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FAMILY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) Park, adjacent to the brook on the lake side of the bridge downtown, will be open for activities from noon to 6 pm on Friday, August 18, 2007. For a \$5 wrist bracelet children can enjoy unlimited use of the rides - a Bouncey Bounce, a train, a swing ride and an 18 foot slide. From noon to 3 pm, there will be free games that were popular with children in earlier days. Ribbons will be given to all participants. Snacks, hot dogs and soda will be for sale.

The Town Park and Beach will be open all day on Friday. (Reunion activities will be taking place under the tents in the Park from noon to 3 pm). From 5 to 7 pm special live music presentations will be given by the Community Band under the direction of Pat Cornell and by the Hague Jazz Quartet under the direction of Michael Vassallo. Take out supper from one of the local eateries or bring your own and enjoy the early evening entertainment in the park with your picnic.

On Saturday, August 19, 2007 the Park will be open and the site of a townwide Chicken Barbecue from 5 pm to 8 pm. (Please note tickets for the BBQ must be purchased in advance at the Community Center.) Rick Bolton will entertain the celebrants with a concert from 6 to 9 pm and a special fireworks extravaganza will begin at 9:30 pm.

John Brown, Chairman for Friday events, encourages families, including grandparents, to spend these special days in the history of Hague by participating in events so your children or grandchildren can later remember taking part in that history.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

- Public parking will be available in the private lot across from the Town Park and in the two Town lots on Route 8.
- Car pools are encouraged as parking will be very limited.
- Signs will be posted for the events, the venues and the parking areas.
- On Friday, regular car parking will be prohibited until 3 pm in the hamlet area from the triangle up to the Hague Market as that will be the venue for the display of antique cars.
- A shuttle service is planned to take senior citizens or those handicapped from the beach parking area to the boat dock for those who have tickets for the Mohican cruise.
- On Saturday, the boat launch area will be closed until 3 pm as that will be one of the main venues for the display of the antique boats.
- Tickets for the Chicken BBQ and Brunch must be purchased before August 1st at the Community Center (as well as any tickets for the Mohican cruise if there are any left.)
- Over 150 people are registered to participate in Hague Central School Reunion and Bicentennial activities during the weekend. Reunion headquarters will be at the Community Center and all former Hague students and friends are welcome to stop by.
- The Hague Historical Museum exhibit "Here's Hague" will be open in the Clifton F. West Memorial Room in the CC on Saturday as well as regular hours during the week.
- A special Hague Bicentennial booklet will be an insert in the Denton Publications, including the Times of Ti, on August 4th. Additional copies will be available around town.

OTHER BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

There will be displays of antique cars in the downtown area on Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Antique boats will be displayed at several docks along the hamlet waterfront on Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. The boats will then form a parade in Hague Bay in front of the areas where they were docked.

On Sunday, August 19, 2007, the morning activities will start at 8:45 am in the Town Park with a service of remembrance of all those citizens of Hague who have gone before us including Veteran's and former students in the Hague schools and celebration for the 200th anniversary of the Town of Hague.

Those with tickets may enjoy a brunch served under the tent at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend the formal Town Bicentennial Recognition Ceremony at 11 am. Jim O'Toole, Chairman for this event, has planned for a special color guard in addition to the invited speakers. Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand, State Senator Betty Little and State Assemblywoman Theresa Sayward all plan to be there. A special feature of this program will be the filling and closing of a Time Capsule which will be opened in 50 years.



*Celebrating 200 Years
of Hague History
August 17 - 19, 2007*

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*Buy event tickets at
the Community Center
before August 1st.*

Following a successful Memorial Day celebration organized by the Hague Senior Citizens Club, the "Swinging Seniors" gave themselves a pat-on-the-back thank you luncheon in June that was well attended. The Burleigh Café catered the luncheon and the members provided outstanding desserts.

As is our tradition, there will be no meeting in July, but in August we will have our annual picnic. All are welcome and we invite you to join us on Tuesday, August 28, at 12 noon at the Hague Fire House. Everyone should bring a side dish to share and the Club will provide hamburgers, franks, drinks and desserts.

We'll be announcing our fall outing at the picnic and folks will be able to sign up at that time. In the meantime, have a great bicentennial summer! Even the thunderstorms are spectacular this year! ... pmm

COOKBOOK SELLS OUT

That's right! The Senior Citizens' Bicentennial What's Cooking in Hague Cookbook, called "Recipes and Reminiscences" sold 450 copies! We'd like to thank the community for their enthusiastic support of this little red book, the proceeds for which contributed to the Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade.

A special thanks goes to the Hague Market, Hague Creek Antiques, the Uptown Café, the Firehouse Restaurant, and the Silver Bay Store, all of whom sold multiple copies for us. ... pmm

BOB WOODRUFF BENEFIT

A concert of chamber music by the Oneida Trio will be given at the Ticonderoga United Methodist Church on Friday, August 3, at 7:00 PM. The concert is to be a benefit for the Bob Woodruff Family Fund for Traumatic Brain Injury, and all of the proceeds will go to one or more deserving local veterans with this type of injury.

