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## RUMORS, RUMORS!

I find it interesting that people are basing their opinions of the future of Hague's first sewer district on rumor rather than facts. Our Supervisor and the Sewer Committee are working with Clough, Harbour & Associates to give us the most accurate cost estimates possible, give them a chance to tell us what the facts are. Also, take a look at what our alternatives will be if the sewer is not built.

A good decision must be based upon fact and on what the alternatives are. When the public meetings are held to explain the sewer project attend them and ask questions. Go with an open mind and listen to all sides of the issue before you make up your mind.

A lot of people have worked very hard to give you these choices.

Thank you, /s/ Skip Hourigan

## STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Just a quick up date to let everyone know the status of our progress.

Stormwater Management Plan Grant from the LGPC: We have received proposals from three engineering firms. We will be conducting interviews with them at our Feb 13th meeting. At the Feb 14th Town Board meeting we will make our recommendations to the Board as to which firm we feel would best serve our community in developing the town's plan.

The Helen V. Froelich Grant from the LGA: We have prioritized the areas of the Hague Brook within the scope of the grant. The next step is to work up cost estimates based on the most cost effective means to reduce erosion and sedimentation for these areas. The LGPC and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District have donated expert technical assistance for this task.

I'd like to thank everyone involved with these projects because it's the perfect illustration of what can be done when everyone works as a team towards a common goal.

/s/ Skip Hourigan, Stormwater Committee Chrm.

## DEC APPLIES FOR PERMIT FOR PERMANENT MOORINGS AT ROGERS ROCK CAMPSITE

On Jan. 10 Gary West, Div. of Regulatory Affairs, DEC, applied to DEC for a special anchorage area permit. This permit will include 52 permanent mooring buoys for use of the Rogers Rock campers. In his application he states "In order to establish better control over the use of

motor boat mooring by Rogers Rock campers we request permission to install mooring buoys. This will allow Rogers Rock campers to utilize a specific mooring buoy which they can attach their boat to for the duration of their camping permit. This will allow a safer method for campers to insure the safety of their boat and at the same time help protect the lake shore environment from potential damage."

Since this has just come to our attention, we have no comment to make. However, it appears that this might be of immediate urgency. The neighbors of Rogers Rock and others might like to be able to share their opinions on this new project that DEC is thrusting upon us. For more information, or to pass on your comments, call your supervisor, Dan Belden at 543-6161, who is also Chairman of Warren County Lake Affairs Committee. You might also want to contact Assemblyman James King, 21 Bay St., Glens Falls, NY or Senator Ron Stafford, PO Box 243, Lake George, NY 12845.

Just a couple years ago the state built a huge boat ramp at the campsite. Working against their own rules, the ramp was done rapidly before anyone realized what was happening. We hope this will not happen again!

## OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The open meetings law requires that all meetings of public officers at which public business is discussed must be open to the public. "Executive Sessions", "Workshops" may be held ONLY after an open meeting is convened and a motion is made and adopted by majority vote in the open meeting. The topic of the executive session must be identified. In other words if a majority of board members gather together to discuss town business as board members, then that meeting constitutes a "meeting" and is subject to the Open Meetings Law.

The Open Meetings Law also applies to committees and subcommittees consisting of two or more persons.

**WANTED:** part time Sanitary Landfill Attendant. Make application to the Town of Hague until March 3, 1995. Pay rate is \$5.50 per hour. No benefits. Must be a resident of the Town of Hague. For further information call the Town of Hague Community Center at 543-6161.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** will take place on Feb. 28 from 3-4PM (note time change). Also, on Mar 7 and 21 and Apr 11 and 26, all from 1-2PM.

**BLOOD PRESSURE Clinic** is on March 15 at the Community Center from 1-2PM. All ages welcome.

### FESTIVAL GUILD ACTIVITIES

On March 10 the Ti Festival Guild will continue its series of Coffeehouse concerts by presenting Hague's own RICK BOLTON and Sue Hamlin in "sassy blues, singing swing, or flipped-out folk." The Ticonderoga Community Building auditorium is the place and 7:30 PM is the time. If you haven't heard this duo, don't miss this great opportunity. Admission is \$3.00 and a great evening is in store.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater - will be co-sponsored by BPW and the Festival Guild on March 11 from 6:30PM - 10:00PM.

The plot will unfold over a sit-down, four-course dinner served at the Elks Club. After dessert and coffee, prizes will be awarded to the sleuths who correctly guess the identity of the bold but cunning malefactor. The plot centers around Wall St. greed and a mysterious murder, with clues revealed by a cast of scurrilous characters who will leave diners laughing at their antics while wondering, "Who Dun It?"

