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BOAT RENTAL BUSINESS BURNS

A suspicious fire destroyed the storage barn of Werner Marine on February 21. Approximately 80 or more rental boats were destroyed in the fast moving fire which started about 11:30 PM. Fire fighters from Hague, Horicon, Bolton Landing and Ticonderoga battled the fire in subzero weather for approximately three hours. The fire was fed by gasoline in the boat fuel tanks and by the flammable Fiberglass of the boat hulls.

Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland spent Thursday poring over the remains. Cleveland said he could find no reason for the fire since there was no electricity to the building. The storage barn was located on the west side of Route 9N across from Werner's Marina.

Warren County Fire Coordinator Marvin Lemery said they were called into the investigation because of the massive loss of property. Werner Stallman, owner of the property said from his home in Florida that the loss would be in the neighborhood of a million dollars.

This fire was the third major fire in Hague since August 1999. A seasonal home on Streeter Hill was destroyed, followed by a major fire at The Dockside Landing Restaurant on Labor Day 1999. The cause of these fires has still not been solved, although Lemery said there didn't appear to be any link among them.

In addition to the 80 rental boats owned by Werner, there, the fire damaged or destroyed another 20 or more which were stored there.

Thanks to the quick response of the fire department, none of the seasonal homes located near the barn was damaged.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DIDN'T ASK ABOUT RECYCLING IN HAGUE

There is always some confusion about what we recycle and what needs to go in the trash. You can save yourself and the town money by recycling properly. The following is a list of recyclables as of March 2001. Clip and save.

• **PLASTICS:** CLEAN plastic bottles only. No food containers, bowls, etc. no oil, anti-freeze, gas containers, etc., no buckets, plastic bags, plastic molding, etc.

• **STEEL CANS:** vegetable, soup, etc. No aluminum cans, soda, beer, foil etc., no pots, pans, lids, trash cans, metal strapping, barrels, etc. Labels must be removed.

• **GLASS:** Clean clear glass and green glass jars only. No brown glass, no windows, drinking glasses, dishes, etc. Clear glass must be separated from green glass since they go in separate containers.

• **MAGAZINES:** magazines only; NO brochures, catalogs, telephone books, flyers, sales ads, plastic bags, paper bags, boxes, string, etc.

• **NEWSPAPERS:** Newspapers only. Separate the shiny colored inserts and put in trash.

• **CARDBOARD:** Corrugated cardboard only. No pizza boxes, soda, beer boxes, waxy cardboard, shoe boxes. Cardboard must be clean, dry and flattened and stacked neatly in container.

• **ALUMINUM:** aluminum cans, foil, aluminum roasting pans only! DO NOT MIX STEEL CANS WITH ALUMINUM CANS. Labels must be removed.

• There is a charge for non-processing, C&D (construction and debris), metal and yard waste. Must see attendant before depositing.

• All recyclables must be clean; otherwise they are trash.

• If you aren't sure where something goes, ask attendant. The attendants are very helpful.

It is up to all of us to follow these guidelines. When loads are mixed, the town must pay big bucks. On the other hand if loads are pure (separated as they should be) the town is reimbursed. So, be a good citizen. **RECYCLE PROPERLY.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Hague Enhancement Committee is overjoyed with the response we have had from so many generous contributors to our "Adopt-a-Basket" program. We have had enough donors to fill the baskets that we already have and the flower boxes on the bridge. Since the baskets have all been adopted, any monies that might be donated in the future will be used to buy more flower baskets or held over until next year. We would like to acknowledge the following people who have

