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## BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

The town of Hague Transfer Station will continue to remain open 5 days a week - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - until further notice, due to the second attendant position vacancy. **CLOSED MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.**

**BEGINNING JUNE 1, THE TRANSFER STATION  
WILL REMAIN OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK  
FROM 12N TO 5PM.**

## SPRING BUFFET

Welcome to the season with our  
Annual Buffet

Saturday - May 27 at Silver Bay Assoc.

Serving from 5-7PM

\$8.50 for Adults

\$6.00 for Children

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING FUND**

## BASS TOURNAMENT

Each June, since 1982, this entire community of "BASSTOWN USA" sincerely welcomes the NEW YORK STATE BASS FEDERATION. The Federation holds their Annual Opener Tournament, which is traditionally the first and largest in the waters of Lake George. Over 200 Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) fishermen, from all over NYS participate in this popular fishing event. This kick-off tournament is one of six such B.A.S.S. Federation tournaments held throughout the state over the summer, with many sponsors including Warren County, Towns of Hague, Ticonderoga, Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. Hague Fish & Game Club and Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce. The entire community works together to set up and coordinate many tasks to insure successful fishing tournaments..

Each year, and in the true spirit of their organization, the NYS BASS FEDERATION promotes the "Catch and Release Program". Additionally, each year B.A.S.S. members significantly contribute to and support our local Beste Scholarship Fund. The BASS tournament this year will be held on June 17 and 18 in Hague.

## RYAN DAVIS TO STUDY IN FINLAND

Ryan Davis, a sophomore at Ticonderoga High School has been named to participate as the first exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George.

Davis, the son of Gary and Wendy Davis, Ticonderoga, will spend his junior year in Finland as part of the Rotary International Student Exchange program. He is the first student from the area to be sponsored by the local Rotary Club.

"This is a very exciting time for everyone involved in this venture", cited Joanne Brown, club president in announcing Ryan's selection. "He is a very bright young man who will represent the community and our country very well."

In preparation for his participation, Ryan attended an orientation in Cooperstown on May 6 and 7 where he received more information on his semester abroad. This was the first opportunity for him to meet with exchange students from other countries.

Ryan and his parents were recent guests of the local club's regular breakfast meeting where he met with club members and provided them an opportunity to hear more about their first exchange student.

A talented musician who plays guitar and saxophone, Ryan treated the club to a few guitar pieces, then answered questions about himself and his feelings about spending a semester in a foreign country.

He has been spending time on the Internet talking with people from Finland in an ongoing effort to prepare himself for the trip. He is still not sure where he will be going in Finland.

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George meets each Tuesday for breakfast at 7:30AM at Watson Arts Center on the Silver Bay Campus.. J.O'T

## BESTE FUND DONORS

Many thanks to the following folks for their recent response to the Beste fundraising appeal via The Hague Chronicle: Dorothy Henry, John & Virginia Geils, Anne and Chris Parlin.

And a reminder that it's never too late to send a donation to: Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836.

Watch for our "Hot Cash" raffle starting Memorial Day weekend - two chances to win on one ticket - \$100 and \$50. Drawing at the Hague Arts Fair in August. Benefit Beste Scholarship Fund. See Sal at Silver Bay General Store for raffle tickets... ss

## HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will meet at noon on Tuesday, May 23 for an SSS (salad, sandwich, sweet) lunch. EVERYONE who attends must bring a sandwich to share. Salad will be furnished by the Club. The sweet will be provided by the persons selected by Marion. We have to know how much salad material to buy, so PLEASE register for this by calling 543-6161 BEFORE May 19.

A business meeting will follow the luncheon. DON'T FORGET YOUR SANDWICH! . . ewa

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will meet on Thurs, June 15 at 7:30PM at the Hague Community Center. Our speaker of the evening will be Bruce Cole from the Crandall Library and he will talk about History Story Telling in the North Country. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served before the meeting is called to order. Plans and a date for our Sept. trip will be discussed.

On April 29 three members and a volunteer paid an annual pick-up and patch-up visit to the old Hague Cemetery at the intersection of Rt. 9N and Pine Orchard Rd. Thanks to the Moriah Shock Incarceration Center prisoners and a caring new neighbor, a great deal of cutting and some picking up had been done, but even so, 5 hours of labor were required before a halt was called to the day. Jerry Crammond and Bernie Smith finished repair work on the 30+ year old fence, but fence repair will be an ongoing chore from now on. A large dead pine tree poses a present difficulty and professional help may be required to remove it as several tombstones are in its immediate vicinity and the fence is at its easterly side. . ewa

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our firemen responded to 4 calls in April for a total of 61 manhours. Two drills have been held. Two Junior firemen, Paul Taylor and Brad Zeyak, have completed a course in basic firefighting.

The ambulance personnel had 6 calls for their help, resulting in 51 hours of EMT time, and the ambulances covered 407 miles.

The new firehouse is making progress, with a crew of workmen scurrying around making a dream become a reality.

**Safety First:** A couple friends sat in their car at the Beach parking lot one evening and found their attention drawn to the intersection of Rts. 8 and 9N. There is a stop sign at the end of Rt. 8 and it was surprising to note the number of drivers who gave this STOP sign the most casual of treatments when turning south on to 9N. Usually, a quick glance over the left shoulder was all that many drivers deemed sufficient. We urge ALL drivers to STOP signs!

## LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sat. May 27: Pasta Buffet Dinner, 5-7PM at Silver Bay Assoc.

Sun. May 28: Coin drop at the intersection of Rts 9N and 8.

July 29: Steak Roast

Your participation in these fund raisers will be most greatly appreciated by the HVFD members.

Like The Little Engine That Could: "We can do it, we can do it", but we need the help of the entire community. . ewa

## TOURISM PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Hague Tourism Promotion Committee is in its second year of generating ideas and support for enhancing the beauty of Hague and creating additional attractions for our residents and visitors.

To help us in our efforts we would like to ask for your support which will help to defray the cost of flowers, hanging baskets, publicity brochures, railing for the Nature Trail at the fish weir site and the beautification of the proposed parking area beside the Baptist Church.

We plan to continue this year by expanding our efforts with more hanging baskets, flowers on the bridge etc. We would really appreciate your donations to help make our town a more beautiful spot.

Please send your contribution to the Tourism Promotion Committee, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836.

## FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

If any organization or group has an activity or event that they want to publicize they can announce it on our web site:

<http://www.hagueticonderoga.com>

Please send a description of your event, the date, contact phone, time, location, sponsor, cost, etc. to Tom James at 543-6924 or e-mail to: [chamber@hagueticonderoga.com](mailto:chamber@hagueticonderoga.com)

NEXT PRELICENSING COURSE will be held at North Country Community College, Ticonderoga, on June 10, 2000 from 9AM - 2:30PM Registration fee \$20. 5/00

ZONING BOARD  
April 27, 2000

Grinnell Construction for Sanborn (45-2-64) Var 01-00  
Bobkat Land, Arcady Estates.

Hague Land Use - TR1; APA - Moderate Intensity

Mr. Sanborn requested a 2.1 ft. relief from the Hague Zoning Ordinance Section 160-23A rear yard set back 25 ft. for a newly constructed home that was incorrectly located because of the incorrect location of the rear yard survey stakes. The Board ascertained that the rear lot is an open, common area and the side yards are privately owned with no current building. A motion was made and seconded to hold a Public Hearing at the next month's Zoning Board meeting.

Patchett Family Partnership (29-1-22.1) Var. 02-00

Lakeshore Dr., Trout House Village Resort

Hague Land Use - HP; APA - Hamlet

The Patchett Family Partnership would like to replace cabins #5 (520 sq. ft.) and #6 (221 sq. ft.) with two modern units of 900 sq. ft. each. This will require relief from the Hague Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application and hold a Public Hearing at the next month's Zoning Board meeting. M.L. Doulin stated that, from the November 7, 1996 Planning Board meeting, Trout House must have a Master Plan on file which addresses stormwater runoff, the slope or access of roads and sewage before further changes, building, alterations or variances can be done. A. Patchett asked to speak to the Board but was told no because this was not a Public Hearing. C. Ginn requested that the Planning Board refer to the November 1996 minutes at the next meeting.

A letter was received by R. Hourigan requesting interpretations of Zoning decision. The general consensus of the Board was that the letter submitted by Mr. Hourigan contained generalities, rather than specifics. C. Ginn stated that P. Barone, in his normal course of duties, can interpret the ordinance as written and if there is a question on something, it should come before the Board. Mr. Hourigan offered to re-write a letter with specific circumstances.

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PLANNING BOARD  
May 4, 2000

The Planning Board opened with discussion of the acceptance of the minutes from the February meeting. N. Harrigan and D. Swanson each re-wrote a part of the minutes. Mr. Barone read from a memo submitted by Debbie Manning (the minute-taker of this meeting) requesting that if the minutes are changed, her name be withdrawn as recording secretary. She further stated that if the Board wishes the minutes recorded in verbatim, that should be stipulated at the meeting. There was much discussion on this issue. A motion was made, and passed, that D. Swanson and D. Manning sit down and Debbie construct a set of minutes that cover the the essence of what was suggested by all of the members. This joint effort will be reviewed by the board before their acceptance.

Grinnell Construction for Sanborn Please see Zoning Board for description.

The Board members did a site review and unanimously moved to recommend to the Zoning Board that the variance be granted.

Patchett Family Partnership Please see Zoning Board for description.