Seats will be limited, so don't wait too long to make your reservations! Tickets will be on sale starting Feb. 24 at a cost of \$15 each in advance, \$18 at the door and are available through Festival Guild and BPW members. For more information contact Penny Carr at 597-3664 or Jennifer Harmon at 597-3830. In Hague you may contact Gale Halm, 543-6826.

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Mr. John Quirk, a retired Queensbury High School English teacher and a published poet, will speak on "Survivorship" at our next meeting, Monday, March 13 at 7:00PM at the Hague Community Center. Suffering a life threatening illness in 1983, Mr. Quirk beat the odds by searching, reading and studying alternative roads to wellness. His doctors claimed him to be a walking miracle.

This program is geared for women of all ages. All our programs are free, and we look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam and Crown Point as well as Bolton Landing and Glens Falls.

Women Helping Women is a group of women who meet the second Monday of each month with guest speakers covering topics concerned with women's well being - physical, emotional, social and intellectual.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The spring meeting of Church Women United will be held on Friday, March 3 at the Episcopal Church of the Cross, Champlain Ave., Ticonderoga. Coffee hour is at 10:30AM.

The theme for the World Day of Prayer is "The Earth is a Home for All People", prepared by the women of Ghana.

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District will hold a budget workshop in the Hague Community Center on March 22 at 7:30PM. This is in

keeping with its policy to hold occasional meetings in Hague for the convenience of the Hague citizens.

### THE HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After a two-month "vacation" following our very successful Show and Tell Christmas meeting, at which many interesting 50+ year-old items were shown (including a display of silverware, a handmade wedding dress and other fascinating items), the Hague Historical Society resumes its monthly meetings on Thursday, March 23 at the Community Center. Refreshments will be offered at 7:30PM and the meeting, featuring Dr. Robert Cole and his program on the Great Camps of the Adirondacks will commence at 8PM. Future programs will be suggested and discussed. Looking ahead: the April meeting will be our joint meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society at the Hancock House, with guest speaker Mrs. Greenough of the Skenesboro Historical Society. . . ewa

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

REMINDER: The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept will be holding fund raising breakfasts on Feb 18 and 19 (Sat and Sun), from 7AM to 11AM both days. Five breakfast specials will be offered, ranging in price from \$1 to \$5. Support your fire company and enjoy warm food and good company before heading off to supervise or compete in the Winter Weekend activities. . . ewa

Report for January: one fire call (a brush fire) involving 6.75 manhours. Training for the month: 106 hours.

Report for 1994: 30 calls, with 861 1/2 hours.

The department is developing Ice Rescue and Cold Water Rescue training.

Appointments: Safety Officers: Gerry Boyd & John Breitenbach, Jr.

Hazard Material Officer: Martin Fitzgerald, Jr.

Training Officers: Mark Rutkowski, Capt. & John Breitenbach Jr.

Medical Officer: Lu Megow

Fire Police: Reg Rand

Patty Gibbs is now a Level 2 EMT.

Ambulance Report: Jan, 1995: 6 runs, with ambulance #740 racking up 106 miles, and ambulance 741 doing 87 miles. A total of 35 1/2 manhours were involved.

For the year 1994: 123 runs; ambulance #740 had 4462 miles and 741 did 2401 miles and 987 manhours were used.

Words of Wisdom from Chief Dave Hoffay: Please take time to dress in warm clothing before venturing out in cold weather. Be prepared for emergencies when travelling.

Do check your smoke detectors and make sure they function.

And congratulations to the community!! Our responses to structure and chimney fires is down from previous years. Please keep up the good work. . . ewa

PLANNING BOARD

It was a short meeting of the Planning Board on Feb 2. Steurer/Dix (41-1-31) a 2-lot minor sub-division was approved after the survey information requested was presented by Gil Barker. Neighbors will be informed and a public hearing has been set for the Mar 2 Planning Board meeting.

A public hearing is possible for Priore (21-1-13) Class B regional sub-division at the Mar 2 meeting if APA information arrives in the required time.

Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator spoke of the possibility of an informational seminar (for members of the two boards) to be held in the near future. . . gl

ZONING BOARD

There was no new business at the ZBA meeting on Jan. 26. Maiaro (20-1-35) boat storage and Lazarus (66-1-13) area variance for a deck are still on hold. Toner (23-1-14) front line variance to construct a garage had a public hearing scheduled for Feb 23. At the moment they are waiting for a plot plan and comments from APA.

