needed around the Lake and he looks forward to expansion of the program.

Sandy Rust asked for an adjustment to the EDU assignment for her gift shop which is part of the entire building. She appeared because she was told by Supervisor Belden to come to this meeting. Councilmen Gladu and Meola both noted that the item was not on the agenda and they did not have the appropriate data in front of them. Meola explained that this decision by the Supervisor was another example of poor administration. He noted that the Board tries to do a good job but there is no effective planning - everything is reactive. Councilwoman Frasier countered with a question, "Are we going to politic until the fall?" Another request for EDU review had also been received so the Board set a special meeting for final review pertaining to any EDU issues of 2009 for July 21st.

Bruce Rust discussed a complaint against the sewer contractor AP Reale. They used his parking lot without permission [which he said he would have given if they had asked] and then damaged his property but never informed him. The Supervisor told him to report it to the insurance company.

The Board approved another homeowner request for an extension for executing a waste water management plan from August 1st to September 1st due to a delay in receiving a proposal for the plan.

Marty Fitzgerald appeared to apologize for the HVFD for a confrontation that occurred. He asked that if anyone has a personal issue with the Department that they not bring it up during a call because people are pumped up and may overreact.

The Board approved a request from Tom Denno to use the Town Park on July 24, 2009 for an event for the John Costello Memorial Fund.

Understanding the Regular Committee reports is always difficult for the public since it is hard to understand what is being said and the background of the discussion is frequently omitted. The Hague Chronicle's summary of the reports and/or decisions follows which is not the official record:

1. **Assessor & Justice:** (Gladu/Meola)

The impact from assessments on school, county and sales tax are three counterweighted items to be balanced according to Councilman Gladu. The committee will try to make recommendations regarding revaluation for next year and should bring them to the Board in a written report.

2. **Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement:** (Martucci/Frasier)

Councilman Martucci reported that the threshold work is done and a proposal for the kitchen will be put together. Councilman Meola suggested that they should look at the whole building. He also asked for a report on the baskets. Councilwoman Frasier reported that they had spent about \$1200 for baskets and Mr. Beneduce donated the others. Barbara Patchett is doing a good job maintaining them.

3. **Finance & Insurance:** (Frasier/Martucci)

Councilwoman Frasier reported that the auditor does not want to come back here because it is not a good use of his time to tell the Board what he has already told them and thought he had "half truths" from Councilman Meola. Councilman Gladu asked, that with decreased sales tax revenue, "should we look at how to constrain our spending?"

4. **Fire Department:** (Gladu/Martucci)

Councilman Gladu noted that the new HVFD Fire and Rescue Boat had been in use at the fire at Capri Village.

5. **Highway:** (Martucci/Gladu)

The Board approved \$189,074 for a new truck whose purchase is "consistent with our replacement schedule" according to Councilman Gladu. Highway Superintendent Don Smith thanked Dick Frasier who worked with him on the truck specifications. He also thanked everyone for their good wishes and said that he is now "back on my feet so you can call me."

Pat Hintze reported that the County has not cleaned up the debris left on her property and requested help from the Town. Supervisor Belden said that he and Superintendent Smith will stop by.

6. **Museum & Historian:** (Frasier/Martucci)

no report

7. **Personnel:** (Frasier/Gladu)

no report

8. **Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** (Gladu/Meola)

The LGPC regular meeting in August will be held in Hague at 10 am on August 25, 2009. Councilman Gladu has asked them to spend some time on stream corridor regulations.

Councilman Gladu reported that a ground lease agreement to establish a cell tower at the Town shed is in review by the Town Attorney.

9. **Recreation & Promotion:** (Meola/Martucci)

Councilman Meola reported that the Oktoberfest Committee applied for County Occupancy Tax money but they don't

PLANNING BOARD - 7/9/09

fund single day events. The Board transferred \$5000 to an account to be used for the event.

10. Sewer District #1 & #2: (Belden/Frasier)

Supervisor Belden reported that all the sewer pumps which had been installed had bad valves and the work had to be re-done.

