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## HAGUE TO HOST FIREWORKS ON JULY 5, 2002

Brad Whisher, proprietor of The View Restaurant at Indian Kettles, is chairing a campaign to raise funds for fireworks in Hague. The Chamber of Commerce is endorsing the event, with help from the Town of Hague. Local businesses and individuals are cooperating with their contributions.

The fireworks will be displayed on Friday, July 5, 2002 at the Town beach, beginning at 9PM. This date was decided upon to avoid a conflict with neighboring towns who have their displays on the 4th.

The beach will be a fantastic vantage point, both from the water and the shore. The fireworks will be presented by Alonzo Fireworks of Mechanicville, which does the fireworks for the Empire Plaza in Albany on July 5.

\$3,300 is needed for a "base display" that lasts about 20 minutes. If more money can be raised, a longer fireworks show will be held.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the community fireworks can do so by sending a check to the Hague Chamber of Commerce and mailing it to the Silver Bay General Store, 8417 Lakeshore Drive, Silver Bay, NY 12874. Donations also will be accepted at The View Restaurant, Trout House Village, Ruah or any of the other fine Hague commercial establishments.

## "THE BEST FOURTH IN THE NORTH" IN TICONDEROGA

The Fourth of July will be celebrated as "The Best Fourth in the North" in Ticonderoga, beginning on Tuesday, July 2 with a public street dance in front of the post office. Music will be furnished by P & P Music Factory - dance contest with prizes.

On Wednesday, July 3 the park opens at 4PM with rides and vendors. At 6PM bracelet night (6-9) will be observed, with all rides for \$10.00. At 6:30PM ELVIS, returns, starring James Cawley and the T.C.B. Band. The park closes at 11PM.

On Thursday, the 4th of July, the annual Montcalm Mile Road Race is scheduled to begin at 1:45PM, followed by the "Best Fourth in the North" parade at 2PM. At 3:30PM there will be a parade band concert in the park.

At 6PM "BRAHMA", Country Music With An Attitude will be presented followed by a gigantic fireworks display at 9:45PM. The park will close at 11PM.

All events are free to the public. This is a family celebration and **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE PERMITTED.**

## GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES

Grace Memorial Chapel located at Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay will start its one hundred and eighteenth year of providing interdenominational Sunday summer worship services for area guests and residents on June 30. Services begin at 10AM and all are welcome. Continuing a service that was initiated last year, Holy Communion will be celebrated on July 21.

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

- 6/30 The Rev. Deadra Johns, Coordinator:  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- 7/7 The Rev. Joyce Borgman De Velder, Minister:  
Old Saratoga Reformed Church, Schuylerville, NY
- 7/14 The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain Silver Bay  
Assoc., Silver Bay, NY
- 7/21 The Rev. Gerard J. Van Heest, Chaplain  
Emeritus-, Hope College, Holland, MI.  
(Celebration of Holy Communion)
- 7/28 The Rev. Lee R. Van Sickle, Ret.; United  
Methodist Church, Mount Holly, NJ
- 8/4 The Rev. David Mangiante, Ret: United Luth-  
eran Church, Mount Holly, NJ
- 8/11 Elder Michael Previtt, Minister: Hopewell  
Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, NJ
- 8/18 The Rev. Taylor Holbrook, Minister: Hopewell  
Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction, NY
- 8/25 The Rev. Keith Tamlyn, Minister: New Hack-  
ensack Reformed Church, Wappingers Fall, NY
- 9/1 The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Ret.; United Church  
of Christ, Suffolk, VA

**TRANSFER STATION OPEN EVERY DAY  
EXCEPT WEDNESDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16.**

**THE WATER KEEPER IS COMING!**

## HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will meet at 12 Noon on Tuesday, June 25 at the Community Center. Please bring a sandwich to share. Beverage and dessert will be furnished by the club. Discussion of summer plans (meaning the August picnic) will be on the agenda. Please bring your ideas and offer them for consideration. . . ewa

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society is pleased to announce that the museum room is ready for visitors. It is currently open on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4PM. Other hours will be considered upon request.

We hope that by this time next month, our annual September trip will have been decided upon. Many museums close up shop shortly after Labor Day which makes planning difficult.

Dues are now payable: \$5.00 per person per year; check payable to Hague Historical Society and sent c/o Ethel Andrus, PO Box 2551, Silver Bay, NY 12874-2551.

Is anyone interested in visiting the Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington? . . ewa

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD responded to 7 fire calls last month. 47 1/2 man hours were expended. Twelve members took the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course; 4 have completed Basic Certified Firefighters Courses.

The ambulance crew made 11 runs, serving 13 patients, and used 111 man hours. Lu Megow is now Vice Chairman of the Adirondack Region Emergency Services.

A new ambulance is on order and is expected to arrive in September. It does not seem possible, but our "new" ambulance is eleven years old! . . ewa

## FIFTH ANNUAL HAGUE ANTIQUE SHOW JULY 20 & 21, 10AM - 4PM

The dealers are signing up fast. This year it's looking to be a good show and possibly larger than last year. The show is held at the Hague Community Center, Rt. 8, Hague, NY 12836. For dealer inquiries or general information, please write Casey Skahan, PO Box 547, Hague, NY 12836-0547 or call 518-543-6159.