Richard "Skip" Hourigan's letter of resignation was read and will take effect when a replacement is found for him. He has transferred to the Planning Board.

The Board went into Executive session to interview Robert Goetsch for a seat on the ZBA.

A suggestion was made by David Martucci to consider revising the zoning regulations. It has been about 5 years since this was last done and new problems have arisen..gl

NOTE: There are still vacancies on this board. Do you have a few hours a month to contribute?

TOWN BOARD - 2/14/95

1. Bruce Caza, assessor, spent time explaining the law recently passed concerning the veterans' exemption which is based on a change of level program. If you are interested in the effect this law might have on your taxes you may discuss it with Mr. Caza. This exemption is not based on income.

2. "Skip" Hourigan gave a comprehensive report on the progress made by the stormwater committee. (See p 1) The board moved to authorize Supv. Belden to sign a contract with C.T. Male Assoc. to implement their finished plan.

3. Helen Barton announced a Hague Community Day organizational meeting on Mar 1 at 6:30PM at Silver Bay. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. The date of the event is April 1, 1995 at the Silver Bay Assoc. Campus.

At the regular meeting the Jack Carney sandpit again came up for review. The board voted to pay Mr. Carney the agreed sum of \$50,000.

A public hearing will be held on March 14 at 6PM (Reg. meeting at 6:30) for the new Town Park and Town Center regulations.

John Silvestri, atty. has been notified that any further town business must go through the town board. Individuals who call him will be liable for their own expenses.

Five letters from John McDonald, town atty. were read, all pertaining to the Carney property.

Councilman Meola wondered why he and Councilwoman Coffin had not been notified of several meetings that took place with the rest of the board attending. He was assured they would hear about any planned meetings from now on and the "open meeting" law (p1) would be adhered to.

In other business:

Letters from CVI Cable has agreed to merge with Time-Werner. A workshop on the renewal agreement for CVI Cable franchise will be set for the near future.

Skip Hourigan's letter of resignation from ZBA was read.

Robert Goetsch was proposed to fill Hourigan's seat on the ZBA. The board approved his selection unanimously. (Skip was appointed last month to the Planning Board, pending a replacement on ZBA).

Supv. Connery, Ticonderoga, would like Hague's support for their plan to add 40 beds to the Moses-Ludington Nursing Home and to start an Adult Day Care Center. As long as their request is only for support, not money, the board was glad to comply.

The board approved the hiring of an additional part time worker at the transfer station. It's a 25 hour a week job at \$5.50 per hour with no benefits.

It was decided that the assessor would be in Hague by appointment only. You can contact him through 543-6161.

Sewer contracts have been signed. Supv. Belden has been authorized to draw from interest free loans (EFC)

With the possibility of 52 buoys at the Rogers Rock Campsite, a planned public hearing will be arranged. Supv. Belden strongly feels DEC should follow the same procedures in obtaining permits that any property owner does.

Councilman Fitzgerald & Councilwoman Coffin have been assigned to a committee to upgrade the zoning regulations. There will also be 2 members each from Planning and ZBA.

The big debate of the evening was about the next step to take on working out the problem involving the "Hearth", now known as Ody's Inn, or if the town wanted to take a step at all. It was decided to go ahead and apply for a 90 day extension which would allow the restaurant to stay open until June. If this is not granted the 30-day extension now in place runs out on March 25. There were three yes votes and 2 nays.

In new business:

On the school board agenda is Hague's request for 3 pieces of property owned by the school (including the bridge into the center) to become the property of Hague.

Lj Megow and Rudy Meola were asked to head a committee to investigate possible uses for the old town hall. Suggestions are welcome.

The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Upon returning from the executive session, it was moved, seconded and approved to give the town clerk some help for ten days so that she can get caught up on the tax bills. . . gl

1995 4-H WILDERNESS EXPLORATION PROGRAM

9-11 year olds - June 23, 24 & 25  
Thirteenth Lake  
North Creek  
Required deposit: \$12.00

12-13 year olds - July 11, 12 & 13  
on Long Lake  
Required deposit: \$17.00

14-18 year olds - July 18, 19, 20 & 21  
to canoe and camp on Long Lake  
Required deposit: \$22.00

To register: Send the required deposit (make checks payable to "Warren County Cooperative Extension") to Cornell Cooperative Extension in Warren County, HCR02 Box 238, Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Will we ever hear the howl of the wolf in the Adirondacks? Maybe. And maybe not.

