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PROGRESS MADE IN PARKING PROBLEM?

The following is quoted from the minutes of the Town Board meeting of August 8, 2000: "Motion by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by A. Steitz to use the new Visitor Passes for the rest of the 2000 Summer Season. One pass per household will be issued to tax paying residents of the Town of Hague. This pass may be obtained at the Community Center. There will also be passes given to the Park Attendants to issue. These passes will be issued to visitors who would like to spend a few hours at the park. The passes are to be dated and timed. The visitor has to return the pass upon departure from the park. This pass is only for **PARKING AT THE TOWN PARK**. It does not have anything to do with cars parked on State property across from the beach. All voted yes. Motion carried."

In speaking with Mr. Steitz about the above motion, he said it was a temporary measure to try for the rest of the season. Passes will be issued to visitors at the discretion of the park attendants. The town board and park committee plan to meet during the winter and come up with a solution to the parking problem. It's like the song, you don't need to fix the roof if it isn't raining!. It seems to apply to parking as well. It is only on sunny days (and we haven't had all that many) when the parking lot is overcrowded with non residents. Perhaps this new measure will help. . . djh

ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Mt. Zion Gift Shop is the latest business to open in Hague. Located on the Graphite Mt. Road in Graphite, it is owned and operated by Janet Fenimore, assisted by Rosemarie Serdinsky. In a newly built, very attractive building, the shop features silk and dried floral arrangements by Ms Serdinsky. Custom floral arrangements are also available.

A special corner of the shop is dedicated to Christian books, tapes and Bibles. Also on sale are old lace and doilies, afghans, Adirondack lamps, woodcrafts, antique dishes & glassware, greeting cards, local crafts and much, much more. For a real treat, browse through the Mt. Zion Gift Shop. The shop is open on Thursdays

from 11AM-4PM; Fridays, 4-7PM; Saturdays and Sundays 11AM-5PM

OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS AT MLH

An osteoporosis exercise class is held each Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 - 2:30PM in the cafeteria at Moses Ludington Hospital. The class is held to help those with osteoporosis and is under the direction of Jeanne Creamer and Nancy Tierney, both authorized instructors. It is open to both men and women. Come on by and try it out!

HAGUE ANTIQUES SHOW

The Hague Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual Antiques Show on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Hague Community Center. Hours are 10AM - 5PM both days.

There will be American country furniture, vintage clothing, linens, china, glassware, golf memorabilia, estate jewelry, porcelain, old post cards, Adirondack and military items. Refreshments will be available.

Dealer inquiries are welcomed. For more information call Mitzi Fillare at 543-6344.

MONSTER MADNESS

According to the August 11 issue of The Lake George Mirror, an article about the Lake George museum by Marisa Muratori gives us some hope for the future of the Lake George Monster coming back to its rightful home in Hague. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Museum, new goals were listed, including cooperation with other museums and libraries. "One cooperative measure discussed was the possible shared possession of a celebrated hand crafted sea monster, currently at the museum, which the town of Hague claims belongs to them. Trustee Bob Powell (a summer resident of Hague) stated that the monster was a symbol of what has been wrong with the museum - lack of good records on its collection.

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There is no written record that states that the monster was given to Lake George museum on its return from the Caribbean. Unfortunately, there is also no record that it was loaned to the museum. However, according to our source, it was the intention of the owner to lend it to the Lake George museum until such time as Hague had a place for it. **NOW IS THE TIME!**

TI FESTIVAL GUILD

Closing the concert season with a seventh concert, the TFG will present Montcorbier under the tent at 8PM on Aug. 22. Montcorbier replaces Ad Vielle Que Pourra, which is no longer performing. They play contemporary traditional Celtic folk music from France, including dance music, sea songs, light flavors of Quebec and Cajun music. The concerts this season have been superb. You are in for a real treat at this, the last concert of the season. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for students through high school.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 10:30AM the Arts Trek will close its season with a performance by Kim and Reggie Harris, "One Family, One Planet", songs and stories and humor that show us that we are all one family on this planet called Earth. You will join in their fun. Arts Trek is geared for children, but is fun for all. The programs are FREE and are made possible (in part) by the NYS Division of Youth, by a CAP grant from the Arts Council of the Northern Adirondacks, by a grant from the IP Co. Foundation and with public funds from the NYS Council on the Arts.

"SUMMER SILHOUETTES", a garden tour and tea, will be held on Sept. 10 from 1-5PM. This event is a fund raiser for the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and is open to the public.

On display will be two gardens in Ticonderoga, those of William Dolback and Hazel Flack; three gardens in Hague, those of Peggy Darrin, Vivian and Tom Den Bleyker and Rose Marie and Dominick Viscardi; and one in Silver Bay area at the home of Joanne and John Brown. Visitors are also invited to walk through the three main gardens at Silver Bay, the Memorial Garden, the cutting garden and the "triangle" garden. Tea will be served in the boathouse at Silver Bay, overlooking Lake George, from 3 to 4:30PM.

Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 585-6716. Donation is \$20 per ticket (\$14 is tax deductible) and checks should be mailed to Ticonderoga Festival Guild, PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Tickets are limited and should be purchased in advance. The tour will start at Dolback's garden on Wicker St. or at the Silver Bay Assoc. Programs and maps will be available at those locations.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Black Watch Memorial Library (sometimes known as the Ticonderoga Public Library) is having two fund

raisers in the near future. The first is an offer by Mr. H. R. Tyrer of H. R. Tyrer Galleries of Glens Falls to appraise antiques. Only three antiques can be presented by any one person; there will be a \$10 appraisal fee for the first item and \$5 for item #2 and Items #3. Mr. Tyrer has been a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America for over 30 years. If you have any antique item that you would like to have appraised, and, at the same time, benefit the library, bring it to the library on Tuesday, Aug. 29 between 10AM and 4PM. You will learn what your antique is really worth and benefit the library at the same time.

The second fund raiser is a book sale, to be held on Sat., Sep 2 from 9AM to 3PM. It will be a wonderful opportunity to lay in a supply of your favorite type of book to offset the winter doldrums. Who knows? Maybe you will find the book you need to complete a collection of your favorite author. . . anyway, do come to the library on Sep 2. If the sun shines there will be books all over the lawn. In case of rain the sale will be held in the house behind the library. You're sure to find something to intrigue you! Books for the sale may be left at the library during library hours, Tuesday through Saturday. . . ewa

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual picnic at the Hague Fish and Game Club on Tuesday, Aug. 22. Bring a dish to share (no desserts, please). Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied, as well as dessert.

On Tues. Sep 26 we will have our September meeting at the Community Center at 1:30PM. We will have a guest speaker from the Queensbury Branch of the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company who will talk about scams against the elderly. Somescams can be very involved, so let's turn up our hearing aids and come prepared to really listen!

On Wed., Sep 27 we will go a-cruising on the Lac de St. Sacrement and partake of its wonderful buffet luncheon. Please register for this by Aug. 25. We will car pool from the Community Center to drive to Lake George. All members who register for the boat trip are expected to pay \$10 toward the cost of it. Time of departure to be announced. . . ewa

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Sat., September 9 at 8:30AM members of the Hague Historical Society will be leaving the Hague Community Center to travel to Wilton and Mt. MacGregor to visit the Grant Cottage. This is the cottage of President/General Grant where he died shortly after finishing his memoirs. We will car pool from Hague at 8:30AM

Drivers should accept a contribution toward travel expenses. Admission fee to the Grant Cottage is \$3.00. Following our tour we will back track to Glens Falls for lunch. Jerry Crammond will welcome any registrant's suggestion concerning the eating place. To register, and to make suggestions, phone 543-8054. The date is Sat. September 9. . . ewa

ZONING BOARD
July 2000

There was no meeting this month. . . mjck

PLANNING BOARD
August 3, 2000

Waters (20-1-13.1) SP 04-00 247 Decker Hill Rd.
Hague Land Use-OC1, Special Commercial Use District
APA- Moderate Intensity

Chairman Swanson distributed a flier that was created since the approval granted to Mr. Waters for commercial parking of cars, pickup trucks and boat trailers at a Special Meeting held on 20. The flier mentioned campers which were not included in the approval that was given. The Board concurred that the campers must be unoccupied and amended the motion to have it in compliance with the Ordinance. The unoccupied campers may not be on Mr. Waters property in an excess of 14 consecutive days or an aggregate of 60 days.

Frasier/Rust (30-1-36) & (30-1-37) Lake Shore Dr.
Hague Land Use - HP; APA - Hamlet

Mr. Rust is planning to purchase 50 ft. from Lake Shore Garage for an existing parking area for Island View Cafe.

The Board did a Site Review immediately following the meeting and unanimously approved the proposal.

Letter of Approval from APA

Chairman Swanson read a letter dated July 19 from the APA giving their approval to sundecks on boat houses. The letter also stated that the sundecks are not to exceed the perimeter of the boat house. It was unanimously voted to notify the Town Board that the Planning Board both noted and accepted the findings in this letter. . . mjck

HAGUE TOWN BOARD
August 8, 2000

A Moment of Silence was held for Hermine Suttner and Rita Waters.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dottie Henry addressed the Board regarding parking at the beach. She had been told that only the row of parking facing the beach is for residents with multi-use stickers. The rest of the parking is for anyone. She mentioned that if this is the case, the Town Ordinance should be changed, since it clearly reads "Parking by permit only". She has noticed that the parking lot has been filled, with a very small fraction of cars having stickers and she feels very strongly that Hague residents should be given top priority. Ms. Henry also mentioned that there should be limited parking signs (2-3 hours) along the highway. Further, after checking with the ranger at Rogers' Rock, overnight island campers are now permitted to leave their cars and trailers at the

campground.

Rudy Meola also addressed the board regarding parking at the Town Beach. He said that people without stickers were not allowed to park when there were many open spaces. He felt that this was poor public relations. He further stated that the Ordinance can't be enforced because the Park Attendants are too busy. Mr. Meola's suggestion is to provide a pass to the Park Attendants to give people who are going to stay for a brief period of time.

