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FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsored by
HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
July 8, 2000, 10AM - 4PM
(July 9, Rain Date)

FUN, GAMES, HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, ETC.

You can get your picture taken aboard the firetruck!
LOCATION - THE HAGUE TOWN PARK

HAGUE TOURISM AND BEAUTIFICATION

For our visitors and even more importantly for our residents, the Hague Tourism Committee has been working hard in making our town a more attractive place to visit and to live. Thanks to all those who joined in The Hague Chronicle appeal for funds for flower baskets, boxes and flowers. The following were most generous in their donations: Art Hatfield, Trout House Village, Hague Chamber of Commerce, Hague Market, David Darrin, Dottie Henry, Dan Belden, Alison Craig Realty, Judy & Peter Foster, Kay Barton, Philip and Norma Mann, Island View Cafe, Old Glory Antiques, Mary Lou Doulin. A fund has been set up for the beautification project. It is not too late to be a part in sprucing up your community. Contributions should be made to: Tourism Promotion Committee, Town of Hague, NY. 12836. This is an ongoing project and expected to be expanded upon each year.

Special thanks to Kay Barton who almost singlehandedly, (with some help from friends), planted all the hanging baskets, and the flower boxes and planters on the bridge. This was a formidable task and with help from our tall guy, John Brown, they have all been hung in place. We have asked the residents and businesses along Rt. 8 and Rt. 9N to please keep the baskets watered during the summer months.. Their efforts will be appreciated.

HELP WANTED: A clerk is needed immediately for the position of clerk to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Master Plan Committee. Please apply at the Community Center.

BE A LIFE SAVER - JOIN THE LGA

The Lake George Association has been conducting vital educational and preservation projects for 115 years to benefit all of us who use and enjoy this precious lake.

You can help by joining and volunteering (many opportunities available). For further information and a membership application, contact Phil Mann, 543-6655. If you already are a member and have not received your copy of the "Lake Book", just phone Phil, and he will deliver it to you. Leave a message - please specify location so he can find you. He lives in Arcady Bay Estates.

The Hague Post Office collected 154 lbs. of food from the food drive that was held on May 13. The Postal Service thanks all of you who so generously contributed to this drive.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Despite the wet weather, progress is being made on the new firehouse which is actually beginning to look like a real building now.

Our apologies to Paul Barber whose name appeared as "Paul Taylor" in last month's HVFD report.

Watch for posters for the annual steak roast. We have a date (June 29), but time and place will be announced.

In May we had one fire call, and a total of 20 man hours. The HVFD cooperated with the Ticonderoga Fire Dept. on a control burn. Drills and work detail (dinner, coin drop and Crown Point parade) totalled 257 hours.

Our ambulance responded to 2 calls, with 6 1/2 man hours, and only 9 miles covered.

We thank all of those who have contributed in any way to our fund raising efforts, whether you attended a dinner, or tossed some money into a container at the coin drop. If you worked at any of these events or sent a contribution - you have earned our gratitude. We thank you. Bear in mind that we ARE a volunteer organization and we hope to continue to be volunteer. If you have ever been transported by an (Cont. on page 2 - HVFD.)

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ambulance from some other community or a commercially owned and operated ambulance service, astounding fees are charged. Your help is needed every day to permit us to offer volunteer services. We have several truly dedicated people who are willing to work their hearts out, whether on a fire call or an ambulance run, we urge your support for the organization that they so gladly serve.

Safety tip of the month: in case you haven't noticed: MPH signs have been posted from the intersection of Rts. 8 and 9N all the way to Sabbath Day Point. From Hague to Cape Cod Village the MPH is 40. From Cape Cod to Sabbath Day Pt. it is 45 MPH. Observe and Obey. (And by the way, we still see drivers sneaking through the STOP sign at Rt. 8 and 9N . . . just a casual glance over the left shoulder is deemed sufficient by far too many drivers.) . . . ewa

NEW BUSINESS IN TICONDEROGA

On Friday, June 2 I happened to be in downtown Ticonderoga and noticed balloons in front of one of the stores on Montcalm St. Looked interesting, so I wandered in. I met two lovely women who told me they had just opened the store that morning. It is called "Lazy-J Creations" and is located beside the Charter One bank, in the building that many years ago housed Dillaway's Gift Shop and many more enterprises since then. It is a consignment shop catering to skilled and talented crafters. There are some unique exhibitors and I understand there will be more as time goes by. Stop by and see what these enterprising ladies have accomplished. Perhaps you would like to have a space in their shop, or if you are not a crafter (I'm not), just take a peek at what they have to offer. . . djh

ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS

The Rotary Club of Northern New York celebrated its fourth anniversary with a dinner at Drake's in Schroon Lake on June 6. Walter Thorne was introduced as the president for the coming year. Outgoing president Joanne Brown welcomed all those present and highlights of the Rotary year were given by Carol Brown. For the first time, the local Rotary Club gave an award for the outstanding Rotarian of the Year to Jerry Crammond, who is a founding member and has done a great deal to keep the club functioning as a viable service club in the area. Also honored was Helen Barton for the outstanding Non-Rotarian of the year for her various activities in the community.