Tibby Christenberry, Oneida Trio flutist, and summer resident of Silver Bay, explained that the trio wanted to do a concert to celebrate Bob's "miraculous" recovery and aid other injured veterans who were not necessarily as fortunate.

The concert will feature music by Debussy, Ravel, Reinecke, Gaubert, and Locklair. Donations will be accepted at the door.

HVFD STEAK ROAST

The annual Fireman's Steak Roast will be held on August 4th with dams at 2 pm and steaks at 4 pm until all are served. Adults \$12 and children \$10.

Thanks to the 26 members of the HVFD who provided 250 man hours of emergency stand by service during the Triathlon/Lake Swim weekend

What should go in the Bicentennial Time Capsule? Think of everything that has changed since 1957. Can you even imagine what life would be like without desktop computers? How about having to use a typewriter WITHOUT the delete and return key? I remember when my neighborhood in Pittsburgh was the first to get touch-tone telephones.... it was all the rage to play "Mary Had A Little Lamb" on the touch-tone pad!

Heaven knows what to expect in the next 50 years, but we need for the next generation to know what was important in 2007. What stands out today in Hague, our state and our nation?

What do YOU think should go into the Hague Time Capsule to be opened in 2057? We want everyone's ideas! Space is limited and we have to be creative as we have no budget. That makes it all the more fun! Let's be creative!

Please forward your thoughts and suggestions to Debbie Manning <townclerk@townofhague.org> or Holly de Buys <aibholly@aol.com>.

NEW EATERY IN TI

The Gourmet Gal, Debbie Mackey, has opened a new restaurant of the same name. It is located at 59 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga across from the Firehouse and is open from 6 am - 8 pm on Monday through Saturday and on Sunday from 6 am to 1 pm. Debbie is serving the same delicious goodies that she is known for in her catering business - and more.

Debbie is the caterer for all the Bicentennial meals in the Town Park on August 17 - 19, 2007. For further information on her products and services, call 585-7500 or see her website <www.TheGourmetGal.com>.

HAGUE ARTS FAIR

The 36th Annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Karen Laundree will take place on August 4 - 5, 2007. On Saturday the 4th the hours will be from 10 am to 4 pm and on Sunday the 5th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Over 45 vendors will be exhibiting a wide range of crafts such as baskets, pottery, jewelry, photography, paintings, fabric items and wood crafts. The admission is free and the venue is the Hague Community Center.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

July 1 - September 2, 2007
Wednesday & Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

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COMMON MAN TOUR

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, Roger Fulton of Glens Falls is traveling 300 miles by canoe this summer to retrace the water routes used during that war. He is traveling on the Hudson River, Lake Champlain, Lake George and The St. Lawrence River.

The Lake George phase of his trip will begin on July 20, 2007 at Lake George Village. He plans to reach Sabbath Day Point by July 26th and Hague on July 27th. While in Hague, the Hague Historical Society will host his powerpoint presentation of "The French and Indian War - The Basics".

All are invited to the Community Center on July 27 at 7 pm for this program. Refreshments will be served.

ROSS FEATURED ON POSTER

As New York State celebrates the French and Indian War anniversary, the I Love NY 2007 Summer Festival Poster and related items feature Derek Ross, age 19, son of Steve and Laurie Ross of Hague. Derek was chosen to pose for this honor through his years as a member of the Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps and his position at the Fort as an historical interpreter, leading tours. You will see these posters all over the state during the festival from May 19 to September 23, 2007. The poster depicts Derek as a young soldier during the French and Indian War along with an Indian from the same era.



Top left: Roger Fulton
Left: Derek Ross
Above: Rafael Perez
crosses the finish line
at the Hague beach.

HERITAGE MUSEUM TO DISPLAY QUILTS

The Heritage Museum, Ticonderoga, will host a quilt exhibition on August 18 from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration deadline for quilt entries is Aug. 1. For entry applications and information contact 585-2696, 585-7342 or stop at the museum 10 am to 4 pm daily or send a SASE to PO Box 172, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Randy Engler who organized the successful North Country Triathlon and to Graham and Sheryl Bailey who recreated an exciting Lake George Swim Marathon. While the first year of new events is always the hardest, their efforts certainly were appreciated by the participants and we hope to see these events again next year.

The winner of the 41K Lake George Open Swim Marathon was 26 year old Rafael Perez from Santa Fe, Argentina. He was the only swimmer to emerge from the water at the Hague beach before the time limit was reached due to darkness. Rafael and his team were hosted by Donna Van Wirt of Hague.

Results for the events can be found at: their websites: <www.northcountrytri.com> and <www.swimlakegeorge.org>.

KUDOS

To all those from Hague who participated in the Triathlon.

