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LOCAL SUMMER RESIDENT APPOINTED TO THE ORDER OF CANADA

Dr. Douglas R. Knott, of Saskatoon, Canada and Silver Bay, NY was recently appointed as a member of the Order of Canada. Dr. Knott, 72, professor emeritus at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Agriculture, is an internationally recognized plant scientist whose work on the protection of wheat from the ravages of rust stands as a major contribution to mankind. Since 1967, the Order of Canada has recognized people whose lifetime accomplishments have made a difference in Canada. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Canadian citizen.

In 1995 Dr. Knott was appointed to the National Round Table on The Environment and the Economy, an independent federal agency advising the Prime Minister of Canada on matters related to sustainable development. He has also traveled extensively, developing food production projects in third world nations including Zambia, Brazil, China and Kenya.

In 1993 Dr. Knott retired as Associate Dean of Research but continues his work in crop science to this day.

Previously, Dr. Knott was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame and was named to the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame for his involvement in soccer, tennis and track and field.

The induction ceremony for the order of Canada will take place at the Governor General's Residence, Rideau Hall, in Ottawa in April of this year.

Dr. Knott and his wife, Joan (Holly Hollinshead Knott), are summer residents of Silver Bay and the parents of Ronald Knott of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, Attorney Holly Ann Knott, Saskatoon, Canada and local Attorney, Heather Knott of Hague, NY.

CENSUS ALERT

The first census of the new millennium is now in full swing. You probably have already had a census taker call on you, and if not, you will within the next few days. **If you have not received your form by March 22,**

be sure to call your Questionnaire Assistant Center, which in our case is the Community Center, (543-6161), either Diane Trudeau or Mike Manning, who are the official "Questionnaire Assistants for the town of Hague. The hours they will receive calls are between 8:30AM and 4:30PM Mon. through Fri., and Thurs. nights from 5-8PM from March 15 to April 15. They will see that you get a form. This form must be completed and mailed back by April 1 to the Census Bureau. They are there to assist you in filling out your forms if you find it necessary.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE TOWN OF HAGUE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN THE TOWN IS COUNTED. IT MAKES A VERY BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY THE TOWN IS CONSIDERED WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICAL DISTRICTS AND MOST PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING.

Supervisor Belden is appealing to all Hague residents to please cooperate with the census takers and get your forms in on time!

KATIE BREITENBACH AWARDED

Katie Breitenbach, a junior at Ticonderoga High School and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Breitenbach, Jr. of Silver Bay, has been awarded the Xerox Award in the Humanities/Social Sciences, presented by the Xerox Corp.

Xerox award winners are selected on the basis of scholarship in the humanities or social sciences, leadership, and community service. She will receive her award at Ticonderoga's Academic Award Night in the spring. She will also be eligible to apply for a special Xerox Scholar Program at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY.

NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS

BEGINNING APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 30 THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK - TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - FROM 12 NOON TO 5PM.

CORRECTION

In February's issue on page 5 under Planning Board Workshop, we stated that Mr. Nelson Waters had stated that he felt the residents of Hague had a no-growth mentality. He would like to correct his statement to say that "I feel there is a segment of our community that has a no-growth mentality." He did not mean to infer that the entire community should be lumped together.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

The third annual Women's Wellness Weekend will be held Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7, 2000 at Silver Bay Association. Take an opportunity to relax, have fun and indulge in the joy of self discovery. Enjoy a fireside chat, afternoon high tea, and Sunday brunch. Participate in stimulating sessions of your own choosing or kick back for a chance "to be". Listen to fascinating speakers and enjoy splendid scenery in the company of like-minded women. For more information call 518-543-8833 or email: SBAMCJ@aol.com

TI SCHOOL/KIWANIS RECEIVE GRANT

The Ticonderoga Central School District in conjunction with the Ticonderoga Kiwanis in the Town of Ticonderoga have been awarded a \$500.00 Service Learning grant from the Bay Paul Foundation. This grant will support the Streetscape Project currently in progress. Students in Bob Palandrani's Technology class will use these funds to build planters for the town and present them to the Town Board sometime this spring.

Ticonderoga was eligible for this grant through its participation in the Foundation for Excellent Schools Consortium. The Ticonderoga Central School District has been a part of this consortium since 1998 as a result of a grant from International Paper Co.

GRANTS AWARDED TO SILVER BAY
ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The New York State Council on the Arts awarded an Arts-in-Education grant of \$10,000 to the Writer's Voice of Silver Bay to support the now nine-year old Writers-in-the Schools project. The Writer's Voice brings published writers into the classrooms of thirteen school districts throughout the Adirondack Park region.

The Writer's Voice also received a \$1,000 grant from the International Paper Co. Foundation to support writers' fees for the first annual NYS Summer Young Writers Institute held at Silver Bay in July. The Institute brings qualified students from across NYS together for an intensive week of writing.