11. Town Park: (Meola/Martucci)

The Board appointed David Snow retroactively as Park Attendant as he has been working since July 10th. Councilman Meola contacted the DEC about the geese issue and on July 6th they came but there were no geese in the Park. However, they were able to go by boat to private property with permission and penned in 25 geese and took them away. He reported that the problem has been alleviated quite a bit. However, there are still several geese in the area and another permit - this one from the Federal Government - is needed to net more. He is continuing to work on the issue.

12. Transfer Station (Gladu/Meola)

Councilman Gladu has to get the signed contract from Cassella.

In other business, the Board:

Set the date of August 11, 2009 at 6 pm for a meeting with Dave Decker and Dave Wick on Hague Brook Delta. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 pm but the audit part of the meeting will take place at 5:30 pm.

Set the date of July 21, 2009 at 6 pm for a special meeting on the 2009 final determination of EDUs. Fifteen minutes prior to that they will meet to discuss a proposal for Town signs.

Received a letter from George McGowan requesting that the Town contact property owners of the two trailers on West Hague Rd that are on his property and have them removed.

Suggested that the Buildings and Grounds Committee should look into needs of the whole building when they research the need for extra vault space.

Received a request from the Hague Seniors with regard to expanding the parking lot to the back of the building. This issue had already been looked at in 2000 and it was agreed then that there should not be any further work there.

Approved \$1250 for the balance of the year for the Warren County GIS system, but they agreed that in the future the Town should only have to pay according to its usage of the system.

For the County Report, the Supervisor reported that the county budget doesn't look good. He won't vote for a big tax increase - the Board of Supervisors will have to cut spending. Councilman Meola suggested that with an administrative salary budget of \$466,000 plus the supervisors' salaries they should cut administrative levels. Supervisor Belden said they were looking at everything.

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

LAPOINTE (24-1-43), 9042 Graphite Mt Rd. (TR-3)

After the public hearing, the Board approved the application for a three lot minor subdivision of a 40.47 acre parcel. The three lots will consist of a 2.25 acre (with house, ban and garage apartment), a 1.32 acre vacant parcel and a 36.90 acre vacant parcel and if later subdivided, it would be treated as a major subdivision.

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

After the public hearing, the Board approved the application for a minor subdivision of two lots. These lands were in a previous subdivision and any further subdivision would be treated as a major subdivision.

CLARK (43.5-2-19) 9051 Lakeshore Dr (Hamlet)

The application for sketch plan review of a three lot subdivision of a 2.57 acre parcel was deemed complete.

CORBO (26.6-1-8), 36 Forest Bay Road (TR-1R)

The applicant is applying for a zoning variance to construct a 5' x 32' walkway/deck to the lake side of an existing cabin which currently sits 49' from the Lake. A site visit was set for August 15th.

CORBO (26.6-1-8) 36 Forest Bay Rd. (TR-1R)

The applicant would like to construct a 14' x 22' screened in picnic shelter, with a fireplace, over an existing flagstone patio. If approved it would sit 53' from the MHW of Lake George. The application for new construction within 100' of the shoreline of a lake was deemed complete.

TOWN OF HAGUE (43.5-1-25) 9073 Lakeshore Dr (Hamlet)

The Town would like to replace the current 741 sq. ft. American Legion structure with a new 402 sq. ft. structure. This replacement of a nonconforming structure was tabled until further information is available from the planner.

BUCKNER (26,10-1-22) 14 Spring Lane (TR1 R)

The applicant would like to install a half bath to the garage second story office. The office will be used for professional purposes and will not be used for living accommodations. The property is located within Sewer District #2. The application was deemed complete and a site visit scheduled.

Then Chairman EJ Siwek recused himself and Vice-Chairman Dick Frasier conducted the meeting for the next item.

SIWEK (60.5-1-10) 15 Pine Cove Road (TR1)

The applicant would like to install a half bath to the garage second story office. The office will be used for professional purposes and will not be used for living accommodations. The property is located within Sewer District #2. The application was deemed complete and a site visit scheduled.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/25/09

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications.