The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30AM for a breakfast meeting at the Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay Association. All visiting Rotarians in the area are most cordially invited to attend, as are potential members.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 27 at the Hague

Community Center. A business meeting will be held, and plans made for the picnic in August to be held at the Hague Fish & Game Club on Aug. 22 and the Sept. boat trip on Sept. 27. Refreshments will be served. The time of the meeting is 1:30PM and all members are urged to attend. Unless something unusual occurs, all meetings of the Hague Senior Citizens Club are held on the 4th Tues. of each month, with the exception of July, when there is no meeting.

CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to town for a one-night stand on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga as both a service to the children of the community and as a fundraiser. The circus tent will be set up in Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga, with performances at 4:30 and 7:30PM. Tickets purchased prior to the date of the circus are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. If purchased on the date of the circus, tickets will be \$9 for adults and \$7 for children. There are only about 1,500 sets for each performance so get your tickets now and don't be disappointed. Maybe you'll even get to ride an elephant!

Tickets are available from Kiwanians and at certain area businesses. The Kiwanians who live in Hague are Liz and Dave Swanson (543-6696), Art Hatfield (543-6830), Paul Ingrey (543-6756), Charlie Parlin (543-8813), Charlie Chase (543-6614), Al Johns (543-6532) and Bob Patchett (543-6719). Circus tickets are also available at The Trout House Village in Hague, Wicker Ford and the offices of Century 21 and Pat Ida, CPA in Ticonderoga.

Enjoy a night under the "BIG TENT."

TI FESTIVAL GUILD TO BEGIN SEASON

The 2000 season promises favorite music for everyone -- jazz, blues, brass, folk, showtunes. The season includes seven concerts so there will be something going on every Tuesday in the main summer season. Join us under the tent for good summer entertainment, and don't forget your chair!

A special program, free to the public, will be held under the tent on June 27 at 7:30PM. Repeated by popular demand from last year, it is the Gospel Hymn Sing. (Baskets will be passed for free will donations).

The season opens with a celebration on July 11. The Woods Tea Company will be performing. On July 18 Spencer Bohren will be performing "Singing the Blues" and on July 25 "A Bit of Class with Brass" with the Adirondack Brass. The Wednesday morning Arts Trek programs begin on July 12 with Craig Babcock, Mime; July 19, Spencer Bohren and the Blues and July 26 with the Seagle Colony in "Wonderland". These morning concerts are free. Come join us for wonderful music and fun.

ZONING BOARD
May 25, 2000

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bob Patchett asked if the Town Board was still waiting for a recommendation on the revisions to the Master Plan. He was told that an answer on Tourist Accommodations still has not been received. There will be a Public Hearing when all information has been received.

Dottie Henry reminded the Board that the junk yards still exist in Town. She also informed them that the *Lake George Mirror* had an article about the museum in Lake George Village. The building is in disarray and this would be a good time to get the original Lake George Monster back to Hague. Supervisor Belden said he will get together with Ms. Henry later this week to draft a letter of request.

Tom James announced that the Cartoon Museum had around 70 people visiting on opening day. Its hours of operation will be Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

Rudy Meola asked if the Board is taking any action from the meeting with the man from Park Services (held at last month's Town Board Meeting). The Board decided they would like to wait to see what the County will do before they take any action.

Mr. Meola also questioned the problems with "junk automobiles" being stored on private land. Supervisor Belden said he will address this issue with the Master Plan Committee. Mr. Belden will also investigate whether there are public funds to assist in the removal of junk autos. S. Hourigan cited an example of successful junk removal from another town. He also stated that the intent is to clean up the town, not fine its residents. Mr. Belden and Mr. Hourigan will meet to discuss a plan for Hague.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Assessor & Justice (Steitz) - Heather Knott met with the bank and will do her own banking. A new clerk was hired by the justice. However, she has to be passed on by the Board before her employment is official. Ms. Knott will be requested to submit the information for the next meeting.

2. Buildings & Grounds (Megow) - The fire extinguishers have been placed.

3. Finance (Megow) - Nothing

4. Fire Department (Fitzgerald) - Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 10 - 4. Mr. Fitzgerald requested that the Town rent the sno-cone machine again. The motion was made and passed.

- The Fire Department will also hold the annual steak bake on July 29. A motion was made and passed to allow the Fire Dept. to use the Town Beach to hold the event.

- A rabies clinic will be held at the fire house on June 28 from 5-8 p.m.

- A generator was purchased but not put out for bid. It was bought under state contract for less than was allowed in the budget.

5. Highway (Fitzgerald) - A culvert in Sabbath Day Point was finished. The Highway Dept. is preparing to black top Forest Bay. It should be done by the end of July.

6. Insurance (Hourigan) - Mr. Hourigan met with Upstate Insurance yesterday. The information is with the Town Clerk if anyone is interested.

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6/00

Grinnell Construction for Sanborn (45-2-64) Var 01-00
Bobkat Land, Arcady Estates.

Hague Land Use - TR1; APA - Moderate Intensity

A Public Hearing was held regarding Mr. Sanborn's request for a 2.1 ft. relief from the Hague Zoning Ordinance Section 160-23. A newly constructed home was incorrectly located because of the incorrect location of the rear yard survey stakes. There was no correspondence received from the neighbors. The Board agreed that it appeared to be a surveyor's error. The variance was granted with a 7-0 vote.

