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NOW IS YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY!!!

The Town of Hague has been awarded an \$11,000 grant to be used in cleaning up junk yards, including junk cars within the town of Hague. This is your big chance to get rid of your junk cars at no cost to you. It is a once in a lifetime chance, so please call the town office at 543-6161 as soon as possible to be put on the list for this golden opportunity. Be a good citizen - Help make and keep Hague beautiful!!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2000
OCTOBER 28, 2000

Wal-Mart, for a third year, is teaming up with USA WEEKEND and the Points of Light Foundation, as the retail supporter of Make-A-Difference Day to encourage volunteerism in the communities we serve. Wal-Mart will contribute approximately \$3 million to volunteerism on this day.

Last year, more than 2 million people put aside their daily tasks to help others. Children held toy drives and garage sales. Adults helped build houses, held benefits, planned community cleanups, and mentored youth. They made a difference by being involved in the country's single largest day of volunteerism, MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. You can participate in Make A Difference Day by creating a project of your own or by getting involved with a local group already planning a project. See your local Wal-Mart customer service associate or log on to www.makeadifferenceday.com for additional information, and join millions of others to help Make A Difference on Oct. 28.

Ed: YOU can make a difference in Hague. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels, youth programs, senior citizen programs; call someone who is sick and cheer them up. Offer to take someone to church, the store; or just stop in to see a shut-in. There are countless ways in which you can make a difference every day. Start on Oct. 28.

COSTS ARE RISING!

The Hague Chronicle has tried to keep the cost of publishing to a minimum. However with last month's issue we found that our source for copying (Staples) has raised its prices. We are now paying 4.5¢ per page when we have 10 pages (5, double-sided) and 5¢ per page for 8 pages. This amounts to \$290.00 or \$326.25, since we print 725 copies. We are subject to a 7% tax on top of this. We have been working on trying to get a sales tax exempt status, but have had no luck thus far. Then there is the matter of mailing. USPS gets between \$200 and \$250 per month plus \$100 per year for a bulk mailing permit and \$14 fee for box rental. My calculations (and I'm certainly no mathematician) says that each copy sent to our readers costs approximately 50¢ plus postage. This does not include maintenance on equipment, office supplies and a small rental fee. All our staff and workers come FREE. They are all dedicated volunteers and we appreciate their efforts.

We have had 100% volunteer contributors and you are all appreciated. We do send out a few complimentary copies to local libraries, schools, Hancock House, hospital, State Assembly, etc. We are also on their mailing lists.

We are doing our best to keep you informed and appreciate your comments and yes, even criticisms. It is very helpful and time saving when you send your contributions to us in a timely manner. You will note a date at the lower right of your mailing label. This is the month in which we hope to hear from you (before the 15th if possible). We circle the date to remind you, and if we don't hear from you that month, we send you a written reminder with your next issue. After the second reminder, we remove your name from our mailing list, since we assume you are no longer interested. However, it is very helpful if we don't have to go through those steps! . . . djh

P.S. Don't forget that your contribution is a tax deductible one!!

FYI

•The Episcopal Church Women of The Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, will hold their fall rummage sale on Oct. 20 & 21 at the church on Champlain Ave. in Ticonderoga from 9AM - 2PM.

•On November 18, they will be holding their annual bazaar at the church from 9AM - 3PM. Luncheon will be served from 11AM - 1PM.

•Harvest dinner, October 21, 5PM. Turkey with all the trimmings at St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga. Adults \$6.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00. 5 yrs and younger FREE. Takeouts available. Bring your own containers.

•Osteoporosis Exercise Group meeting every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30PM in Moses Ludington Hospital cafeteria. For further info. call 547-8306 or 585-7732.

•The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George meets every Tuesday for breakfast at Watson Arts Center, Silver Bay Association at 7:30AM.

•The Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday for lunch at 12:15PM at the Ticonderoga Country Club.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday from 12N - 1PM at Moses Ludington Hospital Conference Room. For further info. call 585-2821. Meets each Mon. night at 7:30PM at Baptist Church Annex, Hague.

•The Mohican Home Bureau meets the first and third Tues. of each month in the Hague Community Ctr. 10AM. For further info. call 549-6403.

•"Works on Paper", artist Laura VonRusk, continues until 11/4 at the Harmon Gallery, Hancock House, Ticonderoga. Further info. call 585-7868

•Adirondack Ensemble Chamber Music Series, 7:30PM, Wevertown United Methodist Church. \$10 adults, students under 18 FREE. Further info. call 251-5484

•St. Mary's Craft Fair will be held at the school on November 4 and 5. Call 585-7144 for info.

•The Chapman Museum, Glens Falls will host an antiques show and sale at K of C, Rt. 9, Queensbury. Appraisals offered for \$5 per item, 10AM-5PM Fri., 10AM-4PM Sat. For Further info. call 793-2826

•Gil Barker will speak on "Investigations of the Forts at Crown Point" on Nov. 8 at 7PM in the Thompson-Pell Research Center at Ft. Ticonderoga. FREE to the public. Limited space. Call 585-28221 for further info.

