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HAGUE ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, AUG. 5 and 6

The 29th annual Hague Arts & Crafts Fair will be held on August 5 and 6 at the Hague Town Community Center. The fair will be opened from 10AM to 4PM each day. Approximately 45 exhibitors will participate, coming from neighboring counties and as far away as Susquehanna PA.

Over the many years this show has been held the quality of the hand crafted items has continually been refined and improved to the point that this fair is now a great cross section of local talent and Adirondack folk art artisan. Some of the items to be displayed are handmade jewelry, baskets, teddy bears, hand carved song birds and shore birds, folk art Santas, American Girl doll clothes, Barbie doll clothes, stuffed animals, dried floral arrangements, hand painted wood items, oak furniture, etc. etc.

There also will be home baked goods, jams, jellies, herbs, spices, and honey products. Special luncheon items are available, served by The Island View Cafe and the Wurst House. For further info. call Mitzi Fillare 543-6344.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Unique craftsmanship has combined fire and stone to create Hague's newest business, Graphite Mountain Stoneworks.

Adirondack stone birdhouses & feeders, stone candle accessories and gifts join the ever-popular Adirondack Stone Creations in the shop's constantly expanding stone specialty line. All stone items are handcrafted on site and feature native Adirondack materials.

As an authorized dealer of Village Candles, Graphite Mountain Stoneworks is carrying an assortment of scented candles and candle accessories. Handcrafted in Topsham, Maine, Village Candles are created using only the most refined wax, the richest colors and the finest fragrance oils. Choose from an assortment of romantic florals, refreshing fruits, seasonal spices and fresh from-the-oven baking fragrances.

Also available are fireplace accessories including

gas logs. Gas logs have become a popular way to enjoy one's fireplace without the work and dust of a wood fire.

Give a unique gift of fire or stone to yourself or a friend. Doug and Karen Laundree urge you to visit them at Graphite Mountain Stoneworks located on Rt. 8, 1 3/4 mile West of 9N in Hague. Or call us at 518-543-0040. Hours are from 10AM-5PM Thursdays through Sundays.

LOOKS COUNT

Tourism officials from the Adirondack Park gathered in Vermont recently to see what hamlets should look like: Trimmed village greens, flower beds, attractive shops, no junk cars. Ann Melious, executive director of the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council said Adirondack hamlets need to clean up their act to compete for tourist dollars. "People come to the Park to see the scenery," she said, "but they spend money in the hamlets." . . . Reprinted with permission from *The Adirondack Explorer* July 2000.

RED CROSS REPORTS BLOOD SHORTAGE DRIVE TO BE HELD AT SILVER BAY

On Monday, July 10, the American Red Cross declared a NATIONAL BLOOD EMERGENCY due to shortages in this country.

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George will again sponsor a blood drive, to be held on August 4 from 12Noon - 6PM at Watson Arts Center at the Silver Bay Conference Center. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Joanne Brown, 543-6298. Walk-ins are very welcome.

During the two week period of June 26-July 8, 12,705 donations were received in the New York-Penn Region. While the projected two-week goal was met, the Red Cross only has 55% of the blood that hospitals need. Type O Positive blood still hovers at only a one-day supply. The greatest percentage of the population (37%) has type O Positive blood, making it one of the more commonly transfused blood types.

New donors have a one-in-three chance of having type O Positive blood.

CORRECTION

The Ticonderoga Historical Society auction under the tent at the Hancock House will be held July 29 from 10AM-5PM. (Not July 20 as stated in last month's publication.) The public is cordially invited to attend. Local artists Marion Brundige, Schroon Lake, Sue Garvey Cook, Port Henry, June Borho and Gerald Abbott, Ticonderoga will be displaying their work for all to appreciate and purchase during this year's event.

Barbara Kaufman of Keene Valley will be demonstrating pottery making as well as displaying her completed work.

The art auction gets under way at 1PM. Items have been graciously donated by various artists and are currently on display in the Program Room in the Hancock House.

Food and music will also be a part of this year's event as well as face painting for children of all ages by Kaitland O'Bryan. Come to the Hancock House lawn on July 29 and enjoy the day with your friends and neighbors.

Chuck Hawley presents "A Diversity From the Studios of Chuck Hawley" at the Harmon Gallery in the Hancock House from July 7 to September 2, 2000.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD PRESENTS

July 25, 2000 - "A Bit of Brass with Class" featuring Adirondack Brass

August 1, 2000 - Country Music with a Flair, featuring Andrew Roblin. Roblin sings, yodels, plays banjo, mandolin, jaw harp, guitar and hammered dulcimer.

August 8, 2000 - "Jazzing It Up" with the Christiana Drapkin Jazz Group. The quartet highlights improvisation and harmonic development, carrying on and developing the tradition of be-bop and musicians such as Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Thelonious Monk, Lenny Tristano and Dizzy Gillespie.

August 22, 2000 - Folk Singers from Montreal . . . Ad Vielle Que Pourra. Their repertoire is fresh, spontaneous, highly energetic, full of frenzied rhythms, as well as sweet melancholy and sardonic wit.

All the above concerts are held under the tent on Ticonderoga's Village Green. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for students. Please bring a chair or blanket if possible.