There was a lot of heated discussion regarding this request. Alice Patchett felt she would like to address the

variance issue before presenting her Master Plan. She said there are 3 parcels, two of which are developed. The only parcel in question on this variance is parcel #3 which involved taking down cabins #5 and 6 and rebuilding them on the Hill House Rd. The request from the Patchett Family is to enable them to modernize their units in keeping with the current tourist trend. The Board questioned her very closely because in the modernization, the total sq. footage of the buildings will be increased from 741 sq ft to 1800 sq. ft.. Mrs. Patchett emphasized that the size will increase but the number of guests will not. She also told the board that, by moving the cabins to Hill House Rd., the cabins will acquire a view of the lake which they do not presently have. After being questioned about the septic, Mrs. Patchett said the DEC would be in charge of what type and where it would be placed. She then presented the Master Plan to the Board. It showed the buildings (including outbuildings), parking, water supply and septic. She was again questioned very closely by the Board on each item. Mrs. Patchett stressed that they have been in a rebuild mode since 1996. Dottie Henry questioned whether the Master Plan includes the property recently purchased on Overbrook Road. Mrs. Patchett replied that the property is not a part of Trout House Village Resort but rather owned privately by her husband. There are no buildings on it now but there may be a time when a private home is erected there. N. Harrigan then explained her feelings that the Patchetts should complete a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). The Board eventually moved to recommend approval of the variance but that a full EAF be required on future applications from the Patchett Family Partnership. . . mjk

HAGUE TOWN BOARD  
May 9, 2000

A Moment of Silence was held for Madeleine Carpenter Leach and Rollie Forgette

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Larry Lowenthal from Park Services addressed the Board.

Dottie Henry addressed the Board regarding the ongoing problem with junkyards. She mentioned an editorial she put in last month's Chronicle which received a lot of favorable response. However, nothing has been done by the Town yet. Supervisor Belden told her the Master Plan Revision committee was holding its first meeting on May 10 and junkyards would be one of the issues to be discussed.

R. Meola mentioned that there is a prohibition on junk cars and junk yards in the Ordinance. He questioned why the Town Board doesn't enforce it. A. Steitz told him that this problem was discussed at the Association of Towns meeting. It is a problem common to many Towns. The Town can impose fines up to three times and then imprison the guilty parties but who will pay for this enforcement? R. Meola suggested the town attorney be contacted for his opinion. R. Hourigan suggested that possibly the money that would be spent on enforcement could be put to other uses that would enable people to clean up their yards.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Assessor & Justice (Steitz) - Michelle Hood will resign her job as secretary to the judge on May 25. The position is open for anyone interested at a pay scale of \$6.50 per hour. (Cont. on page 4 - Town Board 5/00

(Cont. from p. 3 - Town Board)

Dave Martucci will hold a workshop on the re-evaluations and Grievance Day will be held on May 23 from 4-8 pm. For any questions on the above, please contact the Community Center.

2. Buildings & Grounds (Megow) - The air conditioner is not yet turned on. There is a large propane tank on the property to power the generator in case of emergencies.

3. Finance (Megow) - Nothing

4. Fire Department (Fitzgerald) - The new fire house is being erected. The fire dept. is holding a pasta dinner at Silver Bay Association on Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend) and a coin drop on Sunday, May 28. Supervisor Belden mentioned that he re-applied for a grant for the kitchen in the new building.

5. Highway (Fitzgerald) - Charles Chase, Terrace Rd., was visited to assess the problem with the land washing down the hill and threatening the walls of his garage. The Highway Supervisor has to give permission to put in a new driveway. R. Hourigan mentioned again that the neighbors have a responsibility to fix the problem.

6. Insurance (Hourigan) - R. Hourigan spoke with M. Fitzgerald regarding the new policies coming out.

7. Personnel (Hourigan) - He has attended a couple of workshops during the past week and a half. There is currently an opening at the Transfer Station for a position that will work 5 days/week at 5 hours/day. The weekend days are mandatory work but the two days off will be on a rotational basis. The pay is \$6.25/hour. Due to a current lack of manpower, the May hours at the Transfer Station did not go into effect but as of June 1, it will be open 7 days/week.

8. Planning/ Zoning/Stormwater Management (Steitz) - The Planning and Zoning reports are listed on page 3. There is no Stormwater report.

9. Recreation/Promotion (Steitz) - Nothing

10. Sewer District #1 (Belden) - Nothing

11. Town Park & Beautification (Fitzgerald) - The Park Attendants will remain the same as last year: Marty Brown, Lou Simmons, Don Best, Dick Parkis. The lifeguards will be Joe Plass and Heather Hasset with Ann Johnson as an alternate. The new well is being dug on Wednesday, May 10. It must be tested with chlorine for 1 year, according to state laws. Supervisor Belden mentioned that vandalism has begun at the Park. Signs will be posted stating that the Town will take action against vandals. W. Bothe offered the help of the Town Highway Crew for clean up purposes at the Beach.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station (Megow) - Revenue for the month of April was \$1,606.00. Mr. Megow checked with 3 vendors for the best prices on the \$2 bags. Our current vendor continues to have the best price.

13. Youth (Hourigan) - Mr. Hourigan has 2 hard commitments for the Summer Music Series Program

and is waiting to hear from 2 other groups.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #59 of 2000 - is to express appreciation for the service Rudolph Meola gave the Town during his tenure. Mr. Meola was awarded with a certificate.

Mr. Meola, acting as Deputy Supervisor, recently attended Customer Service Workshops. He didn't feel that two of these workshops were of too much help for us. However, the 3rd one dealt with the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority. This organization will do an efficiency audit of the Community Center for a nominal fee. Supervisor Belden agreed that this is something that the Board should look into.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A letter was received from Sal Santaniello regarding the Town's management of the employees at the Park. The Board decided that the Chamber will continue to manage the employees for this year and the issue to have the Town take over will be discussed at budget time. A bulletin board will be erected at the Visitors' Center to be used for town business only - no advertising.