The NYS Archives Documentary Heritage Program awarded the Silver Bay Assoc. \$1,250 to develop a Needs Assessment for the Association's archives recognizing

Silver Bay's centennial approaching in 2002.

The Silver Bay Assoc. has a rich history in the Arts and Humanities. During the summer months, the campus offers music concerts, watercolor workshops, weekly readings and special performing arts events all open to members. To find out more about daily, weekly, monthly or yearly memberships call 543-8833. ext/213.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society joins with the Ticonderoga Historical Society at the Hague Community Center on Thursday, April 20 at 7:30PM. Dr. David Starbuck, archeologist, will be our speaker. Hague members will be supplying the refreshments for this meeting. Dr. Starbuck will be speaking on the archeology of the Champlain Valley . . . this is a program that no one will want to miss, so be sure to enter a reminder on your calendar for Thursday, April 20 at 7:30PM . . . ewa

TI FESTIVAL GUILD PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The April Foolishness Progressive Dinner presented by the Ti Festival Guild is scheduled for April 11, 2000. This spring fund raiser has been a community event in three spring seasons, celebrating the coming of spring after winter and mud season.

Three seatings are served, the first beginning at 4PM with hors d'oeuvres at Eddie's, followed by soup and salad at Hot Biscuit Diner, with the entree at the Carillon Restaurant, and scrumptious desserts at Chateau LaChute. The second seating begins at 5PM, the third at 6PM, and each follows the same schedule.

Coordinators for the three seatings are Gale and Jules Halm, first; Gerry and Cyril Treadway, second; Candy and Charles Harrington, third. All board members have tickets, and they may also be reserved by calling the Festival Guild office at 585-6716. Advanced tickets must be purchased and the seating must be specified.

Cathie Burdick, TFG, PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 585-6716

HARMON GALLERY AT THE HANCOCK HOUSE

The current exhibit at the Harmon Gallery is Susan Morhouse's watercolours "People the Earth". The exhibit started on March 1 and will continue through April 29. The public is welcome.

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That flots on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils. . . William Wordsworth*

ZONING BOARD

The Zoning Board did not convene during the month of February. . .mjk

PLANNING BOARD

The Zoning Board did not convene during the month of March. . .mjk

HAGUE TOWN BOARD March 14, 2000

A Public Hearing was held at 6PM. Ordinance #1 of 2000, regulating the speed of water craft in Bass Bay in the Town of Hague, Warren County, New York was discussed.

The regular Town Board meeting began at 6:30PM. A Moment of Silence was held for Henry Karmazin, Ron Graser's Mom and Anne Belden Wright.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mary Lou Doulin addressed the Board with a letter in rebuttal of the "accusations" made against Ms. Harrigan at the previous Town Meeting. Ms. Doulin's letter, signed by 31 people, stated that Ms. Harrigan should be honored and praised for her efforts in helping the town.

Valerie Lawrence also read a letter to the Board. She is concerned with an unsafe shed next to the road near the corner of New Hague Road and West Hague Road. Ms. Lawrence also questioned a storage shed with a sink and no septic system and another shed turned outhouse. She is requesting that a comprehensive Plot Plan be submitted by the Patchetts. Supervisor Belden informed Ms. Lawrence that an outhouse is a permitted use at that location; he also requested a copy of the letter to be turned over to the Planning Board. Ms. Lawrence said she will be submitting her concerns to the Planning and Zoning Boards in writing.

Tom James addressed the board regarding the Chamber of Commerce booth at Expo 2000 in Glens Falls on Saturday, March 18. He also said that the Web Site is getting 145 hits per day. The Chamber has doubled the number of packets that were sent out by this time last year.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Assessor & Justice - Nothing
2. Buildings and Grounds - (Megow) - The heat control problem on the north side of the building has been taken care of. Heat curtains will also be installed to help with overheating in the summer. The Insurance Company has made adjustments for damage done to the building during the winter.
3. Finance - Nothing

4. Fire Department - (Fitzgerald) - The new building is about ready to have a contract signed. Warren Co. will have a rabies clinic at the Fire House on June 28 from 6-8PM.

5. Highway - (Bill Bothe) - The sand and road clean up was started last week. He has received prices on radios (for the town truck) but no copies of contracts yet. The prices from Champlain Communications, Inc. were the best. Supervisor Belden was given permission to sign a contract with this company effective April 1 - December 31 as soon as it arrives in the office.

6. Insurance - Nothing

7. Personnel - (Hourigan) - A committee meeting will be held next week. Another recycling attendant is needed. There are some applications on file.

8. Planning/Zoning/Stormwater Management - (Steitz) - No Planning and Zoning reports this month. The Dockside is still under violation. P. Barone told the Board that he had spoken with Craig Merrill today and the outdoor bar will be removed.

9. Recreation/Promotion - (Hourigan) - He has been in contact with Mark Rutkowski regarding the swim program at Silver Bay. The program will be held this year for Hague youth if enough show interest. Please contact the Community Center if you have children who are interested.

