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MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

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Referendum Day has been set for August 4 in the seven towns comprising the Moses-Ludington service area - Hague, Putnam, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Moriah, Schroon Lake and North Hudson. Those eligible to vote on that day will be persons who are either registered voters in the respective towns OR taxpayers in the towns.

The political leaders in these seven towns, including Hague Supervisor Dan Belden and his appointed head of the Town Board Hospital Committee, Dick Frasier, have shown a good deal of statesmanship in working out the Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the essential terms of the Save-the-Hospital referendum. The voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on a proposed \$1.3million annual tax subsidy for the hospital for each of four years. Each of the seven towns must, by a majority vote YES for the referendum to pass.

HUD (which holds the hospital's defaulted mortgage) had originally asked for a referendum calling for a tax subsidy over ten years, but the supervisors were instrumental in getting HUD to agree to the shorter four-year period.

The hospital has been having informational meetings in all the towns and has been issuing fact sheets. As a result, support for the referendum is clearly increasing. The principal point is, of course, that without the hospital the nearest 24-hour-a-day, 365 day-a-year emergency care facility is an hour's drive away.

In an editorial on page 6 of this issue, the editor is giving an analysis of the prospective tax increase for Hague property owners if the referendum passes. Hague's prospective share of the proposed \$1.3 million annual subsidy is \$104,000, or 8%. This is right on line with Hague residents' utilization of the hospital (8%), its percentage of taxes collected in the area (8%) and its population in the area (5% of permanent residents - not counting the influx of summer residents).

Now that we have the figures for the prospective taxpayer cost if the referendum passes, we can turn our attention to the prospective taxpayer cost if the referendum fails and the seven towns have to put in place some second-best health care facilities to replace the hospital when it closes. When the hospital in Corinth closed, Corinth's cost for ambulance service increased \$91,000 the next year. Crown Point has estimated the start-up cost for an advanced life support ambulance system with paid employees at \$1,188,000. Schroon is talking a first-year cost of \$350,000 to establish a glorified doctors' office, not open at night and without emer-

gency care facilities.

Whatever these hospital alternative costs may be, it is clear that they are very substantial - and the relatively modest subsidy required to keep our hospital going looks like a good investment.

USS TICONDEROGA SKIPPER AT TL 4TH

TICONDEROGA - The skipper of the USS Ticonderoga will cruise into Ticonderoga on the 4th of July as grand marshal for the community's Independence Day celebration.

Capt. Edward Messina, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser Ticonderoga, will serve as parade marshal and a color guard of about six Ticonderoga sailors will march in the event. The two-hour parade begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, starting from the Liberty Circle Monument on Montcalm Street and ending at the Heritage Museum. Assemblyman James King, R-Ticonderoga, will again be the master of ceremonies.

Messina is a Somerville, Mass. native who joined the Navy in 1958 and graduated from the University of North Carolina. He was on the staff of Naval Forces Vietnam and was weapons officer on the USS Belknap and USS Yarnell. He also served as the weapons officer on the battleship USS New Jersey until June 1984.

His first command was on the USS Hayler and he joined the Ticonderoga as its commanding officer in June 1991. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon for his service. Capt. Messina is married to the former Josette Sabastiani of Nice, France and they have a son, Pascal. Messina resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

The theme this year is "Youth, the Future of America." The bands already booked for the parade include the Fort Ticonderoga Corps of Fifes and Drums, the Albany Police Pipe Band and several Canadian bands: The Illusions, Cougars, Decibels, Senateurs, and Dutchess's.

Other events for "The Best 4th in the North," as it is billed, will start on Friday, July 3 in Bicentennial Park, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Catherine "Kitty" Garrand said. She said organizations that wish to appear in the parade may call the chamber office to register.

Douglas Moir is parade sub-chairman and can be contacted for information, she said.

Among the performers booked for the 4th are "James Cawley's Elvis Presley Show," a presentation by local Elvis impersonator Jim Cawley. Cawley is one of the top-ranked Elvis impersonators in the nation, according to information supplied by his act.

The 4th of July event attracted more than 5,000 people to the community last year, according to the Chamber. Carnival rides have been booked for the park, she said, and Bay Fireworks of Long Island will return to shoot Saturday night's display at about 9 p.m.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21

The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

MOHICAN HOME BUREAU

On June 2, 1992 the following officers were installed at our Spring Luncheon. Chairman, Trudy Karmazin; Co-chairman, Frances Clifton; First Vice-chairman, Mildred Stockholm; Secretary, Wendy Serbent; Treasurer, Georgia Cawley. Guest speaker was Laura Meade who made an excellent presentation on "ICE". Her beautiful slides were enjoyed by all.