## BICYCLE HELMET LAW IS CHANGING!

As of July 1, 2002 persons less than 14 years old are required to wear a certified bicycle helmet when riding a non-motorized scooter. See Section 1238 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. This is addition to the current helmet law for bicycles and inline skates.

## SEMBRICH OPERA MUSEUM

On June 26 at 1:30PM Meredith Parson McComb, writer and classical singer will give a "studio talk" on Louise and Sidney Homer. Fee is \$5.00

The Homers were summer residents of Bolton for many years and were popular hosts for Sunday night hymn sings at their home. They also were frequent visitors in Hague at the Henry home. One of their daughters married Robert Henry and granddaughter Julie (Henry) McPartlin, (now the priest at St. James Episcopal Church in Lake George) and her husband, Ken, still own The Boathouse on Sentinel Pines Road in Hague.

On July 3 at 1:30PM the singers from Seagle Music Colony, Schroon Lake will present *HIGHLIGHTS OF SEAGLE COLONY'S 2002 SHOWS* - \$5.00

On July 10 the Silver Bay String Quartet will present a chamber music concert at 1:30PM - \$5.00

On July 16 the Bolshoi String Quartet will present a chamber music concert at 1:30PM - \$15.00  
For info. call 585-6716 or 543-8824

## CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN

The Kelly Miller Circus will raise its traditional Big Top on Sunday, June 30 in Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park in downtown Ticonderoga. Come watch (free) the raising of the Big Top, assisted by the elephants between 8:30 and 9AM. Performances will take place at 2PM and 4:30PM.

Tickets are available at bargain advance prices through Saturday afternoon, June 29 at the office of CPA Pat Ida, Rathbun's, Gunning Agency, and Wicker Ford in Ticonderoga; Trout House Village in Hague; Crown Point Telephone in Crown Point, or from any member of the Kiwanis Club, the circus' local sponsor.

Advance sale prices are \$8 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Seating capacity is limited so get your tickets early. Moreover Kiwanis' share, and thus our community's share, of ticket proceeds will be much larger on advance sales than on sales at the door.

## HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH

The Hague Wesleyan Church had a big celebration on Sunday, June 9 to dedicate its new educational building. Dr. Ed Lindsey, District Superintendent, was there to give the message and dedicate the building. Ruth Robbins, a lifelong member of the church and treasurer for the past 50 years, was honored for her total dedication to her position in the church. Dan Smith has been appointed the new treasurer.

Following the service, a dinner and fellowship time was held. A capacity congregation was in attendance for this historic occasion. 6/02

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 5/28/02

All members were present along with Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator and David Landers, New Hague Road property owner.

Mr. Barone had to rescind the Waste Water Permit for Mr. Landers property because the A.P.A. has indicated that the leach field is located too close to wet lands. Since Mr. Landers fulfilled his obligations and completed all necessary permits, the Town will contact the A.P.A. and try to research the problem further.

Resolution #61 of 2002 relative to authorizing certain items pursuant to the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 was passed.

The Board agreed to Beth Allen's request to have boulders placed on the Town Road adjacent to her property on Battle Hill Road to block access roads. The Town will also look into the possibility of using Clean Up Grant money to clear the debris left on the property.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Kolakowski vs Town of Hague, State Lands Article 7's, and Personnel matters. They later adjourned with no further action.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/11/02

Public Hearing was opened on proposed Ordinance #1, Local Law #1 and Local Law #2.

Ordinance #1 seeks to regulate the speed of mechanically propelled boats to five miles per hour in the waters within Arcady Bay. The area will be marked by DEC approved buoys. It was noted that the Arcady Bay Association will purchase the bouys and the DEC will decide placement.

Local Law #1 increases the term of office of the elected Town Clerk from 2 years to 4 years.

Local Law #2 increases the term of office of the Superintendent of Highways from 2 years to 4 years. Discussion in favor of this law included comments by Councilman Megow and Highway Superintendent Bothe. The longer term will provide more continuity with the crew and makes planning easier. It would also eliminate the need to spend time campaigning. Councilman Meola spoke against this proposal because there needs to be a higher degree of accountability. He feels that as long as a person in this position does a good job, the people will reelect him. He will continue to oppose this law when it goes to a public vote in November.

The Board approved the Ordinance and agreed to have the Local Laws on the ballot in November.

The regular meeting started with all members present and after the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Ida Moore and Elizabeth Hume.

The floor was opened for public comments.

Cathy Clark presented a petition which she and Emily Cobb circulated opposing the formation of a water district. The Board accepted the petition (see

additional story on page 4)

Tom James representing the Rotary Club presented a posthumous award to Anna Denno for all her work in the Hague Community. The award was accepted by Michele Gautreau on behalf of, and with thanks from, Anna's 13 surviving children.