THE ARTS TREK programs are held each Wednesday morning at 10:30AM under the tent. These programs are free and are open to all children and would-be children.

The Arts Trek programs are as follows:

July 26 - Wonderland, presented by the Seagle Music Colony. This is a brand new children's opera just completed for this season.

rel of fun.

August 2, 2000 - Andrew Roblin - sing, yodel, shout and dance. Learn the Philadelphia Mummers' Strut and join in the fun.

August 9, 2000 - Juggling with Stephen Gratto. Non-stop action and audience involvement.

August 16, 2000 - Merry-Go-Round Playhouse presents "Aladdin". Prepare for all kinds of wondrous things.

August 23, 2000 - Kim & Reggie Harris, "One Family, One Planet". Songs and stories and humor that show us that we are all one family on this planet called Earth.

Bring a chair, blanket or "sit-upon". Have a bar

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society's September trip will be to the Grant Cottage on Mt. McGregor in Wilton. This is where Grant finished writing his memoirs which, he hoped, would keep his family when his life came to its end. The trip is planned for Saturday, September 9 and will be car-pooled from the Community Center at 8:30AM. The price of admission is \$3.00. We are currently researching for a restaurant. You must register for this trip by phoning 543-8054 BEFORE September 1. ewa

MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you 65+ and often find yourself unable to prepare an adequate meal for yourself? Maybe you are just out of the hospital and simply don't feel up to catering to yourself. Home Delivered Meals (often known as Meals on Wheels) might be a solution to your problem ... short term or long haul. If you feel that you would benefit from having a hot meal delivered to you by a friendly, cheerful driver, 5 days a week for \$1.50 per meal, phone Marion Shoemaker at 543-6141 or Ethel Andrus at 543-6098 (let phone ring many times) and either lady will be glad to make arrangements for you. A supper bag and weekend meals can also be arranged for at comparable prices per meal. . . . ewa

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

July is "vacation" month for the club members, but activities will pick up again in August when we will have our annual picnic at the Hague Fish and Game Club on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 12 Noon. Bring a dish to share (Please, NO desserts). Please register for this by phoning 543-6161 before August 16. We need to know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to buy!

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WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL PICNIC

The Warren County Council picnic will be held on Wed, Sep 6 with a rain date of Thurs the 7th, at 12 Noon at Battlefield Park in Lake George. The menu is grilled chicken, corn, chips and watermelon, rolls and butter. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for the early birds. A donation of \$3 is expected, but no one will be denied a meal if unable to pay the full amount. Please register for this by August 21 by calling 543-6161. . . ewa

LAKE GEORGE BASIN LAND CONSERVANCY has two nature excursions planned for August. The first is on Sat., Aug. 12 at 10AM at the Cook Mountain Preserve, Ticonderoga. 2-hour moderate hike. The second is on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 10AM at Northwest Bay Bolton Landing. 2-3 hr. moderate hike. Bring binoculars and field guides. Contact: Joanne Taylor (518) 644-9673 at Lake George Basin Land Conservancy.

ZONING BOARD June 2000

There was no meeting this month. . . mjk

PLANNING BOARD
July 6, 2000

LaPointe for Johnson (27-1-4) SP 03-00 Waltonian Way, Friends Point, Hague TR1R - APA Moderate Intensity

The Johnsons would like to replace a 2400 sq. ft. (1562 sq. ft. footprint) 5-bedroom non-conforming home within 48 ft. from Lake George with a 3300 sq. ft. (2400 sq. ft. footprint) 5-bedroom conforming home 50 ft. from the lake. Since this is development within 100 ft. from the lake it requires a Type I (g) Site Review.

The Board closed the meeting at the Community Center and re-convened at the Johnson property to do the Site Review. The project was unanimously approved. . . mjk

HAGUE TOWN BOARD
July 11, 2000

A Moment of Silence was held for Lib Winters, Jim Galusha and Joseph DeFelice.
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dottie Henry addressed the Board regarding (1) junk cars, (2) parking at the Town Beach without stickers and (3) increasing the fee at the boat launch. M. Fitzgerald read the portion of the Hague code book that refers to junk cars. We DO have a law against them. Supervisor Belden said that an Enhancement grant has been applied for to help with removal of any and all junk vehicles and other beautification projects. The Hague Park Committee will meet on Wednesday July 19 at 4 p.m.

One of the biggest problems in parking is the amount of trailers left behind by people camping on the islands. L. Megow mentioned that the Town has Welcome signs, and signs that say Public Beach. Someone in Hague is telling people that parking is by permit only at the beach. Nelson Waters will look into obtaining permits to park trailers on his land. He could also provide transportation to and from the beach.

One of the residents told the Board that one of the Park Attendants is harassing the local people, asking parents and young children to leave, but loud music goes on in the parking lot until 4 a.m. The Board did agree that there is a problem with a handful of teenagers.

Phase I of the Hague Delta Project, (1 of 7 being looked at around the lake) has begun. Permits have to be applied for to do Phase II which deals with the municipality's doing the actual dredging. A Public Information Program will be held on July 25 and 26. at the Community Center

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Assessor & Justice (Steitz) - Michelle Fazioli

was hired as a clerk. She would like a raise in pay to \$7/hr. Supervisor Belden suggested that this be addressed at budget time. The Board voted to approve the hiring of Ms. Fazioli.