Mr. Meola also questioned the fact that there was a different lifeguard on duty in early July. M. Fitzgerald explained that this was a qualified person filling in who had been approved.

Mr. Meola further suggested moving the photoelectric cell (for the light poles at the beach) from the back of the building to the front of the building. He said there was a 65% increase in the electric bill and moving the photoelectric cell would give a more realistic window of daylight.

Mr. Meola also questioned why lifeguards needed a phone since their hours coincide with the Park Attendants' hours. Therefore, if they needed to use a phone, they could use the same one as the Park Attendants.

Mr. Meola then reported to the Board that he did a study on the after-school bus from Ticonderoga to Hague. From Feb. 16 to May 12, the Town was billed \$259 for mileage. There were a total of 11 students during that whole period and never more than one student at a time. Perhaps the Board could look into this.

Mr. Meola further brought to the Board's attention that the individual Board members have no authority on their own. Their authority comes only when they are acting as a member, along with the Board.

Charles Chase thanked the Board for helping with his drainage problem from the construction above his home. He is very pleased with the results.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Assessor & Justice (Steitz) - An ad ran in the paper for a court clerk. Mr. Steitz feels the salary should be raised to \$8/hour. The Board did not vote on this. However, if anyone is interested in applying for this position, they should contact the Community Center.

2. Buildings & Grounds (Megow) - The building is being prepared for staining. The trim might be changed to green with an appropriate roof color.

3. Finance (Megow) - Nothing

4. Fire Department (Fitzgerald) - The new building is slightly ahead of schedule. Supervisor Belden announced that next year, the steak roast will be held on the Saturday of the Arts Fair.

5. Highway (Bothe) - The road preparation has been completed in the Forest Bay area. The paving might be delayed a bit this year due to the increased cost in materials.

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6. Insurance (Hourigan) - No change
 7. Personnel (Hourigan) - There is a need for a Transfer Station operator. Anyone interested should apply at the Community Center.

There is also an opening for a part-time Recording Secretary for the Planning, Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Boards. Interested people should apply at the Community Center.

8. Planning/ Zoning/Stormwater Management (Steitz) - Please refer to Page 3 for information.

Stormwater - A Public Information meeting was held on the deltas. The Lake George Association hired a firm from Albany to do the SEQR and Impact Statements. The Engineer's report is needed before the work can be done.

9. Recreation/Promotion (Steitz) - No report

10. Sewer District #1 (Belden) - The engineers that were familiar with the project have moved on. New people are on board and will be getting up to speed soon.

11. Town Park & Beautification (Fitzgerald) - The Park Attendants are working very hard and doing a good job. A Steitz said the Committee has tried to come up with a Visitors' Pass. They would like every resident to have one for their guests and also would like the Park Attendants to have one which could be dated for a particular day. Supervisor Belden said a letter would have to be written to NYS DOT regarding parking on Rt. 9N across from the Park. The Town would also have to put up signs. The Supervisor would like to sit down with the Park Committee to put this into effect for next year. Mr. Chase (from the audience) suggested moving the booth up so cars would have to pass by it. Right now, there is no defined entrance or exit which makes it very difficult for the attendants to follow the parking policies. Mr. Hourigan said that the parking on the blacktop is by permit only according to the Town Ordinance. Mr. Fitzgerald entered a motion to have passes available for the rest of the season. This will not include parking across the street. Mr. Megow mentioned that the sign at the Beach says it is a public beach and the Board should take this into consideration when changing the parking policies.

Residents are now entitled to come to the Community Center to get a parking pass for their household.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station (Megow) - Revenue for the month of July was \$7,366.25. Deposit cans are no longer being taken as such; they are now going to recycle.

13. Youth (Hourigan) - The Basketball program is receiving a good response. The Swimming program did not receive as good a response.

Attendance for the Music in the Park series has dwindled. The Committee will look at different ways of drawing in people this winter.

60 of the youth are being taken to a Lumberjacks baseball game on Friday night.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APA Land Use approved the amendment for boat-houses. There will be a Public Hearing on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. (immediately before the Town Board Meeting). This meeting will only deal with the changes in the Ordinance on Blight and Boat Houses. The Tourism amendment was tabled by the Planning Board because the Comprehensive Plan Committee is looking at the same area. The Planning Board agreed to see the results of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Resolution #66 of 2000 to set a referendum date to authorize the Town Board to increase the publicity money in the 2001 budget was set for Friday, September 8 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. The intent of this money is to attract visitors, not necessarily for the Chamber of Commerce to promote private business.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A petition for a speed sign on Pine Cove Road was received. The Board accepted the petition and will investigate the need further and then forward it to Warren County.

Supervisor Belden will draft a letter to Bass Bay property owners requesting a refund to the Town of Hague for the buoys that were placed in the bay.

NEW BUSINESS

The contract with Jack Hall Plumbing was renewed.

The Chamber of Commerce has 2 more years on the contract for the old town hall. At that time, the town could possibly convert it to the West Historical Museum. This possibility will be looked into.