• Beginning Oct 20, LARAC will highlight the recent

work of Warrensburg artist Sally Erskine. Exhibit titled Sally Erskine: 2000 So Far 35 paintings have been completed during the past year. Joining Erskine is a group exhibition entitled Celebrating the Individual, presenting works by eight Warren County artists who participated in the Individual Artist Grant process of the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. Lapham Gallery hours are Mon through Fri 10AM-3PM Call 798-1144 for more info.

•The Hague Cartoon Museum has closed for the season. Over 900 people attended from 20 states and Canada. The museum will reopen on Memorial Day weekend in 2001 - Sat. May 26.

• There are still tickets for the Haunted Fort for the nights of Oct. 20, 21 and 27. Night of 28th has been sold out. Tickets available at the fort.

• The Heritage Museum, Ticonderoga, is holding an "October Crafters Festival" on Oct. 28-29 from 10AM - 3PM. Featured will be cider pressing, apple sales and cider and donuts for all. Holiday shopping! For details or table reservations call 585-2696.

• The First Methodist Church is holding an Election Day turkey dinner on Nov. 7. Take-outs available at 4PM. Dinner at 5. Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.00.

THE HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the Community Center at 1:30PM. We expect to have a guest speaker for this meeting, and everyone is urged to attend.

In November we will be going to the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Bolton Landing Meal Site on Thursday, Nov. 16. We will car pool from the Community Center at 11:25AM.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD responded to 4 calls in Sept. including one false alarm - the others of more serious nature were a mutual aid, a car fire and an out-of-control campfire. 30 1/2 manhours were required. Drills involved 53 hours.

Our ambulances made 5 runs, used 39 1/2 manhours and travelled a total of 153 miles.

The new firehouse is making progress. Plans are in the works to sell the old firehouse. It is being marketed for \$79,900.

Our fund raising goes on. On Election Day, Nov. 7 at the Community Center donuts and coffee will be available in the early morning, and at noon soup, sandwiches and cake will be offered. Do drop by, sip a cup of soup, and munch on the sandwich of your choice (many varieties will be available) while visiting with a friend or neighbor. Prices are modest so plan on having lunch with us on Election Day. . . ewa

PLANNING BOARD - 9/19/00

Public Hearing: Mr. Pedlow, a potential bidder on the Lawrence property (Island Harbor) asked for board opinion on subdividing the property. There was no public comment.

Regular Meeting: No minutes were available from the last meeting. There is no secretary. Mrs. Harrigan expressed her concern that there have been no minutes for recent meetings. She said that this is in violation of the open meetings law and puts the town in jeopardy. Chairman Swanson said he will convey this to the town board.

Application for Rowan to change a lot line between lands owned by himself and his daughter, V. Smith. This is considered a subdivision because the lots are large. A site review was scheduled. Public hearing was scheduled for October 5.

Application from Renza, Robinhood Dr. Lakeside North, requesting a 16' relief from the rear yard setback in order to build a 12 x 12' sun porch within 9 ft of rear yard line.

Site review scheduled .

ZONING BOARD - 9/28/00

Preliminary hearing for Renza, Robinhood Dr., Lakeside. (See above) Setback is now 21'. Public hearing will be held on Oct. 26.

An interpretation was requested on a rail system and dock. Because of the many facets of the issue and the need for clearer definitions, and because we are setting a precedent, this issue was tabled until further information could be obtained.

PLANNING BOARD - 10/5/00

Present were Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator., Dave Swanson, Chair, Ralph Denno, Dick Gladu, Nancy Harrigan.

Public Hearing: Mill Bridge Const. for Rowan/Smith (48-1-20 & 48-1-9.1) Two lots side by side on Lake George at the end of Oneida Drive. Both are conforming but because of topography of 48-1-20 it is beneficial to transfer an area of 0.93 acres. Has been presented to the ZBA. The house to be built will be 150' from lake. Proposal will benefit the lake and community.

Best for Renza - See proposal under ZBA above. The Planning Board could see no impact on the neighbors and recommended approval based on the uniqueness of property which includes a hedge, fence, road, etc. and a condition was placed that porch would not exceed 12' x 12'.

Regular meeting of Planning Board:

1. Renza (42-1-43.2) Sub. 05-00. Recommended approval on the condition that a) the addition not exceed 12' x 12' and b) there be no objections from other homeowners in the vicinity. Despite the closeness to the back

line, this recommendation is granted because of the property's unique aspects which include a fence, an adjacent road and a high evergreen hedge. Unanimous .

2. Mill Bridge Constr. for Rowan/Smith (48-1-20 & 48-1.9.1): Sub 03-00. Recommendation to accept the subdivision as presented. Unanimous .