The dispute over the assessment on the Viscardi property is in the process of being settled out of court. The other properties will be settled in court in the near future. The Town has spent \$4,000 to do the preliminary appraisals. R. Meola complimented the Supervisor for voting against appraising state land. The return to the Town is minimal.

The Dockside gazebo has not been taken down yet. (Ed. It was taken down on July 13.)

2. Buildings & Grounds (Megow) - Bids will go out soon for a new roof at the Community Center.

L. Megow complimented Joanne Trudeau for doing a good job at the Community Center and the Recycling Center. Supervisor Belden also complimented Ross Mannino for doing a great job. Supervisor Belden will send a letter to Ross' school stating this. (See related article on page 8)

3. Finance (Megow) - Nothing

4. Fire Department (Fitzgerald) - A thank you to the town for the Sno-Cone machine for Family Fun Day.

The annual HVFD Steak Roast will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the new property.

5. Highway (Fitzgerald) - The Town will be paving the south part of Forest Bay Road on Monday, July 21. The Highway Department is also addressing problems at Sabbath Day Pt. and Pine Cove.

6. Insurance (Hourigan) - No change

7. Personnel (Hourigan) - We are short one operator at the Transfer Station. Applicants must have CDL license. Pay is \$11.88/hr plus benefits.

8. Planning/ Zoning/Stormwater Management (Steitz) - There will be a Workshop on July 20 on the Tourism Revision. Supervisor Belden requested that M. Fitzgerald and R. Hourigan attend this meeting.

Supervisor Belden reported that Dave Meyers proposed changes to the Storm Water on the Brook. The Lake George Association (LGA) will pay the legal expenses for this.

9. Recreation/Promotion (Hourigan) - The Arts Fair will be held on August 5 and 6.

The Town-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for July 15.

A Chicken Barbecue will be held on August 5 at Fish & Game Club. See page 8.

10. Sewer District #1 (Belden) - The Appellate Court decision was positive for Hague. The engineer will be back on July 17 and the job could go to bid this fall. An information meeting will be held in the future.

11. Town Park & Beautification (Steitz) - Telephone lines are needed, as is a lock for the steel box at the park. Information Center has been painted. Mr. Steitz also reported that the sheriff will check the park after 11 p.m.

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12. Transfer/Recycling Station (Megow) - Revenue for the month of June was \$4,813.50. Gary Boyd is filling in part time

13. Youth (Hourigan) - The swim program began on July 3. See related article on page 6.

20 people signed up for the safe boating program (held by Marty and Carol Brown).

The basketball program is underway under the direction of Mike Manning. Call 543-6161 for details.

A grant application for the arts program will go out this week. The program will be held on August 21 and 22 with John Galucci as instructor. Fee is \$30. It is sponsored in part by LARAC. Bertha Dunsmore is helping with the paperwork.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #62 of 2000 - to re-name the cemetery on Rt. 9N and Pine Orchard Rd. It will now be known as Hague Heritage Cemetery. This name was suggested by the Hague Historical Society and Supervisor Bolton will inform them of the change by letter.

The Board accepted the petition to call for a permissive referendum to allow for a raise in the town budget for town beautification, not to exceed \$10,000 (currently \$3,000).

Supervisor Belden met with Mike White of the Park Commission. He suggested all boat owners pressure wash their boats to kill Zebra Mussels.

A consultant needs to be hired for the Master Plan Committee. Supervisor Belden recommended hiring the Chazen Co. R. Patchett stated that he feels the Master Plan should be changed to a Comprehensive Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A thank you note was received from the Windsurfers for the use of the town park.

NEW BUSINESS

The parking at the Beach will be discussed at the Park Committee Meeting on July 19.

The bridge leading to the Community Center needs to be named a road in order to receive grant money. Two names were suggested: Raiders Ridge and School House Dr. The Board approved the name of Raider's Ridge.

Resolution #63 of 2000 dealing with a budget change was adopted.

Resolution #64 to transfer funds to pay for Town expenses in relocating gas tanks was approved.

Resolution #65 to increase the petty cash for Transfer Station attendants from \$50 to \$100 was approved.

The lowest proposal (\$2,900) to paint the exterior of the Community Center was accepted.

COUNTY REPORT

The County Auction will be held on August 13. Bill Bothe will put the Town grader and sander in the auc-

tion.

A Grant was received from the Lake George Basin. A meeting will be held on July 25 at 10 a.m. Phase I of the grant needs to be used within 1 year.

A Public Informational meeting for the Plan for the Next Century will be held on July 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. . . .cwb/mjk

THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE ANNUAL MEETING

19th Annual meeting, August 9, 2000 aboard The Horicon. Boarding time is 9AM. Leaving dock at 9:30AM. Returning at 12Noon. A continental breakfast will be served at no charge. Reservations required Phone 668-4511.

See and hear about the sites where our grant monies have been used in the preservation of Lake George.

Find out more about the plan for Lake George for the next century.

What's happening in the fight against zebra mussels?

Parking at the Shoreline Restaurant, 4 Kurosaka Lane, Lake George.