To the Hague representatives who won medals in the Swim Lake George Marathon. Margaret Carney, Anna Varga and Chris Ianson swam the 2K event on Sunday, July 1st in the "mature" age groups. They finished the course to much applause from local well-wishers.

To Bess Carney who also swam in the event accompanying her mother. Great job done by all these ladies!



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/28/07

OOPS!

The June 28th meeting was postponed to July 3rd due to a lack of a quorum. Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, George Ianson, Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman and Martin Fitzgerald, II. Donna Charboneau and Glenn McKee were absent.

1. TOWN OF HAGUE Sewer District #2

A "Change of Use" is needed for the installation of Sewer District # 2 in OC II and RC area. Major Public Utilities Use are not an allowed use in these areas. The ZBA will hold a public hearing on the issue at their next meeting which has been rescheduled for July 19th at 7 pm.

2. WEINSTEIN (60.5-1-20) 55 Pine Cove Road (TR-2)

The applicant is requesting a variance for a 12' x 15' storage shed 32 1/2 feet from the Lake and an existing 4' x 4' shed, which sits 22 ft from the Lake, will be removed if the variance is granted. A public hearing will be held.

3. MIZER (12.18-1-9) Mohawk Lane (TR-1)

In 2004 a variance was approved for the replacement of an existing house. The plumbing was to be removed from a second residence and part of that structure was to be removed making it a 20' x 30' storage building. The entire structure has now been replaced by a new 10' x 14' storage shed. No further variance is needed.

4. MACIONIS (26.6-1-1) 9500 Lakeshore Dr (TR-1)

The ZBA in May approved work. A tree fell through the garage and a new Contractor was hired to repair the damages. It was deemed that there is no issue.

PLANNING BOARD - 7/9/07

The July 5th meeting was canceled due to a lack of a quorum and was rescheduled for the 9th. Present then were Chairman Dave Swanson, Rolly Allen, John Brown, Pam Peterson, Peter Foster, EJ Siwek and Tim Costello. Attorney Dominick Viscardi, ZEO Cathy Clark and Secretary Nancy Young were also present.

1. BEST (10-1-17) New Hague Road (OCII)

The applicants are applying for preliminary approval of a two lot subdivision of a 26.42 acre parcel with Lot 1 consist of 18.42 acres and Lot 2 with 8 acres. A site visit was scheduled.

2. TOWN OF HAGUE Sewer District #2

Application is to allow a Major Public Utility Use in areas zoned OC-II, TR-1R, & RC for installation and use of Town of Hague Sewer District #2. The Board recommended to the Zoning Board that the variance be approved and approved the application under Type I, site plan review.

3. WEINSTEIN (60.5-1-20) 55 Pine Cove Road (TR-2)

The applicant is requesting a variance from the ZBA for a storage shed which will sit 32 1/2 feet from the Lake. The Planning Board recommended that the Zoning Board not approve the variance.

4. RYPKEMA (43.5-2-5) 9820 Graphite Mt. Rd. (Hamlet)

Sally DeLarm Rypkema assured the Board that the fence at her store, Juniper, had only been removed temporarily and that there is a plan for landscaping. However, she spoke of concern about safety issues over which she has no control such as the speed of trucks coming down Route 8 and people walking on the south side of the road instead of on the sidewalk when going to the parking lot.

During the Town Board meeting, the power went out and I lost the notes on my laptop. So, unfortunately, some of the detail of a very interesting meeting is missing. However, any decisions that were made are indicated.

We remind our readers, again, that these are not the official minutes which are posted online at <www.townofhague.org> after their approval. ... js

TOWN BOARD - 7/10/07

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

A moment of silence was held for Ronni Garrison, Ed Earl Perry, Virginia VanVoorhis, George Traver, Bob Marshall and Walton Wallace.

Under public comments:

Sally DeLarm-Rypkema, owner of the new store, Juniper, spoke to the Board about the safety issues in the area around her store which is across from the Uptown Store and Firehouse Restaurant. She, and Sheri DeLarm-Ginn indicated it is an area with a blind curve and it would be good to have a reduced speed in that area as well as a marked crosswalk directly to the parking lot. The Board will ask DOT to review the problem and will call in someone to put in the lines on the parking lot. It was also stated that it is planned to put the specifications, previously prepared by Chris Navitsky, out to bids in the fall.

Judy Stock presented information on the name of the Museum and urged the Board to make a decision on the name. Dick Gladu moved that the name of the museum be the "Hague Historical Museum" and the name of the room, the "Clifton F. West Memorial Room" and it was approved.

Rudy Meola commented on several issues. Holly de Buys then spoke about events in Hague which are positive for the Town but which have been given a negative spin by Mr. Meola.

Myles Peterson remarked on the status of the American Legion building and the need to keep the area mowed.

Sarah Bissell spoke on behalf of the summer lifeguards, noting that the Town should consider having 2 lifeguards on duty rather than just the one at a time as is currently the policy.