10. Sewer District - (Belden) - Supervisor Belden and Councilman Megow went over the engineer proposals at the County. The Appellate Court will be meeting in April - an answer has to be given within 6 weeks of the hearing.

11. Town Park & Beautification - (Fitzgerald) - The Park Committee met last week. Councilmen Steitz and Fitzgerald agreed that a well should be drilled at the Park thus eliminating any chance of contamination from the sewer. Councilman Megow requested that a well also be drilled at the Transfer Station. A motion was made and passed to drill a well at the Park. The well at the Transfer Station will be considered at another time.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station - (Megow) - The February revenues from the station were \$1,067.50. The area around the C&D will be built up, making it easier for trucks to pull up. If anyone needs wood chips, they're available at no cost from the Transfer Station.

13. Youth - (Hourigan) - The basketball camp will be held again this summer. Mike Manning is looking for help - if interested, please contact him at the Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Belden received a letter from John Caffey, Esq., the attorney for Lake George Association (LGA) requesting that the Town of Hague be the lead agency on the delta/shoreline project. A motion was
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and passed to sign this contract for \$500 per year.

The tentative assessor rate is 108.36 for residential and 105.82 for state. David Martucci will be appealing the residential rate.

Supervisor Belden received a letter from Fraser Engineering, a firm that assists small towns in setting up a Master Plan. A workshop will be set up with them.

NEW BUSINESS

A county radio will be installed in the Town pick up truck for safety reasons.

Robert Rogers Challenge - the 3rd annual Triathlon - will be held on July 8, 2000.

Supervisor Belden requested permission to write the Secretary of State for grant money for the Master Plan. A motion to cover that was made and passed.

Supervisor Belden also requested permission to write a letter stating the Town is against the Heritage Corridor Project. This will be studied further.

Resolution #55 of 2000 to amend Resolution #31 of '96 - Lawrence Drive (numbers 1-14), off Bass Bay Road, will be deleted. Those residents will use Bass Bay Road numbers.

Resolution #56 of 2000 - to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2000, regulating the speed of water craft in Bass Bay was passed. Supervisor Belden emphasized that the DEC and Park Commission also have to approve this Ordinance before it becomes effective.

The Census is currently taking place. Hague has a questionnaire assistance site. Mike Manning and Diane Trudeau are official helpers for anyone having problems filling out their forms. Mr. Manning will be in the Community Center on Thursday nights, March 15 - April 15, from 5-8PM. Otherwise, questions can be answered during normal business hours at the Community Center.

COUNTY REPORTS

The County Real Estate Auction will be held on August 19. Tax maps will be ready by early next week. . . mj

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Different factions in this town want different things and have different visions of and for the town. We cannot satisfy all their individual visions. So what do we do? Nothing - and address growth issues on an individual basis? Accept the present Tourist Accommodation update? Or modify the update to satisfy the majority of interests? Note: we have not heard from all the town people, and are we to believe that the letters and comments received reflect the feelings of the entire town since the majority are probably based on incorrect information? Maybe it does, or does it?

The common thread in all these letters is that they love this town and don't want to see destructive change.

I agree.

The thought comes to mind as to what this town would look like if we had no change. What would it be if you couldn't build a garage or a needed addition or a garden shed, green house or any other building? Pretty sad thought isn't it? The revision committee had the tough job of trying to plan for the possible upgrading of tourist facilities and not encourage excess growth. They love this town too and were very careful with the wording of the revision. Unfortunately the revision changes were very badly distorted as to what would be allowed to happen. This was a major injustice to the committee and the people of this town.

I think the major problem is the distortion of the revision as to its possibility of allowing major over-growth. I, for one, have the luxury of knowing and understanding the current and proposed sections of the Zoning Ordinance and feel comfortable with the revision, understanding its content and intent. I also believe that if I were to place myself outside of my position and as a citizen not being familiar with the present Ordinance and the proposed revision, and based on what I may have read or heard, I would be violently opposed to that revision.

So, what's the solution? Possibly a working session for the citizens of Hague to show the correct before and after effects of the Tourist Ordinance section, with audience questions and answers. It would be understood that private agendas would not be allowed to steer the purpose of this session off the specific details of the before and after effects of the revision. Discussion should also include the other provisions of the ordinance that provide additional protection from excess growth. Knowledge is a wonderful tool that will help most people understand the details of this revision and its real meaning to the Town of Hague. Thank you

/s/ Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator

"GOOD PEOPLE CAN DISAGREE BUT . . .

In the interest of fairness and decency I wish to submit in writing a rebuttal to the accusations made by Bob Patchett, Alice Patchett and Dave Martucci at the last Town Board meeting regarding the person of Nancy Harrigan, Planning Board Member. I find it offensive that the accusations were made publicly without her knowledge, thus ensuring her inability to defend herself.