The Fresh Water Institute will be at the Boat Launch on August 13. Permission was given for them to leave their boat longer than 2 hours while they do tests for zebra mussels.

Resolution #67 in appreciation for work done by Mary Jo Keeler was passed.

R. Meola was praised for his work as Deputy Supervisor for the Town.

Supervisor Belden announced that he still does not have a Schedule of Values from the Chazen Companies (consulting firm to the Comprehensive Plan Comm.). The Supervisor will not sign the contract until he receives this breakdown. Mr. Patchett said that people will have the opportunity to see this firm at work during the Public Informational meetings on Aug. 15 and 16. He is sure they will be very pleased with their quality of work. . .mjk

*SUMMER: This is when we learn
that a vacation is the shortest distance
between two paychecks.*

NATURE NEWS

by Laura Meade

It was a pleasant Monday morning, July 31, 2000, when the Hague highway crew and workers at the new firehouse at the intersection of Rt. 8 and W. Hague Rd. noticed a commotion in the pasture across the road from the Hague Cemetery. They could see sheep and lambs being chased by what at first seemed to be several large dogs, but upon close scrutiny, they realized it really was a pack of coyotes, recognizable by their gray backs, reddish flanks, and tawny legs, feet and ears. The animals' goal was to capture and consume the meat of the lambs! They were wild and fierce!

As the men watched, one coyote got positioned at the base of the gentle sloping field, while three others rushed downhill from an upper woodland to attack the flock. No amount of screaming by the men at the corner deterred the attack. Also, the adult sheep did their best to fend off the brutal jaws, but to no avail. Sadly, two small, defenseless lambs became victims of the coyotes.

Considering the cleverness of the coyotes, that was probably a small miracle, but for Nelson Waters, owner of the flock, it was an upsetting loss. He had turned them out to the pasture earlier that morning, as was his usual practice. Fortunately he was able to hustle the rest of the flock into their nearby barn.

There has been much discussion of the possibility of re-introducing gray wolves to the Adirondack region. This incident would definitely be an example of why such a plan would be a threat to livestock. Without a doubt, Nelson would be a strong voice of opposition to re-introduction of gray wolves.

Nelson also reported that two of his pregnant ewes had been killed by coyotes in May 2000, and a dachshund owned by Donald Smith who lives near the Waters' pasture, was believed to be killed by coyotes. Also, a farmer in Ticonderoga, Bruce Crammond, was surprised to observe a coyote attack on his white German shepherd.

These vicious "critters" are well-known for their nocturnal howls, barks and wails. The Dykstras who live at the end of Cold Water Canyon Rd. (at the edge of the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness area) can attest to an occasional "coyote chorus." Coyotes are primarily predators of rodents, rabbits and other small animals but, when desperate, they will combine their efforts to kill small deer.

WEATHER NOTES

by Marylou Doulin

This summer is like a summer that never happened. There has been an amazing weather pattern in that 62% of the days since May 1 have had measurable rainfall and coolness. It has been wet more often than not. We are about 6" above normal for rainfall. If we didn't receive another drop from now until Dec. 30 we

would have a normal year.

It was cool in July with daily temperatures in the 70s. August started out humid. We had three straight days in the 80s only twice, once during the first week of August and the other during the second week of July. In July when it rained it was like the monsoons. Rain dispersed in unbelievable sheets with staggering intensity for these parts. The effect was immediate on the quality of the lawns and vegetation. It's been a great bean and lettuce year in the garden. The tomatoes are three weeks behind turning red. The words of the song "The Green, Green Grass of Home" have come alive in Hague this summer. When occasionally the sun does make an appearance, its brilliant rays are cause for celebration.

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT

It has come to this editor's attention that there are people in Hague who are confused about the operation of The Hague Cartoon Museum. To set the record straight - Stan Burdick, cartoonist and director of the museum owns the entire collection of cartoons which is on display in the museum. He pretty much set the whole thing up singlehandedly with some help from friends. The money which is donated at the door goes for the upkeep of the building, which is owned by the town of Hague and leased to the Chamber of Commerce for \$1.00 a year. The Chamber picks up all the expenses. It is funded by contributions, memberships and voluntary donations for admission.

Stan has given an incredible amount of time and energy to this project and Hague is very lucky to have him share this unusual collection with all of us. He is assisted almost entirely by volunteers. (He could still use more!)

Hague is very lucky to have a Cartoon Museum, one of a very few in the country! . . . djh

INPUT NEEDED

The town board would like to hear from you as to the type of programs you would like to see given in Hague during the summer of 2001. There seems to be some interest in a basket weaving course. How many of you would be interested? Other courses could be offered if enough interest is expressed. Please send your comments to Councilman Skip Hourigan, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836-0509. Also, perhaps you have suggestions for concerts in the park. Any comments must be received before October when the budget procedure begins.

HELP WANTED!!!

There is an opening for a part-time secretary for the Planning, Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Boards; also an opening for an operator at the Transfer Station and a clerk for the Justice's office. Applications are available at the Town Hall. 8/00

CARTOONING CAN BE LEARNED!