ADIRONDACK WATERFEST

On Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm, the Adirondack Waterfest and the Champlain Monument Dedication will fill the day with fun activities for historians and water lovers alike. The events will be held in the Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga.

The Adirondack Waterfest, a celebration of local water resources, will offer a Kids Area with activities, games, prizes, a bouncy house and much more for children and families. A shuttle will take you and your family to Mossey Point for the Lake George Association's Floating Classroom demonstration. There also will be live music throughout the day, and downtown Ticonderoga businesses invite people to join them for lunch. Individuals can even take a walk through the Waterfest exhibits celebrating water resources, local businesses, recreation, water quality, water monitoring, shoreline management and much more. The event is free and open to all. In conjunction with the Waterfest, PRIDE of Ticonderoga will hold the 7th annual Duck Race, and put the ducks in the La Chute at 3:30 pm.

The Waterfest is part of the promotion activities of the Mainstreet Project. For more information contact Beth Gilles at (518) 668-5773 or Dave Reckahn at (518) 962-8225.

CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT DEDICATION

Also on Saturday, July 25, 2009, Ticonderoga will host one of the events of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial. This event, co-sponsored by the Ticonderoga Historical Society and the Town of Ticonderoga, will be held at 1 pm.

The Historical Society, under its President, Bill Dolback, has planned the "Samuel de Champlain Monument Dedication Ceremony." It will be held in the Champlain Legacy Park which is on the north side of the La Chute River across from Bicentennial Park.

The committee has arranged that "Champlain and his Savages will come up the La Chute River in a Birch Bark Canoe, disembark on the waterfront and lead the attendees up the hill to the Monument site for the ceremony." This permanent monument will be positioned in the exact spot where Champlain first visited according to Dolback. A reception will follow with apple cider and maple cookies.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The 2009 summer events presented by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild continue with the Tuesday evening concerts with an admission fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and the Wednesday morning Arts Trek programs which are free for area children and those who bring them.

The remaining Tuesday concerts at 8 pm under the Festival Guild tent in Ticonderoga include vintage and contemporary music offered by Town Meeting on July 28, Annie and the Hedonists with country, blue grass and Celtic music on August 4 and the close of the season on August 11 with the traditional concert by the Ticonderoga Community Band at 6:30 pm.

In the Wednesday 10:15 am Arts Trek program there will be presented "Carmenella" by the Seagle Colony on July 29, Bully Busters by the Puppet People on August 5 and Stephen Gratto will mystify the audience with his juggling feats on August 12.

For more further information, call 585-6716, see <www.ticonderogafestivalguild.org> or email the Guild at <tfguild@capital.net>.

LGLC OWL PROGRAM

Meet the owls with the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) free program "Owls of Northeastern New York" on Wednesday, August 12, 1009, at 6:30 pm. The program will be held at the LGLC office at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing.

Licensed wildlife rehabilitators Nancy Kimball and Trish Marki will give a brief educational presentation about owls and wildlife rehabilitation. The presenters will be accompanied by a variety of non-releasable educational owls, including screech owls and a barred owl.



All age groups are welcome. For more information, please call Sarah at 644-9673 or email <shoffman@lglc.org>.

WARREN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Warren County will be hosting the 2009 Youth Fair Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Warrensburg from 10 am to 6 pm. All area youth are encouraged to exhibit projects such as woodworking, clothing, vegetables, flowers, paintings, photography, etc. at the Youth Fair. Judging day will be held on Friday, July 31, 2009 from 1 pm to 8 pm. Projects will then be selected to enter into the New York State Fair in Syracuse. Public viewing of youth projects will be on display during the fair.

On Saturday free games and contests will be scheduled throughout the day. This year's Youth Fair will feature a craft zone and game zone for youth of all ages to enjoy. Other activities on Saturday include a talent show, horse show, animal exhibits, and community exhibits.

For additional information contact CCE at 623-3291.

TI CHAMBER CAR SHOW

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the 17th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show on Sunday, August 2, 2009. The event will be held from 9 am to 4 pm in Bicentennial Park. There will be 35 classes with three trophies awarded in each class. The event will include food, door prizes, music, vendors and a swap meet.