The Chamber and the Town Board will meet with the Lake George Steam Boat Co. regarding the possibility of groups chartering the Mohican from the Baldwin Dock back to the Village.

A petition to limit parking to 1 hour from the Post Office to the corner of Rt. 8 was received. The Board members felt that the signs wouldn't be a good solution - they could take up parking spaces, hinder snow removal, take away from the town beautification. The members voted against the petition but will continue to search for parking solutions in the downtown area.

Time Warner cable will be extended on Dodd Hill Rd., using the Town credit balance.

#### NEW BUSINESS

M. Fitzgerald would like to have the park attendants start Saturday, May 13 from 7 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 14 from 7 am to 12 Noon.

R. Hourigan said that Art Belden approached him regarding the potential of putting in a crosswalk across from the Post Office. Mr. Hourigan also suggested one be put in at the intersection of routes 9N and 8 and also into the Park.

Dan Steitz has volunteered to be the Animal Control Officer temporarily. The Board accepted his offer until the position is filled.

#### COUNTY REPORTS

Supervisor Belden, as a member of the County Supervisors, made a deal with the Town of Queensbury for the use of the shoulder paving machine.

Gas and diesel storage will be located at the Town Highway Garage. The fuel will be purchased at state prices and the town and fire department employees will be able to use these pumps (for official business) by means of a credit card. The county will own and maintain the system.

NATURE NEWS  
by Laura Meade

WEATHER NOTES  
By Mary Lou Doulin

Why do some birds migrate from south to north in Spring while others remain in our area year-round? Bird watchers have been intrigued as to the answer to this question for centuries. Here in Hague research continues on this question.

Since early May it has been obvious that many "breeders" have arrived in Hague for their busy summer season, when they choose a mate, build a nest, lay eggs, hatch them and raise a family. A variety of habitats here appeal because of their characteristics. Islands, upland ponds, wetlands, coniferous or deciduous woodlands, mountain cliffs, residential lawns with flowered landscapes and old farms provide an amazing choice of habitats. Almost everyone has seen a robin's nest or a phoebe's nest. We know that ruby-throated hummingbirds nest in Hague because male and female adults and their offspring are often seen at feeders, but seldom has one seen a hummingbird's nest!

Peterson's Field Guide to the Birds (Fourth Edition) features 390 range maps toward the end of the book, just ahead of the rear index. Each map shows the area east of the Mississippi River in the U.S. and north into eastern Canada. Of these 390 color-coded maps, supposedly 126 species of birds are documented to breed in our area, although I have personally known of much less than that. In order to be as specific as possible, red shows breeding range, blue is for winter range, and purple indicates resident year-round.

Every Spring on Migration Bird Count Day dedicated "birders" go all out to record species seen (or heard) within a 24 hour span. This year the day was May 13. The observer(s) notes location, time of day, how many of each species, specifics of the habitat, weather conditions, observers' names and addresses.

The final challenge is to list the birds in American Ornithological Union (AOU) order to be properly catalogued.

For the second time in NY State there will be a huge effort by birders to compile breeding bird data which will again be published in an "Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State." The first Atlas was published in 1988 after years of observations. A copy of this book may be seen at the Hague Town Hall (please!! do not remove.) There are pages devoted to each bird species on a map of New York. One page for each shows the number of 5-Km blocks in which there is a code indicating possible breeding or probable breeding or confirmed breeding. On another page for each bird a write-up, also a sketch, provides much information prepared by noted ornithologists. A quick look at this Atlas can provide extensive information about New York birds in condensed form.

P. S. Bob and Betty Wotton, Forest Bay, documented 53 species on Migration Bird Count Day!

This is an exhilarating time of year. The explosion of leaves, buds and flowers in sweet and rich array never fails to thrill me. This year the precipitous amounts of rainfall have added to the splendor of the lush vegetation.

We are 2.7 inches above normal this year so far. April was rainy and cool as has been May, with the exception of the 7th through the 10th. We experienced a preview of July. At that time it was foggy, hazy, hot and humid and twice my thermometer showed a 90degree reading. It is notable that we have had several early lightening and thunder storms. May 11 we received 2.2 inches of rain during that storm. A cooling has followed each storm and we have been brought back to sweater weather.

All the rain has made this an abundant black fly season. I had forgotten how nasty their bites can be! For the first time in my memory the smelt did not run in the Hague Brook (Sucker Brook). They were abundant in the south end of Lake George but not here. This is the result of the changing conditions in the brook mainly due to deposition caused by soil disturbance along the bank. During the May 11 storm the brook ran fast and furiously and water levels were about 2ft. below the top of the concrete side wall. What a show!

#### HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM

The Hague Cartoon Museum will have another grand opening for the 2000 season on Sat. May 27 at 2PM, Memorial Weekend, says director Stan Burdick.

Featured at the opening will be cartoonists in person to sign their work for everyone, presentation of a new exhibit entitled "Remembering Charles Schulz," and another interactive game of interest to children.