3. Karmazin (34-1-11.1) Sub 04-00. Mrs. Karmazin would like to subdivide a 35+ acre lot into three lots of 8+, 15- and 10 acres. The 8+ lot will include the house, the 10 acre lot will include a barn and shed, the 15-acre lot will be vacant land, with the possibility of future development. Motion to schedule a public hearing for Nov. 2. Unanimous

4. Cameron (46-1-2. 1&2.2) Sub 05-00 Minor Subdivision 8748 Lake Shore Drive. The Camerons would like to subdivide a 1.151 acre lot into two lots of .454 acre and .697 acre and merge the .697 acre lot with lot 46-1-3.3. They have also applied for a variance since the .454 acre lot will remain as a separate lot. Planning Board supports the merging and the breakdown into a total of two lots but want to guard against any potential for three lots. The dilemma is that they would like it done in such a way as to allow either reconstruction of the existing house or building a new (replacement) house on lot 2.1. (i.e. create a legal lot of 2.1 either by variance or by size.)

5. Lorensen (46-1-7) SP-006-00 - Pine Cove Road. The Lorensens would like to add a 441 sq.ft. addition to their home which is 51' from Lake George. Since this is a development within 100' of the lake and stream it requires a Type 1 (g) site review. The Planning Board recommended approval of the Lorensen application as presented.

6. Re: Signing of Mylar - In the event the clerk is not available for signing a Mylar and an urgent situation requires that the Mylar be signed, the Planning Board Chairman is authorized by the Planning Board to sign. In the event the chairman is unavailable, Planning Board member Dick Gladu is authorized to sign. Motion carried.

7. Ralph Denno expressed concern that conditions imposed by Planning and Zoning are too often not enforced. He gave as example the condition that the sand bank at Sabbath Day Point be screened from the road with evergreens. Chairman Swanson said he would send a letter to the Town Board.

8. Site visit scheduled for 8:30AM on Mon. Oct. 9, 2000 for Karmazin, followed by Cameron.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/10/00

Privilege of the floor was granted to Bob Patchett and Sal Santaniello. (See letters on page 8) Rudy Meola spoke on need to have a park committee meeting soon and also wants the town board to address the use of the town park lights and the junk cars in town. Cont on page 4 - Town Board 10/00

Town Board (Cont. from p. 3)

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Assessor & Justice - None
2. Buildings & Grounds - Megow - Roof on Community Ctr. will be completed this week. New trim and windows look much better. A lighting scheme is in progress. It is in the plans to remove the pole line and bury the electrical line and to eliminate three unnecessary street lights to conserve energy and save approx. \$100/month. Highway Garage was sandblasted and primed. three of its walls must be replaced as only the west wall is in good shape.
3. Finance - No report.
4. Fire Dept. - Fitzgerald - Columbus Day dinner a success. Election Day coffee & donuts and lunch served at Community Ctr. Fire Dept. bldg. is on schedule.
5. Highway - Fitzgerald, Bothe - Blacktopping Silver Bay and Pine Cove Rds. Sand and salt has been stockpiled. Helping Bolton to haul sand. Work at beach adding top soil and seeding was completed in Sept. Road signs are disappearing at a rapid rate. To replace signs it costs the town between \$25 and \$35 each. Please help the highway dept. to police this vandalism. Plans to plant screening trees in the Sabbath Day Pt. sandpit are in motion.
6. Insurance - No report
7. Personnel - Hourigan - There were two applicants for the position of operator at the Transfer Station. The Board will prepare and present the applicants with the job description by Nov. 20. Town clerk Debbie Manning and employee Joanne Trudeau, have indicated willingness to record the minutes for the Planning Board, ZBA, and Comprehensive Plan Committee.
8. Planning, Zoning & Stormwater Management - Belden - Zoning Adm. Paul Barone stated that 25% of the permits that were issued during 2000 were issued in the month of September. The State has approved a 5-year stormwater project for around the lake, with a \$20 million grant. Will start in the year 2001.
9. Recreation and Promotion - Hourigan - Supvr. Belden stated the need for a grant writer to apply for state money to help promote, plan and manage recreational facilities in Hague. The skating rink will be located at the town park as it was last winter. The rink is more accessible and visible to youth at the park. Also the location has the advantage of accessibility of a public phone.
10. Sewer District #1 - Supvr. Belden reported that our engineers need another .5 million dollars to comply with DEC regulations and updated technology which requires using a different type of Digester, for which the user fee will be cheaper in terms of the much lower maintenance required. To install this in 1996 would have cost \$4.5 million as compared with \$7.3 million at today's cost. Belden said a public hearing will be needed as a result of this rise in cost. However, he reassured the board that the "money is still there for the project, and will be 100% funded."

11. Town Park and Beautification - Town flags are being changed. Frost bitten flowers have been removed. Flowers in the hanging baskets will be replaced with evergreens during the holidays..