A discussion ensued about an email which had been circulated from a Town Board member requesting to meet with the Planning Board. Town Attorney Viscardi will be asked to assess the implications of the email. As one member put it, "The receipt of this email implicates us without having been involved."

GRACE MEMORIAL UNION CHAPEL ORIGIN

The land on which the Chapel was erected was once part of a farm owned by Samuel Westurn on Sabbath Day Point. Realizing a need for a church to serve the summer residents along the west shore of Lake George, Westurn convened a meeting of interested friends and neighbors on August 11, 1884, at which the Union Chapel Association was organized. Grace Memorial Union Chapel was so named in memory of Grace Gillette Dodge, the wife of Norman Dodge, President of the Remington Arms Company.

Samuel Westurn donated the plot on which the Union Chapel was built, as well as the stone for its construction. Designed by William B. Tuthill, a New York City architect (Carnegie Hall, 1894), the chapel was built in thirteen weeks, and dedicated on August 11, 1885. The decorative and structural elements were manufactured in New York City and shipped by rail and sled to Lake George for final assembly.

Since 1885 the Grace Memorial Union Chapel has remained in active seasonal use and maintenance has continued under the Union Chapel Association.

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CHAMBER MUSIC AT GRACE CHAPEL

The Chamber Music Series at Grace Chapel continues on Saturday, August 1, 2009. A trio of two oboes and one English horn will perform at the Chapel at 7:30 pm. The group will perform music by Gershwin, Beethoven, Leroy Anderson, and others. Trio Threed is a new ensemble comprised of New York City area musicians Mark Snyder, oboe, Christa Robinson, oboe and Katie Scheele, English horn. They enjoy playing a wide range of music from the baroque period to compositions from this century.

On Saturday, August 15th, Gramercy Brass Quintet will perform the fifth and final concert at 7:30 pm. The Gramercy Brass Quintet is comprised of five principal members of the 28-member Gramercy Brass Orchestra of New York, one of the leading ensembles of its kind in America today. The quintet will perform a mix of jazz and light classics including works by Brubeck, Ellington, Cheatham, and other composers. Members of the quintet include: John Henry Lambert, trumpet; Max Morden, trumpet; LeeAnn Newland, French horn; Mike Fahey, trombone; and Bob Sacchi, tuba.

A freewill donation will be taken at the door. For further additional concert information, please check <www.gracememorialchapel.org>. This series is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program and Warren County, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

GRACE CHAPEL CELEBRATION CONTINUES

To celebrate its 125th season, the Board of Trustees of Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point, worked to complete building and grounds projects. The final phase of the stained glass restoration was started last fall with the removal of the East windows and their repair and re-leading undertaken in the Brooklyn workshops of Clerkin-Higgins during the winter. While the windows were out of their frames, Jules Halm, a long-time chapel trustee who has led many of the chapel's preservation efforts, engaged a millwork specialist to repair window frames and do other repairs to chapel woodwork. The windows were re-installed in time for the first Sunday service on June 28, 2009.

Marking the anniversary, on Saturday August 8, 2009, there will be an ice cream social under the tent with fun and games for the family. The chapel will be open for tours and a special focus will be given to the stained glass. Mary Clerkin Higgins, who performed the window renovations, will be on hand to answer questions about the glass and repair and restoration work. The event starts at 1 pm and all are invited to have ice cream and possibly win a prize with a guess at how many pieces of glass it takes to put windows in a Chapel.

A special church service at 9:30 am on Sunday, August 9, 2009 will be led by Reverend Dr. Robert A. White, Reformed Church in America, to celebrate the anniversary of the chapel, which was established on August 11th, 1884. At that service the stained glass windows will be re-dedicated, and a reception on the porch will follow with refreshments for all who attend.

Since the chapel's inception, the board of trustees has worked to preserve this worship space. During the 1990's a major capital project was undertaken to replace the slate roof. With the completion of the stained glass windows restoration, the trustees have strived to ensure that this Queen Anne style stone chapel will be available for another 125 years to serve the local community. Undertaking major projects like the roof and window restoration are expensive for any church, and they have depleted the chapel's building fund.

