



VOLUME 32 NO 7

HAGUE, N.Y. 12836

JULY 2002

Fax (518)543-6633

Email: hchague@capital.net or HagueChronicle@aol.com

Tel. (518) 543-6633

CLIFTON WEST MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

Thanks to many contributions from our generous residents, the Clifton West Memorial Garden has now come to life. Clifton West was a life-time resident of Hague and for many years was its historian. He was born on August 26, 1908 and died on July 6, 2001. For more information on his life, read *The Hague Chronicle*, July 2001 issue, on file at the Community Center. Mr. West lived for most of his life next to the former school, now the site of the Community Center. He was noted for his gardens, so it seemed fitting that the town should provide a space for a flower garden in his memory.

John Brown, Silver Bay, was a great supporter of this idea and put his talents as a master gardener together with his brawn, and made the garden a reality. It is located at the west corner of the Community Center property. A bench is on order and should be here for the dedication.

One can come, relax and enjoy the beauty of the garden and reflect on what Clifton, in his mild way, has done for our town.

The dedication will be held on Tuesday, August 6 at 3PM. Light refreshments will be served following the dedication ceremony.

COMMUNITY BAND TO FORM

Come join the Champlain Valley Community Band under the direction of Pat Cornell of Silver Bay, a music teacher in the Ticonderoga Middle School. Pat encourages you to get out those "old" or new instruments and get ready to make music with the band. Anyone wishing to play is invited to join - young and young at heart, early grade and advanced musicians. Even if one hasn't played in years, it's easy to get back in shape and be part of the fun.

The band meets on Monday nights from 7-9PM in the Ticonderoga Middle School. It started its rehearsals on July 8th but it is not too late to join when you read this. Call Pat at 543-6081 for more info. or just come to the next rehearsal ready to play!

The band will perform a concert under the Ti Festival Guild Tent on Thursday, August 8 at 6:30PM. Come early, bring a picnic and enjoy the evening with our very own band.

HAGUE ANTIQUE SHOW

The fifth annual Hague Antique Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 20th and 21st from 10AM - 4PM at the Community Center in Hague. Hague will host 11 dealers for this event. With extended promotion it should be a well attended show. So come, look, shop and see all the goods. Find that item you've been looking for or that perfect gift you need to get. Admission is \$1.00. See you there.. Casey Skahan

HAGUE ARTS FAIR AUGUST 3 AND 4 FROM 10AM - 4PM

Over 48 vendors have signed up, including a number of local crafts people.

There is no admission charge. Food will be available. For more information, call Karen Laundree, 543-0040.

SILVER BAY READINGS BY THE BAY

Silver Bay Assoc. is pleased to announce its Readings By The Bay series for the 2002 season. Jason Shinder, the founder of the YMCA National Writer's Voice, along with Laurel Blossom, founder of the Writer's Community and Mark Nepo, Silver Bay Assoc.'s first writer in residence, will be two of the key presenters as Silver Bay Assoc. celebrates the 11th year in the Writer's Voice program.

Other writers this summer have been with the Silver Bay program since its beginning, and include Paul Pine, Christopher Shaw, Sue Halpern, and Bill McKibben. These writers have contributed to the success and popularity of the program, particularly in the area communities and schools.

All readings are at the Silver Bay Assoc. Admission is free. A reception and book signing will follow each reading.

July 25 - Poet Paul Pines (Watson Arts Center - 7:45PM)

August 1 - Poet Mark Nepo - (Morse Hall - 8PM)

August 8 - Non-fiction writer Sue Halpern
(Watson Arts Center - 7:45PM)

August 15 - Non-fiction writer Bill McKibben (Morse Hall - 8PM)

HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM

Katherine Arnoldi, celebrated author of a best-selling graphic novel, will speak at the museum on Saturday, July 20 at 3PM.

Her book, *The Amazing Story of a Teenage Single Mom* (Hyperion) is typical of the new genre of graphic novels, combining art and autobiographical text. It received #10 for "Books of the Year" in a recent *Entertainment Weekly* selection.

Ms. Arnoldi was raped at age 17 in the 1970's. The graphic novel about her struggles to overcome shame and support her baby daughter in New York City has become a message of survival for hundreds of teenage moms in her audiences across the country. Articles concerning this woman's epic struggle have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Redbook*, *Seventeen*, *Ms*, and *Christian Science Monitor*, to name a few.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The first two concerts were well received with a good attendance. One cannot find a more pleasant setting with the beautiful lake in the background, children playing in the park and the cares of the world put aside for the evening and all this is FREE!

On Wednesday July 24, the Silver Bay String Quartet will present a concert followed by "Too Human", a duo with Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno who perform well crafted songs with "delivery out of the ordinary." On August 7 Stan Burdick will be back with square dancing and live music. All ages have a lot of fun at this event. Get in your square dancing mood and "come on down." The last concert of the series is on August 14 when a tuba quartet will perform old fashioned outdoor music. Sounds like a heap of fun!! Remember WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 IN THE PARK.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual picnic at the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 12Noon. Bring a dish to share; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. . . ewa

WARREN CO. COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS

WCSC will hold its annual picnic on Wed., Sep. 4 (rain date, Sep. 5) at the state park in Lake George. All seniors in Warren County are invited to attend. For reservations phone 761-67347 at least one week in advance. Menu is grilled chicken, baked potatoes and corn. Arrive by noon, bringing your own table settings (fork, knife, spoon). Entertainment by Andy Pratt.