The ambitious wolf restoration project in Yellowstone National Park, approved to be carried out this year, has begun with the trapping of three small wolf packs from Canada and placing each pack in a one-acre pen. This gives them the chance to be sufficiently disoriented from their original territories so they will not migrate back but instead will establish new pack areas in the Park.

A fascination with this Yellowstone wolf project has prompted some to initiate a similar plan for the Adirondacks. If this is to become a reality there is much to be considered: 1) the impact of wolf predation; 2) social acceptance in the Adirondack Park; 3) biological feasibility of maintaining a wolf population; 4) cost of the project; and 5) management responsibility. Scott Thiele, an advocate of such a reintroduction, can be reached at: Adirondack Wolf Project, P. Box 1300, Lake Placid, NY 12946, or by telephone @ 1-800-310-9453. It is interesting to note that his residence is not in the Adirondacks and funding for disseminating information comes from private contributions and not public funds. His presentations have had mixed reviews- some favor wolf reintroduction and others are adamantly opposed.

About 12 years ago Dr. L. David Mech, a wildlife research biologist with the National Biological Service based at the University of Minnesota at St. Paul, spoke at a high-level environmental conference in the Adirondacks. It was then that I first became aware of wolf pack size and habits, as well as their predation characteristics. Dr. Mech did not take a pro or con stand at that time regarding wolves in the Adirondacks. He has since served as an advisor for the Yellowstone wolf reintroduction. In 1993 Walter Medwid, Executive Director of the Adirondack Mt. Club resigned his position to become associated with Mech and Minnesota wolf packs.

Alan Hicks of the New York State Endangered Species Unit says, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion regarding Adirondack wolf reintroduction and wildlife experts must take into consideration all the aspects of such a project."

Avid wolf fans have contributed for many years to the Defenders of Wildlife @ 1244 19th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036. They are major backers of the Yellowstone Wolf Project.

Personally, I believe Little Red Riding Hood does not have to be too concerned about the wolf at Grandma's house in the immediate future. There seems to be little similarity between factors of Yellowstone National Park and the Adirondack Park.

More information pertaining to wolves and their reintroduction to Yellowstone may be obtained from a copy of the Jan 31, 1995 issue of the NY Times "Science Times", available at the Hague Town Hall.

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Our second annual Pinewood Derby will be held during Hague Winter Weekend Sat. Feb 18 at 2PM at the Fish & Game Club. The cars will be rolling down the track. Come on out and watch the fun!

Our friendly EMT, Pastor Mike Bailey (the new dad) and helpers Chris and John, rolled out the ambulance and their expertise in first aid to get the Den #4 Webelos, John, Luke and Pete ready to be "Readyman". They learned some very important skills in rescue, the ABC's of first aid. These Scouts have also earned their athlete pins by keeping physically fit and learning lifelong habits that will keep them that way. Luke Frasier has acquired his Handyman pin, because he's so handy around the garage and house. Make good use of him while he's around, Mom and Dad!

Dens 1 and 2 are active and diligently working towards Wolf rank. (I think they're having fun, too.)

Keep those bottles and cans coming please - and thanks! (Scout families - remember to collect and redeem!) ... ks

DEER RESCUED FROM ICE

On Sat, Feb 4 during a blinding snowstorm, Cliff Kolakowski, Sabbath Day Pt., spotted a deer struggling to get to his feet on the ice, where he had gone through about 100 feet from shore. He called Jim and James Young Jr for help. They contacted David Hoffay, fire chief, who got a small outboard at Morgan's and cut a channel through the ice and water until he reached a dock where he picked the men up and they went out to the rescue. Young grabbed the deer by the head and they towed it to shore. He collapsed on the shore for a while, but then was able to get up and wend his way back into the woods. Congratulations to our rescuers!

**MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL AND THE TOWN OF SCHROON LIONS CLUB will be holding a FREE Diabetes screening clinic at the hospital, Mon. Feb. 27 from 8-10AM. This is open to all area residents. You are reminded to fast, with nothing to eat or drink after midnight.**

RESULTS FROM THE HAGUE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Helen Barton

Our community deserves a very special congratulations! We had 100% participation in this survey that targeted families with children new born to five years of age. Our team of surveyors and consultants: Karen Laundree, Mary Johnson, Georgina Lindquist, Joanne Brown, Jane Crammond, Nancy Trombley - worked very hard on this project that has generated such a successful return rate! A very special thank you to all on the Hague Town Board, Town Supervisor Dan Belden, Hague families and the survey team for all their work and support.