Starting August 2, Stan Burdick, curator of the Hague Cartoon Museum, will be teaching classes in cartooning at the museum. A class will be held each Wed. or Thurs. evening, 7 to 9PM. The class is open to old and young alike (grade school and above), doodlers, art enthusiasts, wannabe cartoonists and casual scribblers. Each week a different phase of the cartoon art will be taught, so students may take classes on an *a la carte* basis - come if and when you can. Each class is \$10 per student. You must sign up in advance due to space and material needs. Call *now* to register. 543-6727 (museum) If no answer, call Stan at 543-8824.

OOPS - We forgot to mention that the new benches in the center of town and on the trail at the Fish Weir, plus the beautiful flower boxes on the bridge and the two wooden square boxes were all crafted by our friend Frank Koenig, Overbrook Road Ext.. Thanks Frank for helping to spruce up our village! We might also add that it was a great idea to put a couple picnic benches in the park. I have seen them being enjoyed for the purpose for which they were intended.

While we are on the subject of the park - the weekend of Aug. 5 & 6 turned out to be a really nice one, after yucky weather in the week preceding it. Of course everyone was trying to get a spot in the sun on the beach and a spot in the parking lot for their car. Not too easy!

We have had a meeting of the Park Committee and several ideas were brought up to alleviate the congestion. We discussed enforcing the ordinance which is posted and states that "Parking is by permit only" in the parking area at the beach. Obviously many people do not understand what that means. Another good suggestion was to use temporary passes, which say "Town of Hague Visitor Pass. Good for guests of ____." These would be given to each Hague family, as requested, who might have a guest or a renter who would like to use the beach or park. They would be placed on the dashboard of the car when the guest is at the beach. Hague residents should have green multi-purpose stickers on their cars. If you don't have one I would suggest that you go to the town hall immediately to get one.. They are so easy to acquire. (You need your license number.) Don't get mad at the attendants when they won't let you park, even if you have lived here for 100 years. They are just doing their duty.

I am of the firm conviction that the Hague park was bought and is being maintained by the taxpayers of Hague. We feel sorry for the people in our neighboring communities because our park and beach are so much nicer. We would suggest that they contact their town officials to do something about theirs. Until we have enough space for everyone in Hague who wants to use the park, we should not encourage our neighboring communities to use it. I have had several Hague residents say they do not come to the park because it is getting too congested and they often find there are no parking spaces for them.. I certainly am not trying to discourage tourism. I have been around long enough to know that is our top priority here. However most of hte people who are using the beach are not what I would consider tourists. I am wondering - shouldn't we think of our own residents and their guests first?

Supervisor Belden has been in contact with DOT and

state police to see what if anything can be done about the cars and trailers that park on 9N for a week at a time? Nelson Waters has opened up his meadow off Rt. 8 on Decker Hill Rd. (with permission from the Planning Board) to park cars, RV's and trailers there. This would be particularly useful to those who camp on the islands for a week at a time. So far there haven't been any takers. Yes, he does charge a minimal fee, but the parking is much more protected there than on 9N and he is offering taxi service to the beach. Does anyone else have any suggestions?

Update (Aug.14) I made a sweep of the town beach parking lot yesterday. It was a very hot, sunny day, which brought out bathers in droves. The parking lot was completely filled - very few cars had stickers for parking. NONE had the visitors' passes, mentioned above. Cars and trailers were parked in abundance on the highway (waiting for an accident to happen?) . . .
djh

STULL REALTY OPENS IN HAGUE

Stull Realty of Hague is up and running, currently located at Lakeside Bagels. Come visit Dorothy Stull and Joyce Serdinsky, realtors. For more information call 543-6888.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George annually presents a scholarship to a student graduating from Ti Hi School. This year's recipient was Christine Frasier, daughter of Charles and Vicki Frasier, Ticonderoga. Christine will be attending SUNY Potsdam in Sept. She plans to major in elementary education. While in high school Christine participated in many activities, including varsity softball, gymnastics and National Honor Society.

At the breakfast meeting of the Rotary Club on Aug. 22 Christine will be an honored guest.

The Rotary Club sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on Aug. 4, 2000 at Silver Bay Assoc. Campus. Rotarians Jim O'Toole, Carol, Martin and nieces Chelsey and Jessica Brown, Chuck Fillare, Walter Hartl and Joanne Brown plus two members of the Silver Bay staff, Gail Rutkowski and Joanne Dedrick, assisted. John Singer, the head of the area Red Cross, complimented Rotary on the excellent turnout which exceeded our goals for this drive. Thanks to the Silver Bay Assoc. for use of the Watson Arts Center and to Joanne Brown for organizing this project.

On Aug. 2 Chuck & Mitzi Fillare, Mary Jo Keeler, Bruno Brauner, Walter Hartl, and Martin Brown took 18 Silver Bay International EMPS for an outing at Five Nations where they were hosted by Mike Hayes and his wife. The highlight of the outing was golf. A picnic supper, provided by Silver Bay Assoc. was enjoyed by all on the deck. Mike served ice cream and strawberry shortcake and each EMP received a souvenir from Mike. Thanks to John Barber for organizing this event.