People with one-track minds have derailed trains of thought. . . Ray McCarty

The committee honoring Dottie Henry on August 22 at the Hague Firehouse reminds fellow citizens that dinner reservations are \$15 and must be paid for by August 1 at the Hague Community Center. A cash bar reception begins at 5:30PM, followed by dinner and festivities at 6:30PM.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD responded to 18 calls in June and expended 106 man hours in answering these calls. Our ambulances were called fourteen times, with Ambulance 740 travelling 448 miles and 741 doing 172 miles. Our volunteers contributed 127 3/4 hours. to bring ambulance service to the community.

The HVFD is holding its annual steak roast at the firehouse on West Hague Road on August 3 at 4PM. Clams will be served earlier in the afternoon. Dinner is priced at \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Do come and enjoy a fine meal including corn and baked potatoes.

The HVFD thanks everyone for the loyal support tendered through the years. . . ewa

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/27/02

DePaula (11-1-23) property at Indian Kettles. Mr. DePaula wants to construct a 24' x 24' deck on a large rock lakeside to provide a flat safe place for his family to sit. It has a zero setback from the lake. The Hague Planning Board had recommended denial and the Warren County Planning Board had recommended to deny without prejudice due to lack of complete information. A motion was made to deny the variance. For denial were Tina King and Cris Ginn. Against the motion to deny were Robert Goetsch, Bruce Clark, Nelson Waters and Charles Chase. The variance was then approved with the conditions that the deck extend from retaining wall to configuration of rock, a distance of 2' from edge of water, and that Mr. DePaula send the requested information to the Warren County Planning Board.

Town Attorney Silvestri was in attendance to discuss the matter of the petition regarding the lands of Scott Patchett, which was received by the Town Board on April 9 and turned over to the Zoning Board. Mr. Silvestri stated that the ZBA is not the proper town agency to review such matters. A request to investigate a misrepresentation must be submitted in writing to the Zoning Administrator for determination. After the ZA is given an opportunity to investigate and make a determination, if the petitioners do not believe that the ZA determination is correct, then they may file a timely appeal with this Board.

The only proper response by this board to the April 2002 petition is to advise the petitioners that the ZBA has no authority to review determinations which are beyond the 60 day limitation imposed by Appendix C, Paragraph C (1) (a) of the Hague's Zoning Ordinance.

Ed: Since the above date, a letter from the petitioners has been forwarded to the ZA as per legal procedure.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 7/9/02

The regular meeting started at 6:30pm with all members present and after the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Maureen Garrison, Hope Manning and Jack Cahill.

The meeting was opened for comments from the floor. Bill Bothe read a letter on behalf of Nelson Waters who expressed opposition to the proposed local law on property maintenance. The public hearing on this proposal will be held on August 13th at 6PM. Copies of the proposed law are available at the Community Center.

Sean Lobdell of 20 Yaw Road presented a petition from residents in his area requesting that the Town Board "recognizes" and "respects" the right of these residents "to peace and quiet and security". The residents are specifically concerned with the noise and health hazard at 6 Yaw Road where there are many animals including several dogs who are "constantly barking at all hours" and "chasing cars and pedestrians". They would like enforcement of the local codes by the Animal Control Officer, who has the authority to issue citations, and by the local court. The Board accepted the petition and the Supervisor will speak to the Animal Control Officer as well as check the Department of Agriculture regulations.

The General & Highway Claims were approved with no dollar amount given. The Board approved a plan that would allow paying the performers at the Town Park in a timely manner.

Supervisor Belden introduced John Turner, the new Executive Director of the Silver Bay Association (SBA) which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Mr. Turner noted that SBA is sending out their calendar every week to local residents. He welcomes suggestions on ways for SBA to maintain its position as a "good citizen" of Hague.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire - It was noted that the next event is the steak roast on August 3rd. Supervisor Belden applauded the letter that the Fire Department sent out to area residents.

Personnel - Councilman Steitz stated that the position of secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board is open and applications are encouraged. Councilman Meola noted that there is a need to look at job performance of employees using the evaluation measures which were previously in place.

Town Park/Beautification - The women working in the Visitor Center booth (Joan Steitz and Shirl Vickerson) were commended for doing a good job. The Town will put more sand around the playground equipment. A letter was read requesting the raking of the black decaying leaves on the beach. It was suggested that the beach needs to be raked every day. A letter from Wilford Hutchinson thanked the Town for use of the Park for their coffee house. Some complaints were received about the loudness of the music so there needs to be some restrictions at these type of events. It was agreed

that the fireworks display on July 5th was excellent although there were some difficulties with parking.

Highway - Bill Bothe reported that vehicle repairs have been done, 16 vehicles and miscellaneous metal have been removed from properties and signs have been replaced. He encouraged residents to report any vandalism or thefts to the authorities. They may be able to tie it in with others and may also see stolen or damaged property and know to whom it should be returned.

The Town has been aware of the problem with the wall on Holman Hill and had set aside money for the eventual repair. The earthquake damaged it further and then it finally gave way with the sewer work. The repair work, costing less than \$80,000, was assigned without bids to AP Reale since it is an emergency. The work will be supplemented with a highway crew and permission has been received from the county to use some of the sewer grant money. Temporary easements have been obtained in order to build a temporary access road while the main Holman Hill road will be closed for the construction.