A motion was made to pay the General and Highway Claims. Councilman Meola noted that he had received authorization from the Board at the last meeting to get proposals to fix the lights at the Community Center and at the park. Art Steitz hired AC Electric to do the work. Individual board members do not have the authority to contract for the town board. The cost of the work exceeded the amount authorized by the procurement policy. The cost should have been approved by the majority of the board. Councilman Meola believes that when an agreement is made beyond the scope of a Board member's authority that public trust is violated. Mr. Meola cited another incident in which approval for a bill was solicited by a telephone poll. He stated that it is not legal for a phone poll on matters which need town approval. This board must abide by rules according to the State of NY. The town's procurement policy requires a written quote from a minimum of 2 vendors. The Board approved payment of the bills presented.

The Town's 1992 Ford truck was sold to Del Dhein with a bid of \$840.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CARE - The Food Pantry served 29 people.

Recreation/Promotion - On July 6th the Fish & Game Club will hold a barbecue.

Town Park/Beautification - The beach has been cleaned and raked. The bouys will be put in on Monday, June 24th. The county will help set up the Visitor Center. In response to a question from Alice Patchett, Councilman Steitz said the Visitor Center will have a list to give out to tourists indicating where there are accommodations and eating places.

Stickers will be placed on boats when they launch from the Town slip and must have that sticker when the boat comes back in or pay a fee.

Youth - Only a few children have signed up for the Town programs in basketball, martial arts and swimming. More interest needs to be shown.

There is a program in Ticonderoga in July and August from 7:45am - noon. Hague youth can take part in this program because Hague pays \$1000 to the Ti youth commission. Details on transportation are being worked out. The bus will leave around 7:15 and breakfast at the school is included. A motion to contract with Ticonderoga for transportation was approved.

Supervisor Belden noted that he spent 2 hours with the new director of the Silver Bay Association who will be at the July Town Board meeting. Silver Bay may be able to provide transportation so that Hague youth can participate in Silver Bay programs. 6/02

Building & Grounds - The Town is in the process of replacing the boiler and heating system. They have accepted a bid for a boiler but it needs to be installed and maintained. There was some discussion about procedure and whether or not they would continue using Bernie Buttles from Tri Tech in Latham.

Highway - Superintendent Bothe reported on several projects and repairs which have been done "in-house". However, he would like Board approval to get proposals for painting.

He also noted that some street signs are missing. These signs are important for the 911 emergency services and replacement is costly to the Town. He urged residents to please keep an eye out and report any information.

The Town is working in conjunction with AP Reale. By working together more gets done and is less costly to the town.

Since the blasting specialist is in Town and may be done this week, Bothe requested \$2000 to eliminate an outcropping on Decker Hill Road before the man leaves the area. Since they don't have time for other quotes a motion was made to approve the expenditure. Councilman Hourigan noted that they need two written quotes. The Board then approved the motion with the stipulation that an effort be made to get some comparison figures.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola reported that he was pleased with 415 responses to the survey about the use of the old Town Hall. The Committee will meet to analyze the results.

Sewer - The contractors are here working. AP Reale is ahead of schedule. Councilman Megow praised the highway workers especially during Americade and getting emergency workers through the area by the boat dock.

Supervisor Belden noted that if a property owner has a problem where the stake has been placed for the sewer to check with him.

Mike Fitzgerald pointed out to the Board that he has observed OSHA safety violations.

Transfer/Recycling - Revenue received was \$4499.25.

Under unfinished business the Board approved having the Supervisor sign the easement for Hague Commons.

The Board received communication from Ethel Andrus, Museum Director. Mrs. Andrus reported on what has been done in the West Museum. It is open from noon to 4 pm on Friday and Saturday. They have had only one visitor to date wanting to know "How did Hague get its name?"

Under New Business, Councilman Meola proposed two public laws; one dealing with property maintenance, and the other with regulating junk yards. The Board approved Resolution #63 to hold a public hearing in August on these proposals. Copies of the complete proposals are in the Town Offices.

The Board approved hiring the engineering firm of Clough Harbour Associates for a plan for repairing the

wall on Holman Hill.

Supervisor Belden thanked Councilman Meola and Assessor Dave Martucci for the time they spent with the County to work on an agreement with the State on assessment of State lands. A motion was approved to accept the proposal that was worked out with State. Thanks were also extended to Councilman Steitz for his participation in the IP settlement.

In other business, Supervisor Belden cited appreciation to Gerry Boyd and acknowledgement of his award by the Warren County Senior Citizens.

He then presented a plaque of appreciation to Bill Lamy, a county employee, who went above and beyond his job in his help to Hague with the Sewer project. In accepting the award, Lamy joked "we knocked a wall down and get appreciation for it". He praised Hague as having the largest municipal project for sewers that is proactive - a project that is looking down the road and protecting the water quality of the Lake.

Supervisor Belden will have the names of members of the "Street Scape committee" at the next meeting. The Committee will look at what can be done in the area and how we would like to see the Hamlet through the years. The Committee could look at the availability of grants.