12. Transfer/Recycling Station - Megow - Income for the month of September was \$4,503.75. Waiting to hear from state as to whether landfill is complete to their specifications.

13. Youth - No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution to install a 25mph speed limit sign on Pine Cove Rd. Approved. Res. will be sent to the DOT.

2. Resolution to amend zoning code re: sundecks/boat-house. Copies of draft were sent to APA, Warren County Planning Board and Hague Planning Board. Public hearing to be held.

3. Resolution to amend zoning code re: blight. Vote was 2 for and 2 against. Held over until the Nov. meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Letter from David Swanson, Chair Planning Board to ask board to take action on planting trees at sandpit.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - Youth Program - Warren County Youth Bureau for 2001 for Hague youth program.

Resolution - WC Arts Initiative Program authorizing the board to submit application for summer concert series.

HAGUE P.O. & HOUSE SOLD

The Farinicks of Arcady Bay purchased the former residence of Bob & Ada Hoyt along with the Hague Post Office in mid-September. They, and their assorted work crews, have been very busy painting, repairing, removing and renovating both buildings. The Post Office will remain and the rear apartment will become an antique/gift shop. The former Hoyt residence has the potential of becoming office space, living quarters or little shops. If you need space in "downtown" Hague, contact Diane Farinick for additional information.

ISLAND HARBOR ESTATE SOLD AT AUCTION

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court held an auction at the James T. Foley Courthouse in Albany, NY on Oct. 6 to sell all of the Albert & Barbara Lawrence properties located east and west of NYS Rt. 9N in the Town of Hague. The minimum acceptable bid was \$1,950,000. John Sullivan, Pleasantville, NY, made the final bid of \$2,700,000. The second highest bidders were Tighe & Callie Sullivan, Sabbath Day Pt. and Darien, CT (no relation to our knowledge). Mr. John Sullivan plans to use the main house as his summer residence and preserve the undeveloped lands west of 9N in their natural state.

Form good habits - they are as hard to break as bad ones.

NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade

This fall the colors of foliage in the Town of Hague have been spectacular - in the superlative! What happens to cause the changes from green to orange, red, yellow, bronze, crimson, russet or brown? Why do the leaves drop and then "sleep" for the winter and then reappear anew in the spring?

According to Dr. Edwin House, Prof. Emeritus at SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry, "There is a change in chemical activation as the leaf growth changes from fast to slow. Colder water seeping through the roots and trunk provides less body to a leaf. At the same time less hours of daylight causes a physiological change called anthocyanin, when pigment in the leaf becomes insoluble. Meanwhile the production of chlorophyll (which has been active during warmer months and longer days) disappears so each leaf changes color, then dries and falls. Because of the many maples, oaks and birches in the Adirondacks, the color change is especially dramatic!"

Unnoticed by many, another factor takes place after a leaf falls. When that happens, at the base of the leaf stalk, a new tissue is produced. This growth is called a petiole. It prevents moisture from going into or out of the stalk during winter. This corky "nub" (a suberan) stays in place all winter until water pressure from the roots in spring bursts the bud and new growth begins.

The natural vegetation of more than half of North America is trees. The rest of the continent is unforested desert, grassland and tundra.

My experience of identifying trees in Hague reveals these deciduous species to be here: quaking aspen (often called "popple"), American basswood, beech, chestnut, white oak, red oak, chestnut oak, black oak, hawthorn, apple, sugar maple, black maple, mountain maple, striped maple, silver maple, red maple, Norway maple, "smoke" trees, American sycamore, shagbark hickory, black walnut, butternut, staghorn sumac, red ash, white ash, black ash, mountain ash, black locust, hop horn bean, wild cherry, three kinds of elms, catalpa, black cherry, chokecherry, American plum, flowering dogwood, bladdernut, button bush, American elder and six kinds of birch trees. Does anyone know of others?

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its November meeting on Monday, November 20 at 7:30PM. We hope to have another local speaker, a person with some interesting memories from his boyhood. Refreshments are served at these meetings and the programs are always of interest. The meetings are held at the Community Center and all are welcome. . . ewa

The thing that counts is not the time spent, but the manner in which it is spent. . . Leo J. Spears

LESSONS FROM LU (MEGOW)

Be sure that the chimney is clean and ready for the winter heating season. Check your fire alarm system. Be prepared for possible electrical failure: have easily prepared food on hand, bottled water, flashlights and batteries.

WEATHER NOTES
by MaryLou Doulin

"I love the woods in autumn when the dry leaves hide the ground and the wind sweeps by with a soft rustling sound."

It has been a gorgeous fall. We have enjoyed days of bright sunshine and clear crisp nights. This great weather has compensated for the unseasonable conditions of this past summer. It even reached 80° Sat. Oct. 14. Our first hard frost lakeside was Sep. 28. Usually around the lake the foliage peaks Oct. 12, but this year it appears to be about a week behind. The colors are subtly lovely but the maples didn't seem to have their zesty red-orange color that typify them this time of year.