In addition, many new original cartoons by well-known artists will be on display, as well as over 600 presently shown. This is the third year for the museum, located in the Old Town Hall, center of Hague

Last summer almost 1,000 people visited the museum, double the number in 1998, and this summer it is hoped that 2,000 will journey to Hague to see this unique attraction.

Museum open times are Thursday evenings, 7-9PM, plus every weekend, Friday through Sunday from 2-4PM. Groups are scheduled by appointment with Director Stan Burdick at (518)543-8824. Inquiries may be made to Burdick at 1 Burdick Lane, Silver Bay, NY 12874, or email: [tfguild@capital.net](mailto:tfguild@capital.net).

## STILL GETTING LETTERS!

The following letter, dated April 27, 2000 was received from Lee Masquelier, Lake Shore Drive.

"I guess it's true when they say that two people can witness the same event and see a completely different outcome. This is my feeling with all the commotion surrounding Trout House Village and Dockside Marina.

My wife and I bought a home just north of Dockside 2 1/2 years ago. During our sprucing up of the place, we enjoyed numerous dinners at Dockside Landing, and lodging at Trout House Village. We feel fortunate that a friendship developed with the Patchetts as well as with Craig Merrill. Our opinion is that both of these establishments are extremely well run by conscientious owners, both locations have a great deal of "curb appeal," and they add value to our property, not detract from it. I think an unemotional review of both locations will reveal that upgrades have been completed in a top notch fashion and that the owners have spared little expense in making them attractive to the public.

"In the case of Dockside, I think the phrase "unsightly blight" is unfair. Craig Merrill spent two years successfully transforming his property into a first class marina and restaurant -only to have it gutted by fire. Twelve to fourteen hour work days down the drain! Currently an attractive sight - no, but let's cut the guy a break and give him the time needed to square things with his insurance, contractors, engineers, on and on and on. Hey, it's looking better already. As to "rotting septic odors," as a direct neighbor of Dockside's, I have never had a whiff of anything foul coming from that location. Knowing Craig however, if there were a problem, I'm confident the situation would be corrected immediately. Regarding the bathroom issue, to me it's a wash! He is simply swapping those lost in the fire, to the log building. I believe this was an easy variance to grant.

"I strongly feel that if the Patchetts want to upgrade existing structures, remove aging cabins, or construct modern ones, this is their prerogative. Paul Barone's recent letter stated that it would be sad if none of us were allowed to make any changes to our properties - I wholly agree! Why is it a bad deal for the town if they remove a bedroom from their inventory and build a nice chalet(s) that is larger in square footage? If the structures are on their own land, if they have the septic capabilities to handle the waste and if they do not negatively impact the lake, I'm in support of upgrades or additions to their facilities. Past improvements have been completed in an eye pleasing manner so if Paul Barone is comfortable with the "content and intent" of current zoning laws, I'll trust his expertise.

The grandeur of Lake George is what drew all of us (tourist included) to this region. It is certainly something special that demands our protection and I appreciate the concerns that have been raised. However, I refuse to believe that these two establishments are single-handedly transforming Hague into another Lake George Village, are somehow skirting all local ordinances for their own selfish interests, or are in any way harming the lake. These are business people who conduct their affairs in an upstanding manner, who are hands-on owners, who present attractive properties to the outside world, who contribute significantly to our tax base, who offer employment to local residents and most importantly, are decent, hardworking people. The town of Hague will be a poor-

er place if these two businesses are not allowed to prosper and grow. . . /s/ Lee Masquelier

## HARMON GALLERY AT HANCOCK HOUSE

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will host an exhibition entitled "*Rustic Tapestry*" by Bruce Gundersen May 3 through July 1 in the Harmon Gallery. Bruce draws his inspiration for his rustic furniture from the rich Adirondack design history of the 19th century great camps and lodges. He interprets this traditional form in a new way, using seasoned materials to create a dense interplay of cured cedar, pine cone scales and a variety of birches. Often these earthy colors are highlighted with detailed north woods scenes depicted in glass-encased dioramas. Clocks, cabinets, dressers and lamps are some of the home furnishings that Gundersen builds with a craftsman's love of natural materials..

Stan Burdick, Hague cartoonist continues his exhibit of Cartoons of the North Country in the meeting room of the Hancock House until May 27. If you haven't seen it, better hurry on down!

## VOLUNTEER FINANCIAL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Although no one plans to be in a tight situation, many people never learned the basic money management skills needed to control their spending. Cornell Cooperative Ext. in Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties have volunteer financial management counselors who encourage participants to take responsibility for their own financial well being and to help them learn how to make their money work for them.

If you need help in matching income with expenses, the Volunteer Financial Counselor can teach you the important steps of the budgeting process and actually help set up a budget that fits your needs. Controlling Credit Spending: A counselor will help you gain a better understanding of credit management concepts and help you set limits and controls on credit spending that are appropriate to your situation. This program is free of charge and can begin anytime. Confidential appointments are made at the convenience of the client and counselor and the sessions are on a one-to-one basis. Call Cornell Cooperative Ext. at 668-4881 or 623-3291.