Washington and Warren counties are going to jointly pay for the burning plant in Fort Edward and after 10 years they will own it. With the county owning the plant, it is exempt from property taxes.. . js

## PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT

To Our Readers:

One of the ongoing important issues being debated in Hague concerns the proposal to form a water district in the Town and the grants that have been applied for toward this end. The Chronicle has mentioned something about the water district in 13 out of our last 17 issues. Unfortunately the articles we had prepared for the April and May issues did not get printed. In our final editing we did not notice the omission. Your volunteer editors apologize for this oversight and those articles (A and B) along with the most recent information (C) follow.

A) April article: At the April Town Board meeting, copies of the results of the Northeastern Water District Survey were made available in order to keep the public abreast of the current status of the proposed water district and a discussion followed. Councilman Meola questioned the need for a water district in light of this survey. The Town did not qualify for the Small Cities Grant because it did not meet the income criteria. Bob Patchett suggested we should still be investigating funding sources. Councilman Hourigan noted that the Town would have to spend more money in order to get an engineering report that would be necessary for any grant requests. The Board has already been billed an additional \$5000 for work by Adirondack Associates but has not paid the bill in keeping with the original resolution to only authorize the initial expenditure of \$7000.

Cathy Clark made several observations at various times during the meeting. She noted that if there are no  
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further funding possibilities then it was time to discontinue pursuing a water district. She also noted that after the sewer is in place it will be easier for individual homeowners to meet the requirements to drill their own wells. The Town is still waiting to hear about the grant request from the NY Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

B) May article:

Q. What were the results of the Northeastern Water District Survey conducted by a consultant to obtain income information from the households in the proposed water district?

A. The median annual income was too high to qualify for a Small Cities HUD Grant for this project.

Q. What results have been obtained from other Town funding sources?

A. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture sponsored New York Rural Development Fund stated that the preapplication is qualified but that no funds are available at this time. A response is expected this month on the application to New York State for a possible \$2 million from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Q. What steps would be followed in order to set up a water district?

A. First an engineering map, which would cost \$18,000 additionally, would have to be drawn up and then the property owners in the proposed water district would be asked to vote for the establishment of the district.

Q. Are the households in the proposed district the same as the households in the HHWA?

A. No, several additional households are included.

Q. Do all the residents in the proposed district support its establishment?

A. No, many residents have spoken and written letters against the proposal.

Q. What reasons do they have for not supporting it?

A. Many of these homeowners already have working wells and do not want to have to pay annually for a system they do not need. Cathy Clark has repeatedly suggested that since there are no further possibilities for applications for funding by the Town Board that they should discontinue pursuing a water district. She also suggested that with the new sewer system it will be easier for individual homeowners to meet the requirements to drill their own wells.

Q. Have the members of the HHWA pursued any other help for correcting their water system?

A. Yes, they also applied directly to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in 1997. That preapplication is still on file and may be considered in September.

Q. Have any additional funds been authorized by the Town Board beyond the original \$7000 for the feasibility study and grant application?

A. No. A bill was received by Adirondack Engineering Associates but not paid.

Q. What is the position of the Town Board at this time?

A. They are waiting to hear the results of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant application.

C) Current update: The Town has been notified that their preapplication to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund has been approved for a \$2 million grant and a \$2,355,000 interest free, 30 year loan.

At the June 11th Town Board meeting, Cathy Clark presented a petition to the Board that she and Emily Cobb had circulated to the people involved in the proposed water

district. This district includes the 28 properties in the Hague Homeowners Water Association as well several additional proposed properties which currently have their own water systems. Over 52% (46 out of 88) of the property owners signed the petition. The petition states that their current water supply meets their needs; that they would plan to vote against formation of a water district; and requests that the Town Board end the planning or implementing of the water district as of June 11, 2002.

In the proposal submitted to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) the town (using information from Adirondack Engineering Associates) has estimated a sewer and water utility bill of \$1,000 per each dwelling unit (EDU). Without any additional funding the DWSRF has estimated an annual payment of \$525 per EDU for water, maintenance, and repayment of the \$2,355,000 loan. There are 195 EDUs among the properties in the proposed district. If that loan amount were used, it would have to be supported by all 195 EDUs whether they actually subscribe to the system or not. This means that each EDU would be liable for approximately \$12,077 of the loan amount.

Those who have circulated the petition urge the Town to consider other options for the HHWA before the Town spends \$18,000 more of Town funds for the necessary engineering costs in order to have the issue come to a vote by the property owners. They hope the Town will consider whether "the benefit that the water proposal may add to the economic growth of the downtown area (will) outweigh the burden of its residents".

As the *Hague Chronicle* understands the current status of the water issue:

1) The town has received a commitment of a \$2 million grant and a 30 year interest free loan of \$2,355,081 from the New York Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The exact costs of establishing the system are still not known.

2) In order to actually establish a Hague Water District, there would be a vote of all the properties in the proposed district. There does not seem to be a clear understanding of who would vote - it would have to be determined whether each property would have one vote or each person listed on a deed would have a vote.

The proposed district includes all the properties on Overbrook Road, Lakeshore Terrace Road, 9N north just past Lakeshore Terrace, 9N south before the properties at the Town Dock, and on Route 8 (Graphite Mt Rd) in the Hamlet area.

3) Before a vote could take place, another \$18,000 of Town tax dollars would have to be allocated for the additional engineering study. This money might be recovered in additional funding only if the district was approved by the voters.