Patchett Family Partnership (29-1-22.1) Var. 02-00

Lakeshore Dr., Trout House Village Resort

Hague Land Use - HP; APA - Hamlet

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Patchett Family Partnership replacing cabins #5 (520 sq. ft.) and #6 (221 sq. ft.) with two modern units of 900 sq. ft. each. A letter in favor of the project was received from the Winters. Heather Shoudy of the Lake George Association (LGA) spoke out in opposition. Upon questioning, Ms. Shoudy did state that the LGA did not have jurisdiction in this matter - was providing a recommendation only. Nelson Waters, Frances Jones spoke in favor of the variance. Alice Patchett made a presentation similar to the one made to the Planning Board. It included the Master Plan for Trout House. The variance was granted with a 5-1 vote with one abstention.

Chairman Ginn read a letter from John Silvestri, Esq. regarding Dockside Landing requesting that the illegal gazebo structure be removed. The letter also stated that the rebuilding of the burnt structure was being done without a variance and that it exceeds the previous dimensions. John Breitenbach also spoke from the audience in opposition to the gazebo. Tina King recused herself from all discussion and voting on Dockside. The Board discussed the fact that they had voted at the last meeting to allow Mr. Merrell 30 days to either file for a variance on the gazebo or remove it. A motion was made and passed 6-0 to order the removal of the gazebo. . . mjk

PLANNING BOARD
June 1, 2000

The Planning Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes from the February 10 meeting, as corrected.

Trout House Master Plan

The Board discussed the plan that was presented by Trout House Village. It was accepted with a 4-0 vote as a Master Plan which satisfies the Board's requirements. P. Barone was given a directive to write to the Patchett Family informing them that if there are any deviations to the Plan in the future, they must come before the Board first.

John Brown raised a concern that the problems with Tourist Accommodations should be addressed - including what constitutes a public dwelling place. The Board decided to hold special workshop sessions to discuss this particular problem. It was decided to hold the first Tourist Accommodations Workshop on June 15. It will be held as a regular meeting, not as a Public Hearing. . . mjk

HAGUE TOWN BOARD
June 13, 2000

A Moment of Silence was held for Lorraine Hutchinson.

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7. Personnel (Hourigan) - Two resignations were received from Lonnie Swinton - one as Animal Control Officer and one as employee at Transfer Station. A motion was made and passed to accept them. Joanne Trudeau will be hired as a laborer. Her duties will be split between the Transfer Station (under the supervision of Bill Bothe), Community Center and Town Beach (under the supervision of Dan Belden). She will work the first 90 days at \$6.50/hr. and then will be advanced to the laborer's rate of \$8.14/hr.

8. Planning/ Zoning/Stormwater Management (Steitz) - The Planning and Zoning reports are listed on page 3. Mr. Megow made comment on the actions of a Planning Board member sending a complaint against the Zoning Administrator and Town Clerk to the Chairman of the Committee of Open Government. Mr. Megow felt that the letter should have contained the information that both the Zoning Administrator and Town Clerk work on a part-time basis. He also mentioned that normal procedures were followed regarding the draft copies of meeting minutes. Mr. Megow further stated that complaints should be taken care of in-house. There is no Stormwater report.

9. Recreation/Promotion (Hourigan) - There are open nights for the summer program. When the schedule is finalized, Mr. Hourigan will post it on the bulletin board. In addition to the normal schedule, Nelson Shapiro will play in the park at 1:00 p.m. on July 4th.

Charles Chase recommended taking the phone off the Visitors' Building. Mr. Belden will check with Bell Atlantic about getting a phone booth installed.

10. Sewer District #1 (Belden) - An answer is expected any day from the courts.

11. Town Park & Beautification (Steitz) - The beach was cleaned - sand put on beach and in the play yard. The broken horse was replaced. New electricity has been run to the guard shed and a phone installed in the guard shed. A bulletin board will be put up on the Visitors' Center but NO private advertising will be allowed. It will be for community events only.

Mr. Fitzgerald requested buying bathing suits for the life guards. The motion was made and passed.

Supervisor Belden thanked the committee that planted flowers to help beautify the town. Mr. Steitz apologized for relocating 3 of the stands without checking with the Committee. He said a lot of the reason for moving them pertained to snow removal.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station (Megow) - Revenue for the month of May was \$4,652.50. The Transfer Station will be open 5 days/week until further notice. Mr. Belden will write a letter to Margaret DelSignore to thank her for her hard work while a new employee was being found.

13. Youth (Hourigan) - Mr. Hourigan received a letter from Silver Bay saying they will forward a contract to the town for a swimming program for this year. Mr. Belden said money has been appropriated for this. The program will be open for children and grandchildren of Hague residents. Please sign up at the Community Center if you're interested. You need not attend the full 6-week session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R. Meola attended the Warren Co. Youth Commission as the representative from Hague. He attended two programs - one for the Warren Co. Youth Corps, for children 10-18 years of age who have committed a minor crime and are first time offenders. In order to involve Hague youth, referrals have to go through Essex Co. first. The second program, sponsored by

Catholic Charities, deals with domestic violence, youth employment, sites for the elderly, etc. Any referrals from Hague must go through the main office in Saratoga Springs.