The Hague Chronicle now has an editorial board, which met for the first time on May 15. Serving on the board are Dottie Henry, Editor/Publisher; Mitzi Fillare, Treasurer, Staff Writer Mary Jo Keeler, John Barber, Michele Gautreau, Ethel Andrus and Fred LaPann. We also have a group of willing volunteers who meet once a month to staple, fold, label and stamp.

We estimate that each copy of each issue costs approximately \$1.00, including postage. Since it is a voluntary contribution, you will note that the date on your mailing label indicates the date that we might expect another donation. We are all volunteers and we appreciate your generous contributions to keep our paper going.

## SOUNDINGS

**BORN:** A boy, Trevor Samuel Dunsmore, to Robert and Frances Dunsmore, Lake George, on May 10, 2000. Lucky grandmother is our own Bertha Dunsmore, Hague.

**DIED:** Laura E. (Robbins) Fricke, 85, Edison, NJ, on April 28, 2000. She was the daughter of the late Bertha and Benajah Robbins, Hague. She is survived by six sisters, including Anna Denno and Beatrice Frasier, both of Hague, Pauline Hill and Juanita Nestor, Ticonderoga, Dorothea Liberty, North Hudson and Leona Stratton, Hudson Falls; one daughter, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

**DIED:** Joseph Roland Forgette, 61, Dodd Hill Road, on May 1, 2000 in the Fletcher Allen Hospital, Burlington, VT. Surviving are his wife, Patricia (Frasier) Forgette, one daughter, Michelle Holman, five grandchildren and two sisters.

Congratulations to Brad Zeyak, son of Sharon and Doug Zeyak, Hague, who is the student of the month in Ti High School. An excellent student, Brad is accelerated in Math, Science and Spanish and is taking Advanced Placement English, Calculus and Physics, and took AP US History as a junior as part of his High School curriculum. He participates in varsity football and track, a member of the National Honor Society and is an active member of the Hague Fire Dept. He plans to attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst or the University of Southern Maine for Mechanical Engineering or Environmental Science.

Congratulations to Tyler Wells, Hague, along with Thomas Reale, Ticonderoga, who took first place in Problem Solving at the TSA Conference 2000 held at SUNY, Oswego on April 14. Tyler also took first place in Simple Machines (Catapult). Tyler, a junior will become the new State Officer as Sergeant at Arms. Twenty-two THS students attended the conference.

Along with the student trophies, Ticonderoga won the Level II Outstanding Chapter of the Year, and Mr. Marshall won the Level II State Advisor of the Year.

#### TICONDEROGA MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Grade 8: Leanna Alteri, Dayna Evans, Thomas Haskell, Jason Laundree Michael Michela  
Grade 7: Danielle Connors, Jason Frasier, Aren Laundree, Krystal Trainor, Richard Zacharenko

#### ACHIEVEMENT ROLL

Grade 8: Matthew Frasier  
Grade 7: Danielle Connors, Joshua Frasier, Lindsay Mascarelli

Grade 6: Sarah Bissell, Marissa Coffin, Bryce Gurney, Andrew Trombley

Congratulations to all of the above Hague students!!

#### TI SCHOOLS' NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Ticonderoga Central School District's new telephone system is operational. The quickest way to reach the following offices and speak to a receptionist is to dial the telephone number and extension number. YOU DO NOT NEED TO LISTEN TO THE RECORDED MESSAGE - IMMEDIATELY ENTER THE EXTENSION NUMBER.

Elementary School Office - 585-7437 - Ext. 219

Nurse (Elementary/Middle School) - 585-7437 Ext. 213

Middle School Office - 585-7442 - Ext. 218

High School Office - 585-6661 - Ext. 119

High School Guidance Office - 585-7177 - Ext. 123

Nurse (High School) - 585-6661 - Ext. 124

Bus Garage - 585-6256 - Ext. 225

Superintendent's Office - 585-6674 - Ext. 110

Business Office - 585-7400 - Ext. 113

If Elementary School parents need to make bus changes, please call: 585-7437 and enter Extension 219. DO NOT LEAVE BUS CHANGE MESSAGES ON VOICE MAIL.

In case of emergency, please call 585-6674 and press zero.

The Ticonderoga Middle School Music Dept. would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all parents, friends, neighbors, organizations, and businesses who contributed to the May 3rd trip to New York City.

Ticonderoga Board of Education announced recently the appointment of Mr. Bruce Tubbs as Middle School Principal. He fills this position following Mr. John McDonald Jr. who will assume the position of Superintendent of Schools on July 17. Mr. Tubbs will assume the position of principal on August 1, 2000.

Tubbs began his teaching career in 1984 as a physical education teacher in the Ti Elementary School. In 1994 he launched his administrative career as building principal for CVES, Mineville Campus. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education (1978) and Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership (1990) from Castleton State College. Mr. Tubbs' initiative, creativity and breadth of experience are a welcome addition to the Ticonderoga Central School District.

On Monday, May 8 several people gathered in the Town Clerk's office for the swearing in of several new Fire Police for the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. They include: John Brown Jr., Martin Brown, Charlie Chase, Mike Manning, Dean Wikoff and Doug Zeyak.