Committee Reports:

Assessor - Dick Gladu announced that in keeping with what other area towns are doing there will not be a revaluation next year.

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Buildings & Grounds - The Town decided last year against keeping lights it had ordered from Glens Falls Electric and finally in November Supervisor Belden reported that Chestertown had purchased 14 of the poles and Glens Falls Electric would allow the light fixtures to be returned but they later changed their minds. Horicon has purchased the remainder of 8 lights.

Dan Belden and Art Steitz will work on getting the handicapped ramp put in at the east side of the building.

CARE program - The Food Pantry will be open only on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays during the summer.

Enhancement - The work on the new walkway along the launch area at the beach is set to begin. However, with concerns about the disruption it might cause and with a request from the Fire Department to include a dry hydrant in the plans, Councilman Gladu made a motion to delay the work until September. The other Board members wanted to go ahead with the plans and the motion was defeated.

Highway - Superintendent Don Smith said they have been mowing along the Town roads and also the County roads since it was badly needed. Don will again contact the NYS highway crew to encourage them to cut along the state road, including cutting branches away from the banners that Hague has put up.

Personnel - In light of resignations, the Board will have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 17th and go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Planning/Zoning - Councilman Gladu reported that there has been a problem with getting quorums for the boards. He said that members have been encouraged to make plans known as soon as possible so that meeting times can be changed in a timely fashion. The Board may also look into the appointment of alternate board members.

Councilman Gladu also reported that he has been in touch with Senator Little and others and has proposed 7 locations in Hague where cell towers might be placed.

Recreation & Youth - The Silver Bay program is going well. (See related article on page 6.)

Sewer District #2 - The plan for sewer district #2 needs a use variance from the ZBA and review by the Planning Board. The APA has given a draft permit to proceed but the approvals are needed from the boards. Supervisor Belden thanked ZEO Cathy Clark for her help in preparing the presentations to the boards and APA.

Town Park - Councilman Steitz reported that the Swim/Triathlon weekend went well as did the fireworks display. He noted that the problem with geese continues and there are staff shortages at the Park which is being worked on.

Transfer Station - Councilman Gladu reported that the manager of the Transfer Station, Casella Waste Management, will not budge on changing any fees. That decision means that residents will continue to be required to pay to leave recyclable materials. (We note that for a push to be made for an alternative method, the residents must continue to make their concerns known to the Town Board.)

In other business, the Board:

1. As the Town Board of Health, approved a septic variance for Janet White, who submitted a well-done though unique plan.
2. Accepted a bid of \$10,253 from Warren Electric for 9 lights for the Waterfront project.
3. Was shown by Bob de Buys the Bicentennial Banner which will be put on the bridge.
4. Heard a report about the work of the Bicentennial Committee from Vice-Chairman, Judy Stock, who also requested formal acknowledgment that the Committee and the Reunion Sub-Committee are acting as agents of the Town and therefore should be covered by Town liability insurance.
5. Acknowledged receipt of a letter from Kemp Dwenger relative to Town insurance coverage.
6. Acknowledged receipt of a letter from Rudy Meola relative to the Hague Historical Museum.
7. Accepted the following resignations: Kacheena Trudeau as Park Attendant, Tim Costello from the Planning Board and Tom LaPointe from the Town Board.
7. Acknowledged a letter from the General Manager of Gore Mountain in support of the Town's winter recreation project at Sabbath Day Point.
9. Passed resolution #51 to hold a public hearing at the Community Center on August 13, 2007 at 6 pm concerning the "Local Law Regulating Noise."
10. Passed resolution #52 agreeing to accept \$2,136.91 in occupancy tax funds from Warren Co.
11. Passed a proclamation, written by Rudy Meola, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Town of Hague with a resolution that "...we remember all of the residents of Hague past and present. From the first settlers; Abel Rising, Abner Briggs, Elijah Bailey, Samuel Cook, Ellis Denton, Samuel Patchin, John Holman, Issac and Uriah Balcom and Uri Waiste, to all school teachers, administrators, school board members, supervisors and town board members, all public employees and members of appointed boards, ambulance squad and fire department personnel. For while the topography provides the Town of Hague with spectacular natural beauty it is its people who have made it a great place to call home."

Supervisor Belden showed the Certificates of Appreciation for Graham Bailey for his work on the Lake George Open Water Swim and to Randy Engler for his work on the North Country Triathlon. Both men worked very hard to have these first year events be well run and well received.

IN THE LOCAL COURT

The case of John Sheehan, who has been charged with a misdemeanor in the case of the shooting of a dog, is scheduled to be heard in the courtroom of Justice Knott on August 2, 2007 at 5:30 pm.

AQUARIUM GALA

The Aquarium of the Adirondacks with headquarters in Queensbury will hold an Inaugural Reception on August 2, 2007. For more information see <www.adkaquarium.org>.