A motion was made and passed to send a letter to Dock Doctors charging them \$300/year to use the launch ramp and steamboat dock.

Mr. Belden will send a letter to Dave DeFranco to maintain the flower beds at the Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A letter was received from Clough Harbour with an update on the Landfill site.

A letter was received from the Historical Society requesting the name of the Union Cemetery be changed to Hague Historical Cemetery. A motion was made and passed to have Debbie Manning check with the State to see what is involved with changing the name on a historical site.

Hague will receive \$27,953.10 from the CHIPS drive.

A letter of resignation as recording secretary from the Planning, Zoning Boards and Master Plan Committee was received from Mary Jo Keeler. Her last meeting will be the August 3 Planning Board but the position is available now.

NEW BUSINESS

A workshop will be set up with Dave Myers, the Town Board and Bill Bothe regarding the bridge to the Community Center. Mr. Belden said if the drive over the bridge were made into a short road, the State of New York would have some repair money.

Mr. Belden requested hiring a consultant for the Master Plan Committee. Mr. Fitzgerald said the Board should know approximately how much the fee would be. R. Meola said the Board only needs to conceptually agree on the principal at this time.

Mr. Belden discussed the Town's position on enforcing the laws for jet-skis. The Board agreed that the Town does not have the manpower to enforce the laws.

The Board made and passed a motion 4-1 to hire an appraiser for the state property that is in dispute. Supervisor Belden voted against the proposal.

Resolution #60 of 2000 - to increase the publicity fund to promote the advantages of the community as a summer and winter resort was passed. The total budget will not exceed \$10,000.

Resolution #61 of 2000 - to amend the 2000 budget for the Master Plan Committee - to properly code the expenditures in the Master Plan budget was approved.

COUNTY REPORT

The Warren Co. property auction will be held on August 27. There are currently 355 parcels available - but that will change prior to the auction. Mr. Belden will notify the town when he has the list of Hague properties.

Mr. Megow voiced concerns with the security of the town by going on the internet. He said he feels that if the Town is going to participate in the internet, they should be sure of the necessity. Mr. Belden said the Town will probably only have two stations that will be internet accessible. . . mjk

*Winter is cold-hearted,
Spring is yea and nay
Autumn is a weather-cock,
Blown every way.
Summer days for me,
When every leaf is on the tree.
. . . Christina Rossetti*

NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade

2000! The year of the census! Citizens throughout the United States have been standing up to be counted by appointed census workers these past few months. It has been a major effort and will not be finalized for some time. The challenge has been difficult, as any census worker can testify.

Meanwhile, another census has begun to count breeding birds in NYS in order to prepare the second Breeding Bird Atlas. The first such large book (with documentation which is easily understood but somewhat difficult to prepare) is available for viewing at the Community Center. Three specific observations are required as one watches for "possible breeding", "probable breeding" or "confirmed breeding" of one particular species in an assigned block on a map of the state. Volunteers must complete a form to register as an "Atlaser" so their data can be listed under an I.D. number. You may select your own study sites. For more information, interested birders may contact Brian Mingle at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology @ (607) 254-2473.

Apparently the hibernating bats of Hague's Graphite mines did not want to be left out of all this census taking. Except for the Hague bats, hibernating but populations are declining faster than any other group of vertebrates in the world. So the DEC bat experts came to the abandoned mine on Hague Mt. which is on International Paper Co. land, protected by the Adirondack Nature Conservancy and Adirondack Land Trust. These amazing creatures, which co-operate by quietly hanging upside-down at the caves, are counted carefully by Alan Hicks, DEC bat expert, and his helpers. In March 2000 their types and population numbers were: Little Brown Bat (183,542), Big Brown Bat (18), Small-footed Bat (721), Eastern Pipistrelle Bat (194), Indiana Bat (104), Northern Long-eared Bat (440), plus three individuals of unknown species. This Adirondack population has dramatically increased since the last census in Feb. 1991. Recent installation of bat-friendly gates at the mine's entrance has enhanced this change, especially for the Little Brown Bat. Their numbers increased by a total of 68,494.

Somehow the Nature Conservancy is confident to proclaim that, after sunset, one bat has the capability to eat up to 600 mosquitoes in an hour, so about 100 million fewer mosquitoes are in this area to annoy people. (How do they determine that?) Anyway, we should be thankful that the Town of Hague has a thriving insect-control program which is provided without toxic chemicals, at no cost to residents.

Bravo to Edith Smith who saw a Double-Crested Cormorant over Hague Brook near her house on Migratory Bird Count Day, May 13.

WEATHER NOTES
by Mary Lou Doulin

Conversations about the weather are all about the wet cool spring we have experienced this year. Throughout May and for the first half of June temperatures have been in the 50s and 60s daytime and 30s and 40s in the night. We had numerous cloudy days and are 4" above normal in rainfall to date. Because of the rain the black flies have had an extended season. We had 14 days of rain in a row in the first half of June. We were amazed to see the sun on the 15th. It looks like the cool trend is changing and it's warming fast. Hazy, hot and humid weather and an extremely warm summer is predicted. Flowering trees and shrubs look magnificent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Starting in the Village of Caldwell (now Lake George Village), my wife's family has been drinking Lake George water and enjoying the fishing for 90 years. Purity at its best! However, over the years our lake has been invaded by Acid Rain, Milfoil, Zebra Mussels and now Personal Watercraft (jet skis) Yes, they are dangerous (three times as many accidents as traditional boats.) Yes, they are noisy - I can live with that - BUT they are polluting our lake. They discharge 4 gallons of unburned gasoline directly into the lake every hour they are running.