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M. J. Keeler, for Joan Lusk; R. Viscardi, for Irene Coveney; B. J. Hobbs, for Joan Belden, Ursula Montbriand, Helen Cole and Maureen Garrison; R. Geer for Steve Davis; E. Decker, for Deek and Roy; H. Ticknor for Marie Babs Ticknor; B. Mizer for Edna & Joseph Malloy; J. Bamback for "Sunny Jack"; D. Hitchcock for John Muehleisen; G. Fisher for Chuck Jessup; E. Crabbs for Bertha Crabbs; J. A. Gattie for Ann Denkie Ward; F. Klingler for Ed and Rae Hens; C. Zamrok for Erlo Schoder; C. Warren ---, P. & J. Foster for William D. Foster and Joseph A. DeFelice; B. Rypkema for Judith Hoffay and Robert Rypkema; D. Henry for Jack Henry; R. Engler for Howard and Dorothy Engler, J. Brown ---, Dan Belden ---, Diane Farinick ---, Joan Belden for Esther & Jim Belden; K. Laundree ---, K. Barton for Charles R. Barton, Jr.; J. Nutt, Green Acres Campsite, B. Van Sleet for Al Van Sleet; B. Jorgenson ---, C. Villanova for Harold Brown, D. J. McGowen for Dan Belden; H. E. Geils ---, Marianna Klein for Arthur & Virginia Klein; R. Bolton for The Bolton family; M. Soliday for George Boyd; R. Hofstader for The Hofstader family; J. & V. Geils for Alda H. Geils; Silver Bay Guideboat & Canoe Co.---, K. Wilhelm for Howard and Dorothy Foote.

Note: If any of the above appear to be incorrect, please notify Rudy Meola, c/o Hague Community Ctr., Hague, NY 12836 immediately. Also some of you have not designated a name. We need to know what to put on the small plaques - like right away! Thanks. You can e-mail Dottie Henry - hchague@capital.net . . . djh

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our Winter Weekend breakfasts were most successful - we thank everyone who attended and enjoyed the food and friendship.

Our fire trucks answered five calls in February. 141 man hours were expended. There were two work details requiring 27 1/2 hours.

The ambulance was also called out for five trips, which totalled 174 miles and expended 39 hours of our wonderful EMT's time.

Safety tip: once again we urge you to be wary of the ice on the lake; the lake (at this writing) is still not completely frozen. Much shoving of waterfront has taken place (take a look at the beach properties at Sabbath Day Point. Dock bubblers weaken the ice in many spots. Use all possible caution when treading this treacherous monster. . . .ewa

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will meet on Monday, April 16. Jane Crammond is working on the program for that night. Come at 7:30PM for refreshment and social period. Meeting starts at 8PM.

Even though it seems unthinkable at this moment, we will soon be at work again in the Hague Heritage Cemetery (on Pine Orchard Road), so save a little spring energy and be prepared to lend a hand at raking, brush cutting and fence repair . . . and possibly the building of a more foot-friendly access to the area. . . . ewa

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will meet at the Hague Community Center on Tuesday, March 27 at 1:30PM. We hope to have someone who will discuss Senior transportation for our town. We are still looking for ideas for programs and trips. Any and all ideas are welcome. . . . ewa

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL LUNCHEON

The Warren County Council luncheon, at which this year's Senior honorees will be recognized, will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the Ramada Inn in Lake George. The luncheon offerings will be sliced beef, chicken supreme and broiled fish. There is also a vegetarian entree. Each entree costs \$12.00. The time is 12 Noon. Please register for this by calling 543-6161.

We urge ALL our seniors to attend. This year's honorees are Eleanor Jenks of Chestertown who has been selected to be the Senior of the Year, and Lois Trumble of Warrensburg, who is the Contributing Senior. Hague has been very fortunate in having four honorees chosen in the past 12 years. There always exists the possibility that we might again have one chosen. We would be happy if other clubs attended the luncheon in our senior's honor. We should all make plans to show our respect for the honoring of seniors outside our town! (End of sermon!) . . . ewa

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER SCHEDULED

Just a reminder that the Middle School Music Department is planning a chicken and biscuit dinner in the Ti Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, March 23 from 5:30 - 7:30PM. Musical entertainment will be provided by students from the Middle School.

Tickets are now on sale for \$10, which also includes dessert and beverage. You may purchase your tickets in advance by contacting the Middle School Office or from a Middle School music student.

This dinner is a fund raiser to help send the band and the show choir to Lincoln Center in New York City. This group performed at Lincoln Center last year by invitation and were so well received that they were invited back.

Come, enjoy a delicious dinner, entertainment and the satisfaction of having supported this worthwhile project. (Ed. I happen to be a strong supporter of music and arts in the schools and would urge anyone who would like to support the venture to send a contribution to the Music Dept. of the Middle School, c/o of either Val Dixon or Pat Cornell. They are doing a great job with our kids!)