There has been a steady bird migration for the past few months. The Canada geese have been traveling on a regular basis since Oct. 8, but on Sun., Oct 15 flocks of goose formations were constantly departing, one after another. They were noisy and flying high. All were in the V formation headed south, except for one flock that appeared leaderless. It was very disorganized. They traveled in circles and headed west and circled again and headed north. Finally they got oriented and headed south in somewhat of a V alignment.

It has been dry, but it rained a half inch today (10/16) and more is predicted.

HOUSE OF THE MONTH

In driving around our little community, I find that a number of houses should fit the above category. The one I have chosen this month is the home of Alvin and Vicki Frasier located at 90 Summit Drive. The Frasier's have been working diligently on their home for a number of years and most recently have built a 3-car garage which adds not only to comfort but also to the esthetics. They have a small corral for their horses and a barn to keep them in.

The house was the home in which Alvin grew up with his sisters and brothers. He is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Howard (Buck) Frasier and both he and Vicki are employed at IP. They seem to spend most of their spare time working on their "spread" and it certainly shows the effort they have put into it. Congratulations to both of you. Your efforts are paying off. You are helping to make our town a more beautiful place in which to live.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 9/25/2000

New committee members were welcomed to the committee by David Darrin, Chair. They are: Alison Craig, Dick Frasier, and Michelle Gautreau. Other members in attendance were: Paul Barone, Tom LaPointe, Rudy Meola, Bob Patchett, Art Steitz, Dave Swanson, and Nelson Waters. Jane Marshall from the Chazen Co. was the facilitator.

Nelson Waters was appointed to take minutes of this meeting. The town board is seeking a clerk to serve in this capacity.

Darrin suggested that in answer to requests from retailers, that the members of the committee should disclose the properties within Hague that they own. Most agreed, but several were against the proposal. It was decided that those who were willing to, would fill in the form - those opposing would not need to.

Jane Marshall stated that the purpose of this meeting is to go through issues that were identified at the public meeting. She asked that the public withhold their comments or questions until the end of the meeting.

Under economic development - anything related to development is related to tourism. Some people would like to focus on tourism, others would not. If we decide to focus on tourism, what ideas do we have to attract tourists? Hague could be considered a "gateway community", a place for people to come for supplies, food or whatever is needed. Is that something we want to work for or back away from? Unique shops in town i.e. kayak and canoe rentals, gift shops, boutiques could bring people by boat as well as car.

PRIDE AWARDED GRANT

PRIDE of Ticonderoga, Inc., on behalf of the Town of Ticonderoga, was recently awarded an \$18,662 Adirondack North Country Community Enhancement Program grant for the Ticonderoga Streetscape Beautification Project.

The local volunteer Streetscape Committee was formed as a subcommittee of the Town's Economic Development Committee to format plans to establish a visual reconnection between the LaChute River and Town's traditional main Street and continue that plan to the entire length of the streets (Montcalm and Wicker) which currently constitutes its central business and service facilities. Using modern planning tenets espoused by planners, the committee has developed a plan to be completed in phases to beautify the historic business district and provide a visual "reconnection" between its main street and the LaChute River Park.

One can see the progress which has already been made by visiting downtown Ticonderoga.

FORT TICONDEROGA RECEIVES GRANT

A two-year grant of \$112,500 from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will enable Fort Ticonderoga to enhance the museum's year-round education capability and expand community outreach beyond even this season's record-breaking attendance. Fort Ticonderoga will also engage a consulting team to assist with developing the museum's new interpretive master plan and programming for the new Mars Education Center which will open in 2005. The grant to Fort Ticonderoga was among 177 awards (totaling more than \$15 million) to the country's exemplary museums from among more than 800 applications.

Fort Ticonderoga is a private, not-for-profit educational institution open to the public since 1909. The museum has been accredited by the American Assoc. of Museums since 1972. The museum is open daily until Oct. 22, 2000 and will reopen for the 2001 season on Sat., May 5. For information about the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga, and a complete calendar of special events in 2001, call (518) 585-2821 or visit the museum's web site: www.fort-ticonderoga.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George meets at 7:30AM for breakfast at Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay Assoc. Future programs scheduled are Oct. 24 Raymond Ciccarella, Supt. of Bolton Central School, 10/31 Club Assembly; Nov. 7 Chuck Fillare will speak on his visit to Dannemora, Nov. 14 TBA, Nov 25 Bill Gates will speak about his recently published book.

Rotary Club is sponsoring a fund raiser - "An evening of food, wine and fun." This will be held at The Olive Garden in Queensbury. During this sensational evening you will experience many of the Olive Garden's featured wines paired with the chef's culinary specialties. Taste, mingle and enjoy while you discover the secrets of food and wine pairing at one of the many seminars given by wine hosts and local wine experts. Also featured will be Cooper's Cave hand crafted ales, brewed right in Glens Falls.