At the luncheon a special presentation was made to honor Betty Decker, a member for over 40 years. A beautiful sampler was made by JoAnn DeFranco, depicting the Home Bureau Creed.

As a Community Service Project we are having a table at the Carillon Garden Club Flea Market on June 27, 1992 at the Hague Community Center. We are asking for donations of items for us to sell. Clean out those closets and call Trudy Karmazin, 54-8838; we will pick up anything. Proceeds to go toward the purchase of a Bunn coffee maker for the Hague Community Center. Any individual contributions toward purchase of this coffee maker will be most gratefully accepted. This will be a permanent fixture for the use of any organization using the Community Center.

AMERICAN LEGION

Hague Post 1538, American Legion, is again this year selling top quality American flags. In stock are 3 x 5 and 4 x 6 nylon American flags, with all other stock sizes available for delivery within ten days on special order. Contact any Post member or call Bernie Clifton at 543-6501 if you need a new flag. Also, faded or tattered flags may be turned in to the Post for proper disposal.

Next regular meeting of Post 1538 is scheduled to be held at the Legion Home on Wednesday July 3 at 8PM and any armed forces veteran who served during a wartime period is invited to attend the meeting with no obligation to become a member of the organization. . .bc

"POPS FOR POPS"

The Mastersingers, an amateur chorus with a professional tone and technique will present their "Pops for Pops" concert on Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day) at 4PM at the Christ Church Methodist on Bay St. in Glens Falls. This year's theme is "Academy Award Songs: And the Winner Is..."

This concert will celebrate the phenomenal story of the Oscar-winning songs from 1934's "The Continental" to 1991's winner. These are the songs most of us grew up with, the songs that mark the events in our lives, many of which have been arranged by the group's talented conductor, Thomas Booth.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults - \$6.00 for senior citizens and students.

The Mastersingers are recognized as a leading chorale in the Glens Falls area.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

July 4, 1992

DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING

The Hague Democratic Party will hold a meeting on June 17, 1992 at 7PM at the Hague Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting is an effort to involve both registered Democrats and other interested citizens in establishing the direction for the Democratic Party in Hague.

If you have any concerns about the way the Town of Hague's political matters have been handled in the past, or the way they are being handled now, the Democratic Party would provide you with a vehicle for addressing those concerns and an opportunity to affect local political issues.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ethel W. Andrus

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department's spaghetti dinner on May 24th earned \$525.00. We thank those volunteers who worked, and all of those who came and ate.

The next fund raising events will be held on BASS Tournament Weekend - Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st. There will be a buffet breakfast both mornings at the Hague Community Center on Route 8, from 4AM to 11AM, and admission will be \$5.00.

On Saturday, June 20th The Fire Department's annual steak roast will be held at the Hague Town Park on Rt 9N (rain or shine). Serving will be from 5PM to 7PM. Clams will also be available. Ticket prices for this event: Adults: \$10.50 - Children \$6.00.

During the month of May the ambulance made 7 runs, involving 388 miles and 37 patient hours.

There were no fire calls.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held at the Hague Community Center on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:30PM. Prior to the meeting those who wish may meet at the Community Center at 11:30AM to carpool to Bolton Meal Site. Please phone in your reservations for this meal to the Center, 543-6161 before June 16. The speaker for the meeting will be Ellen Ellor, Social Services Director at Moses Lidington Hospital, who will speak on Living Wills.

The Seniors' annual July picnic will be held on July 21st at a site to be announced by the picnic committee. Seniors must register (543-6161) before July 10. A committee member will contact the registrant in regard to supplying food. Each participant will be responsible for providing his/her own tableware. . . ewa

RUMMAGE AND FOOD SALE

The Hague Baptist Church women will hold a Food and Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 27 in the annex of the church from 9AM - 3PM.

They will also be holding a bake and craft sale on July 17.

The annual Amish Quilt Show and Bake Sale will be held in the Community Center on July 21 from 9AM -

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. 5/28/92

TOWN BOARD. 6/9/92

The May 28th ZBA meeting held a public hearing before the regular meeting. Stallman/Scott had requested an area variance for shoreline setback for a seasonal concession stand. No one in the audience protested the request and later, at the regular meeting this variance was approved.