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 3/13/01

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

1. Tom James, representing the Hague Historical Society, The Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club, spoke about the exciting plans under way to welcome the Lake George Monster back to Hague for the summer. (Keep tuned)
2. Chris Ianson commended Bill Bothe and the whole Highway Dept. crew for being on the job day and night, clearing, salting and sanding snow and ice off our roads during this winter and especially during the week of March 5th, when the blizzard or as the weathermen reported - the non-blizzard, hit Hague instead of the Big Apple.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Assessor & Justice: Steitz. A Video presentation of the GIS (Geographic Information System), was given by four consultants from Real Property Assessment. New maps for Warren County were created to come into compliance with a State mandated coordinate system. It took 11 years to complete using aerial flights to do the surveys. The new maps are consistent in scale. Each map quadrant can be lined up with adjoining quadrants. In the process, all of Hague's real property lots have been renumbered. Property owners are encouraged to locate their lots and check for accuracy or provide missing information and can contact David Martucci, Assessor, to see the new Assessment Maps.
2. Buildings and grounds/Community Center: Megow. Repairs have been made to the new heating system with a central valve creating better circulation and ventilation.
3. Finance: Megow. The Annual report has been completed. The town is "in good shape."
4. Fire Dept. none
5. Highway: Fitzgerald. Blackie Fitzgerald recommended rewarding the Highway Dept. Crew with an extra day off for their hard work and excellent job during the blizzard. Supervisor Belden and Board agreed. Art Steitz commented that over 40 residents were "peeved" about blocked driveways but explained that The Highway Department can't plow driveways except in the event of an emergency, in which case the response to plow out would be immediate. (See related article)
6. Insurance: Hourigan. A State program entitled "Healthy NY" for small business and local officials may offer group health insurance with better rates and greater liability coverage. Literature is being made available.
7. Personnel: Hourigan. The transfer station CDL operator has resigned. No decision has been made for replacement.
8. Planning, Zoning, and Stormwater Management: Belden. The Town of Hague tested Dan King's property and found it not deep enough as a site for the sedimentation to be removed from Hague Brook. Applications to the DEC for permits are still pending.

9. Recreation/Promotion: Steitz/Hourigan. none. Tom James stated The Chamber of Commerce website has been redesigned and is up and running. It lists Hague transfer hours and other pertinent information and has had 8000 page-views since Dec. 14, 2000. Dottie Henry and Dan Belden commended Tom's work on the website. Log on to

10. Sewer District # 1 Belden. The paperwork for the proposed main pump station at the corner of Dodd Hill Road and 9N, is being prepared for APA and DEC approval. When the plans have been approved, a public meeting will be scheduled.

11. Town Park and Beautification: Fitzgerald. . On April 16th, tile will be installed in the restrooms at the Visitor Center. Flowers have been ordered, letters have been sent to lifeguards and boat launch booth attendants. Councilman Hourigan will write a job description for manning the Public Information Center. An individual is needed to work 6 days for 5- to 6 hours a day to aid tourists and visitors. (See related article) Blackie Fitzgerald remarked that the board would need to meet in order to change the parking ordinance. (At present, parking at the Town Beach is for permit holders only.) Skip Hourigan said a public meeting is needed to change an ordinance.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station: Megow. Income for Feb. 2001 was \$1,129.75. Mike Coffin asked what the cost is to run the transfer station. George Ianson commented that the cost of operating the landfill is partly subsidized by taxes. Discussion followed about the sources of income from recyclables. The greatest source of income comes from C&D tonnage. (Construction and Debris). Supervisor Belden clarified that we get credit for recyclables hauled to Vermont where they are held until sold. The Town gets paid only after these recyclables are actually sold. We are not paid for them at all, if for instance, a load of cans is contaminated with even a few unclean cans or with labels still on. Lu Megow urged everyone to clean and sort different types of recyclables into separate plastic bags. (See how to prepare recyclables, p. 1)

13. Youth/Hourigan.. Art Steitz said that although ski trips sponsored by the Ti Youth Commission are for the older children, children in the lower grades can go for the same fee of \$10.00 if parents are willing to drive them to the resort. A listing of school district activities for the youth is available at the Hague Market.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Junk Car Report: Rudy Meola/Skip Hourigan. A preliminary visual inspection "drive-by" was made to identify potential junk yard and junk car sites. The next step is to talk to people to discuss the removal of cars. A comment from a resident was made that there are organizations willing to remove cars and can be used as a tax writeoff. George Ianson raised the issue that before junk vehicles on private property can be
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removed, a title should be obtained. Supervisor Belden said that before action is taken, we will "have to go and see how it works."