In the last issue of The Hague Chronicle, a writer, in a well meaning and friendly gesture, stated that the Dockside Marina (which is currently licensed to operate 3 PWCs) is not "in any way harming the lake."

If Yamaha and other manufacturers cannot, or will not, eliminate the fuel discharge problem in PWCs, we will eventually have legislation prohibiting "jet skis." Many environmental groups are already working on this.

The Town of Hague has granted Dockside several variances in order to enhance their business. It certainly would be a neighborly gesture if they, in turn, ceased operating their "jet ski" rental business. It certainly would be a good step towards preserving our very special Lake George. . . /s/ Donald R. Skahan

I would like to thank all the residents of Hague, year round and seasonal, for their cooperation in the Census 2000 campaign in which I was recently involved. A special thank you to the "respondants" who helped in the absence of the landowners' occupants. My sincere appreciation to all who treated me with respect and consideration. . . Michele Denno Gautreau

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL - SABBATH DAY PT.

Grace Memorial Chapel located at Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay will start their one hundred sixteenth year of providing interdenominational Sunday summer worship services for area guests and residents on June 25. Services begin at 10AM and all are welcome.

The schedule of guest ministers for the coming season is as follows:

- June 25 - The Rev. Glenn Knecht, Minister Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD
- July 2 - The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Ret. United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA
- July 9 - The Rev. Gerard J. Van Heest, Chaplain Emeritus, Hope College, Holland MI
- July 16 - The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain Silver Bay Assoc., Silver Bay, NY
- July 23 - The Rev. Bruce Penn, Ret., Reformed Church in America, Hendersonville, NC
- July 30 - The Rev. Wilbur T. Washington, Interim Minister, Community Church (Reformed Church in America), Glen Rock, NJ
- August 6 - The Rev. David Mangiante, Ret., United Lutheran Church, Mount Holly, NJ
- August 13 - The Rev. Nickolas Miles, Minister, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY
- August 20 - The Rev. Karol Van Wulfen Matejko, Vicar, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Staten Island, NY
- August 27 - The Rev. Harold W. Smith, Ret., United Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, NY
- September 3 - The Rev. Lee R. Van Sickle, Ret., United Methodist Church, Penney Farms, FL.

SILVER BAY STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM

The Silver Bay String Quartet will once again perform a benefit concert at the Grace Memorial Chapel located at Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay on Sat., July 22, 2000 at 8PM. A suggested donation of five dollars will be taken at the door with all proceeds from the concert going toward the maintenance and preservation of this historic chapel.

TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT SILVER BAY

Making friends and having fun is a primary goal for this unique summer program for teens. The Silver Bay Teen Leadership Program helps teens develop good judgment, service, compassion, wisdom, skill, humility, dedication and achievement through personal growth, physical challenges, leadership exercises, team-building skills and discussion groups.

Open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, TLP offers an adventure full of hiking, canoeing and self-discovery.

This year's TLP trip will focus its adventure component on a five day canoe hiking trip along the Oswegatchie River. The program includes team building and leadership/self development exercises and programs throughout the week, such as a climbing wall session, a "social barometer" workshop and coop; cooperation course session.

The TLP will be held July 16-21, 2000. The cost for one session, including camping, fees, food, programs and instructors is \$375. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due with the contract. The remaining \$300 is due July 1. Partial scholarships are available. For more details and an application, call Jodi Carr at 54-8833 ext. 216.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION

The LGPC has agreed to be the Lead Agency for the Lake George Deltas Sediment Management/Shoreline Restoration Project as decided at its May 23 meeting in Ticonderoga. The decision responds to a request by the Lake George Assoc. (LGA) to oversee the official steps in the preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS).

The GEIS will evaluate the feasibility, costs and potential environmental impacts of removal or restoration of deltas along the shoreline. It's the first step in getting the permits necessary to finally fix one of the lake's long standing problems. The project is being assisted by a grant from the NY State Dept. of State to municipalities bordering the lake. The GEIS is expected to be completed in Jan. 2001.

For info. about the project or to submit comments, contact the Commission, Box 749, Lake George, NY 12845 or visit our web site www.lgpc.state.ny.us Tel. (518) 668-9347; e-mail: lgpc@superior.net

HANCOCK HOUSE - TICONDEROGA

An exhibition of oil paintings, entitled "A Diversity from the Studios of Chuck Hawley" will be on display at the Harmon Gallery in the Hancock House in Ticonderoga from July 5 to Sep. 2. A "Meet the Artist" Reception will be held on Friday, July 7 from 6-8PM at the Gallery.