This is a wonderful opportunity, particularly for all you landlocked residents, to get out on the lake for a nice cruise and see what The Fund is doing. There is NO charge involved. Since this is such a popular event it would be wise to get your reservations in as soon as possible in order to be included.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

Under the leadership of new officers for Rotary year 2000-2001, the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George plans to have another exciting year. President Walter Thorne, President-Elect Richard Gladu, 1st Vice-President Richard Hudak and 2nd Vice President Tom James, along with Treasurer Bill Butler and Secretary Carol Brown have taken over the leadership.

Beginning on Aug. 1 Charles Parlin will wear his hat as history buff and will present an exciting program on "The Erie Canal". On August 8 Jane McIntosh will come from the Adirondack Museum and speak on "Mining in the Adirondacks." Ryan Englebrecht and his sister Amy will present "Music, Music, Music" on Aug. 15. Then on Aug. 22 Greg Bradfield, curator of Ft. William Henry will talk about "Digging Up History" The month concludes with a club assembly on Aug. 29.

The Dr. Robert & Mrs. Helen Cole Rotary Club of Northern Lake George scholarship was awarded to Christine Frasier of Ticonderoga at the graduation exercises on June 24.

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George meets each Tuesday at 7:30AM for breakfast in the Watson Arts Center on the Silver Bay Campus. Visitors are welcome. For more info. call 543-8833. . . .cwb 7/00

NATURE NEWS by Laura Meade

There are many animals, birds, amphibians and reptiles in the Town of Hague, some delight us, but others make us uncomfortable.

In late June of 1955 the Meades, along with one other family came to Hague to spend summers at a rustic cabin near a beautiful waterfall, next to Trout Brook. As we settled in the first day, I noticed a large machete stuck in timbers near the front door. That puzzled me, but I removed it immediately from the timbers and the property. In mid-August that summer I became aware that there was a mysterious creature which emitted a skunk-like odor from behind books on an upper shelf. The books moved slightly. When I searched with a flashlight for the "visitor", I was astonished to discover a 4 ft. black snake which appeared aggressive and territorial, as if it "owned the place." It was then I realized the purpose of the machete. But without it, I grabbed a large butcher knife, summoned courage, and convinced the "visitor" to leave. What was it? Could a rattlesnake invade a dwelling and be unnoticed for almost two months? Perhaps it was on that day that I began my amateur study of nature in the Town of Hague.

Residents of the New Hague Rd. became my friends as I knocked on doors and asked questions. One woodsman smiled and said, "I wondered if you would see that rat snake. It is a great climber, very secretive and survives mostly on rats and mice. You probably were able to purchase the cabin for a reasonable price and probably the snake served effectively as a 'mouse trap' for years." Numerous times I saw it slithering around the rafters. Whew! Early one evening I succeeded in chasing it outside, where I took a long-handled pointed shovel to cut it into several pieces. Success! Or so I thought!

My curiosity then became aroused. Could there be other snakes on the property? Later that summer I was again surprised by quite a different large snake, about 4 ft. long, with black-bordered reddish spots on a grayish body. It was heading for the outhouse, (as I was also!) It turned out to be a milk snake (which does not "milk" cows) but bites its prey on the neck and then coils its strong muscles around the victim's body, thus causing death. Now what? Once again the shovel became my weapon. But in a few days I saw perhaps six tiny snakes of the same species squirming around the outhouse. Another challenge - and a decision to build a civilized bathhouse.

Maybe the snakes spread the word to be careful near me, because I only encountered one other species after that, at the edge of the brook near a trout pool/swimming hole. This one was only a foot long, slender, black with white spots, somewhat like a long, slender pencil. Of course it, too "owned" the territory, but I managed to catch it barehanded and, with a large

stone, stuffed it back into the nook under a boulder from where, to be more observant, whether in a cabin, on a trail, in a trout pool or on an island, it had emerged. My research on that one proved to be more unnerving, as I found it was a spotted adder which has a somewhat poisonous, but not fatal bite.

Of course, residents of Sabbath Day Pt. are aware of encountering a timber rattlesnake, which may travel from its usual habitat on Tongue Mt. And then, there are those, such as Madie and Jim O'Toole spotted at their island campsite and now realize that the species can swim to a camping island near the mountain for a summer vacation.

Such experiences as I have related can cause one to be more observant, whether in a cabin, on a trail, in a trout pool or on an island.

COMPUTER COURSES TO BE OFFERED

The Ticonderoga Campus of North Country Community College will be offering four courses in the fall 2000 semester in computer and information science. CIS 100 - Introduction to Computer Information Systems; CIS 130 - Windows Based Software; CIS 200 - Desktop Publishing; CIS 200 - Database Design.

Fall semester begins on Sept. 6. For more information about these courses or other classes offered at the Ticonderoga Campus, stop by at 123 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga, or call 585-4454, Ext. 23.

COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE

A coalition of America's colleges and universities has launched *College is Possible*, a campaign to help pay for a college education. A website has been established - www.CollegeIsPossible.org. Or call toll free 1-800-433-3243 (U.S. Dept. of Ed.) The coalition consists of the Nat'l 4-H Council, American Council on Education and the National Assoc. of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Brochures about the program are available at the Cornell Cooperative Education Ctr. in Warrensburg.