The Chapel Board is initiating a capital campaign with a goal of building a \$125,000 endowment fund during the 125th year. This effort has been jump-started by a very generous 'challenge', in memory of Frank Kireker - a long-time Chapel trustee and summer resident, by the Kireker family which will provide matching funds to augment the fund-raising efforts being undertaken.

The Grace Memorial Chapel Worship services are Sunday at 9:30 am and the schedule of ministers through mid-August is:

- July 26 The Rev. Deadra Bachorik Aston
Annual Meeting of the Chapel after service
- August 2 The Rev. David Mangiante
Communion
- August 9 The Rev. Dr. Robert A. White
Anniversary Service and Reception
- August 16 The Rev. Nickolas Miles
- August 23 The Rev. Robert Johnson

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A son, Curtis Matthew, to Jamie Snow and Chad Voulger on June 11, 2009. Curtis is the third grandchild of Tom Snow and the twelfth great-grandchild of Barbara Snow of Hague. Curtis and his parents live in Massachusetts.

DIED: James G. (Murph) Keis, of Clifton Park, NY on July 3, 2009. Mr. Keis had been a summer resident of Cape Cod Village, Hague for the past 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

MEMORIAL: A graveside memorial service will be held at Valley View Cemetery on August 15, 2009 at 10 am for Roland "Mac" MacDowell, a resident of Oneida Bay who passed away on January 11, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sean Lawrie who was the winner of the seventh grade poetry contest at Ticonderoga Middle School.

TICONDEROGA HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students were on the Honor Roll for the 3rd marking period at Ticonderoga High School:

GRADE 12

First Honors: Jared Best, Brendan Carberry, Molly Ginn

Second Honors: Amanda McCoy

GRADE 11

First Honors: Kaley Manning, Jamie Patchett

Second Honors: Jessie Patchett

GRADE 9

First Honors: Abigail Gurney, Corey King,
William Lawrie, Harley Trudeau

The following Hague students were on the Honor Roll for the 4th marking period at Ticonderoga High School:

GRADE 12

First Honors: Jared Best, Brendan Carberry, Molly Ginn

Second Honors: Amanda McCoy

GRADE 11

First Honors: Jamie Patchett

Second Honors: Kaley Manning

GRADE 9

First Honors: Corey King, William Lawrie, Harley Trudeau

Second Honors: Abigail Gurney

The following Hague students were on the Honor Roll at the Ticonderoga Middle School for the 4th marking period:

GRADE 8

First Honors: Grace Ginn, Karney Manning, Jordan McKee

Second Honors: Bryana Goetsch, Chelsea Kearns

GRADE 7

First Honors: Ty Denno, Sean Lawrie, Kimberly Porter

Second Honors: Taylor Coffin, Jeanette Coon

GRADE 6

First Honors: Ian Lawrie

NEW CEO FOR SILVER BAY

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of David E. Kisselback as Silver Bay's new CEO. This appointment will become effective August 1, 2009. After conducting a nationwide search, the Board believes it has chosen an excellent leader who will guide Silver Bay's efforts as it continues its mission.

Mr. Kisselback has nineteen years of continuous YMCA involvement and he brings to the position a wide range of skills and accomplishments. For the past four years Mr. Kisselback has been the CEO of the Glens Falls Family YMCA where he operated a fiscally sound budget of \$4.1M and supervised 270 full and part time staff.

In addition to the Glens Falls CEO position, additional leadership roles in YMCAs held by Mr. Kisselback include Associate Executive Director of Silver Bay Association, Executive Director of the Conference and Community YMCA in Pawling, New York and Vice President of Operations in the Community YMCA of Red Bank, NJ.

Mr. Kisselback holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the College of Saint Rose.



NEW APA DIRECTOR

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) will have a new executive director as of August 12, 2009. Filling the position will be Terry deFranco Martino who currently serves as the Executive director of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA). For more information on Ms. Martino, please see <<http://www.apa.state.ny.us>> for the July 10, 2009 press release.