On July 20 from 10AM - 5PM local artists will sell their art under the tent on the Hancock House lawn and the Ticonderoga Historical Society will **AUCTION** off original artwork donated by regional artists. Live music and food! **FREE TO THE PUBLIC.**

The unique exhibit entitled "A Sense of Place, Experiencing the Champlain Basin" highlights the geology, geography, ecology, history and conservation of the Champlain Basin. The exhibit is an on-going one and a must see on your summer plans.

HAVE A SANE & HAPPY FOURTH

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Lorraine Faye Hutchinson, 53, Summit Drive, Hague on May 18, 2000 at her home. She was a graduate of Hague Central School, Class of 1965. Surviving are her mother, Madelene, brother Wilford and one nephew, Peter.

DIED: Elizabeth T. Winters, 91, on April 24 in Dunedin, FL. She is survived by one sister and several nieces and nephews.

DIED: Joseph A. DeFelice, 85, on June 13, 2000 at Moses Ludington Nursing Home, Ticonderoga, NY. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Carmela A., one son, a daughter, Judy Foster, Hague, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to **Katie Breitenbach**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Breitenbach, Jr., Hague, for being honored as Queen of the Junior Prom of the Ticonderoga High School on May 20.

Congratulations to Kathryn Rutkowski, daughter of Mark and Gail Rutkowski, Silver Bay; Eve Trombley, daughter of Dennis and Nancy Trombley, Hague; and Bradford Zeyak, son of Douglas and Sharon Zeyak, Hague for being in the top ten students of the graduating class of 2000 at Ticonderoga High School.

New inductees in the Black Watch Chapter of the National Honor Society include the following Hague students:

Tasha Braisted, John Costello, Heather Hassett, Peter Hutchinson, Andrew Mack, Peter Mack, Joe Plass, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello.

These students in addition to maintaining an excellent record, were asked to submit an Activities Summary and a brief essay which addressed the topic "Evaluate the importance of the Quality of service in your life." Staff members were both encouraged and delighted to read the responses from candidates. Students must have a cumulative 88 average or better.

Induction into National Honor Society is part of Academic Awards Night which was held on June 5.

Other honor society members from Hague include: Kathryn Rutkowski, Eve Trombley, Brad Zeyak.

Allison Johnson, received a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises on May 15.

Johnson's senior Independent Study project was titled "Gender Roles in Film: A Content Analysis of the Portrayal of Men and Women in Film."

Allison left on June 13 for Hollywood with plans to work in the field of cinematography.

On May 28 Monica Johnson received her B.S.

degree, cum laude, from Cornell Univ. in Ithaca, NY. Her major field of study was biology with a specialization in animal physiology. Following summer employment at Silver Bay Assoc., Monica plans a year of work experience related to her goal of entering veterinary medical school in the fall of 2001.

Twin sisters, Allison and Monica are 1996 graduates of Ticonderoga High School and the daughters of Mark and Mary Johnson, Silver Bay.

Lindsay Frasier, daughter of Dick and Edna Frasier, Hague and a sophomore at Siena College was recently appointed as a member of an expert panel established by the College's Family Business Institute. Lindsay, a part-time administrative assistant at Sidena's School of Business is affiliated with a group entitled Students in Free Enterprise at the college.

5TH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Grade 12

First Honors: - Andrew Mack, Kathryn Rukowski, Bradford Zeyak

Second Honors - Brandi Jordon, Eve Trombley, Wyatt Wells

Grade 11

First Honors - Katie Breitenbach, Ryan Lawrence

Second Honors - William Bothe, Tasha Braisted, Anne Johnson

Grade 10

First Honors - Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello

Second Honors - Nicole Belden, Peter Mack, Brandon Trudeau, Tyler Wells

Grade 9

First Honors - Katie Belden, Jessi Frasier

Second Honors - Jessica Belden, John Evans

Congratulations to all the above Hague students from the staff of The Hague Chronicle.

SEVENTH GRADE WHALE WATCH

94 seventh graders and eight teachers from the Ti Middle School recently concluded a 3-day, 2-night trip to Provincetown and Boston, MA They visited the New England Aquarium, Museum of Discovery and ventured on the Dolphin VII for a 4-hour whale watch. The group sighted Minke, Finback and Hmpback whales, as well as Dolphins. The group stayed at Provincetown Inn at the tip of Cape Cod, on the exact spot where the pilgrims first landed.

Every spring MUSIC EDUCATION takes center stage in schools and communities throughout our country. The Ti Hi School show choir, "Spirit of Sound" under the direction of Mr. Nelson Shapiro and Mrs. Valerie Dixon, was honored to take part in this year's performance series at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Assemblywoman Betty Little took time to meet with the ensemble. The lunch hour performance was presented to thousands of individuals who work in our legislative offices.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

A brand new book titled "Lake George" hit the local market in early May. The book is one in the series Images of America published by Arcadia Publishing Co., an imprint of Tempus Publications, Inc. and printed in Great Britain. The authors are both residents of Hague, namely, Gale Halm, Sabbath Day Pt., and Mary Sharp, Silver Bay.

Gale and Mary have been coming to the Silver Bay Association since the 1940's and met some 20 years ago. The Sharps own a home in Silver Bay, which they use as a retreat from the rigors of New Jersey life, and the Halms have been here year-round since 1990.