Tickets for this event are available from any member of the Rotary Club at \$28 each. Call Chuck Fillare at 543-6344 for further info.

Entertainment books are still available for \$40 through any member of the club.

KIWANIS CLUB

Assembly member Elizabeth O'C. Little addressed current political issues and new available programs including EPIC at the Sep. 14 meeting of the club. She also spoke on family tuition deduction and education tax credit programs. For more info. on these and other programs, contact her office at 1-800-342-9871. 10/00

SOUNDINGS

MARRIED - Joyce Monroe, Hague, to Terry Carawan, Virginia on July 19, 2000 at the Trout House Village Resort in Hague. The Carawans are currently living in Ticonderoga but will be residing in Virginia in mid-November.

MARRIED - Janet Faith Kelly, daughter of Mr & Mrs James J. Kelly and Frederick James McKeown, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. McKeown, Sr., Hague on September 23, 2000 in the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel at Silver Bay. Reception was held aboard the Lac du St. Sacrament.

DIED - Marc Charles Zeese, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zeese, Silver Bay, on August 1, 2000. He is survived by his wife and four children. Contributions can be made to the Marc Zeese Memorial Fund, Silver Bay Assoc., Silver Bay, NY 12874.

DIED - Virginia C. Fitzgerald, 84, formerly of Overbrook Drive, Hague, on October 13, 2000 at the Horace Nye Nursing Home in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Fitzgerald was a lifetime resident of Hague and widow of Eric Fitzgerald. She is survived by daughter, JoAnn Johnston, Wilmington, NC and one brother Jack Bolton, Hague.

DIED - John C. Glading, Sr., 74, Indian Kettles, Hague and Florida, on Oct. 16 in Burlington, VT. He is survived by his wife, Alice, three sons, John C. Jr., Randall, and Evan; two daughters, Jo Astrid Glading and Lise A. Glading, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Ticonderoga eighth grade students enjoyed the beauty of Mt. Defiance on Sep. 28 and 29. The classes spent the mornings drawing from nature. In class the students studied the techniques of the realistic landscape artist of The Hudson River School of Painters, and applied their knowledge to their own local landscape work.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE TO COME TO VOTE

On November 15 voters in the Ticonderoga Central School District will be asked to approve a proposed \$850,000 handicap accessibility project at the three-story high school. A hearing was held at the school prior to the board's October meeting. There are physically-challenged students in the district who will soon be in high school and will need an elevator. A similar proposal was rejected in 1991 by the voters but School Supt. McDonald said the voters have no choice this time. "If it's not passed we'll face litigation down the road and a judge will probably order us to install an elevator, which would be very costly." A court-ordered elevator would come directly from the local taxpayers, but the

proposed project will be eligible for state aid. If approved, the project will cost taxpayers \$27,000 a year for 20 years. McDonald said it would have little impact on the total school budget (less than 1%).

Voting will take place from noon to 8PM at the high school lobby and in the Hague Community Center.

The American Legion money doll which was raffled this summer was won by David Shattuck, Milford, DE. David is a former resident of Ticonderoga.

SC WALKING PROGRAM

The Elementary and Middle Schools will be open from 3:30 to 5:30PM beginning Oct. 16 for senior citizens who want to exercise by walking. Please enter building through the Middle School entrance. Room one will be available for changing shoes and a place for hats & coats. If you are interested in this program, please register at the Ti Middle School office 585-7442 Ext. 218. This is only available during days school is in session.

SBA HIRES TWO CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

Virginia Hicks, mother of five and resident of Ticonderoga and Connie Swinton, mother one, a resident of Hague, have been hired for the Marjorie Hilliard Hodges Children's Pavilion at Silver Bay. The Pavilion serves children from 6 weeks to 5 years, Mon. through Fri. from 7AM to 5:30PM.

The Adirondack Academy in Mineville, also operated by Silver Bay, currently has 13 students with a maximum capacity of 18. Both schools are accepting applications for students. Contact Ilona Selzer-Kelting, Director Child Development, 543-8833, Ext. 210 to register.

WORKSHOPS AND PUPPET SHOW AT LARAC

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" returns to LARAC on Oct 28, presented by The Puppet People of Schenectady. At 9:30AM LARAC is offering a free one-hour puppet workshop where participants will create ghost marionettes, which reflect the type of puppet used in "Sleepy Hollow". The workshop is recommended for children ages 7-12; enrollment is limited and advance registration is required.