Museum & Historian - The committee on the use of the old Town Hall met for tentative recommendations but will continue to review and analyze the surveys and have something for the board at the August meeting.

A written report on visitors to the Museum was submitted by Ethel Andrus. Hague, in cooperation with Warren County, has received a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant which will allow the Warren County Records Center to help organize, rehouse and microfilm the Hague Town Historian's records.

Planning/Zoning - The Board accepted a petition from residents who "ask that appropriate steps be taken to stop the building overgrowth, issuance of improperly processed...permits, ...disregard for Zoning and Planning regulations and the lack of enforcement of these regulations in the entire Town of Hague." In particular they "protest the issuance of a Zoning Compliance Certificate and any and all permits issued May 10th and May 13th for (Scott) Patchett property #24-1-14." A previous related petition was reviewed by the Zoning Administrator Paul Barone and Town lawyer John Silvestri who ruled that the allegations were not timely due to a lapse of 60 days from the alleged violation. If any misinformation is given on a permit it would be considered null and void. Supervisor Belden will send the current petition to the Town attorney for his opinion.

Sewer - Several residents have questions about the sewer hookups. The Chronicle will try to publish a comprehensive update on the sewer system in the August issue.

Transfer/Recycling - Revenue received was \$5278.25.
(Con't on page 4 - Town Board) 7/02

(Con't from page 3- Town Board)

Water District Issue - Supervisor Belden reported that the AdHoc Committee he appointed had met and decided to wait until the homeowners meeting. They did not suggest alternatives because only 3 members (Dan Belden, Cathy Clark and Diane Martino) were present.

The Board agreed to spend the additional \$18,000 -see related article below.

Other business: Since no response has been received from Mr. Darrin for the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Board decided to put the Comprehensive Plan on the agenda for the August meeting.

A meeting was scheduled for July 16th for the Board to become familiar with the proposed local laws.

Approval was granted for Town Clerk Debbie Manning to attend a class and Town Justice Heather Knott to attend a conference.

Proposals will be sent out for repairs to Raiders Ridge Bridge.

The Town will be logging their property at the Sabbath Day Sand Point Pit and using the money to pay for closure of the gravel pit.

The Town settled an article 7 (tax assessment) case with the Lake George Land Conservancy for property on the back side of Rogers Rock. . . js

LATEST UPDATE - WATER DISTRICT ISSUE

At the July Town Board meeting, Cathy Clark presented information she has researched on alternative sources of funding for the Hague Homeowners Water Association (HHWA). She also has been trying to find more grants which could be used to retire the interest free loan if a water district was established but has not found any. Cathy spent many hours researching both sides of the issue. She said she has "concern that adding a water cost (now) with a sewer expense is not the right timing" and noted that the system "is not a community system - it only includes 88 properties. It is a very expensive system for a very small population."

Scott Patchett read a letter from the HHWA which supports the establishment of a water district. He stated that this is "not just a homeowners issue. Water and sewer is a big asset for the town and the comprehensive plan urged town water and town sewer."

Suggestion was made for a preliminary poll of people in the proposed district. However as Councilman Meola stated, "Others are saying that getting the sentiment is specious if (we) don't know what the costs are."

Bill Cobb noted, "(We) need better figures."

Karen Laundree asked, "Would expending the (additional) \$18000 for the next step help clarify these costs?"

Both Councilmen Hourigan and Megow answered, "Yes."

Dottie Henry said, "Spend the \$18,000."

Mr. Hourigan moved, and Mr. Steitz seconded, a motion to appropriate \$18,000 to complete the engineering study and map plan. Approved unanimously.

The Hague Chronicle contacted each of the Town Board members about their vote. Their comments indicated that they needed to have the engineering study completed in order for the Board and the voters in the proposed district to make an informed decision about the real costs of the system. The information would also be necessary in order to submit the final applications for the grants. Spending this money is in the same spirit as the expenditure for the Comprehensive Plan so that as much information is available as possible and the Board "can say (they) did all (they) could."

The Board plans to meet with Adirondack Engineering Associates to discuss scaled down plans. When the report is complete, the Board can establish a water district but it will not be final until a permissive referendum is approved by the voters in the proposed water district. According to an interpretation given to the Board by Attorney John McDonald, each property or association would have one vote. . . js

COMMUNITY CORNER - RUDY MEOLA

In the January 2002 issue of the Hague Chronicle, following my election to the Town Board, I wrote that I would make a periodic report to you on issues of concern to all of us. This is my first report.

In 1999 a committee of the Board, R. Meola, M. Fitzgerald, D. Martucci, and Mr. Swan, Warren County Real Property Director, arrived at a framework of potential agreements dealing with lawsuits resulting from the 1999 re-valuation of town real property. The Board was kept informed each step of the way and indicated that they would support the committee's recommendations. But in January 2000 two new board members, R. Hourigan and A. Steitz, joined the Board replacing R. Meola and R. Patchett. The new Board rejected the tentative agreements and continued with the litigation for another two years without much progress. It wasn't until January 2002 when I returned to the Board that the process was renewed and a settlement was reached on the two largest cases. The total cost in legal fees for all of the settlements was \$9,920 plus \$4,000 for an appraisal of the state lands and the I.P. timerlands. If the original tentative agreements had been accepted, the legal fees would have been in the \$1,000 range and the final settlements are not materially different from the 1999 proposals.