Please note two things as you read these results: 1) This was a select pool of participants due to the fact that we targeted families with children only in the age category of new born to five years old. It is not a full representation of all Hague families. 2) Most of the information was given by one parent.

Part I:

• 37 families participated in this survey. • 25 are married/10 single. • 28 of the 74 children are females. • 47 of the 74 children are males, and one to be born.

• Who do you use for care of children?

54% family, of which 27% mothers, 11% grandparent; 30% baby-sitters; 11% daycare; 3% friends

• 43% pay for that child care service. • The going rate cannot be calculated due to the variety of units. • 3.8 days is the average number of days per week Hague families would want day care.

• 62% of the parents who filled out the survey are employed and 89% of them said affordable & convenient day care would make a difference for them and their family.

• 27% of the parents who filled out the survey are not employed and 90% of these parents would be lead to seek employment if affordable day care was provided.

• 62% of the families wanted full day service, 16% half day service. 16% hourly service. 5% were flexible.

• Types of program they would want their child(ren) involved in were: 100% nature, 100% arts & crafts, 100% swimming, 97% music, 89% sports and same for fishing, 81% fitness and same for cooking, 68% dancing, 54% nutrition, Other: karate, reading, educational, playtime, ice skating.

• When the gym opens to the public what kinds of programs would you be interested in: 81% family days, 65% aerobics, 62% basketball, 59% weight training, 57% volleyball, 43% teen programs, 35% dancing, 30% seniors programs. Other: self-defense, kids/parents gymnastics, stair climbing, line dancing

• 27% families have participated in the Silver Bay summer or beach swim lessons program

• 59% families have not participated in the Silver Bay summer or beach swim lessons program.. Note that 16% mentioned that transportation was an issue of participation.

Part II:

• Income Levels: Levels were determined by number of people in a household and a calculated dollar figure transformed into an A B C D rating. The rating is A at lowest in-

come level and D was above all the rest of the levels - The actual chart will be posted at the community center. These dollar figures were given to us by a federally funded child care program who used a sliding pay rate for their participants. For example, a family of 4 at A would have an income less than \$14,400, in B less than \$20,200, in C less than \$23,100 and in D above all.

30% of the families were at A level, 19% at B level, 3% at C level, 6% between C/D level, 41% were at D level.

Part III

Families on Assistance:

4 receive Social Security, 2 receive public assistance, 4 receive Medicare, 5 receive Medicaid, 5 receive food stamps, 6 receive HEAP, 7 receive WIC, 14 have received unemployment in the past 2 years, 1 receives SSI, 3 receive SSD, 1 receives ADC. No recipients in the following: retirement, military/veterans pension, aged exception, weatherization, or HUD. Other: child support.

The next step is to connect these results with possible programs, grants, and foundations which can assist our community in enhancing our futures and our families. As developments arise announcements to the public will be made. Please call if you have any questions or comments Helen Barton - 543-8833.

WEATHER NOTES

MaryLou Doulin

People have been asking, "Where's winter?" Until Sat. Feb 4 we had very little. Jan. was warmer than normal. Our Jan. thaw occurred in the middle of the month, at which time temperatures soared to 60° on the 15th and 16th. The night of Jan. 15 broke an all time heat record when the 60 degree daytime temperature remained constant throughout the night. Jan. brought little snowfall - only some sleet and fog, but mostly we enjoyed days of extremely bright sunshine.

The day after the groundhog predicted an early spring, winter made a grand entrance with a vengeance. Hague and most of New England was hit with a true Nor'easter that began 9:30 Sat. morning and never let up until 26 hours later, at which time we experienced 40 mph winds. After the 13 inches of snow that we were treated to, an arctic blast sent the nighttime temperatures to -20 for a week. Sunday Feb . 5 the thermometer never rose above 10° all day and Feb 6 the windchill was - 45 degrees.

One advantage of the bitter cold has been the crystal clear air and the beautiful viewing of night skies. The best views of the star packed skies all year occurred during these winter nights. Mars is the brightest planet right now.

To date (Feb 12) Hague Bay has not frozen yet. Most of the lake has 3-4 inches of ice now but it has been too windy for the big freeze to occur here. Mr. West was kind enough to send me lake freezing records that went back to 1889. There have only been five other times when the lake froze later than Feb. 12 .