I know Nancy to be highly intelligent (Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Smith College and Masters from Columbia University) and a compassionate individual. This is evidenced in her unending efforts in community volunteerism. She tutors individually in the "Adult Literacy Program". She is the first to assist families in need, such as fire victims. She quietly seeks out children in need of clothing and takes them shopping (out of her own purse). She is one of the most dedicated

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and effective volunteers in the Ticonderoga School System. This is not to mention the numerous charities both locally and internationally that she supports through her church - all this plus her volunteering on the Hague Planning Board.

As a member of this board she has repeatedly displayed a thoroughness and a dedication that surpasses any member. I'm sure her work ethic, her training as a research chemist, and her spirituality are contributing assets that motivate and guide her in her work on the board.

I have observed her work process. When Nancy delves into a project she first does her own exhaustive analysis. Then she consults and double checks with experts. She painstakingly reviews and will not stop until she has reached complete understanding. Once there she shares her outcomes with the community at the Planning Board meetings. We are most fortunate to have such an intelligent, dedicated and community minded person serving our town. Nancy Harrigan should be honored and praised, not verbally assaulted.

There seems to be some confusion and debate about her figures regarding the Tourist Revisions. That is understandable as it is a complex document, further complicated by ambiguous wording. This is where I believe "Good people can disagree, but . . . are personal attacks needed or even helpful?

These zoning issues are complicated and many self interests are at stake. Nancy is not coming from the vantage point of self interest. She is doing her job by looking at the total picture and how it impacts the entire community. (Repeat, not just one narrow interest.) These issues are far reaching and we need her vision.

We stand in full support of Nancy and applaud her fine character, Sincerely, /s/ Mary Lou Doulin

Ed. - This letter was signed by 31 Hague residents.

Dear Dan and Town Board Members:

At the January planning board meeting Mrs. Harrigan theorized the tourism accommodation revision had the potential of increasing the density of tourist accommodations in the Hamlet tenfold.

At the February planning board meeting Chairman Dave Swanson gave a short rebuttal. His conclusion was that the revision would at most double the density of accommodations. He also stated it only affected 3 resort accommodations - (1) Silver Bay Association; (2) Trout House Village; (3) Hague Motel.

Mrs. Harrigan then proceeded to take over the meeting on a personal vendetta against Trout House Village Resort. She rambled on with untruth after untruth about our resort. She pulled numbers out of the air without ever asking us questions about our capacities and plans for the future.

The Trout House has been a resort in Hague for well over 100 years. Our family has owned and operated Trout House for 29 years. We work very hard and are

very proud to offer top quality accommodations to our guests visiting Hague.

Mrs. Harrigan's assumptions were hurtful and totally out of line. I realize Mrs. Harrigan would rather not share Hague with tourists, and that is her prerogative.

However, I question whether a woman who is incapable of separating her personal platform with town planning should be representing Hague. This town board may want to sit down with Nancy Harrigan and discuss the meaning of slander and defamation of character. Sincerely, /s/ Alice Patchett

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To: Supervisor Belden and Town Board members

I am a past member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 14 years; during which time I served on 3 zoning revision committees.

I come before you this evening to respond to some disingenuous and bogus remarks which have been recently disseminated regarding some proposed revisions to the Town Zoning Ordinance.

It is not proper conduct for a planning board member to create the current sense of hysteria; based upon her incorrect personal interpretation of the ordinance. The proper venue to voice her concerns; or confusion as it appears; would be discussing the issues with zoning revision committee members or the zoning administrator. The rationale and logic behind all zoning revisions proposed, whether or not they involved tourist accommodations are clearly stated. To honestly think that the zoning revision committee would intentionally create, a 10 fold increase in property use; is indeed a poor judgement on Mrs. Harrigan's part.

Mrs. Harrigan in her analysis claims that the current law provides that "the minimum hamlet lot is 20,000 sq.ft.. If off site sewage is used, Hague's ordinance requires there to be 10,000 s. ft. for each tourist unit of 300 sq. ft. or less. Thus on a minimum hamlet lot 2 tourist accommodation units at 300 sq. ft. or less are permitted."

This statement is completely false. No where in the Hague Ordinance is this statement substantiated.

The only references made to tourist units of 300 sq. ft. or less in the Zoning Ordinance appear in the definition of a principal building and in section 160-55 (1) regarding tourist accommodations. In both instances the ordinance clearly states: each tourist cabin or similar structure for rent or hire involving less than 300 sq. ft. of floor space, the minimum land area necessary shall be 1/10 the minimum lot area required for the zoning district in which the tourist accommodations is located.

Mrs. Harrigan's misinterpretation of the Ordinance is that only 600 sq.ft. of tourist accommodations could presently be built upon 20,000 sq. ft. lot; when indeed (10) 300 sq.ft. cabins totalling 3000 sq.ft. can actually be built; has snowballed into a grossly distorted final con-

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 clusion. One must also keep in mind that when a sewer district is established, the hamlet lot size will decrease to 10,000 sq.ft. thereby allowing 20...300 sq.ft. tourist cabins or 6,000 sq.ft. total; to be built upon a 20,000 sq.ft. lot.. /s/ David Martucci

NATURE NEWS
 by Laura Meade

Have you seen an animal in the Town of Hague that maybe rabid? On March 7, about 50 yards south of the Hague Beach, a red fox was seen chewing on a dead skunk that had been run over in the highway by a vehicle. If either of those animals had rabies, anyone (or any animals) coming in contact with them could possibly be exposed to the rabies viral infection that affects the nervous systems of mammals. In humans, prompt (but painful) vaccination following a bite can prevent the illness in dogs, cats and domestic animals prior to exposure.