In October 1999 a Sabbath Day Point resident began an action against the town to rectify alleged damage caused to his property by improper excavation work. Earlier this year the Board decided to turn the case over to the attorney for the town who replaced the law firm from Clifton Park which handled the case from the beginning and had billed the Town \$1,100 over a 2 1/2 year period. The attorney for the town, John Silvestri, on the case since April 2002, has already billed about \$600 with no end in sight. (Con't on page 8 - Meola)

NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade

The blooms for the year 2002 of the catalba trees have come and gone. One can almost predict the exact days the blooms will appear (about June 24 or 25) making each catalba look like a huge bouquet of beautiful white flowers. There is no comparison with their huge heart-shaped leaves that provide shade like an enormous umbrella.

As near as I can tell, a tree salesman visited Hague and convinced the Silver Bay Assoc. to buy about 12 of these unusual trees. Seven were planted directly across from the inn on the lakeside of Silver Bay Rd. Five others were planted near Spruce Mt. Lodge. At least two other customers bought and purposely planted them. Some people retrieved seed pods and planted them at the end of the season in their yard. The blooms drop off within a few days covering the ground like snow. It is quite a task to rake up all the blooms which soon turn brown and make the lawn look very messy. Each bloom produces a long skinny brown bean pod which grows longer all the summer days and then drops in the fall, requiring another considerable raking effort. An owner of a catalba is aware of the advantages and disadvantages of this type of tree and must accept these factors before planting one. The best part is the few days of incredibly gorgeous blooms. For some years I have tried to observe how many catalbas exist in the town of Hague. So far I have counted as many as 23 but perhaps there are some I have missed.

Another tree species that I have noticed is what I call a "smoke" tree. It is rather small and has furry brown foliage which appears to have prickles. I have seen only four in Hague. They turn rusty brown as the summer turns to fall. Also they seem to be planted as a decorative lawn item as they grow only about six feet tall.

Another species that intrigues me is the Black Locust. One spring I wondered what type of tree seems to explode with white flowering clusters about mid-June. When I discovered the name, it seemed to be contrary to the beautiful white clusters, as it was called Black Locust. There are many tall, graceful Black Locusts in Hague, mostly near roadways especially along 9N between the hamlet and Rogers Rock Campsite and from there north to Ticonderoga.

F.Y.I.

- Jim Mallard's 14 part series on the history of Crab Island has just been released on *America's Historic Lakes*. Crab Island was the site of an American military hospital during the War of 1812. The story starts here: http://www.historiclakes.org/crab/crab_intro.htm.
- 10th annual Antique and Classic Car Show, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, Bicentennial Park, Ticonderoga. Entrance Fee \$10.00. Spectators FREE. Vendors needed. (Food, music, crafters, etc.) For more info. call Ti Chamber of Commerce, 585-6619
- Bake sale and lawn sale, sponsored by the ladies of the Hague Baptist Church, on the church lawn on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9AM until ?? Donations (no clothing) will be accepted at the parsonage. Call Rena Dykstra, 543-6535 for info. Proceeds go to the church's women's ministry.

- Fort Ticonderoga is holding Family Exploration Series every Thursday through August at 10AM. Hands-on activities for families to help them learn more about the fort's history and life in the 18th century. FREE admission to residents of Ti, Crown Pt., Putnam, Hague. No reservations needed. For schedule or more info. call 585-2821.

- Next dinner at the Methodist Church in Crown Point will be roast beef on August 2, followed by turkey on August 23. Takeouts available at 4:30PM. Dinner at 5:00. Come early to insure a seat!

- A new book, written by Charles Gosselink, Silver Bay and PA is now for sale at Silver Bay General Store. "Benjamin Van Buren's Bay" is a fascinating history of Van Buren/Oneida Bay and the families who first settled there. Van Buren/Oneida Bay is located in the Silver Bay area.

TI FESTIVAL GUILD

The second in a new series of concerts called *Adirondack Odyssey* will feature Gregory Douglass on July 25 under the tent on the Ti Town Green at 8PM. The series, presented by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, features area talent and young performers.

Douglass, at age 21, has just released his third CD. Douglass is a passionate mix of contemporary folk, pop and rock. He has performed in many venues in New England, New York City and the Burlington area. He is currently on tour to promote his latest CD and planning for number four. Opening for Douglass will be the local band, Major Endeavor.

The final concert in the Odyssey series will be held on August 1 at 8PM under the tent and will spotlight Loose Monkeys on stage.

Formed in 1992 by Mat Foley and Chris LaPointe, Loose Monkeys brings an eclectic blend of rock, Irish, bluegrass, new wave and folk to the stage. The band features guitar, violin, mandolin and vocals with a pure, uncluttered sound that will please every ear. The duo is as unpredictable as their non-existent set list, and will change the way you think of contemporary and traditional music.

Opening for the Loose Monkeys will be Mara Morhouse and Katie Putzke of Ticonderoga.

Both concerts start at 8PM and are \$6.00. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy.