Two and a half years ago Mary was at a post-card show in southern New Jersey, when she happened on a table of Image of America books displayed by Arcadia Publishing Co. She talked with the vendors and became interested. On her next encounter with Gale, she told her about her experience and said "What do you think?" They had collaborated a couple years ago on a "Pictorial History of Silver Bay to 1935". Could they do it again? They submitted a proposal with 20 sample photos to Arcadia and early in 1998 they received a contract. They were then committed! They visited Chapman Museum, Crandall Library, Bolton Museum, Ft. Ticonderoga, Adirondack Camp, Silver Bay Assoc. and talked to many individuals who were enthusiastic about their project. They read many books and sorted through many photos before they started to categorize. After deciding on the photos to be used, they then needed to write about the history of them. They had to do much research and sort the photos in a logical order. From that process came chapters on The Waterway, Transportation, Accommodations, Bays and Byways and Excursions and Diversions.

They then took the pictures to the Dover, NH office of Arcadia, where they were scanned into their computers. The technology used was particularly good, as seen by the finished product. 1900 copies were printed in April and appeared on shelves all over the area.

The book, by their own admission, is not a text book, but a pictorial history. Their main criteria was to keep it accurate. We feel they certainly accomplished this and much more. The book can be found locally at The Silver Bay Store, Hague Market, Old Glory Antiques and Island View Cafe. Be sure to pick up your copy soon. You will really enjoy it!

WORLD CLASS STRONG MAN FROM HAGUE

Rick Belden, son of Supervisor Dan and Janice Belden, Hague, recently competed in the "Strongest Man Tractor Trailer Pull" sponsored by Mack Truck in Charlotte, NC. Rick is part owner, with professional wrestler Rick Flair, of a chain of nine Gold's Gym workout clubs in North Carolina, and owns his own consulting business, Rick Bell Consulting.

Rick started training when he was attending

Ticonderoga High School by working out with weights, to improve his abilities on the football field. He also credits his father for much of his strength, when he helped him to move timbers and other building materials, when he was a youth.

One day a month or so ago John Wooten, the current world's strongest man, came into one of Rick's clubs in Charlotte. They quickly became friends and Wooten invited him to participate in the World's Strongest Man tractor trailer pull sponsored by Mack Truck. It was a two-day event and people from all over the U.S., many of whom did this for a living, participated. The tractor and trailer combined weighed 40,000 lbs.!! Not only did the tractor and trailer have to be pulled, it had to be pulled up a small incline. Rick was not at all sure he wanted to do this, since everything was pretty much against him. He had been in training for a video which he was producing for his company, which required him to lose weight. He was down to a measly 272 lbs. There were about 40 competitors and only 4 of them were able to move the truck. Rick watched while the others struggled and picked up some pointers and at the end of the first round he had the best time of 35.43 seconds. He cut his time in Round 2 to 26.01 seconds. Round 3 he pulled an amazing 19.04 seconds (the world record is 14.80 seconds. He knew then that he would make the finals. The top six would be in the finals.

On Sunday, although he already had a berth in the finals, he was persuaded to pull anyway. All contestants were pretty well beat up and hurting from Saturday's competition. Sunday's first pull was good at 20.34 seconds. Second pull was stopped because of timer malfunctioning. Third pull was absolutely perfect with a near new world record of 15.60 seconds (only .8 seconds off the world record). Rick won his division and advanced to the overall champion and winner of the World's Strongest Man - Tractor Trailer Pull. This win qualifies him for the World's Strongest Man United States qualifying event in Las Vegas in November.

Along with the honor of being a champ, Rick was awarded \$5,000 in prizes, including an all-expense trip for two to Las Vegas.. He also qualified for the Battle of the Titans, a national competition hosted by Wooten and designed to identify the world's strongest man.

Congratulations Rick and best of luck in November.

DID YOU KNOW? That s single copy of The Hague Chronicle costs approximately \$1.00 to publish and mail to you?

That The Hague Chronicle now has an Editorial Board consisting of the following members: Dottie Henry, Editor/Publisher; Mitzi Fillare, Treas.; Mary Jo Keeler, John Barber Fred LaPann, Michele Gautreau and Ethel Andrus That The Hague Chronicle is entirely staffed by volunteers and is supported by tax deductible contributions from its readers?

John C. Breitenbach, Jr., Silver Bay, NY will be admitted to the New York State Bar on June 20, 2000 in Albany, NY. This is the culmination of one year of study at Albany Law School and three years of law office study with Attorney John Silvestri of Chestertown and Ticonderoga. John successfully passed the Feb. 2000 New York State Bar Examination and plans to continue to work with John Silvestri as well as the Warren County Office for the Aging.

SCHOOL POETRY CONTEST

The twelfth annual Poetry Contest was a huge success. Over 250 rhymed and free verse poems were written by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. High School teachers and administrators served as judges. Sarah Bissell, Hague won honorable mention and Ashley Fuller, granddaughter of Bertha Frasier, won two honorable mentions. Sarah's poem is on the last page of this issue.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The third annual Hague Town-wide garage sale will be held on July 15 from 8AM - 5PM. If you wish to register to conduct a sale, please call the Community Center, 543-6161. Maps will be compiled and distributed in time for the event.