2. The Board approved a request from the Fire Department to change the current payment schedule to four times a year—March, June, September, and December.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A letter from Rogers Rangers asking for Hague's support for their endurance race on June 23 from Bolton Memorial Park to Roger's Rock Campsite.

2. Letter from John Breitenbach, re Bensco property on Decker Hill Rd. DEC recommends that the Town acquire it as part of the sewer project. A resolution was passed allowing the Supervisor to engage Warren County in the appraisal of the Bensco property.

3. Myers Engineering -Application to DEC for a permit to work on Hague Brook to be signed.

4. Letters from Mastens and Feibusch urging the Town to ban outdoor bars in Hague. The Board discussed the pros and cons. No action tabled.

5. Ron Graser was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a seven-year term.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 53—2001 designating the Community Center as Polling Place.

2. The Board approved unanimously the bid from Williams Electric of \$5,749.00 for a new generator at the Highway Garage.

3. The Board voted unanimously, Resolution 54-2001 to transfer \$6,577.98 from General Funds for water damage from ice-breakup not recovered by insurance last year.

4. Resolution to 55-2001 passed increasing appropriation from the grant for the Bat Museum.

5. Resolution 56-2001 regarding the study to establish a water district, was amended and approved 3-2. It allows the Supervisor to negotiate with an engineering firm to do a feasibility study to obtain basic information required for permit application. This resolution was amended by Skip Hourigan to limit expenditures to no more than \$8,000.

6. Resolution 57-2001 was approved, also regarding the establishment of a study for the water district. This resolution allows the Supervisor to gather information for the submission of grants regarding Small Cities. Some of the required information will come from the engineering feasibility study. The deadline for submission for consideration for grant money is early April. Neither resolution commits the town of Hague to any financial obligation other than a feasibility study (see 5 above.) Should a water district eventually be established, grant money can be returned to the General Fund to offset the expense of the feasibility study. (see 5 above).

7. Resolution 58-2001 which was approved, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for using the Warren County fuel management system. (Gasboy)... ci

PLANNING BOARD - 3/15/01

Lee Frasier appeared before the board for his mother Geraldine. Mrs. Frasier would like to reduce the acreage of 41-1-2.1 & 41-1-3.1 to 17.92 ac. respectively to increase 41-1-3.2 to 48.41ac and create 41-1-3.5 as a 1.1 acre easement accessed lot for the purpose of providing deeded water from the spring on this lot to the lots of this subdivision. Site review to be held on March 17.

Nelson Waters addressed the board. He would like to subdivide a 3.25 acre parcel off his 64+ acre parcel. Site review scheduled for March 17.

Brad Whisher, owner of Indian Kettles has withdrawn his application to subdivide the property.

A letter has been received from John Macionis., writing in behalf of a number of Indian Kettles neighbors. It was suggested to him by Zoning Adm. Paul Barone that he contact the Alcoholic Beverage Control in regard to the proposed outdoor bar at Indian Kettles. He was informed by a license examiner (Mr. Feeley) as follows:

1. The Kettles is allowed only one operational "bar. Any outdoor "bar" can operate *only* as a serving station. Customers cannot sit, stand, or congregate at an outdoor serving station; no customers can pick up drinks at such a station.

2. All customers must enter through the front door on 9N.

3. ABC provides a permit contingent on the establishment meeting codes and conditions set by local planning and zoning bodies.

Mr. Macionis wonders why the applicant is asking for an outdoor bar at all, given these conditions and constraints. He is requesting the Planning Board to take every measure to ensure that this proposed business plan violates no law and causes no disruption or danger to our community.

Mrs. Diane Farinick, owner of the Post Office property would like to change the use of the former residence to an office space. djh

THE CASE AGAINST THE JET SKIS

The Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks has researched and discovered the following facts about jet skis.

*1. They have negative impact on the community or rivers. Clean and quiet waters protect the local economy, quality of life for residents and the Adirondack experience for visitors. Jet skis have a negative impact on these issues.

*2. The accident rate is much higher for jet skis and even though they make up 10% of the total recreation vehicles, they are involved in 30% of all accidents.