The regular series of Ti Festival Guild Concerts continues on Tuesdays at 8PM. On July 23 the Prometheus Brass will be featured followed by Groovelily on July 30 and Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys on August 6

Don't forget the FREE Arts Trek concerts on Wednesdays at 10:30AM. Geared to children, the concerts bring a large attendance from the entire area. Prometheus Brass will perform on July 24, The Seagle Colony will present *Three Little Pigs* an all-time favorite story punctuated with music by Mozart and on August 7, *The Fool and Flying Ship*, an ancient Russian folk tale brought to life by two actors. 7/02

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE HAS AN ACTIVE YEAR

The historian has sent a report of the activities in which the Rotary Club has participated during the past year. They are to be commended for all the good things they do for the community.

- Sponsored Hague Hoax Fest and World's Strongest Man
- Held an auction in the town park.
- Donated to the 911 Relief Fund.
- Donated to student participating in neighbor to neighbor program.
- Donated to the Silver Bay Association
- Sponsored exchange student from France.
- Sent local students to the Haunted Fort
- Worked with Warren County Health Dept.. on infant immunizations.
- Provided holiday food for the underprivileged in Hague
- Raised over \$3700 for the Little League Lighting Project
- Provided a scholarship to a Ti High School graduate
- Sent members to the district mid-year assembly; district assembly, and the district conference in Newport, R.I.
- Presented a memorial plaque to the family of Anna Denno
- Presented a scholarship to the student of the year.
- Sent both boy and girl basketball players from Bolton Ldg. and Ticonderoga to the state championships.
- Sponsored a Bolton student in the Youth and Govt. program
- Held another successful Americade Canteen with help from the Silver Bay Child Care Center.
- Assisted as hosts at the Zone Congruence at the Sagamore.
- Donated a table and chairs for Amanda's House in Glens Falls.
- Held auction for Tiny Tim at Christmas party.
- Assisted Silver Bay Assoc. with annual blood drive.
- Donated a Native American doll to a new doll museum near New Delhi, India.

Programs for Rotary Club for the next month are as follows: July 23 - Denise Huestis "Industrial Information from the Revolution to 1800" Denise has built models of businesses in Ticonderoga in two decades and is working on a third. She will have these models on display while she talks about them.

Club Assembly will be held on July 30. On August 6, Anne Kusiniez will present a program on "Looney as a Loon" and David LaPointe, Jr. will speak on "Massage and its Benefits" on August 20.

If you would like to be a part of this service club, please come to a meeting, held each Tuesday morning (for breakfast) at 7:30AM. It is an active organization and would welcome new members.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Night Out is a nation wide program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Its primary goals are to:

1. Raise awareness of crime and crime prevention.
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local

crime prevention efforts.

3. Strengthen police-community relations
4. Send a message to criminals that this town is organized and fighting back against them.

The Ti Emergency Squad and the Ti Fire Dept.. will open their doors at an "Open House" event where the public can enter and browse the facilities. All Ti businesses are requested to open their doors during the event and possibly have a display set up on the sidewalk in front of their businesses for pedestrians to enjoy.

Ti Police Officer Randy Bevins is coordinating the event locally. It is scheduled to take place on Aug. 6, 2002 from 7-10PM. The traditions of the event include the display of outdoor lights and front-porch vigils. Businesses and residents are welcomed to coordinate other events. Contact Officer Bevins at 585-2205 for more information.

WARREN COUNTY FAIR

The Warren County Fair is scheduled this summer for Aug. 8-11, 2002. Location for this event is at the Fairgrounds on Schroon River Rd. in Warrensburg.

In addition to various attractions, entertainment and many exhibits created by youth, there is also an "Adult Creations" section at the fair designed to serve as a showcase for a variety of adult arts and crafts. At this time, exhibits are still needed. This section is open to any resident of Warren County 20 years of age or older. Categories include: food preservation, photography, painting, folk art, needlework, ceramics, wood-working, handiwork, and quilting. There is also a pot-pourri category for any exhibit that may be difficult to recognize. Prizes donated by area businesses will be awarded to winning exhibitors. There is no fee to enter. For more info. contact Cornell Cooperative Extension in Warren County at 623-3291 or 668-4881.

ELECTRIC BOATS COME TO HAGUE

According to Dan King of King Boatworks, Rt.. 8, Hague, Duffy electric boats, built in California will be distributed exclusively in this area by his company. These boats should make a hit with lake residents, particularly the ones who enjoy a nice quiet peaceful ride on the lake. "They're quiet and they're non-polluting", King said. They should appeal to those interested in antique boats and since they are designed for use on the Pacific Ocean, they are extremely stable.

King Boatworks currently has on display a 21-foot model. It comes with a steel surrey frame and marine canvas canopy, which can be rolled back, a stereo system, a microwave and a refrigerator. The boat can travel at speeds of 5 to 7 knots and up to 10 hours without its batteries being recharged.

For more info., call 543-0024.

The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder. . . Ralph Sockman

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A girl, Kyla Elizabeth to Kathy and Joe Burns, Tuby, NY on June 18, 2002. She joins a brother Zachary. Proud grandparents are Marilyn and Dave Barton, Sabbath Day Point.

BORN: A daughter, Madison Marie to Todd & Bobbie-Jean Fish, Hague on July 4, 2002 in Glens Falls. Maternal grandparents are Rose-Marie and Chet Frasier and paternal grandparents are Linda Fish and the late Herman Fish, all of Hague.