FREE CONCERTS AT NOON IN GLENS FALLS

LARAC'S Arts Sandwiched In, a series of free concerts at noon each Wed. in Glens Falls City Park through Aug. 16. If you are in Glens Falls on any given Wed. take time to sit down and relax and enjoy the free concerts.

THE HIKING TRAIL which starts at the Fish Weir on Rt. 8 and includes the falls, is now open for your hiking pleasure. Check it out to see nature in all its splendor!

PHIL HENRY and NELSON SHAPIRO will present a concert under the Ti Festival Guild tent in Ticonderoga on July 27 at 7:30PM. Donations will be accepted to be presented to the Ti Festival Guild. The concert is in part to introduce Phil's new CD album. This duo is great! Bring a chair, relax and enjoy!

RECYCLING CENTER IS NOW OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 12NOON TO 5PM. 7/00

edARTHUR A. CIOCCA HONORED

Mrs. Robert Cole's (Silver Bay) son, Arthur A. Ciocca, was recently honored at the Supreme Court Building Chambers with the Horatio Alger Award. Both Bob and Helen were in attendance at the ceremony, having been flown by private jet from Westchester Airport to the International Airport in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ciocca was one of ten recipients of the award which were presented by Associate Justice Clarence Thomas who was elected to the society in 1992.

During the ceremony, some one hundred high school seniors were introduced. They had been granted \$10,000 yearly scholarships for four years of advanced studies. These students were from every state and had exhibited goals of achievement and participation during their schooling. The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans has doubled the scholarship amount this year and claimed that they were now the largest single scholarship group in the nation. A sumptuous dinner was held after the ceremony at the Library of Congress.

In all ten autobiographies four points for success were repeated again and again. 1. Set definite goals. 2. Stick to those goals. 3. Have faith in yourself. 4. Be a good example to your fellow man. Art particularly mentioned his Italian grandfather's advice - you can do anything in the world you want to do if you are willing to set a goal, work hard, and pay the price. Art had managed to move from a General Foods Representative through a leveraged buyout of the Coca Cola wine group in 1978 to become owner of the Wine Group, the largest wine company in the USA.

NORTH CREEK RAILWAY DEPOT MUSEUM OPEN

Tom Ryan whose studio is in Corinth has donated three pieces of his art to be incorporated in the exhibits of the North Creek Railway Depot Museum in North Creek, NY. The North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association (NCRDPA) has used his painting of the train station on the museum's opening invitations and posters, postcards and notecards. The NCRDPA is teaming up with Casey's North to host an exhibition of Tom's train pictures in a show titled "Trains, Rails and Depots" June 29 through July 29. The proceeds from art sales will be donated to the North Creek Railway Depot Museum.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD annual steak roast will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the site of the new firehouse --- this being at the intersection of Route 8 and the West Hague Road. At 3PM steamed clams will be offered, and will be followed by the steak dinner. Featured is grilled steak, baked potato, cole slaw and corn and watermelon all for \$10.00. Hamburgers and hot dogs are also available at

reasonable prices. Everyone is urged to come and see the new firehouse and enjoy the edibles.

The winning ticket of the 50-50 raffle will be drawn. If you have not yet bought your ticket(s), please consider doing so. One half of the proceeds goes to the owner of the winning ticket. The other half will help toward the building of the new firehouse. Remember, none of us ever knows when we are going to need the alert and super help of the HVFD, whether it be for fire or illness.

The HVFD plan a food sale for Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Arts Fair . . ewa

WARREN COUNTY FAIR NEEDS EXHIBITORS

The Warren County Fair is scheduled this summer for August 10-13, 2000. Location is at the Fairgrounds on Schroon River Road in Warrensburg.

Exhibits are needed for the "Adult Creations" section of the Fair, designed to serve as a showcase for a variety of adult arts and crafts.

For more information contact Cornell Cooperative Ext. in Warren County at 623-3291 or 668-4881.

HAGUE ANTIQUES SHOW

Dealers are being solicited right now for the third annual Antique Show to be sponsored by the Hague-on-LakeGeorge Chamber of Commerce September 9 and 10 from 10AM - 5PM.

All antique dealers are invited to participate at a reasonable cost. Show site is the Hague Community Center. Both inside and outside space are available. The deadline to sign up is August 2, 2000 but preferred spaces are available now. Call Mitzi Fillare at 518-543-6344 for further details.

FIREMEN TO BENEFIT FROM SILVER BAY PERFORMANCE

The EMPS of Silver Bay will be performing the very popular musical *Godspell* on Thursday, August 10 at Silver Bay auditorium. As they have done for many years, this performance is a benefit for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Admission is \$5.00.

HAGUE SWIM LESSONS FOR HAGUE RESIDENTS

On weekdays from 1:30-2:30PM at the Hague Town Beach, swim lessons will be offered FREE for children from K-6th grade. This is a cooperative effort between the town and Silver Bay Association. Instructors are provided by Silver Bay.

Learn the rules so that you know how to break them properly.