A public hearing has been set for June 25th for Jim Young (45-2-9.11 & 10) who seeks an area variance for a lot line adjustment, and for Becker (27-1-2.22) who asked for an area variance from rear yard setback to construct an attached garage and storage. These will start at 7PM.

A question of accuracy in information was brought up when Mr. Kennedy (25-1-8) asked for an area variance for shoreline setback and they were expected to justify their hardship appeal. . . gl

PLANNING BOARD. 6/4/92

There were two public hearings at the planning board meeting on Thursday, June 4th. 1. Disbrow (41-1-2.1 & 35) who was asking for a 5-lot subdivision and 2. Stallman/Scott whose project required a Type I site plan review. This was for a shoreline setback for the placement of a seasonal concession stand. No one in attendance opposed either of these requests.

When the regular meeting convened the two projects were approved. The Scott/Stallman project (Type I site plan review) was approved with conditions. Their permit is non-transferable; no additional signs may be placed on 9N; must locate as per map; must use same stand (El Taco) each year; and there must be an annual review of this project.

In a report on the Nelson Waters property (20-1-13.1) Type II site plan, it was suggested by the APA (who also visited the site) there was some wetland on the property. Aesthetics were stressed as this is a request for a Mobile Home Park. There will be a public hearing for this project on July 2 at 7PM. An additional request by Mr. Waters also wants to place a mobile home on parcel (20-1-39). This, too, needs a Type I site plan review. The board tabled the request and has asked for additional information.

The board recommended approval to the ZBA for the Becker (72-1-2.22) request for construction of a 2-story attached garage addition. A variance is needed because of rear yard setback.

Kneuppel (34-3-7; 8:9) has asked for a minor subdivision that would create 2 lots from 3. Since this is part of an association, the question was asked about association approval. A site plan review is planned.

Another site plan review is planned for Jim Young (65-3-9.1:10) who is asking for a lot line adjustment.

It has been suggested workshops should be planned for new board members and the idea was received enthusiastically. . . gl

**MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL
WILL IT BE THERE WHEN YOU NEED IT?**

When Supervisor Belden opened the June 9 town board meeting, several residents, Mrs. Howard Engler, Mrs. Elaine Smith and Mrs. D. Henry took advantage of privilege of the floor to express their support for the Moses-Ludington Hospital. There was a town park complaint and Lu McGow provided a very informative explanation of Hague's volunteer ambulance service.

Bid openings for construction of a wall for trash compactor ranged from \$9,700 to \$22,495, which is quite a spread.

Letters from Assoc. of Towns and DEC assure us that Hague's landfill qualifies for an extension on the capping but reminding the town it MUST APPLY for that extension.

Laura Meade, town naturalist, gave her spring report.

Nancy Trombley, town clerk, received hospital petitions on June 3. She also read a letter concerning a young man in Hadley who has a brain tumor and would like to make the book of records by receiving "get well" cards in abundance. The boy's address can be obtained from Nancy. Wouldn't you like to send a card?

David Lawrence, School Tax Committee chairman, reported on the progress of that committee. Two plans have been advanced. 1. Gathering of letters from every available interested party for presentation to the Warren County Board of Supervisors, in the form of a resolution to become part of their agenda for whatever help they can give us. 2. Under Section 1315 of Real Property Tax Law, establishing a single tax district with a uniform (*) percentage of real property tax. Both Hague and Ti town boards must commit to a formal agreement. Supervisor Belden has agreed to contact Mike Connery (Ti supervisor) to pursue this thought. * Uniform tax is the key.

The Youth Committee has been authorized to spend money for the Silver Bay day camp program.

The Development committee showed an interest in working on a possible basketball court should that suggestion develop.

On June 20th a summer recreation conference for program directors and staff will be held at the Queensbury Community Center and Dennis Trombley will attend at his own expense.

A carwash is planned for June 21 at the lot across from the town park. Support our youth!

There will be a youth fishing derby.

On June 20-21 there will be the BASS Tournament with a steak roast on Saturday night and breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.

In Unfinished Business:

The board passed three resolutions:

- Res. #11- Authorized \$1,000 for cemetery maintenance.
- Res. #12 - Procurement policy.
- Res. #13 - Lump sum municipal snow and ice agreement with NYS.