The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks Children's Program is a great asset to the local community. Serving the local youth of Ticonderoga and Hague is an important factor in the YMCA mission to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. From the surrounding area more than 50 children attend the Silver Bay Summer Children's Program including 21 from the Hague community.

Attending the program from Hague are Auden Balouch, Bailey Balouch, Ty Denno, Dakota Olcott, Karney Manning, Tony Martucci, Grady Forsyth, Michael Fitzgerald, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Caitlin Myers, Jeanette Coon, Kaylee Coon, Sam Holmberg, Robert Farinick, Devon May, Martin McDonough, Dennis McDonough, Taylor Coffin, Sarah Belden, and Stephanie Belden. "I am delighted to see the increasing number of local youth taking advantage of all that Silver Bay has to offer by attending the Summer Children's Program," said Jackie Palandrani, Children's Program Director at Silver Bay.

The Silver Bay Summer Children's Program serves children and youth ages 6 weeks to grade 12. All programs offer participants plenty of time to enjoy games, music, crafts, a wide array of sports, the opportunity to explore nature, and most importantly the chance to build friendships. The Summer Children's Program begins the last week in June and goes through the third week in August.

Silver Bay programs are open to all regardless of income. In order for all individuals and families to have access to membership, programs and services of Silver Bay YMCA, financial assistance is available on an income-based rate scale through the Open Pathways Program.

For more information call 543-8833 or visit <www.silverbay.org>.

Hague's Going Batty

I think this bat program was funny and understandable. Mr. DeFranco mentioned many facts such as how bats can eat 600 bugs in only an hour and I was fascinated that Brown bats only weigh the same as two quarters! He also dressed up as a bat. One of the things that he was wearing came out of a cereal box! He taught people that bats aren't like rats and that if someone sees one their opinion would probably be "Bats are cute." So go to his programs and you'll feel the same.

-by Emily Rose Taylor, Washington, NJ

Emily, Age 8 1/2, is the granddaughter of Christine and George Ianson and attended the Hague Historical Society program on Bats presented by Town Naturalist David DeFranco on June 25. We thank her for her thoughtful review!

For Christine's report of the program see:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hagueny/hague_historical_society_the_bats_in_graphite.htm>.

The following Hague students were named to the honor roll for the final marking period at Ti Middle School:

Grade 6: First Honors - Olivia Bissell, Grace Ginn, Bryana Goetsch, Karney Manning, Jordan McKee, Shane Swinton

Second Honors - Kenneth Deragon
Grade 7: First Honors - Abigail Gurney, Corey King, William Lawrie, Haley Trudeau

Second Honors - Walter Porter
Grade 8: Second Honors - Jennell Coffin, Dillon Lafferty, Autumn Winney

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students from Hague who graduated on June 23, 2007 from Ticonderoga High School: Janine Nicole Best, John Charles Breitenbach III, Brittney Lorraine Haran, Kelly Ann McCoy, Christopher McTyier, Stephanie Lynn Nast, Jason Jeremiah Siwek, Akashia L. Swinton, Kacheena Star Trudeau.

Hague can be very proud of its graduates who won numerous awards and scholarships as follows: Harvey H. Moses Educational Awards to John Breitenbach and Jason Siwek; Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship Award to Janine Best, John Breitenbach, Brittney Haran, Stephanie Nast, Jason Siwek, Akashia Swinton and Kacheena Trudeau; Fort Ticonderoga Chapter #263 Order of The Eastern Star Award to Kelly McCoy; Stephen J. Potter Education Award to Akashia Swinton and Kacheena Trudeau; McDonald's of Ticonderoga Youth Achievement Award to John Breitenbach, III;

Crary Scholarships award to Kacheena Trudeau, Karla Berube Scholarship Fund award to Akashia Swinton; Ticonderoga Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Award to Kacheena Trudeau; Class of 1998 Senior Project Award to John Breitenbach III and Jason Siwek; Deo Colburn Scholarship award to John Breitenbach III; Susan K. Slattery Memorial Scholarship to John Breitenbach III; Ticonderoga Chapter DAR award to Stephanie Nast; Ticonderoga High School Alumni Association Scholarship to John Breitenbach III and Stephanie Nast.

The Hague Chronicle is especially proud to announce the formation of The Hague Chronicle/Dorothy Henry Scholarship award which went to Stephanie Nast.

It is interesting to note that there were 80 graduates in the 2007 class. Of that number 81% received Regents diplomas or higher or Regents diplomas with honors (1%), Advanced Regents (49%) and Regents diplomas (31%). 76% are planning to pursue higher education (2 to 4 year college or vocational tech school.) 5% are entering the military.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the entire 2007 class of Ticonderoga High School. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

The Warren County Youth Fair will be held on August 4, 2007 at the fairgrounds on Schroon River Road in Warrensburg.