*3. Kind of engine The 2-stroke marine engine that the jet ski has, burns fuel inefficiently, with 25% to 30% of the fuel expelled unburned into the air and water. Most 1999 model jet skis use 14 gallons of mix an hour of which 3.5 gallons are dumped into the lake directly per machine.

*4. The noise is worse than most motor boats. Research has calculated that there is a great loss of enjoyment and annoyance caused by jet ski operations. They alienate people from beaches, specific vacation areas and public sites.

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NATURE NEWS

by Laura Meade

Did you ever wonder when and how the many species of plants, fish, animals and insects appeared in our part of the world? Some preceded mankind, some have been hitchhikers to this area via early settlers (or recent arrivals), some flew, swam or walked here by themselves, and others, in the case of seeds of plants and trees, came by "blowin" in the wind. Research would be impossible to document the arrival of each specimen, but naturalists are now warning us to be aware of the possible invasion of a devastating new threat to maple species, horse chestnut, black locust, elm, birch, willow, poplar and green ash trees. That threat is the Asian longhorned beetle.

According to a recent article in the NYS "Conservationist", in 1990 a Brooklyn resident noticed that trees in his neighborhood were being adversely affected and they were riddled with holes. After much observation, he saw a large black and white beetle crawl out of one of the holes. He wondered, "Was that beetle the culprit?"

A New York City forester responded to the man's inquiry but could not identify the creature so it was sent to Cornell Univ. where it was positively identified as an Asian longhorned beetle, a recent immigrant from China, with white bands on antennae that are twice as long as its body. Adult Asian longhorned beetles are 3/4" to 1 1/4" long with black feet and a whitish-blue upper surface.

The insect's life cycle begins when a female beetle chews a small depression in the smooth bark of the host tree. At that nook in the bark she deposits a fertilized egg. Each female may lay as many as 25 to 30 of these eggs, each in its own site. In two weeks these eggs hatch into larvae which bore into the tree's heartwood, making tunnels which disrupt water and nutrient flow. Eventually the tree dies. Using that nutrition, the beetles emerge through exit holes 3/8" or larger, which can be found on the trunk or large branches.

It is suspected that these beetles stowed away in untreated wood shipping materials from China which arrived in the Port of New York in the early 1990's. Now federal inspectors examine in coming shipments of wood crates, pallets and shipping materials from China as they enforce new regulations.

This pest could easily affect trees in every forested region in the US. Although quarantines have been established in certain areas, the best effective deterrent is awareness by citizens who will speak up if they notice that trees are dying without apparent cause. One should report such decimation to a DEC forester or the NYSDEC office at Ray Brook, NY.

An Asian longhorned beetle invasion could be worse than the gypsy moth defoliation of the 1930's and, since this beetle has no known predators and appears to be pesticide resistant, the problem must be approached quickly and in ways that are cleverly devised.

WEATHER NOTES

By Mary Lou Doulin

Ralph Waldo Emerson had great respect for the year round beauty of nature. Fortunately for us living by Lake George enables us to see first hand the beauty of all the seasons. Here's an Emerson quote, "I please myself with the graces of the winter scenery and believe we are as touched by it as by the genial influences of

summer."

The scenery has indeed been lovely but getting about in the midst of this beauty has been difficult. The milder than usual temperatures have produced icy conditions beginning back on Jan. 30 and continuing throughout Feb. and the first half of March. During this time span, walking anyplace has been hazardous, as ice has covered driveways and sidewalks. Add to this a lot of blustery northwest winds, sleet and freezing rain and 25" of new snow from one storm alone and mix in a few days of brilliant sunshine and you will have a kaleidoscopic image of winter 2001.

The weather almanac states that this March has been the snowiest in the last 110 years. Riding the frost heavens is reminiscent of a carnival ride.

The lake never totally froze this winter. Throughout there has been an open hole in the center, due to warm winds and temperatures. Though limited to 50 perch a day, the ice fishermen caught delicious perch from Lake George. If you looked to the skies in Jan. through March, Venus showed brighter than it has for years. On Feb. 21 Venus was at its closest point to the sun, and therefore was at its brightest.

There are very subtle signs of spring. The birds are just now beginning to return in flight numbers. and The Wind Chill Factory on the Hague Road in Ti has opened for the season! It is still cold but the bite is not so severe and the days are beginning to lengthen.