An informational meeting on hospital will be held in the Community Center on July 7 at 7PM.

In New Business:

Dick Frasier, councilman, explained his reluctance to sign the Memorandum of Understanding from the hospital until several things were explained to him. More information is needed and because of limited time, a (Cont. on page 4 TOWN BOARD) 6/92

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special board meeting will be held when the information has been obtained.

In the Warren County report by Supervisor Belden only the sewer project concerned Hague.

The supervisor mentioned a number of calls he received from people who were extremely upset at the cutting down of many old trees along the brook and in front of Locust Inn. They were removed by the company hired by the state to repair the bridge. They were cut from state right of way and will be replaced by 107 new trees when the job is finished. Pipes will be laid for our future sewer system.

Three new committees have been formed: 1. Assessors' Committee - Braisted and Coffin. 2. Justice Committee - Frasier and Laundree. 3. Hospital Committee - Braisted, Fitzgerald and Frasier with Frasier serving as chairman. Belden also spoke of reactivating Community Center committee.

A request has been made by Liz DeFranco (as part of a Driver Ed project) for a "Blind Driveway" sign at a sharp curve across from Indian Kettles.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Board of Assessment Review finished the arduous task of processing 198 grievances on June 12. This represents about 11% of the property owners.

We are in hopes that the information on each grievance will have been received by the time you have received this publication. Should this not be the case we feel certain that within the week this information should be in your hands. Please be reminded that those of you who are not satisfied with the findings of the board should follow the procedure that is set for you through the court to get the satisfaction that you are asking for.

This board worked very hard with each individual case, working within the confines that are set by state mandate to help each one achieve his request.

May I thank publicly each member of the Assessment Review Board for the diligent co-operation.

Respectfully, /s/ Nelson Waters, Chairman

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SUMMER SERVICES

Historic Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay begins its 108th year of summer worship services on Sunday, June 28th and continues through Labor Day weekend, September 6th. Worship is at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Lee R. VanSickle, a retired minister of the United Methodist Church, from Penney Farms, FL, will conduct worship on the opening Sunday. The Chapel worship is lead by a different minister each Sunday. The ministers for July are:

- July 5, Rev. John B. Paterson, First Presbyterian Church, Barre, VT
- July 12, Rev. Harold Watson Smith, Ret., United Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, NY
- July 19, Rev. J. Russell Butcher, Ret., Presbyterian Church, USA, Hagerstown, MD.
- July 26 Rev. Gerald J. Van Heest, Chaplain, Hope College, Holland, MI

The organist is Laura Meade of Hague. Special music is provided each Sunday by musicians from the Silver Bay area.

The chapel is also available for weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. For more information please call Carol Babinsky at 543-6044

See you in church! A warm welcome awaits you..

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB BAZAAR

The annual Carillon Garden Club Bazaar will be held on on June 27th at the Hague Community Center from 9AM - 2PM. Refreshments will be available. A variety of crafts, all kinds of wonderful baked goods and white elephants will be on sale. The hand-made quilt, which is an annual project of The Petunias, a group of Garden Clubbers, will be on display and raffle tickets will be available. One of our local gentlemen, Cliff Pannell, won the quilt last year. This is your chance to win this year's beautiful quilt. A ramp for the handicapped is available into the building.

A new feature of the bazaar this year is an outdoor Yard Sale, which is open to any organization or individual who wishes to register with Frances Clifton. Tables will be assessed at \$5.00 each, and be furnished by the exhibitor, and no money will be accepted until the day of the bazaar. It is, however, necessary to register before the 27th: just call 543-6501 to reserve a spot. No sale of new items, crafts, or food will be permitted. Set up time after 8AM and all must be cleaned up after the bazaar is over.

The bazaar is a rain or shine event. Proceeds benefit the landscaping projects in Ticonderoga and Hague.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Silver Bay Post Office will be open from 7:45 - 11:45 on Friday, July 3. Outgoing mail should be in the office by 11:30AM. Closed on Sat., July 4.

The Hague Post Office will be open from 8AM - 12N. on Friday. Outgoing mail must be in by 11:30AM. Closed Saturday.

COALITION OF LAKES AGAINST MILFOIL (COLAM)

A group of environmentally concerned NYS residents, (COLAM) have joined forces in an effort to get the state to combat the spread of an exotic weed they say is destroying the state's lakes and the recreational and tourism economies dependent upon them. COLAM is trying to protect the natural biodiversity of the states waters from Eurasian Watermilfoil.