BORN: Twins, Lauren Marie and Lucas Michael to Michael and Erin Kavanaugh in Clifton Park, NY. Proud grandparents are Mary Jo and Lee Keeler, Hague.

BORN: A daughter, Olivia Grace to Martha and Steve Kearns of Duxbury, MA. She is the grandchild of Anne Chesky of Lakeshore Drive, Hague.

BETROTHED: Jody Lee Stanislawsky, daughter of Mr & Mrs Joseph Stanislawsky, Hague, to Richard John Sheldon, Burlington, VT. A wedding is scheduled for July 12, 2003.

DIED: Cosimo Messina, 79, at Heritage Commons Residential Health Care in Ticonderoga on June 18, 2002. He is survived by his daughter Melanie (Mrs. Robert) Goetsch, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DIED: Maureen Adele Garrison, 76, formerly of Lake Shore Drive, Hague, on June 19, 2002 in Red Bank, NJ. She is survived by one daughter, Patricia, Melbourne, FL, two sons, William Eatontown, NJ and Michael, Fair Haven, NJ and five grandchildren.

DIED: John M. (Jack) Cahill, 51, son of Juanita (Robbins) Nestor, Ticonderoga, formerly of Hague on June 27. He was a graduate of Hague High school in 1970. He is survived by his mother, two sons, three brothers, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Hope Manning, 35, on July 4 in Ticonderoga. She is survived by her parents, Grant and Mary Manning, 6 brothers and sisters, including Mike, Sabbath Day Point and numerous nieces & nephews.

DIED: Beatrice (Peggy) Perry, long time member of the staff of Silver Bay Assoc. and mother of Paul Perry, Hague on July 12 in Cincinnati, OH. She is survived by her husband and two sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Donations in her honor may be made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept.

DIED: Madeline Tompkins, 86, Indiana, PA on June 30, 2002. Mrs. Tompkins has been a staff member of Silver Bay Assoc. for over 20 years and has been arranging the flowers there for most of that time. She is survived by two daughters, Jane Lord and Margaret Cohen, 8 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Linda and Roland Kidwell, Johnstown, NY, have both been granted tenure at Niagara University and are associate professors in their respective departments. Linda is the daughter of Virginia (Henry) and John Achey.

Persephone Jones, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Vincent C. Jones, Tenafly, NJ, has graduated from New Jersey Medical School with an M.D. degree. Dr. Jones will serve her residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in New York City as a pediatrician. Proud grandparents are Mina and Vincent Jones, Hague.

Ed Henry, son of Dottie and the late Jack Henry has completed his degree as a Nurse Practitioner at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He will begin practice in Afton, WY in September, after a well deserved vacation at his favorite lake in August!!

FANTASTIC FOURTH

Many thanks from the Hague Chamber of Commerce and from all those who enjoyed the spectacular fireworks display over Hague Bay on July 5 to the following people who donated towards this latest "Hague Happening". Hopefully it will become an annual event and we especially thank Brad Whisher (The View) for initiating this idea and being the first to kick off the funding of it. Please send donations for next year's fire works to Hague Chamber of Commerce, c/o Sal Santaniello, Silver Bay General Store. Thanks to the following contributors to the 2002 fireworks display: Brad Whisher, Hague Chamber of Commerce, Grant Spaulding, Carillon Restaurant, Elaine Smith, Dottie Henry, Mr. Mrs. Paul Perry, Silver Bay General Store, Jerry & Ruth Sector, Hague Creek Antiques Collection Box, Jered Cilley, Mr & Mrs. Robert Sinkway, Trout House Village, Town of Hague, D.D.Belden, Cliff & Dorothy Davis, Al Bartz, Seddon & Jim Beaty, Lake Forest Acres, Judy Larter, Mr & Mrs. Richard Sharp, Meredith Behr, Kathe Allen, Hague Creek Antiques, Gerry Fisher, Alison Craig, Pete & Judy Foster, North Country Landscaping, Robert Glading, Sheri & Cris Ginn, Monroe Pontiac/ Mr & Mrs Joseph Malloy, Jim and Leone Modestino, Tom Dimond, L & M Masonry, The Spencer Family, Margaret Darrin and John Foote.

The oldest words of pen or tongue: we didn't do that when I was young! . . . Suzanne Douglass 7/02

(Con't from page 4 - Meola)

On April 18, 2002 the Zoning Administrator, acting on a complaint, issued a Town of Hague sanitary code violation citing a Friends Point homeowner for not having a permit on file for a wastewater sanitary system. The attorney for the homeowner produced the permit (it was located in the files at the Community Center). Meanwhile, the attorney for the town introduced a requirement of a permit for a drilled water well based on the N.Y. State Sanitary Code "...no person shall construct or abandon any water well unless a permit has first been secured from the permit issuing official". However, Glenn Brusco, Senior Sanitary Engineer of the N.Y. State Dept. of Health (DOH) states in a letter "...the drilling of a well for a single lot/private residence is not jurisdictional to this office. This is normally addressed by either the town health officer (which in this case is the Town Board) or the town code enforcement officer." The attorney for the town argues that this requirement for the water well has not been met. Since neither the Warren County DOH, the NYS DOH, nor the Town of Hague issues permits for the drilling of water wells, I asked our attorney, "Where would a homeowner go to get a permit for a water well and if a permit is required for the homeowner in this case doesn't the same requirement apply to all other homeowners in Hague that have drinking water wells?" But instead of answering my questions, he launched a personal attack on me. I cautioned the Board about following his advice but they ignored me. His legal fees on this case from April 2002 to June 2002 are \$1,000. At the July audit meeting I tried to discuss with the Board my concerns (selective enforcement and mounting legal costs) but they were not at all receptive with the exception of the supervisor who took a passive approach.