## ZEBRA MUSSELS FOUND IN LAKE GEORGE

The Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) are urging all lake users to take an active role in slowing the spread of Zebra Mussels in Lake George. On May 11 the two groups launched a campaign aimed at anglers, recreational boaters and property owners, which highlights the destructive nature of the non-native mollusks and what steps can be taken to slow their spread in Lake George.

LGA Executive Dir.. Mary-Arthur Beebe said, "We want lake users to know what will happen to Lake George if Zebra Mussels are allowed to go unchecked. These prolific, sharp-shelled mollusk can foul boats and boat engines, foul beaches with washed up remains, clog water intake pipes and alter the water quality and overall ecosystem of the lake."

LGA and LGPC staff and volunteers have begun passing out flyers and identification cards at area launch sites alerting boaters to be on the lookout for the black and white striped bivalve mollusk, which can grow an inch or two in length.

Lake users can help slow the spread of the Zebra Mussel and prevent personal property damage by observing a few good boat keeping suggestions. The groups recommend before moving boats between water bodies: remove all weeds and Zebra Mussels and carefully discard in trash containers; drain all water from boat, boat engine bilge and other equipment; and inspect and rinse all boat parts and equipment with tap water (preferably hot), or leave boat out of the water and in the sun for at least two days.

If you discover Zebra Mussels in Lake George, immediately contact the Lake George Association at 518/886-3558 or The Lake George Park Commission at 518/668-9347. Additional information on Zebra Mussels can be found on the LGA web site at [www.capital.net/com/lga](http://www.capital.net/com/lga)

## AMERICADE CANTEEN NOT JUST FOR CYCLISTS

The Rotary Club welcomes everyone to stop by its canteen at the Visitors' Center in the Park during the AMERICADE on Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat., June 7, 8, 9, & 10. Open from 10AM to 4PM. Fresh bagels, donuts, Richard's Famous Hot Dogs with Adirondack Sauce, Bruno's Chili, Mary Jo's homemade chocolate chip cookies, coffee and sodas. Picnic tables or take-outs are available.

## PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA

PRIDE has had three mercury vapor lights installed, once again lighting the alleyway between the Pride building and the North Country Community College campus.. The lights were generously installed by Tony Morette, who donated labor and materials.

In the near future the Town of Ticonderoga will be installing lights around the parking areas behind PRIDE and NCCC so this entire section will be well illuminated. The future plan is to locate the Festival Guild tent on the grass to the north of this parking area, generating a potentially active area.

The three lights in the alleyway were destroyed by vandals during the fall of 1999. PRIDE owns the alleyway and maintains it as a pedestrian walkway between Montcalm shopping district and the parking areas to the north of the main street buildings. Vandals also broke rear windows of the PRIDE office and during last summer planters and window boxes were pulled apart and eventually stolen. "Many people have worked very hard for a long time to enhance and enrich the natural resources we have in our back yards and it's very disheartening to think anyone would intentionally damage any of it" said Executive Dir.. Pat Havas.

## EDITORIAL

Last month I wrote a piece on the unsightly "dumps" in the town of Hague. I was very pleased to receive many favorable comments on the article and support for my "crusade." During the "privilege of the floor" at the Town Board meeting, I reiterated my concerns.

Before I criticize further, I want to congratulate the town on its efforts this past week in picking up trash from curbside from seniors and from the sick and disabled. From all accounts it was highly successful, at least from the residents' point of view. Also, Shirley Smith should be commended for cleaning up the terrible eyesore at Brookwood Campsite, which had been left by the former occupants. Although this is in Essex County, Hague residents were subjected to it daily. Shirley is a resident of Hague. We also commend all the Hague homeowners who are sprucing up their homes and making Hague a better town in which to live.

Homeowners should recognize the fact that not only does dumping degrade their property and looks bad to visitors, but it has a definite pollution effect on our lake.

It was suggested that perhaps the town could give some help to those who have become inundated with trash and have no way to get rid of it. Is this something that the prisoners from Moriah could help us with? Perhaps some of our readers have suggestions or solutions. It is definitely against the town ordinance to have a dump. How can we enforce this ordinance? Also, the state has a regulation that more than two cars that are not licensed or usable in one place are considered a dump. Maybe we should get tougher on the offenders! Perhaps we could follow one of our neighboring towns and start fining them.

If it is visible from the road or lake it is BLIGHT!

... djh

5/00



## HIKE WITH PHOTOGRAPHER CARL HEILMAN

Join Photographer Carl Heilman on June 3 (rain date June 4) for an afternoon and evening of instruction in landscape photography. A moderate hike up Crane Mt. near Warrensburg will be paced to allow plenty of time to photograph the wildflowers and the dramatic views from the summit ridge, as well as the wild beauty of Crane Mt. Pond.

Carl Heilman has been photographing the back country of the Adirondacks since 1975 and his recent book, Adirondacks: Views of an American Wilderness, was published in June 1999.

For information and registration, call LARAC at 798-1144, Ext. 6. Deadline for registration (\$75) is May 26. Enrollment is limited to ten.

## FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

The Fund for Lake George has announced its calendar year 2000 grant recipients. The Board of Trustees will distribute a total of \$206,332 among six organizations for FUND programs that improve our understanding of the lake. A jointly sponsored Milfoil Management/Sonar Pilot Project is still under development and awaiting necessary State Licensing.