COLAM is urging the establishment of a coordinated statewide aquatic weed management program that includes: • state funding for locally or regionally managed weed control projects. • a simplified and uniform permit application process for weed control projects throughout the state. • a determination this year on whether to allow the registration and use in NY of the herbicide fluridone (SONAR), a chemical found to be particularly effective in controlling Eurasian Watermilfoil.

A progressive, statewide aquatic weed management program, such as COLAM is calling for, could correct these deficiencies, would be more economical and would insure that all affected areas receive needed assistance.

HAGUE'S LANDFILL

John Breitenach

On June 1, 1992, the Town of Hague received an offer from Thomas Jorling, Commissioner of DEC regarding the Order on Consent to cap the Landfill. This offer was extended to a number of landfills around the state to allow time for a newly formed Governor's work group to re-evaluate the regulations governing landfill capping.

The Town of Hague has contacted DEC's regional attorney to request that the appropriate modifications are made to Hague's Order on Consent. A specific evaluation of Hague's landfill will be conducted and based on the results of this evaluation, a deadline extension may be granted.

This will allow Hague additional time to further research viable methods of meeting our obligation to handle the landfill in an environmentally sound manner. The primary goal is to treat the closure of Hague's landfill in the most cost effective manner coupled with sound environmental technologies. This includes avoiding leaving a more complicated problem for Hague's future generations.

Hague took an important step toward responsible stewardship of town resources earlier this year. A landfill reclamation feasibility study was conducted. This study sought to evaluate the feasibility of excavating the waste in the landfill and re-disposing of it in an appropriate manner. This approach has merit in that it eliminates a potential source of pollution rather than simply covering it over. It may also prove to be a less expensive approach than capping. The study revealed that Hague's landfill has very good potential as a reclaimed site and this offers a viable alternative to capping the site with plastic.

The combination of a deadline extension from DEC and Hague's lead in looking at alternative methods puts Hague in a good position to more effectively deal with the large task of landfill closure.

If there are any questions regarding the status of the landfill or other solid waste issues, please contact John Breitenbach at the Community Center, 543-6161.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE TREES GONE?

What are our state employees thinking of when they come to the main crossroads of Hague, the entrance to the town, and demolish the gracious appearance that has existed for many years?

Three long-lived and stately trees have been cut with apparently no knowledge or input from local representatives. Yes, they are on the road right-of-way, an argument they ignore when it does not suit their designs of the moment.

I can hear the argument that a tree is only worth \$50 per stump, but we are not now talking of stumpage fees when trees obviously have an aesthetic value that sets the scene for a locality and its business.

Nursery men and real estate people have a much different value they give to fully grown trees. A balled and burlapped tree with a girth of 6-8 inches has a value in the hundreds. A full grown tree, such as these can easily be several thousand dollars, especially if it

has a high aesthetic value due to location and growth pattern. If you question this statement, stop to figure how much it would cost to replace the same size and shape once you were fortunate enough to locate such a specimen and find an agreeable seller.

It will take years for newly planted trees to once more set the stage as these have done and most of us will not be here to enjoy them. These three trees certainly were not a hazard to driver visibility, nor is there a necessity that power lines be moved to that side of the street. Let us be on guard that this cannot happen again.

The mentality of power line people is the same whether it be with Con Ed or Niagara Mohawk. It is so channellized that they act as if they wear blinders. I trust that our town officials will be alert and not let it happen again. . . . Robert M. Cole, Silver Bay, NY

SHAPE UP!

New Aerobics classes are being formed, beginning on Tuesday, July 7 at the Community Center. They will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the summer months. You may come either two or three days a week, as you prefer. There will be two classes - one at 7:30AM for the early birds and one at 8:30AM for those of us who do more stretching than aerobics. If you are interested, join up - plenty of room for everybody. For more information you may call Marie Collins, instructor, at 585-2699.

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

Since the previous weather report was printed, spring has truly taken off. The beautiful weather is here along with all the verdant accrements.

The past month we had daytime temperatures in the 70's and 80's, although May 21 through the 23, (Memorial Day weekend) the thermometer peeked at 92° all three days. On Sunday, the 24th, a low front ushered in 40° temperatures, with rain. On the 31st we had another much needed soaking rain. Temperatures were 3° above normal and the high already stated was 92° and the low was 35° on the 25th. We had high humidity on June 4th through the 8th but the breeze of Monday evening cooled off everything beautifully.