DIED: Virginia Van Voorhis, 82, of Williston, Vt on June 21, 2007. She was the widow of George Ruddle Van Voorhis, Jr and is survived by her son, George "Rudd" Van Voorhis, III and his wife, Peggy of Wevertown and Hague and her daughter, Jane Peter of Shelburne, Vt. She is also survived by a brother; 5 grandchildren, Courtney Batha, Katie, Becky and George VanVoorhis and Sara Peter; and 5 nieces and nephews.

DIED: Edwin Earl Perry, 79, Hague, on June 21, 2007. He was a member of American Legion Post 218. He is survived by a daughter, Beverly Childress of Middletown, Ohio, two sons, Dan, Middletown and Paul, Hague, 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren

DIED: George Morgan Traver Sr., 98, Ticonderoga and formerly of Sabbath Day Point, on June 29 at Moses-Ludington Nursing Home. Mr. Traver and his late wife, Dorothy, were summer residents of Sabbath Day Point from 1960 to 1974 when they became permanent residents. They moved to Ticonderoga in 2001. He is survived by one son, George Jr., Kingston and one daughter, Sara Jean Vandersea, Brunswick, ME., two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DIED: Ronni Garrison in Golden, Colorado on June 24, 2007 after a long illness. Ronni and her husband George also had a home on Overbrook Road in Hague and spent much of the year there. In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons, Brycen of Brighton, CO and Craig of Golden, CO, by grandchildren Connor, Grant, Gianna and Delylah and a brother, Stephen Teifer of Charlotte, NC.

DIED: Robert A. Marshall, 78, Sarasota, FL and Pine Cove Rd., Hague, NY on June 30, 2007 in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Sally W. and sons, David, Falls Church, VA, Peter, Waterbury, VT and a brother Gordon. He is a former commodore of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

DIED: Walton C. Wallace, 74, a former resident of Hague, in Milford, PA on July 6, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Kaley, daughter Stephanie Wallace, two sons, Carney and Lawrence and sister Martha Fitzgerald, Sabbath Day Point.

DIED: Betty C. Van Sleet, 81, Pine Orchard Road, Hague, on July 12, 2007 at Moses Ludington Hospital. She is survived by her son Alfred F. Van Sleet III and wife Rita, Scotia, one daughter, Paula J. Via and husband Thomas, Saranac and eight grandchildren.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A service of celebration of the life of Mary Ann Harmon will be held Sunday, August 5, 2007 at 3 pm in the auditorium of the Silver Bay YMCA. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service for Ronni Garrison will be held on August 12, 2007 at 12 noon at the Silver Bay Chapel.

MARRIED: Tracy Ann Bolton and Bennie C. Ball on June 2, 2007 in Chittenden, VT. Tracy is the daughter of Jim and Cathy Bolton of Hague and Ticonderoga. The Balls will reside in Clifton Park, NY.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Supervisor Dan Belden who was a winner of one of the Lake George Watershed Conference stewardship awards at its Water Quality Forum on June 25, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Melissa Them Peterson, wife of Myles S. Peterson II, daughter-in-law of Pam and Myles Peterson and granddaughter-in-law of Dolly Kennedy, all of Hague, who received her PhD from SUNY Albany in Clinical Child Psychology on July 1, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Peter James Mack, Hague, who recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in sound design.

CONGRATULATIONS: To THS students from Hague, John Breitenbach, Akashia Swinton and Kacheena Trudeau who were recognized by the Essex County Schools of the CVES BOCES for excellence in Academic Achievement. John will attend SUNY Albany, Akashia will attend Hofstra University and Kacheena will attend University of Pittsburgh.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW VENDORS SOUGHT

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

NATURE TALKS

August 9: "Mushrooms of the Adirondacks", Nancy Scarzello, 7 pm at LGA office.
August 23: "Exploring Pond Life: Turtles, Frogs, and Pollywogs", Emily DeBolt, 7 pm at LGLC office. For more info see <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

SEMBRICH OPERA MUSEUM

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum, 4800 Lake Shore Drive, is open daily through September 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Admission by donation. : <<http://www.operamuseum.com/calendar.htm>>.

LARAC NEWS

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) is located at 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls. Applications will be accepted until 9/29 for selling original work in the LARAC Holiday Shop.

FROM CONGRESSWOMAN GILLIBRAND

BURDICK SHOW AND WORKSHOPS

The Congressional Research Service announced that the U.S. is spending \$10 billion a month for the war in Iraq. A leaked classified intelligence report acknowledges that al-Qaida forces are as strong as they were on 9/11/01. Ms Gillibrand voted in favor of a bi-partisan measure that will begin the responsible redeployment of troops from Iraq, in order to further concentrate on fighting terrorism around the world.

She introduced Balanced Budget Amendment. Measure will insure accountability with taxpayer money. In the past 40 years Congress has balanced the budget only five times; last year's budget was \$248 billion.

Congresswoman Gillibrand has been a leader on promoting fiscal responsibility in Congress. In Jan. she voted to restore Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) spending in order to ban the practice of deficit spending. In addition Gillibrand voted for the Budget Resolution that paves the way for a balanced budget by 2012, while adhering to the principles of: PAYGO spending, investments in national priorities and expanding middle class tax cuts.