The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday morning at 7:30AM for breakfast, meeting and program. We have had excellent programs. All visiting Rotarians or prospective Rotarians are invited to attend. 8/00

SOUNDINGS

Hassett, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello
Second Honors : Peter Mack, Angela Mascarelli, Tyler Wells

Grade 9: First Honors: Jessica Belden, Katie Belden, Jessi Frasier, Kelly Frasier,
Second Honors: Adam Charboneau, Jamie Russell

COFFIN-PIERSON DUO IN CONCERT

Trumpeter Sandra Coffin and soprano Susan Marie Pierson, the Coffin-Pierson Duo, accompanied by Ted Taylor, piano, will present a free concert on Monday, Aug. 21 at Hughes Memorial Chapel at Silver Bay Association. They will present the world premiere of Susan Kander's "A Cycle of Songs" which was written for them, as well as works by Handel, Purcell, Barber, Cole Porter and Frank Simon.

William E. McGarr, Director of the Warren County Veterans' Service Agency will not be available for counseling in Hague on Aug. 24 as he will be attending a VFW Convention in Milwaukee

Mr. McGarr will be in Hague Aug. 31.

WARREN COUNTY PICNIC

The Warren County Council will host its annual picnic on Wed., Sept. 6 (Rain date Sept. 7) at Battlefield Park in Lake George. Serving will begin at noon. Broiled chicken, potato chips, corn on the cob, rolls and buttr and watermelon will be served. A donation of \$3 is expected, but no one will be denied a meal if unable to pay. Be sure to bring your tableware and tablecloth. Plates will be provided. Please register for this by calling 543-6161 no later than Aug. 23. . . ewa

Kudos to our own Pat Cornell who got together 40+ musicians to form a Community Band. They gave their summer performance on Aug. 17 under the Festival Guild tent. Musicians from as far away as New Mexico (visiting here) and many other states, participated. Families were represented with as many as six members. It was a wonderful night - wonderful music. There was a huge enthusiastic crowd spreading out onto the lawn, cheering the band on.

Thanks Pat, for pulling it all together so well and for giving us Adirondackers an evening to remember.

SILVER BAY Day Care and Preschool opens on Sep. 5 in Silver Bay and Mineville. Programs include two, three and five-day sessions with full or half day options. Scholarships are available. Call 543-8833, Ext. 210 for info.

Ellie Scanlon, Sabbath Day Pt. has been promoted to Independent Senior Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.. She has recently attended a 4-day seminar in Dallas, TX

8/00

BORN - A girl, Mickaela Jolie, to Will and Tieah (Gautreau) Gunnison of Crown Point, NY on August 8, 2000. Mickaela is the granddaughter of Timothy and Michele (Denno) Gautreau and the great granddaughter of Bernard and Anna Denno, all of Hague. She is also the granddaughter of Hugh and Kay Gunnison, Crown Point.

MARRIED - Rob Gautreau and Dawn Miekewski, on June 24, 2000 at their home in Ticonderoga. Rob is the son of Timothy and Michele (Denno) Gautreau and the grandson of Bernard and Anna Denno, all of Hague.

DIED - Hermine Suttner, 70, in Marietta, GA .on July 10, 2000. She is survived by her husband Erhard, daughter Sylvia, son in law Burhan and two grandchildren. Mrs. Suttner was a summer resident of Overbrook Road Ext., Hague.

Jessica Frasier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Frasier, Hague, has been named a presidential scholar for the spring 2000 semester at Clarkson Univ. Jessica is a senior majoring in civil engineering. Presidential scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Ursula Montbriand, Lakeshore Terrace, was the guest of honor at the graduation exercises at Ticonderoga High School on June 24. Ursula graduated from Ti High School in 1929. She was presented with flowers by Brad Zeyak, a Hague honors graduate.

Brother Thomas, son of Mary Lou & Tom Curry, Sabbath Day Point and Great Neck, professed his solemn vows on July 11 at St. Vincent's Monastery in Latrobe, PA. He will be continuing his studies in the Benedictine Order for several more years.

Congratulations to Betty and Clifford Decker on their 71st wedding anniversary August 21.

THIS HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students were listed on the Ticonderoga High School honor roll for the 6th marking period 2000:

Grade 12 (graduated June 2000) - First Honors: Tavish Costello, Brandy Frasier, Peter Hutchinson, Andrew Mack, Kathryn Rutkowski, Bradford Zeyak.

Second Honors: Michelle Bissell, Christopher Frasier, Brandi Jordon, Eve Trombley, Wyatt Wells

Grade 11 First Honors: Katie Breitenbach, Anne Johnson

Second Honors: William Bothe, Tasha Braisted, Ryan Lawrence

Grade 10 First Honors: Lucas Frasier, Heather

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD has had three fund raising events in the past month. The first, our annual steak roast, was held July 29 at the site of the new HVFD building. Rain, which threatened all day, held off until 6PM and most diners were protected by a tent which had been erected between the West Hague Road and the new building. HVFD members had turned out to tidy up grounds, tug, lift, carry, run errands, cook and serve. We thank everyone who helped before, during, and after the event. We thank all of our friends and neighbors who cheerfully ignored the threat of bad weather and came to eat and socialize. We thank those who sold raffle tickets. The winning ticket was drawn about 6:30PM at the steak roast and the winner was Bryan Sheehan of Hague. Congratulations, Mr. Sheehan!