The special days of June are with us now, as the comfortably warm days have been bright, clear and balmy. The full (hot) moon is June 14. Throughout history some individuals, particularly farmers, have relied on the moon to help predict the weather and Herschel's Lunar Chart predicts weather based on the phases of the moon and the time it rises. For example, if the full moon occurs at midnight to 2AM the weather is going to be fair. If it occurs between 4AM and 6AM we will get rain and between 2PM and 4PM it will be changeable.

GLEANING

Gleaning will be held at the Hague Community Center on June 17 from 10AM to 2PM. Bring documentation.

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION SCHOOL TAXES

Under New York State Real Property Tax Law, property owners 65 years of age and older are entitled to a 50% reduction in their assessed valuation if they meet the following requirements:

- The property must be residential.
- The property must be the legal residence of the person 65 or over. If a spouse who is 65 or over dies, the surviving spouse will still be eligible if he/she is at least 62 years old at date of death.
- The property must be owned for at least 24 consecutive months prior to date of application.
- The income of the owner(s) must not exceed \$9,500 during the federal income tax year prior to the date of application. Income includes social security, retirement benefits, interest, dividends, net gain or sale of assets, rental income, salary and self-employment income.
- If qualified, taxpayers may apply for exemption by going to the town clerk's office and completing the appropriate forms provided by the town clerk. If the application is approved, the town assessor will record the exemption accordingly and it will be used on the following year's school district tax roll. The procedure is identical in both Ticonderoga and Hague.

Generally speaking, this exemption will also qualify for the town and village taxes in the respective towns.

NOTE: The Town of Ticonderoga has an income cut off of \$9,500 for a 50% reduction. The Town of Hague has a sliding scale which follows:

Under \$6,000	-----	50%
From 6,001 - 6,600	-----	45%
6,601 - 7,200	-----	40%
7,201 - 7,800	-----	35%
7,801 - 8,400	-----	30%
8,401 - 9,000	-----	25%
9,001 - 9,600	-----	20%
9,601	-----	Nothing

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD OPENS SEASON

The President's Party featuring "Something That Stays" will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 4PM at the Silver Bay Assoc. auditorium. In celebration of the Adirondack Park Centennial, the TFG has commissioned Lisa Mazzotte King, pianist, to create an original composition using electronic music. Ms. King chose the poem "Something that Stays" by Mary Ann Lynch. The Guild then invited choreographer Debra Fyfe to design a dance essay around the music and poem which three dancers will interpret. The Guild is proud to present this original work of art which aims in a special way to express the unique pride each of us feels who live in the Park - its grandeur and endurance, "Something that Stays." This is a free concert, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

On July 7 the season opener under the tent in Ti features The Dutton Family from Utah, including mother, father and seven sons and daughters aged from 11 to 20, all trained musicians. Playing a variety of instruments, this family will give their audiences sparkling entertainment from bluegrass to classical, country or gospel, ballads, fiddle tunes and chamber music!

Following the evening of entertainment the traditional Opening Night reception will be held.

On Wednesday morning the Dutton Family will perform at 10:30AM as the first of ARTS TREK concerts. These are free children's concerts, each Wednesday.

On Tuesday, July 14 Associated Solo Artists will return after a captivating performance last year. If you saw them last year you won't want to miss them again.

Tickets for all concerts are \$7.00, Senior Citizens, \$6.00,

EDITORIAL

MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL - CAN WE AFFORD IT? - CAN WE AFFORD NOT TO AFFORD IT?

The time is getting shorter. We have 28 weeks as of this writing before the hospital will close its doors, unless the seven towns involved with supporting the hospital resolve the problems facing them.

A few weeks ago one of the supervisors came up with a formula for each town's share of the 1.3 million dollars for the next four years. The seven supervisors got together and came up with a fourth proposal. This proposal put a burden of \$650,000 (1/2 of the total amount) on the town of Ticonderoga, which they accepted. This means that \$650,000 would then be distributed among the other six towns (based on population, utilization and assessed value. This leaves Hague's share at \$104,000 of the \$650,000.