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Madeleine (Howard Carpenter) Leach (90) in Middlebury, VT on April 18. She is survived by three daughters, Helen Belden, Glens Falls, Laurie C. Smith, Hague and Linda M. McCowan, Florida. Also surviving are a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

DIED Dr. John B. Bell, Jr., 80, on June 8 in Williamsburg, VA He was a resident of Williamsburg and Sabbath Day Point, NY. Dr. Bell served on the Board of Trustees of the Silver Bay Assoc., as well as the board of the Grace Union Memorial Chapel, Sabbath Day Point. He is survived by his wife Ruth, three sons, six grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

DIED: Pauline (Davis) Wilson, 44, Little Elm, TX, , along with her husband in an automobile accident on June 17, 2000. Born in Hague, she graduated from Hague Central School and SUNY at Cobleskill. She is survived by her 10-year old daughter Cynthia, three sisters and three brothers, including Steve Davis, Hague.

DIED: Katherine (Hammond) Engler, 88, in Chatham, NJ on June 29, 2000. She was a long time summer resident of Forest Bay, Hague. Mrs. Engler is survived by her son Kenneth, Hague, a granddaughter and grandson and two brothers. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 3PM at the Valley View Chapel on Route 9N.

DIED: James Peter Mitchell, 89, on June 30 in Basking Ridge, NJ. Mr. Mitchell summered in Silver Bay for 47 years. He is survived by his wife Jane Hume Mitchell, two daughters, Virginia Dimsey, NYC and Wilmington, DE, Ann Thompson, Mt. Pleasant, SC; two sons, Tocher, Shelburne, VT and Peter, Silver Bay and three grandchildren.

DIED: James I. Galusha, 63, Witherbee, NY, on July 6, 2000 at Porter Medical Center, Middlebury, VT. Born in Hague, Mr. Galusha is survived by his wife Nancy, two sons, Donald, Ticonderoga, Richard, Hague, and one daughter Diane Woods, Crown Point

BORN: A girl, Addison Hope, to Chris and Sidney Streeter, Bethlehem, PA. on May 2, 2000. Chris grew up in Hague and is the son of Joseph F. Streeter, a former resident of Hague.

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ROLL

The following Hague students have been listed on the Fourth Marking Period Achievement Roll at the Ticonderoga Middle School:

Grade 8: Thomas Haskell, Michael Michela, Matthew

Russell

Grade 7: Joshua Frasier, Lindsay Mascarelli

Grade 6: Sarah Bissell, Wayne Evans, Andrew Trombley

Allison Johnson, daughter of Mark and Mary Johnson, Silver Bay and a recent graduate of The College of Wooster, Ohio, was named to the spring semester's dean's list.

Lauren Mack, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Mack, Hague, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Fairfield U. in Fairfield, CT.

HAGUE STUDENTS HONORED AT GRADUATION

The following students from Hague were among the 78 graduates in a ceremony at the high school on June 24: Michelle Lee Bissell*, William Tavish Costello. Brandy-Lynn Frasier, Christopher Lee Frasier, Lincoln W. J. Gunning, Peter James Hutchinson*, Brandi Marie Jordon, Andrew William Mack*, Kathryn Elizabeth Rutkowski*, Eve E. Trombley*, Wyatt Walter Wells*, Bradford J. Zeyak*.

* indicates member National Honor Society.

Awards were presented to the following:
Clyde Manning Art Award - Brandy-Lynn Frasier
Knights of Columbus for excellence in Spanish -
Kathryn Rutkowski

Richard J. Moore Memorial Award in Math - Kathryn
Rutkowski

Harvey Moses Educational Awards - Brad Zeyak
Mary Beste Scholarship Award - Michelle Bissell, Tavish
Costello, Brandy-Lynn Frasier, Lincoln Gunning,
Peter Hutchinson, Brandi Jordon, Andrew Mack,
Kathryn Rutkowski, Eve Trombley, Wyatt Wells,
Brad Zeyak.

Emma Ferguson award for outstanding achievement
at Yandon Dillon Ed. Ctr. - Christopher Frasier

David Rutkowski Memorial Award - Tavish Costello
Michael Vigliotti Memorial - Peter Hutchinson
Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Technology - Lincoln
Gunning

Director's Award for Excellence in Music - Peter
Hutchinson

Stephen Potter Education Award - Kathryn Rutkowski, Eve
Trombley, Wyatt Wells

Thompson award prize in business - Brandi Jordon

Crary Scholarship - Tavish Costello, Brandy-Lynn
Frasier

Stephen Pell award for excellence in AP English -
Kathryn Rutkowski

John Dreimiller award for excellence in Government -
Brad Zeyak

Gunning Agency Improvement Awards - Lincoln
Gunning, Brandi Jordon.

Hague Winter Carnival Award - Kathryn Rutkowski

Joe Paige Music Scholarship - Eve Trombley

Stephen Pell Mem. Schol. for excellence in Social Studies -
Kathryn Rutkowski, Tavish Costello

Craig Laslow art award - Tavish Costello

Karla Berube Scholarship Fund - Brandi Jordon

The Dr. Robert & Helen Cole Rotary Club of Northern Lake

George Scholarship Award - Christine Frasier, Ticonderoga

The Hague Chronicle staff congratulates all of the
above students and wishes for them a bright future.