As your elected representative, I take my duties seriously. One of my duties is that of protecting your interests and I will continue to do that. I am interested in your comments on the above issues. Please let me hear from you. . . Rudy Meola

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION

At the June 15 annual meeting of the Lake George Association, three new members were elected to the board. They are: June Bencroft, Bolton Landing, Chauncey Mason, Bolton Landing and Kemp Dwenger, Arcady Bay Estates, Hague. Hague also has one other member on the board, Kenneth Engler, Forest Bay.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION REPORT

The Lake George Park Commission was established in 1961 by the NYS Legislature to provide a means for people who reside and visit within the Lake George Park to preserve, protect and enhance the unique, natural and scenic resources of Lake George and the surrounding countryside. Through the Commission, citizens advocating the protection of this world renowned resource have developed special environmen-

tal and public safety programs which fill critical gaps between State and local government efforts. The Commission's programs are especially protective of the lake's superior water quality and promote lake safety on one of the busiest recreational waterways in the world. Commission members receive no compensation but oversee the program activities of a nine member staff and a seasonal marine patrol of ten officers.

This year the Commission lost 16% of its revenue (\$150,000) due to a reduction in the price paid for water power produced at the lake's outfall.

The Commission's financing is unique in that lake user fees directly support the lake protection and public safety programs. The Commission receives no annual State or local government appropriations. Registration fees on boats, docks and moorings are historically 65% of agency revenue. All income is deposited in the Lake George Park Trust Fund, a special fund in the care and custody of the State Comptroller. Trust expenditures are on audit and warrant of the State Comptroller and may be used exclusively for the programs of the Commission to protect the lake. The Commission also receives certain program reimbursements, as well as public and private grants which often support special studies, programs or activities.

User fees on boats, docks and moorings were first established in 1987 when the authority and responsibility of the Commission were expanded. Fee levels have remained unchanged since then.

The base level program expenses of the Park Commission have increased over time, with the expansion of the size of programs, especially in the area of Eurasian Watermilfoil, stormwater management and the Marine Patrol, in order to fulfill its mission.

In October 2000 Governor Pataki announced \$320,000 in State funds for the Commission for an array of program activities and especially to support a planned Sonar Demonstration Project to control the spread of milfoil. As a one-time appropriation for special initiatives, the funding does not address the Commission's annual operating deficit. However, the one-time funds have offset the Commission's losses in the fiscal year which ended March 31, 2002.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held at 10AM on July 23 at North Queensbury Firehouse. Law Enforcement Committee of the Commission will meet at 9AM at the same place.

WEST HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon until 4PM. Everyone is cordially invited to visit; arrangements can be made for other hours by phoning 543-6098 or the Community Ctr.. 543-6161.

New is a WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? board; can you help us by identifying any of the pictures displayed? Come in and visit us, and help us identify these pictures. . . ewa

7/02

PET NEWS
by Cathy Moore, 585-7271

We certainly have been busy finding homes for many homeless cats and dogs. We've found homes for 4 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 4 adult cats and numerous kittens in one month's time.

We still offer low cost cat spaying and neutering for \$30.00. If you or someone you know needs this done, please call me ASAP! If you need help in placing kittens, we will help you find good homes for them, only if you go through us to get the mother spayed. Let's all work together and stop cat overpopulation.

We have a wish list. Do you know anyone willing to donate any of the following items?

- A. Pet food - especially cat and kitten food
- B. Cat carriers - for transporting cats to vets office
- C. Foster homes
- D. Dog houses - must be in good condition.

Two of the many "special" pets we know that need homes include Ra Shae and Jebediah. Ra Shae is a one-year old spayed shorthair bobtail cat; calico markings; very sweet personality; excellent family cat.

Jebediah - 9 yr.. male sheepdog; was a stray, abandoned by owner; found very thin, had to be shaved by dog groomer. Please help!

TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

Children's workshops at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum include the following:

- Wed Jul 24 A Frontier Toy called Loosey Goosey, with Lois Strum
- Fri Jul 26 Paper plate Katydid with Susan Densmore
- Wed Jul 31 Salamander Clips with Dawn House
- Wed, Aug 7 Iroquois Shields with Wanita Blanchard
- Fri Aug 9 Magnetic Notepads with Tracy Price & Kristy Karl
- Wed Aug 14 Circular Weaving with Linda Kirker
- Fri Aug 16 Cloth Crayon Transfer Wallhanging with Diane Thatcher

All activities are FREE and materials are provided unless noted. Parents and guardians are invited to accompany children. Children under 5 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Group reservations are required - please call 585-2696

All workshops are scheduled from 9-10:30AM. On Saturday August 3, Heritage Day will be celebrated. Check with museum staff or Times of Ti for list of events and times.

KIWANIS CLUB HEARS WIPS UPDATE

Greg Trask, new President of radio station WIPS spoke on behalf of the station's new de facto owner, Crown Point Telephone Corp. at a recent meeting of his fellow Kiwanians.