This breaks down to about 44¢ per thousand of assessed value. Based on this figure your taxes would be approximately as follows: (This does not take into consideration that there could be some extra costs; this is just a ballpark figure to alleviate the fears that some people have that the hospital is going to raise their taxes exorbitantly)

Assessed Value	Amt in taxes	Ea. yr for 4 yrs.
\$ 25,000	\$ 11.00	"
50,000	22.00	"
100,000	44.00	"
150,000	66.00	"
200,000	88.00	"
300,000	132.00	"
400,000	176.00	"
500,000	220.00	"
800,000	352.00	"
1,000,000	440.00	"

One cannot predict the future. The supervisor of each town will ultimately be responsible for seeing that there is some kind of health care set up for that town. The kind of facility will depend on what the taxpayers are willing to pay. That facility will have to be paid for by the taxpayers and it will be ongoing.

As a good citizen of the town of Hague, give this matter your very careful attention. Make sure you think of all the consequences. As of this writing Hague is the only one of the seven towns who have not voted on the Memorandum of Understanding. The Board expects to meet the beginning of the week and consider it in depth and a vote will be forthcoming. Speak or write to your supervisor or council person. Make sure you understand the issue and that it is acted on as soon as possible. Very shortly it will be too late!!

NEW LOOK - NEW CUISINE

The former Bob's TV Bar on Montcalm St. in Ticonderoga has been recently renovated into a most delightful restaurant, now known as Robert's Restaurant under the ownership and management of Bob and Anne Dedrick. Lunches are served Mondays through Saturdays from 11AM-3PM; dinners Tuesday through Sunday, 5PM-9PM. Food and service are excellent, prices moderate. Try it - you'll like it!

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Neil Wesley, to Sheri (Klingler) and Neil Vaillancourt in Staten Island, NY on March 27. Two grandsons in three days to Fred and Ruth Klingler of Staten Island and Silver Bay!

BORN - A daughter Christine, to Pat and J. Geils, Stamford, CT on May 22. J. was an EMP at Silver Bay in 1973. Proud grandparents are John and Ginny Geils of Greenwich, CT and Silver Bay who were EMPs in 1944. Great Grandmother, Alda Geils, age 97, also of Greenwich, CT., was an EMP at Silver Bay in 1916.

MARRIED - Roberta Dammeron, Crown Point and Todd Porter, son of Judy and Walter Porter, Hague, in Crown Point on April 22.

DIED - I. Howard Foote, 75, Doylestown, PA and summer resident of Hague on May 4, 1992 in Doylestown. He was the husband of the late Dorothy K. Foote. He is survived by two daughters, one son, four grandchildren and his brother-in-law, Perry A. King, Hague.

DIED - Catherine St. John, 90, Albany, NY, on May 6, 1992. She is survived by 2 daughters, 4 sons, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Her daughter, Mrs. Donald Hilliker, is a summer residence of Hague.

DIED - Curtis L. Jordon, 66, Hague, on June 5 in Plainfield, NJ. He is survived by one son, Jeffrey and two daughters, Linda Fish and Marion Barnaby, Hague, seven brothers, three sisters, 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

FIFTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague are listed on the honor roll for the fifth marking period in the Ticonderoga High School.

FIRST HONORS: Elizabeth Brunet, Richard Cobb, Anthony DeFranco, Elizabeth DeFranco.

SECOND HONORS: Treva Braisted, Carolyn Dykstra, Alison LaCourse, Jessica Mars, Vickie Waters.

CLASS OF 1992

Graduation exercises for Ticonderoga High School will be held on the lawn at the school on June 20 at 10AM. The graduating class this year consists of 93 students. Five of these are from Hague:

RICHARD COBB, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Cobb. Richard plans to go to Elmira College, Elmira, NY, majoring in Computer Science.

ANTHONY DeFRANCO, son of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco. Tony will attend Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY and will major in Civil Engineering.

CAROLYN DYKSTRA, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dykstra. Carolyn will attend Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY, majoring in Commercial Illustration.

TIEAH GAUTREAU, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Gautreau. Tieah will be attending Utica College of Syracuse University in the fall.

NATHAN LaCOURSE, son of Mr. & Mrs. Craig LaCourse. Nathan will attend Delhi, majoring in carpentry.

100% of the Hague graduates are aspiring to higher education!

LIZ MONROE, daughter of Joyce Monroe, Hague, graduated on June 15, after completing a 10-week course, from New School of Contemporary Radio of Albany.