There will be two free performances of "Sleepy Hollow" in the afternoon at 1 and 3 pm in the Lapham Gallery at LARAC, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls. The show is geared for elementary age children and provides a wonderful opportunity for families to experience live theater together. Seating for both afternoon shows is limited, and advance ticket registration is required. LARAC is able to offer these free thanks to a grant from Target. For info. and registration, call 798-1144, ext. 6. 10/00

BUDGET COUNSELING SERVICE

Does living paycheck to paycheck keep you awake at night? Do you often count on winning the lottery to fix your financial problems? Then the Family Budget Counseling Program is for you. This free and confidential program is offered by Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County. The program can help you with budget planning, managing credit and debt, as well as learn how to control spending, handle daily finances, develop a savings plan and much more. A trained volunteer will work with your family one-on-one to help you set up and use a customized repayment plan. You set the goals you want to achieve and your Volunteer Family Budget counselor will help you explore ways to achieve your goals. Cornell Coop. Ext Family Budget Counseling Program will help you to take control of your finances. Call 668-4881 or 623-3291 during business hours Mon. through Fri.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

The following letters were read at the October Town Board meeting and copies sent to *The Hague Chronicle* for publication.

I would like to address the Town Board regarding the progress of the Comprehensive Committee, as I see it.

The participation of the residents of Hague was excellent in both public information meetings and continues well in the regular meetings thus far.

The problems, seen from my observation, is the diversification of ideas. If you read "Comprehensive Plan Issues Summary" from Chazen you will wonder where we possibly can come up with a plan that would satisfy anyone.

I therefore revert back to the APA Comprehensive Plan which they title "Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan." They are very specific about how the land in Hague is to be used other than the Hamlet.

The Hamlet gets most of the attention when an issue comes up. I do not believe this Town Board is ready to make any changes in the Hamlet. Politically it would be disastrous. i.e. Look at what happened to the Revision Committee after five years - nothing happened, with the exception of editorial changes.

I therefore conclude that to continue to spend additional moneys for the Chazen Companies to help facilitate a comprehensive plan is a waste of money.

It is my understanding that this board must appropriate considerable money (\$15,000 to \$16,000) for the upcoming budget to continue this study.

I do want to make it clear I feel the Chazen Companies have done a good job thus far. They just don't have much to work with.

Please consider how you are spending the taxpayers money in this case. . . /s/ Bob Patchett

At their monthly meeting in Sept. the Hague Chamber voted to discontinue staffing and supervision of the Town Information Booth at the Town Park. The reason for this decision is two-fold: Chamber members are all busy in the summer with their businesses, and keeping adequate track of payroll and supervision of the booth attendants is next to impossible. The other factor is cost effectiveness; staffing the booth with its present schedule of 6 hours per day 7 days per week for July and Aug. costs the Chamber over \$3,000. If the booth were open more hours, which we feel it should be to be more effective, this would cost even more per season. Operating an information booth in the setting of a tourism-generated town economy is undoubtedly a worthwhile venture. However, the Chamber sees its role as more a promotional entity, to concentrate on drawing more new visitors to the area and not necessarily to be responsible for disseminating information to those tourists who are already here.

Although obviously many people in town do not fully realize exactly what the Hague Chamber's responsibilities are, as evidenced by some of the comments from the recent study done by the Chazen Company, the Chamber performs many behind-the-scenes duties and some no-so-behind-the-scenes duties to promote tourism and the town of Hague and will continue to do so as our budget permits. We publish and distribute the Hague Service Directory annually, we publish and distribute the Hague color brochure as needed; we maintain and continue to improve an outstanding internet web site which the town should be proud of; we sponsor the annual Arts and Crafts Fair, the annual Antique Show, and the annual Bass Tournament; we sponsor the annual Christmas Party and Senior Citizen of the Year Award, and answer inquiries generated from the web site, mail and telephone regarding our area on a year-round basis.

If the booth does remain open, the Chamber would be happy to discuss with the Town the use of the furniture, tables, cabinets, etc. that the Chamber has purchased for the booth. . . /s Sal Santaniello, Acting President Hague Chamber of Commerce

LG LAND CONSERVANCY AND SBA COLLABORATE TO PROTECT LAND

The LG Land Conservancy and Silver Bay Assoc. have cooperated to protect a 59-acre parcel of land in Hague, NY. Alexander and Elizabeth Guest, the owners, donated a conservation easement to the LGLC while simultaneously conferring the title of the property to the SBA.

The property is adjacent to lands owned by the SBA and Adirondack Forest Preserve and will be used by Silver Bay for science, education and recreation. It is an ecologically important landscape with a nearby nesting site for peregrine falcon, which are endangered in NYS. (cont. on page 9 LGLC)

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"It is a privilege to be considered a partner in the conservation goals of our neighbors. The Guests have a distinguished history of stewardship in the Silver Bay community. They have helped advance the goals of Silver Bay to ensure the preservation of the watershed and increase environmental awareness among those who visit the Association", says Mark Johnson, executive director of the SBA and LGLC board president

Founded in 1988 by The FUND for Lake George, the LGLC focuses solely on the 150,000-acre Lake George watershed, preserving the lake's pure water quality and rare plants and animals by protecting natural lands surrounding the lake.