*Our apologies to the Waters family for having omitted the name of Nelson F. Waters from the Memory Tree List in January.*

## HAGUE TOWN OFFICIALS

At the town organizational meeting on Jan. 5 the following appointees and decisions were made:

Mileage Rte 24¢ per mi.  
 Highway pay rates Temp. laborer, \$5.50/hr; Temp. op. \$7/hr; Reg. op \$10.27/hr; F.T. laborer \$7.57/hr.  
 Election Inspect. (4) \$90 ea./day; Election custodian (2) \$80.00/day; Assess. Bd. of Rev. (5) \$80. ea/day  
 Dog Control Officer - Lonnie Swinton  
 Animal Control Officer - Lonnie Swinton  
 Registrar Vital Stat. - Valerie Lawrence  
 Budget Officer - Daniel Belden  
 Historian - Clifton West  
 Attorney - John McDonald  
 Health Officer - Town Bd. as Bd. of Health  
 Town Naturalist - Laura Meade  
 Comm. Ctr. Coordinator - Bertha Dunsmore  
 Comm. Ctr. Custodian - Mike Manning  
 Deputy Supervisor - Martin Fitzgerald  
 Deputy Supt. of Highways - Donald Smith  
Committee Assignments - Regular  
 Assessor & Justice - Meola/Coffin  
 Buildings/Grounds - Megow/Fitzgerald  
 (Com. Ctr., Park, Hall)  
 Finance - Coffin/Meola  
 Fire Dept - Fitzgerald/Meola  
 Personnel - Megow/Meola  
 Plan/Zoning - Stormwater - Meola/Coffin  
 Rec. & Promotion - Coffin /Meola  
 (Inc. Sr. Cit/Xcountry/Snowmobile)  
 Town Park & Beautification - Fitzgerald/Megow  
 Transfer Station - Megow/Fitzgerald  
 Youth - Meola/Coffin

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Hospital - Megow/Coffin  
 Sch. Tax Investigating - Belden/Fitzgerald  
 Sewer - Fitzgerald/Megow/Henry

### APPOINTMENTS

Tw. Park Comm - Joan Belden, Steve Priore, D. Henry  
 Planning Bd - Chm. Dave Swanson, Henry Karmazin, Chuck Fillare, John Brown, Richard Hourigan, Bob Patchett, Ralph Denno  
 Zoning Bd. of Appeals - Chairman, Chris Ginn, David Martucci, MaryLou Doulin, Bruce Clark  
 Zoning Administrator - William Bothe  
 Recycling Co-ordinator - David DeLam  
 Bd. of Assessment Review - Barbara Belden, Ron Graser, Georgina Lindquist, Bob Patchett, Edith Smith  
 Sole Assessor - Bruce Caza - term to expire 9/30/95  
 Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members' terms are 7 years. Town Park Commission terms are 3 years. The above three boards are all volunteer. Zoning Administrator term is 1 year. Board of Assessment Review terms are 5 years. Sole Assessor term is 6 years.

*man does what he must - in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality. . . JFK - "Profiles in Courage," 1956*

## TREE AND SHRUB SALE

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering tree transplants and tree seedlings for sale. Tree transplants include balsam fir, blue spruce, Canadian hemlock, Fraser fir. Seedlings include black locust, blue spruce, Chinese chestnut, Norway spruce, Scotch pine, white pine, white spruce. Shrubs include autumn olive, silky dogwood, Tatarian honeysuckle. Crownvetch sprigs are also available. Prices range from \$10 for 25 crown vetch up to \$8.50 for 10 balsam fir.

How-to-plant information will be provided to each customer. The SWCD can also provide information regarding species selection, site preparation, spacing, and maintenance requirements. Warren County landowners are eligible to receive an "on-site" evaluation by the Sr. District Technician. Please contact the SWCD office **early (during Feb. & March)** if you need this technical assistance

To place orders or to get more information please contact The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District at 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885; Phone (518) 623-3119.

Control Insects the Natural Way by putting up nest boxes for bluebirds or by attracting bats to bat boxes placed away from the attic so the bats are not a nuisance. Bats are usually looked upon by humans as a nuisance. However, when you consider that a bat can eat the equivalent of its own body weight in insects in one night, one starts to look at them as something helpful. Contact the WC SWCD at the above address if you would like to purchase nest boxes or bat boxes.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Hague Senior Citizens are gathering at the Community Center on February 28 at noon for a covered dish luncheon and fun. Reservations may be made by Feb. 23 by calling the Town Center, 543-6161. Please state how many you expect to bring and what kind of a dish to share, if you know by then. In Hague we consider anyone 50 or over is eligible to be a senior citizen! All are welcome.

## HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Cody Frasier was the winner in the Jan. 50/50 drawing. Next meeting will take place on Feb. 21 at 7:30 at the clubhouse.

## SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH

The Senior Lunch Bunch (no officers, no dues!) will meet the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 12:30PM at Ody's Inn in Silver Bay. Any senior wishing to join us for any of those Wednesdays should call Marion at 543-6141 or Ethel at 543-6098 before noon on the preceding Tuesday so the Ody family can be advised of the approximate number of customers to expect on Wed. . . ewa

SOUNDINGS

**BORN** - A boy, David John Gall on August 16, 1994 to Amy Hoffay and Eric Gall of Crown Pt. Proud grandparents are Debbie (Denno) Reid and David Hoffay, Hague. Great grandparents are Anna and Bernard Denno and Janet Hoffay of Hague and Harold Hoffay of Warrensburg.

**BORN** - A boy, Jayvon O'Cray Gonyea on Oct. 22, 1994 to Jessica Gonyea of Bradenton Beach, FL. Grandparents are Marie (Denno) Van Fleet and Verne Gonyea, both of Florida. Great grandparents are Anna and Bernard Denno of Hague.

**BORN:** A girl, Mallika Anne to Kathy and Sami Mitra, Bloomington, IN. on Dec. 16, 1994. Grandparents are Anne and Don Sanborn of Silver Bay & Summit, NJ.

**BORN** - A boy, Karney Michael, to Mike and Debbie (Fitzgerald) Manning, Hague at the Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga on February 2. Happy grandparents are Martha and Martin Fitzgerald, Sabbath Day Pt.

**BORN** - A girl, Sarah Elizabeth, to Rev. and Mrs. Michael Bailey, Hague at The Snuggery at the Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls.

**ENGAGED:** Kathleen Curry, daughter of Mary Lou and Tom Curry, Sabbath Day Pt. and Great Neck, to Jens Mangels of Bronxville. Sept. 23, 1995 is the date of their wedding.

**MARRIED:** Kim Olcott, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Jeffrey Jordan, Hague and Mr. Raymond Olcott, Ticonderoga, to Volker Bayer on Feb 4 at the Hague Baptist Church.

**DIED:** Harvey Edward Yaw, 91, Hague at the Moses Ludington Nursing Home. Mr. Yaw served as Justice of the Peace for Hague for 12 years. Survivors include two sons and six daughters, 41 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

**DIED:** Eleanor Aschenfelder, 85, formerly of NY City, in Mary McLellan Hospital on Feb. 13. She had resided in Hague since 1968. Her only surviving relative is a sister, Leila (Mrs. Clarence) Holman, now at Moses Ludington Nursing Home.

THIRD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

First Honors: PATRICIA CORLISS, JESSICA FRASIER, LINDSAY FRASIER, ALLISON JOHNSON, MONICA JOHNSON, LAUREN MACK, JESSICA MARS, BRITTA-NY STULL

Second Honors: JENNIFER BELDEN, MELISSA BRUNET, SHERRI SMITH

ELIZABETH DEFRANCO, daughter of Mr & Mrs David DeFranco has been inducted in Keramos, a National Ceramic Engineering Honors Fraternity. She is a sophomore at

Alfred Univ. majoring in Ceramic Engineering.

TONY DEFRANCO, son of Mr & Mrs David DeFranco has been inducted into the Honor fraternity for Civil Engineers at Clarkson Univ. He is a junior majoring in Civil Engineering.

NATASHA DENNO, Petersburg, NY, daughter of Pamela Denno and Alfred Warzala and granddaughter of Anna and Bernard Denno, Hague, once again placed second and received a silver medal in the Beta Class (8 yr. olds) of the Ice Skating Institute of America, National TGeam Competition, which was held in Lake Placid, NY. Natasha's group competed Jan. 20, 1995. She attends Randalls Ice Skating School in Troy, NY.

RUTH (STREETER) ROBBINS has been honored by the Board of Education for 50 years of service to the Hague and Ticonderoga Central School Districts.

Ticonderoga Middle School was well represented at Governor Pataki's Inaugural Reception earlier in Jan. at the "Egg" in Albany. Seventeen pieces of their artwork graced the big event; Among those selected were GREG FITZGERALD and THOR GAUTREAU from Hague.

Ticonderoga Middle School recently held the school finals of the National Geography Bee. Eighth grader DAVID FITZGERALD, Hague placed second.