Rabies does not respond to anti biotic treatment because it is a virus. Symptoms of behavioral change, such as unusual aggressiveness or paralysis in hind legs, signal a strong possibility of rabies.

A danger that is not generally understood is that onset of the disease may be within two weeks or might not be until many months. Therefore caution is advised (Cont. on page 6 - Nature News)

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to avoid being bitten or scratched by a wild animal, or onto a mucous membrane. If, by any chance, one of the above occurs, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water, and seek immediate medical attention.

It may be difficult to capture or kill a rabies suspect, but if you do, try to preserve its head and refrigerate it. Report bites to the local health office or the New York State Dept. of Health at the Rabies Laboratory @ (518) 869-4527.

Rabid animals have been found in nearby counties and towns. The red fox-skunk encounter south of the Hague Beach appeared to be a rabies case. Maureen Garrison was walking her dog south of 9N a few minutes before the animals were there. As I realized her predicament on her way home, I insisted that she get in my care with the dog, in order to avoid an encounter with them. She agreed with me that it was a possible hazard. We also noticed that the late afternoon post office van driver apparently removed the skunk from the road before we came along.

Routing examination of rodents, rabbits and hares is not necessary because they are essentially free of rabies in New York. However, bats and terrestrial carnivores should be presumed as possibly rabid, until confirmed negative by laboratory diagnosis. Therefore, they require urgent handling and testing. Alan Hicks, New Yorks bat expert, reports that very few rabid bats have been found in our area.

Remember it is better to err on the side of caution when it comes to rabies!

WEATHER NEWS

by Mary Lou Doulin

Weather records appear to be breaking frequently. CBS reported this winter to be the warmest in U.S. history. Bob Bearor states in his book "The Battle of Snowshoes" that winters were indeed colder in the past. The daily mean Jan. temperature in these parts in 1757 was 6 degrees In 1995 it was 31.3 degrees and this year it was even higher.

We probably had four full weeks of winter this year beginning in the end of January. February was quite wintry for the first three weeks. Temperatures declined to 0 degrees and we experienced three storms and lots of ice.

March has had its ups and downs. Many were enjoying the warm temperatures and I had spring fever prematurely. The soft southern air was enchanting; the snow was melting, and I spotted my first flock of robins in early March. In the midst of all this I almost started some of my outdoor painting jobs; however the unusual thunder and lightning of March 9 changed all that and temperatures went back to the 20's.

At this writing a heavy wet snow continues to fall. This year the full moon and the vernal equinox occur simultaneously on March 20.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Despite one of the three major snow falls of this winter folks of the Town of Hague turned out in number for the Firemen's breakfasts on Feb. 19 and 20. The Fire Dept. members thank all of those who worked and all of those who came to eat. Our new food chairperson, Christine Swinton, deserves cheers for a hard job done well.

There were no fire calls in February, and Fire Chief Dave Hoffay congratulates the community for making it a fire safe month in Hague. He reminds us to check our fire alarms and says that an ounce of prevention cannot be replaced! As we all know from reading the local papers, many communities have not been so fortunate.

New member of the month: Charles Chase of Silver Bay. Lu Megow reported that the ambulances made 2 runs, covered 96 miles, and that 18 manhours were used. Lu Megow and Bill Cobb have completed and passed their recertification courses.

There is a possibility that TOT stickers will once again be available and also decals for the elderly and/or infirm. See Dave Hoffay or Paul Belden, Jr. for these stickers and decals.

Thoughts and prayers are with Art & Joan Belden, both long time Fire Dept. members. Joan has served as secretary and food chairperson for a number of years and Art has always been an active fireman.

Our safety tip for the month - and yes, we are belaboring the subject: **STAY OFF THE ICE.** It is pulling away

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from the shoreline, and it is honeycombed. The Fire Dept. was called to what could have been a tragic incident near Rogers Rock last week. Fortunately, the fishermen involved got off safely and the following day, equipment that had been abandoned. Brooks and streams are running freely into the lake, creating further hazards to safety. Play it safe - stay off the lake - and then take a course in boating safety! .

SOUNDINGS

BORN: Britney Marie Denig, on Oct 23, 1999 to Keith and Terri (Santaniello) Denig of Lakewood, CO. Proud grandparents are Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Silver Bay, Mr & Mrs. Carl (Lee) Wolf, Lake Royale, NC and Don and Lorraine Denig, West Jefferson, NC.