UPDATE ON HAGUE WATERWORKS

The Hague Homeowners Assoc. has decided that its water system needs to be made into a public system by creating a public water district. The process would occur in two phases. The first would address the needs of the current users, the second would enlarge it to include sections north and south of Rts. 8 and 9N.

The Hague Homeowners Assoc. has asked the town board to pay for an engineering feasibility study estimated to cost up to \$8,000. By a vote of 4-1 the town board authorized this expenditure.

New York State allows for the formation of a water district under Article 12 and Article 12A of the Town Law. Under Article 12 the property owners of the area in the proposed district must petition the town board specifying certain conditions required by law. Under Article 12A no petition is needed to form a water district. The Town Board can pass a resolution establishing the water district. However, this method is subject to a referendum.

The Town Board has not been served with a petition requesting the creation of a water district, nor has it passed a resolution establishing a water district as of March 13. Since up to \$8,000 of public money will be spent, there should be a widely advertised informational meeting to explain the issue.

As far as the proposed phase two, no needs assessment has been done. How do we know what is needed?

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BEGINNING APRIL 1 TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN TUES, THURS, FRI, SAT.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

March is Membership Month for the Ti Festival Guild, Inc. A mailing containing the 2001 summer program has been sent throughout the area and efforts will be made throughout March to enroll new members in the organization.

The presentation of summer concerts by the Guild is supported by grants, business contributions, and individual memberships. An especially important use for membership donations is to offset the costs of the children's Arts Treks which are presented on six summer Wednesday mornings. These programs are free to children and their families. A membership in the Guild is a way to join in bringing these programs to the community.

The 2001 programs for children will include "Beat the Brass" by Solid Brass Lite; "Echoes of Earth and Sky", a program of Native American songs, stories and dances; an Irish Minstrel; the Poppy Doodle Puppets; the Mask Man, and the dramatization of *Ali Baba*.

Evening concerts include Solid Brass Lite, Echoes of Earth and Sky, High Road, La Chic 'n Bones, Susan Hamlin and Neil Anderson, and Stephen Gratto presenting an 18th century view of the Champlain Valley with drama and juggling.

Further information on membership may be obtained by calling the office of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild at 518-585-6716. Requests for the mailing materials may be made to tfguild@capital.net.

SILVER BAY ASSOC. TO PRESENT WORKSHOP

The Writer's Voice of the Silver Bay Association is presenting two workshops.

Getting Published: presenting your story will be held on Sat., March 31, 2001 in Morse Hall on the Silver Bay Campus from 10AM - 4PM. The workshop topics will be *How to be a detective and find success in publishing* with poets & writers, Amy Holman, *Performing Fiction and Poetry* with writer and performer Roger Bonair-Agard, and *Pitching your novel or memoir*; Literary Agent, Jay Mandel. Also author William Patrick will read from his poetry and non-fiction. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00 which includes lunch.

A grant writing workshop will also be held on Wed., April 25, 2001 at the Sprawl Pavilion on the campus. Presenters are Tony Proscio and Anne Mackinnon, author and editor of *In Other Words: A Plea for Plain Speaking in Foundations*. The cost of this workshop is \$15.

For more info. call 518-543-8833, ext. 208 or inquire at sbaprogram@aol.com.

THE KING'S GARDEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Ft. Ticonderoga's Friends Program Series continues on Wed. April 4, 2001 at 7PM with a lecture by Eilyn Mary Farrar titled "The King's Garden in the 21st Century." The talk will be held at Ft. Ticonderoga's Thompson-Pell Research Center, located on N.Y. Rt. 74 just east of the Village of Ticonderoga. The program is free and open to the public. For more info. call 585-2821.

THANK YOU TO BESTE DONORS

The following is a list of those who made donations to the Beste Fund in memory of Donald ("Trav") Jordon. Thank you all for being so generous.

Dan Belden, Bertha Dunsmore, Linda Fish, Dottie Henry,

Vincent & Miña Jones, Calvin Jordon, Ernest Jordon, Jeffrey & Ida Jordon, Charles & Mabel Jordon, Merlin, Arthur & Bruce Jordon, Michael and Bethany McCarville, Larry & Emilie (Middleton) Lushia, Julia Middleton, Jabe Jordon Rockwell, Kia Kimberly Rockwell, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, George Traver, Diane Trudeau.