SILVER BAY SUMMER SERVICES

For the latter part of the summer at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel of the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks there will be Communion at 8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am and worship at 10 am.

The services will be led by Rev. Lee Weaver on August 5, Rev. Robert Beringer on August 12, Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt on August 19 and Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain on August 26 and also on October 7.

GRACE MEMORIAL SUMMER SERVICES

Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point has set the schedule of ministers for the rest of the summer (with communion on the 26th):

August 5 - Rev. David Mangiante, retired, Evangelical Lutheran, Mount Holly, NJ;

August 12 - Rev. Nickolas Miles, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY;

August 19 - Rev. Robert Marr, retired, United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA;

August 26- Rev. Gerard Van Heest, Chaplain Emeritus, Hope College, Holland, MI

September 3 - Rev. Dr. James Brooks-McDonald, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Schenectady, NY.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Wednesday musical performances continue in the Hague Town Park at 7:30 pm. In case of inclement weather the program will be held at the Community Center.

Aug. 1 Vicki Russell; Aug. 8 Too Human
Aug. 15 Amanda Reckonwith; Aug. 22 Sickaya

Stan Burdick's cartoon show entitled "A Year of Change - 2006" has been displayed at the Chestertown Library and City Hall Gallery in Glens Falls. During August this show can be seen at the Plattsburgh Public Library. The original framed cartoons, spoofing national and regional topics, all appeared during 2006 in the "Lake Champlain Weekly."

Workshops in drawing, sketching and cartooning will start Wednesday, July 18 at 2:30 pm in the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum and continue every Wednesday in July and August. Stan Burdick will instruct those of any age with an interest in creating comic images. For more information contact Burdick at 585-7015 or by email at <tfguild@capital.net>.

TI FESTIVAL GUILD PROGRAMS

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will celebrate the Hague Bicentennial at its August 14, 2007 presentation of the Ticonderoga Community Band. The program begins at 8 pm under the tent on the lawn of the Ticonderoga Community Building on Montcalm Street. Tickets for the Tuesday night events are \$10.

On Tuesday, August 7th at 8 pm there will be a Ti Talent Show. The Wednesday morning Arts Treks events are held at 10:15 am under the tent and are free. For August they include Kit's Kaboodle on the 1st, Storytelling on the 8th and Magic with Steve Johnson on the 15th.

For further information, contact Cathie Burdick, Executive Director at 585-6716 or <info@ticonderogafestivalguild.org>.



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Eat your Weedies

Nancy Scarzello's wonderful new book, "Nature Through the Seasons" is a compilation of her articles written for *The Hague Chronicle* from 2003-2007 with photos and artwork. The book is available at Juniper and the Hague Market in Hague, Hancock House and Fort Ti Museum Shops in Ticonderoga and Trees in Bolton Landing.

I recently took part in a Wilderness Survival Skills workshop. I'm not planning any backwoods expedition in the near future, but with a desire to spend more time in the forest observing and photographing nature, I thought it would be a good idea to learn how to not get lost in the woods and what to do if I did! We learned some basic orienteering, how to build a shelter and to make a fire. *I created fire!* It took me three hours to do it but finally with some help, I got it. I think I'll eat my food cold though, it's easier. The last part of the class focused on finding that food, the wild plants that can be foraged for sustenance. Here was where I was most comfortable in my ability to survive in the wild because I recognized many of the plants we can eat growing on the edge of the forest and within it. Indian cucumber root, burdock, wild grapes, lamb's quarters, cattails.

A few days later I went out walking along Forest Bay Road and Friends Point. I took along my camera, and just for fun, decided to see how many edible plants I could find for use as food or medicine within plain sight of the road. I found 42 plants on my walk. So, now I know that if we never get a good grocery store back in Ti, and I'm stranded in Forest Bay for any considerable amount of time, I will not starve. It feels good to know that.

Beyond the survival factor, wild plants can bring us wonderfully delicious additions to our meals. I have cooked and enjoyed with great success several kinds of mushrooms, added wild greens to salads and make an awesome Nettle Spanikopita! In the spring we find fiddleheads, dandelion greens and wild leeks. Summer brings us the wild berries most of us are familiar with: strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. But three are also serviceberries, highbush cranberries and wild cherries that, with a little effort, can be incredibly satisfying and delicious. Yesterday I picked and dried the blossoms from the Basswood tree to make a fragrant beverage tea and today I may go looking for chanterelle mushrooms after the rain. Fall is abundant with wild mushrooms, elderberries, grapes, and the nuts, roots and seeds of many trees and plants that can be put away for future use.

Learning to identify the plants is key, and the best way to do that is to start with what grows in your own yard, begin with a few of the most familiar plants and get to know them well. Positive identification is paramount because you should *NEVER* eat anything unless you are *positive* that it is edible. Knowing where to look, when they are in season and what parts of the plant are edible are all considerations, but not overwhelming if you approach it the right way.