Stan Burdick, Silver Bay, has been honored by the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board with the organization's Outstanding Adirondack Communicator Award for the year 2000.

Stan is the founder and curator of the Hague Cartoon Museum and his cartoons are published weekly in the Sunday *Post Star*. Burdick was presented with a plaque by the board which reads "Stan's artistic talent coupled with a keen insight into showing the difficult and interesting situations that arise, have been communicated for over 40 years with wonderful humor and always with good taste."

Executive Director Joe Rota said the cartoons were chosen for their addressing of Adirondack and government issues overall.

SILVER BAY READINGS BY THE BAY

On Monday, July 24 at 7:30PM in Morse Hall on the Silver Bay Campus, Author Katherine Paterson will be the featured speaker. Ms Paterson is the author of more than 25 books including 13 novels for young people. Her latest book *Preacher's Boy* was published in 1999. Her books have been published in 22 languages and she is the 1998 recipient of the international Hans Christian Anderson medal. Katherine Paterson is a summer resident of Arcady Bay Estates in Hague.

On Wednesday, July 26, 7:30PM Morse Hall, Joseph Bruchac will be the presenter. He has written more than 20 children's books and has received the Knickerbocker Award for Juvenile Literature from the NYS Library Assoc.

Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7:45PM, Kathryn Davis, novelist, poet and professor of English at Skidmore College will be the speaker.

On Aug. 8 (7:45PM) Chris Bohjalian, selected *National Readings Tour author this year* will be the speaker. He is a leading contemporary fiction writer residing in our neighboring state of Vermont. Chris "explores the many aspects of the human heart and our complex relationships with those we love."

On Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7:45PM Leslie Li will be featured. She has written essays that have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *Travel & Leisure*, among other publications. She is currently completing her second novel *Double Thunder*.

Jennifer Armstrong, writer of children's books since 1985 will be the speaker on Aug. 17 at 7:45PM

The National Readings Tour, a YMCA National Writer's Voice program, is made possible by the generous support of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund and the National Endowment for the Arts.

These weekly readings are free and open to the public.

*Bring back the singing; and the scent
Of meadowlands at dewy prime;
Oh, bring again my heart's content,
Thou Spirit of the Summertime. . . Wm. Allingham*

CARTOON CLASSES TO BE HELD

Every Wednesday evening from 7-9PM during August, classes in cartooning for beginners, youth and adults will be taught by Stan Burdick at the Hague Cartoon Museum. Advance sign-ups are necessary. Call Stan at 543-8824.

SQUARE DANCE AT TOWN BEACH

On Friday, August 2 from 7-9PM, a free public square dance will be held at the Hague Town Beach for youth and adults. Live music will be furnished by Doug Zeyak and the band. Stan Burdick will be the caller.

FISH & GAME CLUB BARBECUE

The Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its annual chicken barbecue at the clubhouse on West Hague Road on August 5 from 5 - 9PM. Shop until you drop at the Arts Fair and then on to the barbecue!!

WE DO GET LUCKY!

Hague has been lucky this summer to have Ross Mannino in our midst. Ross is 17 years old and will be a senior in high school in Boca Raton, FL beginning Aug. 16. He is working on acquiring a Florida merit scholarship and to do so he is required to complete at least 70 hours of community service. He has volunteered to help at the Recycling Center and to assist Joanne Trudeau in cleaning and any jobs to be done at the Community Center.

I first ran into Ross a couple weeks ago when I was taking my trash to the Recycling Center. I found him to be very courteous and helpful. I wanted immediately to find out more about him.

Ross is a nephew of Bruce Rust, owner of the Island View Cafe in Hague. He has visited here before. Not only does he volunteer for the town, he also helps out in the Cafe and at Bruce's home. He tells me in order to receive a Merit Scholarship one must have a 3.5 GPA and at least 1270 on the SAT test. He plans to matriculate at the University of Florida in Boca Raton in the fall of 2001. He has a younger brother and sister in Florida.

Ross states that he really loves it here, mainly because of the people he works with at the Community Center, Recycling Center and the Cafe. I happen to think that the reverse is also true! With so many unpleasant stories about some of our young people, it is a pleasure to meet someone who is so dedicated and determined to meet his goals in life.

Keep up the good work, Ross! We hope to see you back here again soon.

DO WE REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM?

In my quest for a solution to Hague's parking problem at the beach and as a member of the Hague Park Committee, I called a number of marinas in the general area to find out what their fees for launching a boat are. The following figures are based on an 18 ft. motor boat. Larger boats could be more.

Rogers Rock Campsite, although not a marina does have a launch ramp. Their fee for non-campers is \$5.00 per day. However cars and trailers must be removed by 9PM. This eliminates island parking. Norowal in Bolton Landing - \$15 launch fee, plus \$12 per day for parking.

Yankee Boating Center - Diamond Point - \$10 in and \$10 out, plus \$5.00 per day for parking.

Fischer's - Kattskill Bay - \$25.00 in and out plus \$5.00 per day for parking.

Castaway - Rt. 9L - \$12.50 in and \$12.50 out. Parking \$5.00 per day.

Chic's Marina - Bolton - \$20 in an out. Parking for car, \$5.00 per day. For car & trailer \$10 per day.