On Sunday, August 6, a food sale was held at the Hague Arts and Crafts Fair. Here, again we are grateful to those who donated to the well-filled tables of goodies, to those who, in lieu of home baked items, sent monetary donations, and those who purchased goodies.

On Aug. 10 the EMPS of Silver Bay Association produced their annual show for the benefit of the HVFD. This year their show was GODSPELL, and we thank these talented folks for their generosity and thoughtfulness. The EMPS annual show is always a great favorite with both our year-round and summer residents and we are grateful beyond words for this annual expression of support. Thank you EMPS!

And life for the HVFD was not all fund-raising; the members were out there serving the residents of the town, training and being prepared for all sorts of emergencies. There were two drills and 28 man hours were used. The fire trucks wheeled forth to 3 calls (20 1/2 man hours). The HVFD ambulance service responded to 14 emergencies, covered 907 miles and required 99 1/2 man hours in those responses. So many of us have reason to be grateful to the members of the HVFD. . . ewa

TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will be hosting a lecture by North Country author Bob Bearor on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7PM. Bearor is the author of "The Battle on Snow Shoes" and the recently released "French and Indian War Battlesites: A Controversy."

The program will be held in the Program Room of the Hancock House. The public is invited to attend.

THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

WHAT IS IT? Created in 1978 to establish a private source of funds for Lake George, The FUND has supported specific scientific research, land protection, public education and remedial action projects of the organizations below. The volunteer board and one part-time employee also work to keep communication open among

all groups interested in the Lake and promote working together for our common goal of a clean and beautiful Lake George.

MISSION: to promote the wise use, protection and better understanding of Lake George and its basin through encouragement, persuasion and financial support of programs to achieve these goals.

ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITTING FROM THE FUND: Lake George Land Conservancy Mission: to preserve the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals within the lake's 150,000 acre watershed by permanently protecting open space through conservation easement and fee acquisition.

Bateaux Below, Inc. Mission: to study historic shipwrecks in Lake George, to nominate them to the National Register of Historic Places and to develop educational programs which promote shipwreck preservation.

Lake George Association Mission: dedication to the preservation and conservation of Lake George and its watershed as a clean and beautiful resource through education, advocacy and broad-based community involvement.

Darrin Fresh Water Institute Mission: to present a world class research program in surface and ground water systems science and to conduct a leading environmental science education program.

Lake George Park Commission Mission: to preserve, protect and enhance the unique natural, scenic and recreational resources of the Lake George Park. To do so the Commission has specific regulatory and enforcement powers relating to activities on the lake, along the shoreline and within the drainage basin.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Mission: to conserve, improve and protect the natural resources and environment and control water, land and air pollution in order to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well being.

Bolton Central School Environmental Discovery Program for 8th grade students.

On August 9, The Fund for Lake George held its annual meeting aboard The Horicon. After a Continental breakfast and a brief business meeting conducted by the president John Barber, Carol Collins, vice president, introduced speakers from the above organizations who gave short talks on the activities which they conduct with aid from the Fund. In addition, Jim Sutherland spoke for the Division of Water, DEC, on the zebra mussels which have been found in Lake George. He also updated the group on the Eurasian milfoil problem in the lake. David Decker addressed the group on "Lake George - Planning for the next Century. 8/00

THE TREASURE CHEST/IMPRESSIONS OF HAGUE by Judy Jones

Many years ago when my daughter was little she was given a treasure chest. Nothing could have made her happier. Every day she would pull out one thing and one would think it was gold.

On a weekend past I had an invitation to visit Hague. After a social time with family and friends we went for a walk. I was in awe. Each step was a treasure. The Baptist, Catholic and Wesleyan Churches were nested in a panorama of flower color. A little bridge was crossed with stone handiwork,, showing off a pretty brook. It was so clear the pride and loving care the townspeople put into their homes - just to sit on one of those porches! The splendor of it all!

"Take care of this treasure chest" was all I could think. I felt like an interloper and I wanted to leave not one thing amiss. I am sure my little girl felt the same way.

HAGUE'S RESIDENTS DO CARE!

On August 15 approximately 125 Hague residents came to the Community Center to hear about Hague's Master Plan. On the 16th there were about 50+ who attended the meeting. The committee felt this was a wonderful turnout for these meetings.

A committee was appointed a short time ago by Supervisor Belden to come up with a Comprehensive Master Plan for the town of Hague. The following Hague residents are committee members: David Darrin, (Chair), Dan Belden, Paul Barone, Tom LaPointe, Rudy Meola, Bob Patchett, Art Steitz, David Swanson, and Nelson Waters.