4) At the June 11th Board meeting, Councilman Meola noted that we have been focusing for too long on the Town taking over a private system. The focus should be on how to resolve the issue by finding out how to help those that need to improve their water source. Several members in the audience spoke about ways that this could be achieved.

On the other hand, Councilman Hourigan cited the need for a water system for the Hamlet, if improvement of the Hamlet is what we want to promote as suggested by the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the State DOH (Dept. of Health) has seen that we have problems and we are being scrutinized.

5) The Town Board has voted to wait for 60 days to make a decision on accepting the grant and to have a committee appointed to research the possibilities for getting the current system in compliance. . . js

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -5/23/02

A public hearing was held on the DePaula (11-1-23) property at Indian Kettles. Mr. DePaula needed a variance to construct a 24' x 24' deck on a large rock lakeside to provide a flat safe place for his family to sit on and enjoy the lake. The set back from the lake will be zero and therefore needs relief from Section 1600-50B (b)

Request denied. ZBA will do a site plan review.

On the advice of the town lawyer, who was unable to be present at the meeting, the determination of validity of ZBA appellate review of the petition dated 4/9/02 regarding the Patchett property on New Hague Road was tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Silvestri will be in attendance.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/6/02

Public hearing was held on the Whisher property at Indian Kettles. Mr. Whisher's attorney, Mr. Silvestri said it was a "unique situation" and was returning property to "original configuration."

Ann Barber said, on speaking with other citizens, that they were concerned about setting a precedent by creating a tiny lot with insufficient area and lake frontage to meet Town ordinance requirements. A letter was read from neighbor Mark Huestis echoing these concerns.

During the regular meeting the following projects were discussed:

1. Reingold - Lakeshore Drive - Mr. Reingold who was represented by Lee Peters, contractor, asked for permission to build an accessory structure at his house, which would include a toilet. Mrs. Harrigan made a motion NOT to approve because of the potential of having two dwelling units on an undersized lot. Seconded by Denno. No vote was taken. Then Gladu made a motion, seconded by Denno to approve, with restriction of a single sink and single toilet and pump for water system and no other plumbing. Passed 4-2. For: Gladu, Brown, Fillare, Swanson. Against: Harrigan, Denno.
2. Whisher at Indian Kettles - Swanson pointed out this proposal is not really going back to where they were before because, since that time, pieces had been segregated from the lot. Also, there is not enough shoreline to meet the code. Brown made motion to approve, seconded by Denno. Passed 4-1. For: Denno, Brown, Gladu, Fillare. Against: Harrigan; Mr. Swanson "passed".
3. Meehan - New Hague Rd. - She would like to subdivide her property. Board voted unanimously for Chairman Swanson to request Town Board to remove 3 junk cars on Ms. Meehan's property. Motion to approve subdivision made by Brown, seconded by Gladu. Passed 6-0
4. Snyder - New Hague Road - request to subdivide. Motion to approve by Harrigan, seconded by Gladu. Passed 6-0.
5. DePaula - Indian Kettles - Motion made by Denno, seconded by Harrigan to NOT recommend proposal because of zero setback from shore. Motion passed 4-0, 1 abstention. For motion: Denno, Harrigan, Fillare, Gladu. Against: Brown. Abstain, Swanson.
6. Other Business: D. Henry, from floor, suggested a moratorium on Patchett construction on New Hague Rd until petition submitted by 50 neighbors can be studied. No action was taken on this. Board agreed with Mr. Gladu that building rights for multiple dwellings on one piece of property should be clarified.

TENTATIVE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

1. BASKETBALL - Mike Manning, Instructor  
July 9 - Aug. 15, Tues. & Thurs., 5:30-7PM  
5 yrs - 15 yrs Basketball court at Community Ctr
- MARTIAL ARTS - Larry Reid, Instructor  
July 8 - Aug. 14, Mon. & Wed., 6:30 - 8PM  
6 years and up - Hague Community Center
3. SWIMMING - Silver Bay Association Staff  
July 8 - Aug. 16, Mon. thru Fri., 1:30-2PM  
5 years and up - Silver Bay Association

Registration is required in order to determine if enrollment warrants offering each of the above components. A simple phone call would do. To register your child, please call the Hague Community Ctr. 543-6161.

RUAH BED & BREAKFAST HONORED

Ruah Bed & Breakfast was recently named one of America's top undiscovered inns by renowned bed and breakfast guidebook editor, Sandy Soule. The local establishment was among a dozen "best kept secrets" revealed to inngoes and the media in the June/July BedandBreakfast.com Report. (<http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/report/june-july-02/index.htm>).

According to Ruah innkeepers, Judith & Peter Foster, "We are honored to receive the distinction of being one of BedandBreakfast.com's recently revealed Best Undiscovered Inns in America. With this distinction, Ruah Bed and Breakfast will not remain undiscovered for long."

For more information on Ruah Bed and Breakfast, call (800) 224-7549 or visit [www.ruahbb.com](http://www.ruahbb.com) on the Internet. Ruah is a gracious old mansion on the northern end of Lake George. It offers spectacular views of Lake George and the mountains beyond, enhanced by gracious hospitality, beautiful gardens and the handsome architecture of this century old mansion.