DEGAS IN GLENS FALLS

The Shirt Factory, an association of artists located at the corner of Lawrence and Cooper Streets, is celebrating a "Summer of Degas". A multimedia juried show "Musician and the Instrument" will be held from August 1 through September 12, 2009. Various artists studios and galleries will be featuring new art inspired by "Degas and his Music."

The opening reception will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 4 - 6 pm. An open house will be held there on Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 5 pm.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Backyard Pharmacy

There's a medicine chest in my yard. It grows of its own accord, and would flourish whether I noticed it or not. This can humble the dedicated gardener who nurtures tender seedlings, feeds the soil with compost, stakes flowers, pulls weeds and waters endlessly between thunderstorms. But beyond the boundaries of the cultivated gardens, I find the vibrant flowers and lush foliage of plants that supply my medicine chest.

Summer's ecstatic rush of growth is nature's "window of opportunity" for the medicine-maker (me) and this week was "prime picking" for many of the plants used in herbal medicine. One afternoon I took a walk on the property and returned a short while later with all the ingredients for my Herbal Healing Salve (1st Aid Ointment). My medicine plants consisted of: Plantain leaves (heals damaged tissue, draws out toxins), Self-heal leaves and flowers (also called Carpenter's herb because it stops bleeding, heals damaged tissue, especially in wounds), St.



St. Johnswort

Johnswort flowers (contains Hypericin, healing to burns, bruises, skin cells, pain killer), Yarrow flowers and leaves (stops bleeding, disinfectant), Mullein flowers (pain killer, anti-microbial, disinfectant, soothes membranes) and Calendula flowers from my garden (anti-viral and soothing to skin tissue). It still amazes me that each of these plants was in their *perfect* state for picking at the same time.



Yarrow

I thought I'd share the process of making this herbal salve from start to finish. It does remind me a bit of the joke about Martha Stewart and that her directions for knitting a sweater begin with, "Step 1: Raise the sheep" but I promise this is much easier!

Step 1 in my recipe begins with a walk to "scout" for potential plants. This is really on-going, year-round. I notice plants emerging and note where they grow and where they are in development so I can have some idea, as time goes on, as to when certain varieties will be at their peak for harvest. This time I was looking for certain flowers and leaves that are at their peak in summer and was thrilled to find everything I needed in just a short walk. I returned home with a beautiful bouquet that served as a centerpiece on the dining table until I moved onto Step 2: wilt the plants.

I strip the leaves and flowers from the stems and spread them loosely in shallow baskets to dry for a day. Baskets of sweet smelling leaves and flowers adorn the house! This eliminates excess moisture from the plant material so that the plants mix well with the oil (remember oil and water don't mix) that they are added to in Step 3: infuse in oil.

In a crock pot (yes, they can be useful!), I put all the wilted leaves and flowers that I've crumbled, crushed and chopped, then cover with X-tra virgin olive oil (healing qualities of its own) and turn the pot on the lowest setting for several hours or overnight. This dissolves all the great skin healing properties into the oil that, once strained, serves as a base for salve, lip balm or massage oil and can be stored for future use throughout the year. Or it can be used immediately, as I did, in Step 4: make the salve.

This part is "kitchen magic" where the herbal oil is heated in a double boiler and the last ingredients are added like beeswax, which melts in the oil and serves to "harden" the salve once poured into the jars and cools. There's a little more to it but I'm willing to share the rest ~ I love my work! I've taught this to many students and it always is a fun class. If there's enough interest, I'll teach it this summer. Call me at 585-2106 if you'd like to learn how to make medicine from your own Backyard Pharmacy.

SCARZELLO RECEIVES AWARD



Nancy Wotton Scarzello, author of our Nature News, attended the 9th International Herb Symposium held at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts on June 20th where she received the Award for Excellence in Herbal Medicine for her "Spirit of the Mountain Mushroom Extract".