LIZ DeFRANCO, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, Hague has set a new record for Ticonderoga Sentinels in softball. Her 126 strikeouts on the season (through May 30) set a new Champlain Valley Athletic Conference record. She has more than 350 career strikeouts

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement during students' academic careers, Hague Seniors **RICHARD COBB**, **TONY DeFRANCO**, **CAROLYN DYKSTRA**, and **TIEAH GAUTREAU** have been awarded the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. To qualify a student must have completed rigorous course work in the "new basics" and maintain a strong high school average.

TONY DeFRANCO, Hague, has been awarded one of four Elks' "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to Ticonderoga High School seniors.

CAROLYN DYKSTRA received Honorable Mention for her clay sculpture of a dragon, "Merlyn" at the annual juried show at the Hancock House.

MICHELLE WATERS, daughter of Mrs. Denise Waters, Ti High School junior, won the award for Artistic Achievement in the area of Creative Writing, given by The Essex County Arts Council.

NATURE NEWS
Laura Meade

During the last month the most noteworthy birds seen in the Town of Hague have been a pair of Mute Swans at Sabbath Day Point. These graceful, large ornamental birds have delighted residents there for almost three weeks. Most people think this species would be seen only in city parks or zoos but ornithologists have documented their migration into the wild for at least fifteen years. Now they have come to Hague! Will they build a nest and stay for the summer, along with other tourists? Some day I am hoping that cygnets have been seen.

Other recent arrivals have been a pair of Common Loons at Jabe Pond. They were seen diving for fish near a small island as fishermen were casting for speckled trout. When a low-flying airplane passed overhead early in June, their eerie calls could be heard loud and clear. Perhaps they have a nest and will have one or two chicks. Another pair of Loons was seen about the same time in Onside Bay near the Silver Bay Road.

Also, early in June, in Big Duck Bay (off Jabe Pond) a majestic Great Blue Heron was seen slowly rising from the water's edge to the topmost limb of a dead tree. It perched silently, profiled against the blue sky, like a huge weather vane, wary of the canoeists who had entered its "territory."

Quite a few humming bird feeders have been seen around town. During migration, at the end of a cool, rainy day, it was most unusual to see five Ruby-throated hummingbirds at one feeder, peacefully feeding. Were they so exhausted and hungry after a long flight that they did not have the energy to "zap" at each other as they so often do on a summer day? The proper solution for hummingbird feeders is five parts water mixed with one part sugar, boiled for a minute, then cooled, with a little red coloring added.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY 1992

JUNE

- 17 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 17 Democratic Party meeting - 7PM - Comm. Ctr. (p2)
- 17 Gleaning at the Community Center 10AM-2PM (p5)
- 20 Firemen's Steak Roast - 5PM at park (p2)
- 20 & 21 - Firemen's Breakfast - (p2)
- 21 FATHERS' DAY
- 21 "Pops for Pops" concert by Mastersingers (p2)
- 23 Senior Citizens meeting - lunch in Bolton - (p2)
- 24 Zoning Board of Appeals - hearings 7PM - (p4)
- 27 Carillon Garden Club Bazaar & Yard Sale - CommCtr (p4)
- 27 Baptist Church rummage and food sale - (p7)
- 28 Ti Festival Guild Presidents' Party-Silver Bay (p6)

JULY

- 1 7-town Public Hearing for Hospital Referendum - Ti Middle School, 7PM.
- 1 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 1 American Legion meeting - 8PM
- 2 Planning Board meeting - Public hearings 7PM
- 4 Fourth of July celebration in Ticonderoga (see p
- 6 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 7 Informational meeting regarding hospital, 7PM, Community Center (p1)
- 10 HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 14 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Senior Citizen bus to Glens Falls
- 15 Board of Ed. meeting - 7:30PM - THS
- 17 Craft & Food Sale - Baptist Church (p7)

AN EARLY SUMMER LAMENT

Aye, slash our leafy branches down,
 Long have they waved on high.
 Many a jaded soul has soared
 When viewed while passing by.

Some say we're worth so much a stump
 But others know much better.
 The value lies in what we do
 And that is where we differ.

We cast a shade on summer days,
 And may I be an oracle.
 E'en made the turn at 8 and 9
 Seem out of times historical.

But roads come first,
 Then power lines to light us,
 And human values are not divine
 Although they steer and guide us.

Too bad that man can only see
 The one thing he is trained for,
 And not a picture spreading wide
 To paint and mold his future.
*Eloc Trebor*

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