NATURE NEWS  
by Laura Meade

While the roar and rumble of motorcycles and sewer project machinery was heard in the hamlet of Hague, something remarkable and silent took place in the heavenly hills of Hague. It was the blooming of late spring and early summer wild flowers! Most residents have little idea of the beauty of such a miracle! They also don't realize which ones are protected by a New York State law (because they are so rare), or which ones have poisonous berries or leaves or which ones have beneficial health effects.

Almost everyone recognizes the three-leaved poison ivy, but few know that often near that ivy is the helpful spotted-touch-me-not (or jewelweed) with orange blooms and juicy stems that reduce the poison ivy itch when rubbed on affected skin areas. Two woodland plants with poison berries are white baneberry (also known as doll's eyes) and red baneberry, which has clusters of red berries on thin stalks. All of these are common in Adirondack woodlands. In fact, a few years ago, during a fourth of July rainstorm, I removed a large garbage bag of red baneberries from Rogers Rock Campgrounds. Nearby campers were puzzled, but pleased when they heard of the poisonous possibilities. Also, little known, but very poisonous, are the red berries of the Deadly Nightshade, which has red fruit in drooping clusters on a weak vinelike plant.

## SOUNDINGS

**BORN:** A girl, Harper Virginia Cartwright, to Kelli and Patrick Cartwright, Castleton, NY on May 2, 2002. Grandparents are Adelaide and Alton Cartwright, Friends Point.

**BORN:** A girl, Grace Patricia, to Kathleen & Jens Mangels, Westchester, NY on May 31, 2002. She joins two sisters Kaitlin and Ashley. Proud grandparents are Mary Lou and Tom Curry, Sabbath Day Point.

**MARRIED:** Craig Garrison, son of George and Ronnie Garrison, Overbrook Rd., Hague, to Leslie Reed, Troy, AL, on May 31 in Denver, CO.

**MARRIED:** Richard Ross Cameron, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cameron, Palm Coast, FL and Hague, NY to Christiana Totman Beckwith, daughter of George Beckwith, Phoenix, AZ. The wedding took place at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC on June 8, 2002. They are residing in Washington.

**DIED:** Bernard C. Smith, 79, Summit Drive, Hague, on May 17, 2002 at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ella, five sons, Bernard J., Donald R., Paul H., all of Hague, and Charles P., Chestertown and Billy J., North Carolina; two daughters, Susan Mattison and Kathy Girard, both of Hague, three brothers, two sisters, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**DIED:** Ida Moore, 89, a long time resident of Hague, at Heritage Commons (Nursing Home), Ticonderoga, where she had resided for the past number of years. She leaves no survivors.

**DIED:** Elizabeth Hume, long time summer resident of Silver Bay and more recently of Tucson, AZ, on June 9, 2002 in Tucson. She was the widow of Dr. Robert Hume and is survived by one son, Robert, Great Falls, VA, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. William W. Hibberd, Forest Bay, will be held at the Valley View Chapel at 12 Noon on Saturday, July 6, 2002.

Lauren Mack, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Mack, Lakeshore Drive, Hague, has graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT., with a degree in English. Lauren plans to attend Albany Law School.

David Fitzgerald, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fitzgerald, Overbrook Rd., Hague, was listed on the

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Dean's List at Adirondack Community College for the spring 2002 semester. To qualify, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.20 or higher for six or more credits in the full semester.

## TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students attending Ti High School are on the Honor Roll for the 5th marking period.  
Grade 12: First Honors - Nicole Belden, Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Angela Mascarelli, Becky Ryder  
Second Honors - Peter Mack, Joee Plass, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello, Tyler Wells.  
Grade 11 First Honors - Jennifer Clark  
Second Honors - Katie Belden, Kelly Frasier, Andrew Patchett.  
Grade 10 First Honors - Thomas Haskell, Monica Sitts  
Second Honors - Michael Michela  
Grade 9 First Honors - Joshua Frasier  
Second Honors - Lindsay Mascarelli, Joshua Patchett

## TI MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students attending Ti Middle School have been named to the honor roll for the third marking period:

Achievement Roll:

Grade 8 - Sarah Bissell

Grade 7 - Janine Best, John Breitenbach, Brittney Haran, Kelly McCoy, Kacheena Trudeau

Grade 6 - Shawn Brunet, Benajah Denno, Henry Girard, Ryan Ryder

Merit Roll:

Grade 8 - Katherine Clark, Michelle Coffin, Jason Frasier, Jacob Lawrence,

Grade 7 - Jamie Frasier, James Galusha, Stephanie Nast.

Grade 6 - Hunter Denno, Samantha Fish, Justin Frasier, Eric Robinson, Daniel Steitz

## TWO HAGUE STUDENTS IN TOP TEN

High School Principal Edward Tatko has announced this year's valedictorian to be Darrin Pelerin and salutatorians are Adrienne Charboneau and Hugh Mackey, all of Ticonderoga.