Nancy makes the extract from local mushrooms harvested near her home in Chilson and teaches about herbal medicine throughout NY and New England. For information on the extract and upcoming classes, email <forestbay@wcv.com> or phone 518-585-2106.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Weather Report for 6/19/09—7/17/09

It is easy to sum up the weather for this period – RAINY and COLD. It has rained on 16 days out of 30. There were 8 cloudy days and only 6 really nice days where you would want to go to the lake for swimming. My rain gauge total was 4.75" rain and this is probably a bit less than actual (I forgot to check it a few days). There was one really warm, humid day on June 25 with a high of 86. Nighttime lows averaged in the mid to low 50's.

The sun rises at 5:29AM and sets at 8:31PM. The full moon will be August 5. Lake George water temperature was 68 on July 5.

ADIRONDACK REGATTA

The Adirondack Regatta, consisting of two events, will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 11 am to 3 pm on the Ticonderoga Public Beach off Black Point Road. Competitors can compete in one or both of the events. Medals will be awarded in each class.

The Flat Rock Run Canoe & Kayak Race starts at 11 am with registration by 10:45 am for \$15 per person with a cash prize for the over-all winner. The Adirondack Cardboard Regatta starts at 1 pm with registration by 12:30 pm. The fee is \$15 per boat or \$20 for a team boat.

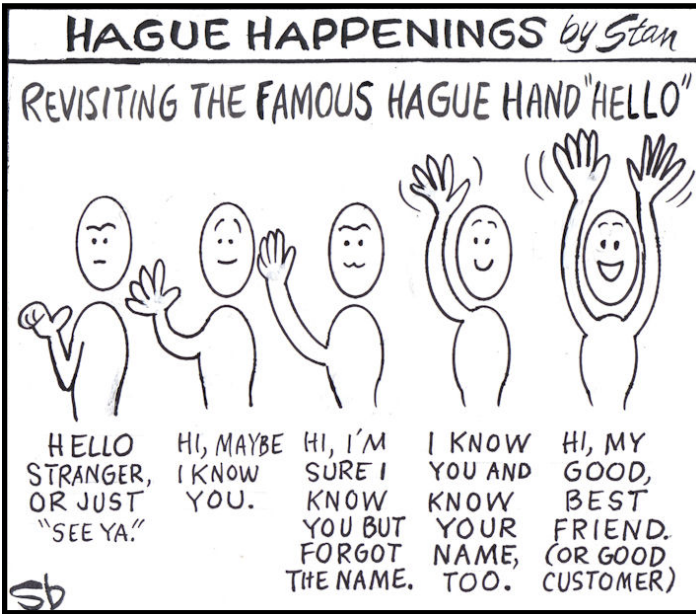
HAGUE CALENDAR

July 2009

- 21 6 pm Special Town Board meeting on EDUs
- 24 6:30 pm John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse
- 25 10 am - 4 pm Adirondack Waterfest
- 25 1 pm Champlain Monument Dedication
- 25 7:30 pm Play at Sembrich Museum
- 28 7 pm HHS program "Adirondack Birds & Birding"
- 31 5-8 pm Hague Creek Gallery Reception

August 2009

- 1 10 am - 4 pm Hague Arts Fair
- 1 10 am - 6 pm Warren County Youth Fair
- 1 HVFD Steak Roast
- 2 10 am - 3 pm Hague Arts Fair
- 2 9 am - 4 pm Antique and Classic Car Show
- 6 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 8 pm Silver Bay Emp Show Benefit for HVFD
- 8 10 am - 3 pm THS Summer A-Fair
- 8 11 am - 3 pm Adirondack Regatta
- 8 - 9 Celebration of 125th Grace Chapel anniversary
- 11 6 pm Special TB meeting on the Hague Brook Delta
- 11 6:30 pm Regular TB meeting
- 14 5-8 pm Hague Creek Gallery Reception
- 14 News Deadline for August issue
- 20 Mail August *The Hague Chronicle*
- 25 10 am LGPC meeting in Hague
- 25 noon Senior Picnic



HAGUE TRANSFER STATION

July 1 - September 1 (Labor Day) 2009

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 Sunday: 12 noon to 3 pm

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