It was decided by the committee at the outset that they would need a professional master planner to guide them. They chose the Chazen Co. of Clifton Park. Stewart Messinger has been here for meetings of the committee and has set up a plan and schedule. The two meetings on Aug. 15 and 16 which had a total of approximately 175 total attendance, were the first public meetings to be held. I was present at the Aug. 15 meeting with about 125 in attendance. Mr. Messinger was a superb facilitator and kept the meeting moving in an orderly fashion. He started out by having people list their likes about Hague (of which there were really many!) and then their dislikes. Other points brought up for discussion were major assets, major problems/issues, what do we want Hague to be like in 20 years/, specific thoughts on economic development, land use, the hamlet, environmental quality and natural resources, historical and cultural resources, housing, transportation, infrastructure, facilities and services and community appearance. He guided us through each one and very carefully wrote down all our thoughts and suggestions. A couple residents were not pleased with the makeup of the committee. It appears to be biased for the most part

and doesn't have any women on it! Another thought was that town board members who have the last say on whether it is adopted or not, really should not be serving on the committee.

On Wednesday night Jane Marshall, also a facilitator from Chazen Co. did virtually the same thing. I have not found one person in attendance who didn't consider them great meetings. There was a widely diversified group of residents there and nobody seemed timid about speaking up. And yet, it was very friendly and well organized. Mr. Messenger will collect all the information gathered and will bring it back to the committee when they meet on Sep. 7 at 4PM to which the public is invited. The committee will meet regularly beginning Sep 18 on the third Monday of each month at 7PM. When the plan is ready to be put together a public informational meeting will be held when the public will have a chance to be heard. Following a reworking of the plan a public hearing will be held, before being given to the Town Board, which has final approval. The entire process should take about 9 months. It was suggested that the informational meeting and public hearing be held during the summer so that our summer residents can be there. This will be taken into consideration. . . djh

ATTENTION POND OWNERS

The Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District has **FISH FOR SALE!** This is the 5th year of our expanded program which includes species other than trout. It now offers Brook and Rainbow Trout; Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass; and Minnows! If you are interested in stocking your pond, contact the District at 51 Elm St. in Warrensburg, or call 623-3119 (Mon-Fri 8-4:30). You may also contact us at our E-mail address: wcswd@global2000net. Deadline for ordering is Sep 29, 2000. Pickup will be Oct. 6. An order form can be picked up at the Community Ctr.

PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

On Monday, Aug. 14 seven summer employees of the Silver Bay Assoc. received the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship. The awards were presented to: Jamie Leavens, State U. of NY-Oswego; Jamey Taylor, State U. of NY - Cobleskill; Moonsharta Newenle, Paul Smith College; Michael Cook, U. of Mass; Sara Shumway, Eastman School of Music; Douglas Rarig, Penn State U.; Becky Cain, Fairmont State College. Both Jamie Leavens and Jamey Taylor are graduates of Ticonderoga High School.

The scholarships, awarded annually, were first presented in 1993 in memory of Peter Neal, who died of colon cancer in 1992 at age 30. Peter was an EMP at Silver Bay in 1981, 82 and 83 and was the son of Jim and Sally Neal, residents of Sabbath Day Pt.

Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship may send the contribution to: Silver Bay Assoc, Silver Bay, NY 12874. Check payable to the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2000

August

- 22 Senior Citizens Picnic - p. 2
 22 Ti Fest. Guild - Folk Singers from Montreal (p2)
 23 Arts Trek - One Planet, One Family - 10:30AM (p2)
 24 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting - 7PM

September

- 4 Labor Day - Holiday, Offices Closed
 7 Planning Board - 7PM
 8 Referendum - vote to authorize the Town Board to increase the publicity money in the 2001 budget - 12 noon to 9PM. (see p4, col. 2)

- 9-10 Hague Antiques Show (p1)
 10 TFG garden tour and tea (p2)
 12 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM Public Hearing on boathouse decks at 6PM (see p.4)
 16-17 Wind Surfing Regatta. Call 798-7245 for info.
 18 Chamber of Commerce
 20 Blood Pressure Clinic - Community Ctr. 1-2PM
 21 Carillon Garden Club - Community Ctr. 11AM

911 CALLS**MAKE SURE YOU TELL EXACTLY WHERE THE PATIENT IS, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S NOT WHERE YOU'RE CALLING FROM.**

We've had two calls where ambulances went to where the call was made and not to the patient. Normally calls come from the patient's home. The system locks on to the caller's phone, so if they collapse or can't talk, their exact location is known.

Example: Lifeline calls to 1st party who checks on patient. If they call 911 from their phone and not the patient's phone, the ambulance can go to the wrong house if not given the correct location.

If you feel things aren't going right, don't hesitate to call 911 again. Lifeline does not follow up on patient's receipt of help. This also applies for calling in car accidents at someone else's phone.

CELL PHONES are unable to be directly linked with local 911 systems. You **MUST** also tell state and town, as the calls often go through out of state operators and far distant state police. Without this info. you cannot get timely help.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11 WILL BE FIVE DAYS A WEEK: TUES., THURS., FRI., SAT., SUN., FROM 12 NOON - 5PM.

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