Heather Hassett, daughter of Bruce and Sarah Tamlyn, Silver Bay and Alison Rutkowski, daughter of Mark and Gail Rutkowski, also of Silver Bay have been listed in the top 10 of the 2002 graduating class. Congratulations!

• Karen Laundree (Phi Theta Kappa Member), Hague graduated from North Country Community College on May 18 at Saranac Lake campus with an associate degree in Business Administration. Karen is owner of Graphite Mt. Stoneworks in Graphite.

• Douglas Zeyak II, son of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Zeyak, Hague, received a B.A. degree in economics from Hamilton College.

• Lindsay Frasier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Frasier, Hague graduated cum laude from Siena College, Albany with a B.A. degree in Marketing Management.

• Patrick Via, son of Thomas and Paula Via and grandson of Betty Van Sleet, Hague, graduated summa cum laude with academic honors from Clarkson Univ. this spring. (Nice going Pat, from your proud grandma)

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Brandon Trudeau, son of Joey and Donna Trudeau, New Hague Rd., Hague, has been recognized for his achievement as a National Leadership and Service Award winner. His name will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement", said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Leadership and Service Awards provide students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

• John Galucci - AWS has announced a new web site for his art work. [www.johngallucciaws.com](http://www.johngallucciaws.com), or you may call him at 1-800-793-1301. 48 prints are available.

#### 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 Saturday, July 20, 2002 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.

#### LARAC PRESENTS EXHIBITION

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council will present *Blue by You* - an eight week regional juried exhibition - in its gallery on City Park, downtown Glens Falls from July 12 - September 7, 2002.

*Blue by You* presents two dimensional work in all media that integrates a blue component, be it paint, glaze, fabric, etc., or incorporates "blue" or "blues" as part of a theme. Artists must reside within 50 miles of the Hudson River.

*Blue by You* is part of an area-wide arts and cultural tourism initiative slated for summer 2002. Approximately ten lower Adirondack area arts organizations will join together to present *Summertime Blues in Glens Falls*.

Nearly fifty events - including the annual Glens Falls Blues Festival, a presentation of a national exhibition entitled *Envisioning the Blues, Images from the American South* at the Hyde Collection Art Museum, Tues. evening, and Wed. noon musical performances in City Park, children's workshops and activities, musical performances by the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra and an international children's art exhibition - all with a "blues theme" - will be featured. *Blue by You* is LARAC's contribution to the series.

LARAC received funding for this program from the Cultural Tourism Initiative, a project of the Arts and Business Council Inc. and the New York State Council on the Arts.

#### MUSIC IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

All concerts will be held in the Hague Town Park at 7:30PM. The following artists are scheduled to perform:

July 10 - LaPointe Brothers

July 17 - Upstate New Yorker's Garry Finney & Tom Venne - Traditional country music and comedy

July 24 - Silver Bay Quartet

July 31 - Tuba Quartet - John Topper, old fashioned outdoors music

Aug. 8 - Stan Burdick live music - square dancing

Aug 14 - Too Human - Ellen Schwartz, Roger Bruno  
Well crafted songs - delivery out of the ordinary

#### TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The summer season of the Ti Festival Guild has been scheduled and performers have been contracted.

The traditional Opening Night Celebration with buffet to follow will be held on July 2, with the Skip Parsons Jazz Band on stage. All performances are under the Festival Guild Tent and evening performances begin at 8PM.

On July 9, John Rossbach and 14-year-old violinist Andrew Van Norstrand will present a program of folk, country and bluegrass music. Kim and Reggis Harris, a dynamic song-writing and singing duo, will follow them on July 16 and A touch of Brass will be heard on July 23 when Prometheus Brass takes the stage to send the sound soaring into the tent top.

The Arts Trek programs get under way on July 3 under the tent with *Pulling Strings* by the Poppy Town Puppets. On July 10th, 17th and 24th the performers from Tuesday night will return for presentations geared for children. All Wednesday concerts are scheduled for 10:30AM.



## FORT TICONDEROGA ACTIVITIES

Fort Ticonderoga is now open daily through Oct. 20, 2002 from 9AM to 5PM. Two reenactments will be presented as part of the 225th anniversary celebration. On July 5 the Fort hosts "The Evacuation of Fort Ticonderoga." On September 7-8 Fort Ticonderoga will host its annual Revolutionary War Encampment that focuses on Col. John Brown's Raid to recapture Fort Ticonderoga from the British in 1777.

The King's Garden opened on June 15 and will be open through Sept. 15. New this year, the admission to the garden is included with regular Fort Ticonderoga admission. The garden is open 10AM-4PM daily.

Other highlights include the June 29-30 Grand Encampment of the French and Indian War. Beginning July 11 and continuing each Thursday through Aug. 22 will be the Family Exploration Series. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are encouraged to bring children to the Fort for special hands-on programs at 10AM geared for children under 12 and included in the Fort admission. Admission is free for residents of the area. Visit the website at [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org)

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The final winners of the 20/20 Club are as follows: Victoria Belden, \$100.00; Mary Jo Keeler, \$75.00 and Keith Barber, \$50.00.