While Cal Carr remains the licensee of WIPS

pending FCC approval of the transfer to C.P. Tel., the latter has purchased the station and will operate it until FCC clearance is received.

Most of the station's old equipment has been replaced with modern installations. The format has been changed to local news and lighter music in the morning hours and rock in the afternoon and evening.

The station operates from 6AM to dusk. Dusk brings on atmospheric conditions that tend to reflect AM radio signals, in consequence causing the signal of a station like WIPS to conflict with the signal from the higher-wattage station located hundreds of miles away. A higher wattage transmitter is a dream for WIPS' future. Meanwhile the station is concentrating on making the best use of its current facilities, Trask said, both in terms of service to the community and in terms of an ultimately profitable enterprise.

The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, a service club that celebrated its 75th Anniversary in May, is one of the oldest clubs in the nation and the largest in the Adirondack region. The club meets for lunch weekly at noon on Thursdays, during the warmer months at the Ti Country Club and during the colder months at the Elks Lodge. Visitors and applications for membership are warmly welcomed.

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO AMBULANCE SQUAD

On Friday night, July 5, our 8-year old daughter injured her neck and back on our trampoline. We had to call 911 for assistance. Within minutes the ambulance arrived with four squad members. They immediately began explaining what they had to do. This was her first experience and they tried to help her not to be so scared.

They may be volunteers, but they are professionals when it comes to taking care of people and making them safe. We are very lucky to have these people serving our community.

Thank you to everyone involved.

/s/ Suzanne & Tom White, Lakeshore Drive

SIXTH PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students attending Ticonderoga High School are listed on the honor roll for the sixth marking period.

Grade 12 - First Honors - John Costello, Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Angela Mascarelli, Alison Rutkowski, Todd Trudeau

Second Honors - Nicole Belden, Peter Mack, Joe Plass, Becky Ryder, Tyler Wells

Grade 11 - First Honors - Jennifer Clark, Jessi Frasier
Second Honors - Katie Belden, Theresa Howard, Christopher McCoy

Grade 10 - First Honors - Matthew Frasier, Thomas Haskell, Monica Sitts

Grade 9 - First Honors - Joshua Frasier
Second Honors - Danielle Connors, Lindsay Mascarelli, Joshua Patchett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2002

July

- 24 Silver Bay String Quartet in park - 7:30PM
- 25 ZBA meeting - 7PM

August

- 1 Planning Board - 7:00PM
- 3-4 HAGUE ARTS FAIR
- 3 HVFD Steak Roast at Firehouse - 4PM (p2)
- 6 Dedication of Clifton West Garden - 3PM (p2)
- 7 Square Dancing in park with Stan Burdick-7:30

- 8 Community Band Concert - 7PM (p1)
- 12 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 13 Public Hearing on proposed local laws - 6PM-
Town Board - 6:30PM
- 14 Tuba quartet in the park - 7:30PM
- 15 Carillon Garden Club - Community Ctr..11AM
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM - Community C.
- 22 Dottie Henry dinner at Firehouse, 5:30PM

REMEMBER WHEN?
 CHARLEY BURGEY - END OF AN ERA
 by Lynn Stote

Charley recently passed on at the age of 88. Charley and his wife, Marge, operated the Beachside Hotel and the Cave until they sold it in the late 70's. The Cave was Hague's famed watering hole that was in the cellar of the hotel.

Charley operated the CAVE, which was a unique bar. As you entered, one had to walk down a concrete ramp. I learned early on that the bartenders would glance up the ramp and could tell, who was entering by their walk, shoes, or their socks. The patron's drink would quite often be sitting at the patron's favorite spot at the bar before he sat down.

Charley was a big and intimidating man. He was a man of his word. Charley did favors for many people. He gave people jobs, lent money interest free, lent his tools, let the firemen use the facilities for their steak roasts, and sponsored basketball and softball teams.

Charley Burgey was a unique person. He kept law and order in his establishment by his mere presence. Charley was not known for his diplomacy. If a customer was a chronic trouble-maker Charley would finally utter his famous words "UP THE RAMP" and then maybe add "YOU'RE BARRED FOR THIRTY DAYS".

The winter scene at the CAVE was the fire in the fireplace, "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" on the jukebox, a few games of pitch, a few bottles of Jenny, and great conversation. Talk about getting away from it all - that was the place in the winter.

I am sure a lot of people miss the CAVE, Charley, Marge, and all the patrons that made it such a unique North Country bar. It was a part of our life. We loved the people that worked there, the unique patrons, and where I learned that every person knows something you do not know. I will always cherish the unique memories that Charley and Marge provided with their operation of the CAVE. THANKS CHARLEY!!!

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is published on or about the 20th of each month by volunteers and supported by contributions from its readers. Send news items to Publisher/Editor DOROTHY HENRY, 151 New Hague Road, Hague, NY 12836-2605 by the 12th of each month. Send yearly tax deductible contributions to THE HAGUE CHRONICLE, P. O. BOX 748, Hague, NY 12836-0748.

BULK RATE
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 PERMIT NO. 3
 HAGUE, NY 12836

Mr & Mrs. Donald Skahan
 8740 Lakeshore Drive
 Hague NY 12836-1802

Jun