The following is a list of those who made donations toward our recent fund raising efforts through the Hague Chronicle. This year we had seven students who received awards:; Tavish Costello, (attending SUNY Plattsburgh, majoring in art) Brandy-Lynn Frasier, (NCCC. education/art), Peter Hutchinson, (Houghton College - liberal arts/communications), Kathryn Rutkowski, (St. Michael's College - elementary education), Eve Trombley, (Univ. of VT - music), Wyatt Wells, (Norwich Univ. - biomedical technology), and Brad Zeyak, (U. of Mass. - engineering). Kathryn Rutkowski received this year's Beste Outstanding Student award. What a great group of students! We wish them all well in their present and future endeavors. Many thanks for your continued support of these students and those to come!

Ethel Andrus, The Barry Family, Michael & Maureen Cherubini, Ed & Mary Crabbs, Tony & Emma DeFranco, Leigh Fisher, Tim & Michelle Gautreau, Rod and Nema Geer, Henry & Ann Geils, John & Virginia Geils, Dottie Henry, Tom James, Ralph & Julia Ketcham, Mary Laundree (in memory of Ray), Dan and Nancee McGowen, Lu & Norma Megow, John & Mean Miller, The Munson Group, Inc., Mae Pagan, Charles & Angie Parlin, Charles Parlin, Jr., Mrs. R. Parmley, Bob & Lynn Patchett, Bruce and Sandra Rust, Sal & Kathy Santaniello, Lynn and Pat Stote, Betty Van Sleet, Dominick J. Viscardi, Clifton & Marguerite West.

It's not too late to give! Please send your donations to: The Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 121836.

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•5. Jet skis are a big threat to wildlife. This is connected to the petro chemicals that are released into the water which disturbs the wildlife. Jet skis are currently the greatest threat to the American population of loons and have negative effects on nesting waterfowl.

•6. The Adirondack tourist economy depends upon marketing attributes of peaceful, quiet, rural communities, natural beauty and tranquility. Jet skis destroy these qualities for the majority of residents and visitors.

•7. Jet skis spread Eurasian milfoil.

•8. Jet skis are advertised as thrill craft and generally we see one person having fun and dozens of others being annoyed and endangered.

Those are the general negative features of jet skis, and perhaps we should consider banning them.

These above facts have been researched and documented by the RCPA... mld

HELP WANTED!

The town will be hiring a person to work at the Information Booth during the summer season. Anyone interested should pick up a job application and job description from the town office.

Also - job applications are available for life guards and park attendants. See Bertha at Town Hall. 3/01

SOUNDINGS

Calculus, US History and English.

• Sixth grade annual Science Fair will be held in the Ti Middle School cafetorium on April 4, 2001 from 7-8:30PM. 40 projects will be featured. Open to the public.

• Dr. Michael Ricci, Vascular Surgeon, has joined the medical staff at Moses-Ludington Hospital as a clinical consultant. Dr. Ricci is Roger H. Allbee Professor of Surgery at Fletcher Allen Health Care and the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Dr. Ricci has been instrumental in the implementation of the Telemedicine Program that has twice been named one of the Top Ten in the nation while maintaining a full time practice in clinical vascular surgery.

Dr. Ricci will be holding a monthly clinic at Moses-Ludington Hospital. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Ricci, call 518-585-2831 Ext. 13

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 2/26/01

Chazen Co. representatives Stuart Messinger and Jane Marshall talked about the Lake George/Lake Champlain interpretative facilities plan. There is grant money available and Hague has the opportunity to develop an interpretative facilities plan that would focus on a few things. One idea is to establish an informational kiosk at the Town Park to help interpret some of the features we have in town such as Natural History or Geological Formations Graphite Mine History, Bats, etc., one of the legends associated with the rock formations in the area, useful info. like the Cartoon Museum and Clifton West Historical Museum.

The rest of the meeting was a continuation of the goals and objectives.

A. Historic and Cultural Resources

Goals: Promote the historic and cultural resources in the Town of Hague and surrounding region.

Objectives: •Continue to develop festivals, fairs and other event-based attractions. • Ensure that there are policies and procedures in place to manage the Town's historical records. •Better advertise and expand hours of operation of the two museums. • Continue summer concerts in park. •Continue to build partnership between the town and Silver Bay Assoc.