John Barber, Chairman of the Board for the FUND said "this money will enable the recipients to continue their valuable work in helping to preserve and protect Lake George, a very precious resource for future generations to enjoy" He credited the organization's ability to make these awards possible, to the many generous donors who have recognized the FUND's efforts to support organizations dedicated to maintaining and preserving one of New York State's most beautiful and historic places.

This year's grant recipients include The Lake George Basin Land Conservancy, The Darrin Fresh Water Institute, Bateaux Below Inc., The Lake George Park Commission, New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation and The Bolton Central School District.

The discovery of zebra mussels in Lake George Village has prompted the FUND to initiate and support an intensive investigation of calcium levels of 132 streams and stormwater inlets in the lake. An award of \$7,500 to the DEC to support the FUND's work in zebra mussel management will permit early detection of potential zones of zebra mussel invasion. This study is vital to the lake and will be matched with a grant from DEC.

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

Our club continues to grow. At our meeting on May 9 we welcomed a new member, Edgar (Ted) Caldwell of Bolton Landing. Visitors are always welcome at our Tuesday morning breakfast meetings at

7:30AM at Watson Arts Center, Silver Bay Assoc. Just follow the Rotary arrows.

On June 6 we will NOT have a breakfast meeting since we will be celebrating our 4th anniversary with a dinner at Drake's Restaurant in Schroon Lake. On June 7 through 10th we will participate in Americade 2000 with a canteen for the bikers and anyone else who would like to stop by the Visitors' Center at the Town Park. (see page 8 for details). Our fund raisers help us to present a scholarship to a Ticonderoga graduating senior4, as well as other projects for local youth. During the next school year we will be sponsoring a student for study abroad.

June 29 will see the retirement of our current officers and the installation of new ones, and the Rotary year begins on July 1. Come help us thank President Joanne Brown for a job well done and to welcome incoming President Walter Thorne as he embarks on his term as Rotary President.

## WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIP

The Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in Warren County is conducting a three day Wilderness Exploration Trip on July 11-13. This trip is open to any youth 9-11 years of age. The group will be camping on Thirteenth Lake near North River, NY. The cost of the trip is \$12.00 per participant.

The trip is designed to give youth a basic knowledge of the Adirondack environment including its forest and wildlife. Low-impact camping is stressed, developing in youth an attitude that they are part of, not apart from, the environment in which they live.

Activities include woods lore and safety, identification of forest trees and wildlife, compass skills and canoeing safety.

The trip is well chaperoned and is under the leadership of an experienced, licensed New York State Adirondack Guide with certification as an Advanced Wilderness First Aider.

To pre-register, or for more information, contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885 (Phone: 623-3291 or 668-4881).

If any child in Hague would like to take this trip and needs financial assistance, please call Bertha at the Community Center (543-6161). Help will be made available.

## NEWS FROM FORT TICONDEROGA

The restored King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga will host a new series of events this summer. "The Secret Garden by Sunset" is a series of receptions slated for May 28, July 27, and Sept. 7, 2000, held within the restored brick walls of the formal garden adjacent to The Pavilion at 6PM each evening.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY/JUNE 2000

## May

- 23 Senior Citizens Meeting - p2
- 24 Middle School play - 7PM
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 26 & 29 School holiday - return of snow day
- 27 Hague Cartoon Museum opens - p5
- 27 Spring Buffet at Silver Bay - p1
- 28 HVFD coin drop - p2
- 29 Holiday - Town offices closed

## June

- 1 Planning Board - 7PM
- 5 Fire Department Meeting
- 7 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 13 Town Board - 6:30PM
- 15 Carillon Garden Club
- 15 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM
- 19 Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 20 Fish & Game Club meeting
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM

## HAGUE RAIDERS MILLENIUM H.S. REUNION

Can you believe it's been over five years since the last one!!! How time flies as we age.....(gracefully). Mark your calendars for the Second Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2000. Hague Fish & Game Club 1PM, Pig Roast at 2:30, Music at 3:00, Beer and Non-Alcoholic drinks will be available.

Only \$20 per person, one guest only, please.

Sunday, August 20 at 12Noon will be Fammily Day Gathering, location to be determined. Looking for volunteers to plan Sunday's event.

Please contact Debbie Bly Hicks @ 315-564-6625 or E-Mail hicks6@gateway.net or Valerie May Lawrence 518-543-6846.

We are looking for addresses for the following people:

- Agnes Frasier Watts - Class of 1967
- Sharron Jamieson - Class of 1967
- Sandra Ryther - Class of 1967
- Barbara Brown - Class of 1970
- Carol Frasier - Class of 1970
- Donald McPherson - Class of 1973

Walter Simpson - Class of 1978  
Clara Lee Smith - Class of 1978  
Marie Touchton - Class of 1978

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PLEASE RESPOND TO ROBIN WARREN MONTGOMERY BY 7/1/2000

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YR. GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

I Will/Will Not be able to attend Saturday's reunion.

No. of Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please include \$20 per person. Checks payable to Robin Montgomery, Reunion Treasurer

Mail to:  
Robin Warren Montgomery  
401 Lake George Ave.  
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