MARRIED: Theresa Marie Denno, daughter of Bernard and Anna Denno, Hague, to John Gagliardi, Queensbury, on Nov. 20, 1999 in St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls. A reception was held at Carl R's Restaurant in West Glens Falls.

DIED: Henry H. Karmazin, 74, Dodd Hill, Hague, on February 14 at his home in St. Petersburg, FL. Mr. Karmazin served for several years on the Hague Planning Board. He was a veteran of WWII and a member of Hague American Legion Post 1538. He was an accomplished organist and played during the 1970s for Hammond Organ Co. on CBS. Survivors include his wife Gertrude (Trudy), two sons, three stepsons, a sister, and eight grandchildren.

DIED: Marjorie Graser, 85, on February 21 in Fort Myers, FL. She is survived by her son Ron, a grandson, Thomas and one great-grandson, all of Hague.

DIED: Virginia Adams, 68, on March 5 in Wilton, CT. Mrs. Adams was a co-owner of property at Rogers Rock which was donated to the Lake George Basin Land Conservancy including 40 acres and 2000 ft. of shoreline at Rogers Rock.

DIED: Ann (Belden) Wright, daughter of Helen (Carpenter) and the late Morgan Belden in Bellows Falls, VT. She was born and raised in Hague. She is survived by her mother, three brothers and five sisters. She was the niece of Supervisor Dan Belden.

The College of Wooster has announced that Allison Bell Johnson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Johnson, Silver Bay, was named to the first-semester Dean's List. To attain this honor, one must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above.

TICONDEROGA MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ROLL

The following Hague students are listed on the second marking period achievement roll:

Grade 8: Michael Michela, Monica Sitts

Grade 7: Richard Zacharenko

Grade 6: Sarah Bissell, Michelle Coffin, Marissa Coffin, Wayne Evans, Andrew Trombley

MERIT ROLL

Grade 8: Dayna Evans, Matthew Frasier, Thomas Haskell, Jason Laundree, Cody Perkins

Grade 7: Joshua Frasier, Aren Laundree, Joshua Patchett

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students were listed on the third marking period honor roll:

FIRST HONORS

Grade 9: Jessica Belden, Katie Belden, Jessi Frasier,

Grade 10: Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello

Grade 11: Tasha Braisted, Katie Breitenbach

Grade 12: Christopher Frasier, Peter Hutchinson, Kathryn Rutkowski, Wyatt Wells, Bradford Zeyak

SECOND HONORS

Grade 9: John Evans, Kelly Frasier, Andrew Patchett

Grade 10: John Costello, Peter Mack, Brandon Trudeau, Tyler Wells

Grade 11: Ryan Lawrence

Grade 12: Andrew Mack, Eve Tromley

THIRD GRADERS GO SKIING

The four third grade classes at the Elementary School were invited by the Lake Placid Olympic Committee to go cross country skiing. Students were bused to Mt. Van Hoevenberg where they were fitted with boots, skis, and poles. The students were divided into groups of eight and were given an hour long lesson by a member of the staff at the Cross Country Ski Center. Skiing for several hours was followed by lunch in the lodge and then skiing again in the afternoon. New snow fell while the classes skied. It was a spectacular trip. We hope to make it an annual event!

Representatives from Ticonderoga Student Voice were presented a check from Walmart of Ticonderoga for \$400.00 to support the work done this fall by the student government organization for Tiny Tim Christmas Wish. The students held a Christmas semi-formal dance to help raise funds for Tiny Tim.

One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring. 3/00

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WINTER WEEKEND

There was an enthusiastic crowd who enjoyed this year's annual Beste Benefit Buffet on Sat., Feb. 19, again most graciously hosted by Silver Bay Association. This enjoyable gathering of friends and visitors included a delicious meal, the Best Scholarship Awards presentation, and the second annual Rotary Club auction.

Beste Scholarships were presented to Victoria Belden, Adirondack Community College, Heather Connors, SUNY Cobleskill, Michelle DeFranco, RPI, and Thorhan Gautreau, SUNY Canton. Michelle DeFranco also received the Hague Winter Carnival Outstanding Student Award. We applaud these fine young scholars and wish them the best in their college careers and beyond.

Many thanks to those who supported the Buffet and Rotary auction, and to those who bought raffle tickets and especially to Silver Bay Assoc. for hosting this enjoyable evening.

Sunday brought the re-scheduled Polar Bear Run, cancelled on Sat. due to snowy road conditions. Runners placed as follows: Juniors: Meaghan Herbst, 41:17, Co-Ed Open: Marta Willman, 45:12, Masters: Fred Herbst, 37:42, Seniors: Dave Rutkowski, 38:23, and Bob Whitaker, 45:12. Many thanks to our timekeepers, Charlie and Michele Chase.