B. Community Facilities

Goals: Protect & improve Town's community facilities

Objectives: • Increase the volunteer membership in the HVFD. • Develop a walking trail along Rt. 9N • Expand snowmobile trails in the town to link to regional network. • Explore more uses for town dock.

C. Infrastructure

Goal: Coordinate the growth of town with proposed sewer system.

Objectives: •Expand the area of moderate intensity development within sewer service area.

D. Community Appearance

Goal: Improve appearance and functionality of primary hamlet and the general appearance of town.

Objectives: •Provide financial support for structural and facade improvements. • Prepare and implement streetscape guidelines on Rt. 8 in primary hamlet. • Support efforts of Hague Enhancement Committee to beautify the town. •Hold annual clean-up day free of charge to residents. •Improve appearance of sand pit at Sabbath Day Pt.

Next meeting scheduled for April 9 at 7PM.

BORN: Kevin & Jane (Raymond) Gailey, Charlotte, NC announce the adoption of a son, Samuel Richard Gailey, born March 8, 2001. Proud grandparents are Dick & Barbara Raymond, summer residents of Silver Bay. Kevin & Jane are former Emps of the SBA.

BORN: A son, Levi Grey, to S.J. and Georgie-Anna Santaniello on March 9, 2001 in Wilmington, NC. Proud grandparents are Carl & Virginia-Lee Wolfe, Lake Royale, NC, Nancy Edgecomb, Pittsfield, MA and Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Silver Bay.

FYI

The following Hague students attending Ti Hi School were listed on the honor roll for scholar/athletes for the winter of 2001: 1st Honors - Dawn McCoy, Luke Frasier, Ted Santaniello. Second Honors - Bill Bothe, Jason Mott, Josh Ross, Tom Haskell. Congratulations!

•Jessica Frasier, daughter of Edna and Dick Frasier has been named to the dean's list at Clarkson University. She is in her senior year at the university.

• The Highway Department cannot be responsible for plowing private driveways except in specific emergencies. Supervisor Belden stated that because of insurance liabilities, this cannot be done. Please do not call to be plowed out unless it is an emergency!

• It has come to our attention that a series of burglaries has taken place in Hague in recent weeks. Supervisor Belden warns residents to keep their houses and cars locked and do not hire anyone to do any work for you unless you know who they are. Request references!

• Barbara Snow, Decker Hill Road, reported that she spotted two mallard ducks lying in the middle of the road in front of her house following a snowstorm. This was an unusual sight, since they have not been seen around that area for many years.

•Ticonderoga Advanced Placement English students recently spent the day at Middlebury College Library learning to use the college library, computer resources, and the Library of Congress system as part of their English studies. In addition, students had the opportunity to research their Senior Projects at Middlebury's Starr Library, Music Library and newly opened Science Library.

AP courses are opportunities for high school students to earn college credits while still in high school. AP course registration is on the rise in NYS and in the USA and many selective colleges and universities look for them on a student's transcript. At Ti High School courses are offered in

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2001

MARCH

- 20 First day of spring (we hope)
- 21 Blood pressure clinic - 1-2PM - Community Ctr.
- 21 Board of Education meeting - 7:30PM
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM
- 23 Chicken & Biscuit dinner - Middle School 5:30-7:30 (p2)
- 27 Senior Citizens Club meeting - 1:30PM

APRIL

- 4 6th grade science fair - see page 10
- 4 "The King's Garden in the 21st Century" - lecture and slides at Thompson-Pell Ctr. 7PM Free See p. 6

- 5 Planning Board meeting - 7PM
- 8 Palm Sunday
- 8 Passover
- 9-11 No School - Spring break
- 9 Comprehensive Plan Comm. - 7PM
- 10 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 13 Good Friday
- 19 Carillon Garden Club meeting 11AM Com. Ctr
- 15 EASTER
- 16 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM

I BELIEVE

- that we don't have to change friends, if we understand that friends change.
- that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.
- that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.
- that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.
- that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.
- that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
- that you can keep going long after you can't.
- that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
- that either you control your attitude or it controls you.
- that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.
- that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
- that money is a lousy way of keeping score
- that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.
- that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up
- that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
- that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.
- that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

(To be continued in a future issue.)

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