HAGUE CHRONICLE ESTABLISHES NEW POLICY

At a meeting of the Editorial Board of The Hague Chronicle a new policy was formulated concerning Letters to the Editor. We appreciate the interest and the time our readers take to write letters to us. However, in the interest of space, we will henceforth limit the size of the letters to 200 words or less, and because we are the kind of paper we are, we will not publish any personal attacks on individuals.

YOUNG BOATERS' COURSE

A Young Boaters' Safety Course will be offered to youths 10-19 at the Community Center on July 10-13 from 10AM to Noon. Youths between these ages must have a driver's course certificate in order to operate any kind of power boat. Marty and Carol Brown are the instructors.

All 543-6161 or 543-6403 to register.

BEST FOURTH IN THE NORTH

Ticonderoga is well known for its "Best Fourth in the North" and this year is no exception. Beginning on July 1 at 10AM will be the official lighting of the Lower Falls and the Kissing Bridge. At 5PM the park will be open for rides, games, food, music and other vendors.

From 6-9PM it will be Bracelet Night. Ride any

number of rides during this time for a fee of \$8.00. There will also be music by a DJ and at 7PM a special ceremony to honor area Korean war vets. Park closes at 10PM

On July 3 park opens at 5PM and closes at 11PM. On July 4 at 1:45 the annual Montcalm mile race will be held to be followed at 2PM by the annual Fourth of July parade. The park opens after the parade. At 6PM Bobby Dick and the Sundowners will perform and the weekend will be culminated by a big display of fireworks at 9:30PM.

FYI

NYS Assembly passed the Jetski Home Rule bill. It provides local towns, villages and cities throughout NYS with authority to fully regulate, including prohibit, the operation of jetskis within their jurisdictions.

The King's Garden at Ft. Ticonderoga will host "The Secret Garden by Sunset", a series of receptions slated for July 27 and Sep 7, held within the restored brick walls of the formal garden adjacent to the Pavilion at 6PM each evening. For info. call 585-2821

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL at Hague Baptist Church on July 1 from 1-5PM. Sundaes, shortcake, ice cream cones, etc.

Deli to be held at United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga on June 30 from 10AM-1PM. Homemade food to take out. Single servings available. Give yourself a treat!

Free movies last Friday of each month at the Hague Baptist Church at 7PM. Popcorn and drinks served.

HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM now open Thurs, 7-9PM; Fri., Sat., and Sun. 2-4PM. For info. call museum during scheduled openings at 543-6727. For other times call 543-8824. Stan Burdick, curator.

MARK JOHNSON, Executive Director of The Silver Bay Assoc. has been appointed by Gov. Pataki to serve on the Lake George Park Commission.

Prelicensing course at North Country Community College in Ticonderoga on July 8, July 14, Aug 11, Aug 19 from 9AM-2:30PM. For info. call 585-4454 Ext 23.

FARMERS' MARKET will be held on Sat., July 8 under the tent on the Town Green in Ticonderoga from 10AM-1PM. Fresh fruits, veggies, herbs, crafts, etc. For info. call 585-6366

Gov. Pataki signed acid rain law and calls on New England states to take similar action.

Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum in Bolton Landing open 10-12:30 and 2-5:30 daily. Admission by donation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY 2000

- June
- 21 Blood pressure clinic - 1-2PM at Community Ctr.
 - 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
 - 27 Sr. Citizens meeting - 1:30PM (p2)
 - 27 Gospel Hymn Sing under tent in ti, Ti Fest. Guild (p2)
- July
- 1 Strawberry Festival at Hague Baptist Church, 1-5PM
 - 2-4 Best Fourth in the North in Ticonderoga
 - 4 Music in the Park - Nelson Shapiro, musician - 1PM
 - 5 Sr. Bus to Glens Falls - 8:30AM
 - 6 Planning Board - 7PM
 - 8 HVFD Family Fun Day in park 10AM-4PM (p1)
 - 10 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM, Firehall
 - 10-13 Boater Safety Course, 10-Noon Comm. Ctr.
 - 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
 - 11 Ti Fest. Guild Concert - p2
 - 12 Kiwanis Circus - p2
 - 12 Children's Concert - Ti Fest. Guild - p2
 - 13 Music in the park - 7:30PM
 - 15 Town Wide Garage Sale, 8AM - 5PM
 - 18 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM at Clubhouse
 - 18 Ti Fest. Guild Concert - p2
 - 19 Blood Pressure clinic - 1-2PM at Comm. Ctr.
 - 20 Carillon Garden Club, 11AM, Comm. Ctr.

The Wilderness

The leaves rushing
under my feet.

The wind blowing
my hair in my face.

Little raindrops from
yesterday's rain fall
out of the trees and
onto my bare arms.

The branches from trees
smack my legs and then
rest in the spot they came from,
waiting for me to come back
so they can move. Then I
reach the end of the forest.
I sit and listen.

The leaves stop rushing,
the wind stops blowing,
the rain stops falling,
and the branches stop moving
I get up and start my journey back
and then I hear the rain,
the leaves,
the wind, and the branches
crying out for me to come back through.
... Sarah Bissell, 6th Grade Ti Middle Sch.

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