The winner of the Sharp 13-in. color TV raffle was John Brown of Silver Bay. Many thanks to Sal Santaniello's Raffle Mania Crew who included John Barber, Chuck Fillare, John Brown, Bruno Brauner, Dottie Henry, Dan Belden, Carol Brown, Tom James and the Hague Market. Their hard work netted the Beste Fund \$407 this year. Additional thanks go to the Hague Chronicle and the Town of Hague for their support of the Winter Weekend events. . . . ss

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

Now that Spring is just around the corner, it's time to come out of hibernation. What better way than to join the Rotary Club. The breakfast meetings are held at 7:30AM on Tuesdays in the Watson Arts Center on the Silver Bay Assoc. campus. Visitors are welcome and once you visit, you'll want to stay.

The month of April begins on the 4th with the Mayor of Lake George, Bob Blais speaking on the Warren County Convention Center. On April 11 author and cancer survivor, Joan Robertson will tell us, "I Wish Someone Had Told Me That". Wesley "Red Hawk" Diekman will speak on April 18 and explain about his Abenaki Indian heritage. The last meeting in April will be a club assembly.

Proceeds from the Rotary auction held at the Beste dinner were divided between the Beste Scholarship Fund and the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept.

For more information call 543-8833.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens will meet at 1:30PM at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 28. Our speaker will be William Sutfin, pest exterminator, known to many as the "the bug man". With spring and summer bringing many pestiferous creatures who sting, bite, fly and dig, we are sure that Bill will have many suggestions for combating these enemies. As always, refreshments will be served. . . ewa

BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Boating safety is not just for kids. Beginning this year (Jan. 1, 2000), anyone born after Jan. 1, 1981 must be certified to operate a personal watercraft (PVC). The operator age requirement will increase over the next four years until Jan. 1, 2004. At that time ANYONE operating a PVC must be certified.

Beginning April 17 and continuing through April 20, the New York State Boating Safety Course will be offered at the Hague Community Center from 10AM until noon. Pre registration is requested for this free course. Please call the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 or the instructors at 534-6403 to register.

The course will be offered again in July from the 10th through the 13th and in August from the 7th through the 10th. Remember: SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU!

HAGUE WEB SITE

The Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce Web Site - www.hagueticonderoga.com, announces its newest "News and Weather" section. You will find links to the Glens Falls Post Star and Plattsburgh's Press Republican as well as the Hague Chronicle and the Adirondack Guardian. Many may be interested in the History and Heritage section which links to the Lake George and Lake Champlain Historic Waterways site and a regional link to the Ticonderoga Chamber's web site

The vacation season is fast approaching and the site reflects this with spectacular traffic. For the first 2 months of 2000 the site has had 9000 visitors and they stay at the site on average 6:25 minutes!

Are you taking advantage of what the Hague Chamber has to offer? With your Chamber membership you get a free listing on our Chamber membership Web Site page and with an additional \$75 yearly your business can be categorized on the site highlighting the services you have to offer.

Please feel free to contact Tom James at 543-6924 (e-mail: chamber@hagueticonderoga.com if you have a need for clarification or more information about Chamber membership, setting up a link to your site, and/or any other inquiries/comments.

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL LUNCHEON

On Thursday, May 18 the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens, which represents all the Senior Clubs in Warren County, will hold its 27th annual luncheon at the Ramada Inn at Lake George. (Exit 21 of the Northway). This luncheon honors all seniors, so many of whom offer time and talents and hard work to many causes in their communities. Each year two seniors are chosen to be special honorees...Senior of the Year and Senior who has made the greatest contribution. Lynn Haydee of Chestertown is the Senior of the Year, and Marge Souran, is the Contributing Senior. Both are from Chestertown.

The luncheon will be at 12:00 noon. The Ramada is offering us a choice of beef, chicken, fish or a vegetarian pasta and the price is being held at \$12. (This includes the tax and tip).

We need to know by April; 25th who is attending (and we urge ALL seniors to do so). Register by phoning 543-6161, and send your check, payable to the Hague Senior Citizens Club to Kay Caldera, Treasurer of the Club at PO Box 797, Hague, NY 12836. When you register, please let us know what you would like to eat.

Lynn and Marge have worked very hard for their community, so Seniors, turn out and give them a big hand! . . . ewa

COVERLETS OFFERED FOR SALE

A new but limited supply of historic coverlets is on sale now from the Ticonderoga Festival Guild. The coverlets depict historic buildings in Ticonderoga and are available in green or blue. The design is the same as the ones sold several years ago. Due to requests for the coverlets, the Guild board ordered more to be on sale during the spring and summer of 2000.

Richard Hudak, treasurer of the Guild, is coordinating the coverlet sale. Orders may be placed with him at 585-2737. Coverlets are also on sale at Adirondack Treasures and Past Lives Antiques and Rathbun Jewelers, both on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga at the Hancock House at Moses Circle.

TWIN CARTOON SHOWS FOR BURDICK

Two art galleries in two locations - Glens Falls and Ticonderoga, will simultaneously display the cartoon works of cartoonist Stan Burdick of Silver Bay, NY.