I have found that a couple of good ID books along with having someone familiar with the plants to show them to you works the best ~ and is the safest!

Bradford Angier's classic "Feasting Free on Wild Edibles", Peterson's "Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants" and my new favorite, Samuel Thayer's "The Forager's Harvest" are all highly recommended books to help you get started. For some personal experience with wild foods, I am giving a presentation on edible mushrooms for the LGA at their offices on August 9th at 7:00 pm (contact the LGA for registration info) and leading a Mushroom Walk for the LGLC in the Gull Bay Preserve on Saturday, August 11th (contact the LGLC for info). I would also love to do some kind of wild plant ID class locally in the near future, please contact me if you are interested <forestbay@wcvr.com> and if there is enough interest I'm sure we can figure out a time and place. Happy foraging!

WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

June 17- July 14

The KEY word for this month's weather would be RAIN/THUNDERSTORMS. This is a bad thing if you are on vacation but a good thing if you are a gardener or farmer or just like a green lawn. Our soils were pretty parched. Now after 3" of rain (July 1- 14), we can let go of the hose for awhile. In looking back over the period June 17- July 14, I tabulated the following statistics:

6 days were just absolute gorgeous sunshine and clear. 3 of these were great HOT beach days.

5 days were HOT and HUMID with July 10 and June 26 taking the honors for classification BRUTAL. June 26 reached a high of 94 with the sun out most of the day. July 10 was 88 with 93% humidity and big thunderstorms and lightning about 8 PM.

1 day was a total rainout on July 6. There was precipitation of some sort on 12 days either at night, early in the day or late afternoon. So far July 1- 14 we have had 3.06" rain. The night of Monday, July 9 there was a splendid lightning show. During the day it was hazy, hot and extremely humid. There were thunderstorms after 8 PM with the lightning lighting up the sky and rivaling the July 4th fireworks! It would go cloud to cloud, and then some strikes downward, more cloud to cloud, etc. It was quite a show!

5 days of sun/partly cloudy

3 days of cool temperatures but sunny

3 days were totally cloudy

The sun rises at 5:46 AM and sets at 8:33 PM. The new moon is on July 14. The full moon will be July 29.

Here is a reminder for those of you on vacation and who are fretting over all this rain. Remember the sun is always out- you just can't see it all the time.

July - August 2007

July

23 1 pm Extra Helping Distribution
 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
 27 7 pm Historical Society Program (p.3)
 27 - 29 NLGYC hosts sailing in Hague Bay -
 The 12th District Championships
 of the International Star Class



2 7 pm Planning Board
 3 7 pm Woodruff Fund Benefit Concert (p. 2)
 4 4 pm HVFD Steak Roast (p. 2)
 4 - 5 10 am on 36th Annual Hague Arts Fair (p. 2)
 13 7 pm **Public Hearing on Noise Ordinance**
 14 6:30 pm Town Board
 14 8 pm Ti Festival Guild Bicentennial Concert (p. 8)
 18 9 am - 4 pm Ti Heritage Museum Quilt Show (p. 3)
 22 1 pm Extra Helpings Distribution
 23 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed
 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

Hague Bicentennial Celebration Weekend

August 17, 18, & 19, 2007

Friday, August 17th

8 am - 4 pm

Hague Historical Museum - "Here's Hague" Exhibit
 Historical Displays & Programs at the Community Center
 Reunion Breakfast at Town Park

8:30 - 10 am

11 am - 3 pm

Antique Cars on display downtown

noon - 3 pm

Hague Central School **Reunion Luncheon & Program**

noon - 6 pm

Children's Rides in LGLC Park (\$5 fee - unlimited rides)

noon - 3 pm

Children's historical games - LGLC Park (free)

5 pm - 7 pm

Live Music in Town Park - Hague Jazz Quartet; Community Band
 bring a picnic to the park & enjoy the music

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cruise on the Steamer Mohican (by ticket - \$20 per person)
 with historical comments by Richard Strum

Saturday, August 18th

8 am - 4 pm

Hague Historical Museum - "Here's Hague" Exhibit
 Historical Displays & Programs at the Community Center
 Reunion Breakfast at Town Park

8:30 - 10 am

11 am - 3 pm

Antique Boats on Hamlet waterfront (parade at 2 pm)

5 pm - 8 pm

Chicken Barbecue in Town Park (by ticket - \$10 per person)

6 pm - 9 pm

Rick Bolton Concert in Town Park

9:30 pm - 10:05 pm

Bicentennial Fireworks Display off Town Park

Sunday, August 19th

8:45 am - 9:30 am

Celebratory & Remembrance Service - Town Park

9:30 am - 11 am

Brunch in the Town Park (by ticket - \$7 per person)

11 am - 11:30 am

Bicentennial Recognition Ceremony/Time Capsule

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