Bay View Marina - Bolton - \$20 in and out. With car and trailer, parking is \$25 for first day (including launch) and \$10 per day for each day thereafter.

Mossie Point launch site - Ticonderoga. This is a state launch site and is free.

Hague Town launch site - \$10 in and out. No parking fee, but no trailer or overnight parking in the park.

Does this tell you why we are getting so many boats being launched from other parts of the lake? Of course we do have FREE launching for anybody in the town of Hague - a permit sticker is required. However, it is no problem for residents to get stickers, so please don't give the attendants a hard time if you don't have one. They are only doing their job! All you have to do is go to the Community Center during office hours and request one if you are a Hague resident.

I would be very interested to hear from any residents who have had any problems with parking at the beach. Unless we know about your problem, we can't fix it.

I would like to inform you that although the cars and trailers that are parking across from the park and are there for a week at a time, taking up what little valuable parking space there is, is a concern for the town, but is a responsibility of the State Police, since the parking is done on state property. So far they have chosen to ignore it. I happen to think it is a real safety hazard, but until there is an accident, my opinion doesn't count for much.

We certainly aren't trying to be unfriendly to our visitors. However our major concern - at least mine - is for the residents of Hague to be able to come and enjoy the beach that they have bought and are paying for. Does anyone agree? I would welcome your comments either by mail or phone 543-6633. . . djh

SILVER BAY SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS

Summer camp is being offered for the third year through August 18 from 8:30AM - 3PM with extended care offered until 5:30PM. The cost of the program is \$55 per week and an additional \$15 per week for extended care. Children will enjoy arts & crafts, swimming, archery, boating and other outdoor activities and nature programs. Enrolling infants 8 weeks old to 6th grade.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in Silver Camp, please call Jackie (Palandrani) at 543-8833, Ext. 292.

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION LAKE TALKS

July 25 - Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks: An Idea Whose Time Has Come by Betsy Lowe, Project Director.

Aug. 1 - Recent Archaeology and Fieldwork at Lake George's 1758 Sunken Bateaux Wrecks by Joe Zarzynski, Educator and Archaeologist, Bateaux Below, Inc.

Aug. 9 - Northwest Native American History Through Song and Story by Joseph Bruchac, writer and traditional storyteller.

Aug 15 - Geology of the Lake George/Glens Falls Region by Don Minkel, Professor of Geology, Adirondack Community College.

Aug. 22 - Wild Visions by Carl Heilman, Adirondack photographer.

Aug 29 - Aug. 29 McMartin, Adirondack author.

All talks are Tuesdays at 7:30PM at the LGA Center on Rt. 9N S. Luzerne Rd., just west of Northway Exit 21. Open to public and free of charge.

THE LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION has agreed to be the lead agency 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.

A public hearing will be held in the Hague Community Center on July 25 at 7PM.

CHANGES AT DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Beginning April 1 renewed licenses will be valid for a full eight years. A refund is available should one no longer wish to possess a license before the 8-yr. period expires if they surrender their license in the first four years after renewal.

Also beginning April 1, all drivers renewing licenses must have their vision tested. Test may be taken at DMV office or done by a health care professional.

NY continues to have front and back license plates. New plates will be issued beginning Oct. 1, 2000 and will continue for two years.

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Ti Festival Guild concerts every Tuesday evening and Arts Trek programs every Wed. morning - see p2 for details

CAN WE GET OUR MONSTER BACK?

According to *The Post Star* of July 15, the Lake George Museum has been closed until such time as the 6-month battle between members of the Lake George Historical Assoc. Board of Directors can be resolved. This means that our Lake George Monster is relegated to a dark, unfriendly atmosphere, out of the sight of everyone who might appreciate him. Perhaps now is the time we could at least "borrow" him and put him on display at our Community Center for all his friends to admire. After all, this is where he was born in 1904 and did his dastardly deeds!

Supervisor Bolton has been in touch with Lake George Supervisor Tessier requesting the monster's return to his home territory. As far as our research goes, the monster was not given to, but was loaned to the Lake George Museum at a time when Hague did not have an appropriate place for his display. When Ginger Henry-Kuenzel went to the museum to research his history for an article she was doing for *The Chronicle* (Glens Falls) the curator knew nothing about the monster and was not agreeable to letting Ginger do any research there. All of a sudden the monster became part of the town of Lake George lore. Do the residents of Lake George really care about the monster as we do here in Hague?

Please let us put him on display in Hague where he will be greatly appreciated! . . . djh

In May The Hague Chronicle informed you of the food contributions to the food pantry for distribution to those in need. Hague is fortunate in having 2 post offices within its jurisdiction. The Silver Bay Post Office, takes its food collection seriously not only in May and Dec. but all year round and while the donations are smaller, they are equally well received.

I want to thank both Postmasters, Jackie Fort and Joan Dillon for their generosity of spirit I see in each of them. . . Georgina Lindquist, Director, Food Pantry

The Ti Historical Society will host a lecture and slide show of Historic Ticonderoga by Mr. Bill Dolback. He titled his show "Ticonderoga Memories" since audiences have found his presentations to be a *nostalgic walk down memory lane*. The program is scheduled for Friday, July 21, 7-9PM in the Program Room at the Hancock House. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome and admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

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