Beginning with an artist's reception Friday, April 7 from 5 to 7PM at the Lapham Gallery at LARAC in Glens Falls, 40 original, framed cartoons by Burdick will be on display for one month. All were published in the Glens Falls Post Star within the past year. Title of the show is "Poking Fun at North Country Life". All framed cartoons are for sale and can be signed at the reception.

The following week, on Friday, April 14 from 6 to 8PM a wine and cheese reception, with signings and sales will take place at Hancock House in Ticonderoga, where an entirely different set of original cartoons will be on display. This group of cartoons have all appeared in the Plattsburgh "Press-Republican" in a 3-year period. This show, entitled, "Cartooning in the North Country" will remain for a two month period.

IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN FISHERMEN BE COURTEOUS!

The Lake George Association sends out a "Guide to Lake George Boating" each year, and this is listed under "Courtesy": "Don't fish, scuba dive or anchor within 200 feet of active docks, boat houses or boats."

Because the US Navigation Law allows an exception for fishermen, regarding distance from shore, docks and moored boats, many fishermen on Lake George refuse to practice any courtesy such as requested here at Lake George.

It is incredibly discourteous for a fishing boat to situate 20 feet (sometimes even less) from someone's dock or moored boat. Often these fishermen are even defiant when asked to move out further. When residents are sitting on their porch, dock or yard and a stranger's boat decides to "join them", it really is an infringement of privacy, and an obnoxious act on the part of the fisherman.

Let us petition the Lake George Park Commission to change the law and require fishermen, also, to "keep their distance." And in the meantime, let's be sure to advise our renters, friends and family to practice courtesy!

(By the way, do they also know the rest of the boating rules?) . . . contributed by Joan Schnabel

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Beste Scholarship Fund Steering Committee would like to thank the following people for their generosity in making direct donations to the Beste Fund in response to the fund-raising appeal posted in The Hague Chronicle: American Legion Post #1538, Hague, Dan & Janice Belden, Jim and Erica Braisted, John & Betty Braisted, John & Elizabeth Brown, John & Joanne Brown, The Bryant Family, SBA, Ms Gail Cotton, SBA, Mr & Mrs. Den Daley, DeFranco Landscaping, Mr & Mrs. Anthony DeFranco, Margaret DelSignore, Tim & Shelley Gautreau, Hague Motel, Stu & Mary Ann Harmon, Ruth Huestis, Tom James, Mark & Mary Johnson, The Ketcham Family, Bob & Kay Maiaro, Joe & Cindy McCranels, Norma & Lu Megow, Charles Parlin, Jr., Mrs. R. Parmley, Lynn & Bob Patchett, Michael Prewitt - SBA, Sal & Kathy Santaniello, Kathleen Hudak Torrey.

It's not too late to give! Send your donations to: Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836.

A special thanks to The Hague Chronicle for allowing us to piggy-back our flyer to their Jan. issue. 3/00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2000

March

- 20 Full moon - First day of spring - Yeah!
- 20 Chamber of Commerce meeting - 7:30PM
- 21 Rotary Club - 7:30AM - Watson Center, Silver Bay
- 21 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 21 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM
- 28 Senior Citizens meeting - 1:30 p8

April

- 3 Hague Volunteer Fire Dept meeting
- 4 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 6 Planning Board
- 5 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls

- 7--9 GAS OUT - see below
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 11 TFG Progressive Dinner p2
- 7-12 GAS OUT - ner - p2
- 14 Reception at Hancock House p 9
- 17-20 Boating safety course - p8
- 17 Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 17 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 18 Fish & Game Club meeting
- 20 Carillon Garden Club meeting - 11AM at C. C.
- 20 Hague & Ti Historical Societies meet in Hague at Community Ctr. - 7:30 (p2)

Acclaimed actress Belinda West will celebrate *Women in History Month* by portraying the stylish Dorothy Quincy Hancock, wife of John Hancock, in "*A Woman's View of the Revolution*" at 7PM on March 24 at the Hancock House. A \$2.00 donation is requested for this performance; no admission for children.

On Sat. March 25 at 1PM Ms West will change hats and assume the character of Miss Emily Dickinson for "*An Afternoon of Conversation and Prose*." This program is being co-hosted and sponsored by the Silver Bay Writer's Voice.

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WILL YOU JOIN THE PROTEST AGAINST HIGHER GAS PRICES?

Last year on April 30, a gas out was staged across Canada and the US to bring the price of gas down, and it worked. It's time to do something about it again. Only this time let's make it for three days instead of one. The so-called oil cartel decided to slow production to drive up gasoline prices. Let's see how many Canadian and American people we can get to ban together for a three day period in April, **NOT TO BUY ANY GASOLINE**, during those three days. **LET'S HAVE A GAS OUT. Do not buy any gasoline from April 7, 2000 through April 9, 2000.**

Buy what you need before the dates listed above, or after, but try not to buy any during the **GAS OUT**. We brought the prices down once before, and we can do it again. Come on North America, let's stand together. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Tell everyone you know!

Your editor received the above message twice on email. You have probably heard it before, but mark it on your calendar for April 7-9. Let's see what happens.

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