Ten students at Ticonderoga Middle School participated in the Fall Stock Market Game sponsored by the Glens Falls Post Star. On the team from Hague was JOSH PLASS. The Ti team placed second in the Middle School category and is on "standby" in case the first place team cannot participate in a trip to the Stock Market Exchange on Wall St.

RAFFLE WINNER

On Jan. 17 the Mohican Home Bureau held the drawing for a 50/50 raffle which is the primary money raiser for this year. Betty Van Sleet of Hague was the winner of \$102. Congratulations, Betty!

The following students from Hague are listed on the Winter Sports Roster in the Ticonderoga Schools.

Girls Varsity Basketball: Allison Johnson; JV Basketball Cheerleading: Jenn Belden; Girls' Modified Basketball: Lauren Mack; Running & Fitness Club: Elizabeth Brunet, Monica Johnson

HAGUE YOUTH PROGRAM

The 1995 town of Hague budget provides funds for the following Youth Programs.

1. Busing for the Ticonderoga after school activities.
2. Participation in the Ticonderoga Youth Program.
3. Little League
4. Silver Bay Summer Program.

The Silver Bay program is being managed by the Assoc. and needs no further action on our part. The other three programs need action in order to implement them.

A meeting will be held on Feb. 28 at 7PM. We need your input.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 1995

## February

- 18 & 19 - Hague Winter Weekend (see enc. flyer)
- 20 President's Day - Holiday
- 21 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Ctr.
- 21 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 27 Comm. Ctr. Facilities Comm. - 4:15PM
- 28 Senior Citizens Covered Dish Luncheon (p6)
- 28 Meeting on youth activities - 7PM
- 28 Food Distribution - 3-4PM - Community Center

## March

- 1 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 1 Chamber of Commerce meeting

- 1 American Legion - 7:30PM
- 1 Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent
- 2 Planning Board - 7PM
- 3 Church Women United (p2)
- 6 Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 7 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 7 Food Distribution - 1-2PM - Community Center
- 10 Coffee House featuring Rick Bolton & Sue Hamlin p2
- 11 Mystery Night - Elks Club (p2)
- 13 Women Helping Women - 7PM - Community Ctr.
- 14 Town Board - 6:30PM
- 15 School Board meeting - 7:30PM
- 22 Bd. of Ed. budget workshop in Comm. Ctr. - 7:30PM

"POLLUTING FOR PLEASURE"

This book by Andre Mele, published by W. W. Norton & Co. has been reviewed in *Wooden Boat* magazine by Jim Brown who has given us permission to use it in *The Hague Chronicle*. Thanks to Pam Bullock who sent the entire article to us. We are reprinting excerpts from the review.

"This book is an "investigation of a major source of both water and air pollution that has been suppressed and ignored. That source is the modern pleasure boat.

"*Polluting for Pleasure's* jolting thesis is that boat emissions, which are largely uncontrolled, are at least as consequential, overall, as auto emissions. Mele's conclusions are potentially inflammatory, but his statements are very very well referenced in the text.

"...Relative to modern cars, a large "shadow factor" applies to boat emissions, a factor that results mainly from the absence of emissions controls on boats and from the inherent inefficiency of the two-cycle outboard motor. For each gallon of fuel consumed, the average outboard produces 140 times the hydrocarbons produced by the average, modern car. Four-cycle boat engines are not so bad, but they still normally run with the same abandon as a 1950's car. When the two types

of engines are statistically combined, one hour of operating the "average" pleasure boat produces, in hydrocarbon emissions, more pollution than 700 miles of driving a car. Each gallon of fuel consumed by an average pleasure boat unleashes something like 70 times more hydrocarbons on the environment than the average car. Thus, a shadow factor of 70 is reasonably applied to the emissions produced by each gallon of fuel relative to the same gallon used in cars.

"... the full magnitude of boating pollution emerges only when one realizes that our 52 weeks per year of driving pollute less than our 70-factored year's worth of boating. In other words, when the shadow factor is applied to the total fuel consumed by boats, it results in the staggering conclusion that boats dump more pollution into the environment than cars. The only reason that boats have not been previously identified as major polluters is that most of what they dump is dispersed widely into the water and air of relatively uncrowded areas. It's what Mele calls "The Secret Spill."

"... While many pleasure boaters will be jarred or even angered by this portrayal of pleasure boating, we should not overlook the book's optimism, for the author offers enticing solutions to the problems he identifies. He says that there may even be technological hope for the two-cycle outboard!"

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