An interesting array of programs has been lined up for July. On July 2, a guest vocalist will sing and lead us in a patriotic song fest. July 9, Joe Kaye, a famous creative photographer will talk about and show slides of Lake George. July 16, Ike Woger will present a program on canoes and kayaks and July 23 Denise Huestis will present a talk on the history of Ticonderoga from the Revolution to 1800, with wonderful replicas of buildings of the period which she has crafted.

The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday morning at Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay Association at 7:30AM for breakfast and program. Visiting Rotarians and guests are always welcome.

# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

## CAPE COD MYSTERY

Cape Cod Village Club would like to thank the mystery boater who recovered our missing dock sign. The sign was blown into the lake during the May 3 windstorm. 26 days later we discovered it lying on the end of our dock where it had evidently been placed by the unknown person or persons who rescued it. We are anxious to know who you are and how it was found. Please contact George Stanford at 543-6822

## Hague Citizens to Honor Dottie Henry

In August, Hague Chronicle Publisher/Editor Dottie Henry will be honored by the Hague Community for her life-long service to the town of Hague and surrounding area. A local committee, headed by Rudy Meola, has finalized plans to pay tribute to Dottie for her many accomplishments. This honor is the second this year for Dottie. She received a Women of Distinction award from the Adirondack Council of the Girl Scouts in April. Dottie has been previously honored by the New York State Legislature in 1991 with the Achievement Award for Warren County and was named the first Hague Senior Citizen of the Year in 1982.

The dinner and reception will be held at the Hague Firehouse on Thursday, August 22. The menu will include appetizers, BBQ chicken, baked potato, pasta salad, corn-on-the-cob, drinks, strawberry shortcake and complimentary wine. Dinner reservations are \$15.

Tickets are available at the Hague Community Center. Seating is limited and no tickets will be sold after August 1st. . . js

## WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

Cool, damp and wet are appropriate words to describe this June's weather. It's almost as if we had been cheated out of spring this year. It is surprising because previously we had an extended dry spell, so much so that the words potential drought were on people's minds. Currently we are back to normal and beyond in average rainfall. We are now 3.71 above normal. Temperatures are running about 10 degrees cooler than average.

We are rapidly approaching the summer solstice on June 21 at which time the days will unbelievably begin to get shorter. On Father's Day we had rumbles of thunder and rain but were spared the severe hail and storms and power outages that occurred south of us.



## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU to all the wonderful neighbors and friends that have been so kind to me during my recent "down time". All the good works, phone calls, prayers and visits helped me get better fast. HAGUE IS FULL OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE. . Betty Van Sleet

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY 2002

## June

- 21 First Day of Summer
- 25 Hague Senior Citizens Club, 12 Noon (p2)
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 30 Kiwanis sponsored circus (p6)

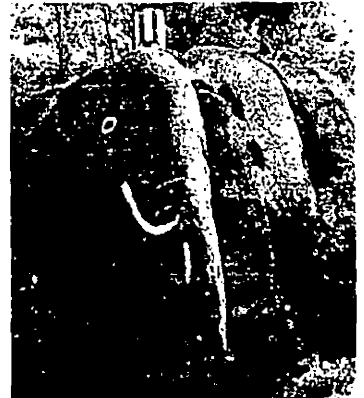
- 5 Fireworks in the park - 9PM (p1)
- 8 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 9 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 11 Planning Board - 7PM
- 18 Carillon Garden Club meeting - 11AM
- 20 Silver Bay String Quartet (p8)
- 20-21 Antique Show, Community Ctr. (p2)

## Jul

- 2, 3, 4 - Best Fourth in the North - p1
- 4 Independence Day Parade in Ti (p1)

### ONE OF THE MANY WONDERS OF HAGUE

Last month we told you about our elephant on Route 8 Graphite. He appeared at Christmas time with a Santa hat and now you can see in the picture he is wearing an Uncle Sam hat. However, we are very sad to report that we just received a call from one of his neighbors that the hat has disappeared. We are saddened by this thievery and hope that somehow our friend will get his hat back soon.



### NATURE NEWS (Cont. from page 6)

These grow in moist thickets. A cottage at Sabbath Day Point had a lovely flower garden, mostly filled with night shades. Fortunately, the owners were warned and obligingly removed the hazard. I was surprised to see quite a few nightshades along rock walls at Silver Bay Association, near Watson and Morse Hall. At first the ground keepers did not heed my concern, but after years of persistent warnings, I noticed the nightshade plants (berries and all) were removed. In contrast, delicious edible wild red raspberries are copious in a dry shrubby thicket in a highland above Trout House Village. One can easily get lost while picking and eating them.

At the Ti Elementary School, Miss Marylou Doulin, an art teacher and weather reporter for *The Hague Chronicle*, has done a remarkable job of encouraging 5th graders to create wild flower art work. Recently there was a display of these wildflowers., along with poems written by the children.

One of these poems was "The Deptford Pink", written by Hague's Molly Ginn, as a tribute to the English wildflowers which were brought to the Town outside of Essex by colonists who settled near Lake Champlain and planted these wildflowers outside their historic octagon schoolhouse.

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