OUR TOWN THEATRE GROUP

OTTG is now ready for OPERATION OUTREACH, an open house to welcome and meet all of those who have an interest in community theatre. The date is Sat., Oct 21, the time is from 1 to 5PM and the place is the Wevertown Hall at the Junction of Rts. 8 and 28. Visitors will be amused with a Histerical, Historic Fashion Show of costumes from past performances. Take advantage of this wonderful piece of theatre art from the past.

The afternoon of fun and information will offer entertainment, refreshments and door prizes, all free of charge. The Group members are hoping you will come, to meet them and enjoy a great afternoon.

A WARNING FROM THE HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD: Please place your appropriate street number on your house in a conspicuous place so that emergency squad members can find them. If you have to look for them, they aren't going to be too useful in an emergency!!

WEB SITE STARTS ITS FOURTH YEAR

On Sept. 20, 2000 the Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce web site, started its 4th successful year. Thousands of potential visitors have logged on to the site and learned about accommodations, services, dining, attractions and recreation offered in our Northern Lake George community. Many of the site visitors actually came to this area for their summer vacation and more are expected as our service expands.

As the premier web site serving the Northern L.G. area, we are continuing to add new features. Soon we will be sporting a new look and feel. Also new is the site's Service Provider. The new provider is acting as our host and agent in a Lake George regional "hub" setup. This arrangement greatly enhances this area's presence on the world wide web.

If your business or service appeals to or depends on visitors to the Northern L. G. area, don't miss out on a unique opportunity to inexpensively display your mes-

sage to thousands. This is a good time, and it is very easy to join the Chamber of Commerce and put your message on the World Wide Web by becoming a subscriber to www.hagueticonderoga.com. You may be surprised by the benefits of subscribing if you are doing business in the Northern L.G. area.

Help with your layout and/or full web site design and hosting services are available.

To put your message on <http://www.hagueticonderoga.com> or for further information please contact: Tom James, 7972 Lakeshore Dr, Silver Bay, NY 12874-1802. chamber@hagueticonderoga.com Ph (518)543-6924. FAX (518)543-6411

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Christians in the U.S. and Puerto Rico will gather on Friday, Nov 3 in observance of the World Community Day Service. In Ticonderoga the service will be sponsored by Church Women United of Greater Ticonderoga at St. Mary's Church, 12 Father Jogues Place at 11AM in the sanctuary. The service is centered on the theme "Standing Up With Those in Need."

Sister Charla Commins, C.S.W., Executive Dir. of Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties will be the featured speaker.

Light refreshments will be served at 10:15 in the Church Meeting Room and a short business meeting will follow with the installation of officers. Worship services at 11AM in the sanctuary.

We invite you, your friends, families, and community of faith to join in this World Community Day 2000 celebration and worship and to support women's ecumenical ministries toward peace and justice. There will be an offering of the Least Coin in which we donate only the least coin we have. We will support also the Safe Homes ministry by bringing toiletries for abused women.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

It is possible to raise \$16 million by buying a book of stamps. The US Postal Service released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD. It is important that we take a stand against this disease that kills and maims so many of our mothers, sisters, friends. Instead of the normal 33¢ for a stamp, this one costs 40¢. The additional 7¢ will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$6.60. This one is only \$8.00. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$16 million for this vital research. What a statement it would make if the stamp out-sold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care.

Each of you are urged to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. Encourage your friends to do the same. 10/00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2000

October

- 21 Harvest Dinner, St. Mary's School see p. 2
- 22 Chronicle (Glens Falls), Book Fair, Adirondack Community College, FREE, further info. 792-1126
- 23 Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting - 7:30PM
- 24 Senior Citizens Club meets at 1:30PM
- 26 ZBA meeting - 7:30PM Public hearing at 7PM
- 27-28 Haunted Fort, Fort Ti. For info. call 585-2821 or 585-6716 (p2)
- 23 **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY** - see p. 1
- 30 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.**

November

- 1 SC Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Planning Board - 7:30PM (hearing at 7) p3
- 3 Church Women United (p9)
- 6 HVFD meeting
- 7 Election Day - polls open 7AM-9PM Lunch
- 14 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic, 1-2PM, Comm. Ctr.
- 15 School Bond vote (p7)
- 16 Senior Citizens Club (p2)
- 16 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Comm. Ctr.
- 20 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM (p2)

FLU SHOTS

DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET FOR GIVING FLU SHOTS IN HAGUE. A SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN STARTED IN THE TOWN OFFICE. VACCINE IS VERY SCARCE THIS YEAR AND IT MAYBE LATE NOV. OR EARLY DEC. BEFORE HAGUE GETS ITS SUPPLY. IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU ARE "AT RISK", PLEASE SEE YOUR OWN DOCTOR.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

BEGINNING NOV. 1 THROUGH DEC. 31, THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN 4 DAYS A WEEK: THURS., FRI., SAT., AND SUN. 12NOON - 5PM

CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED AT WESLEYAN CHURCH

At 7PM on Oct. 28 "The Continentals", a contemporary Christian group, will present a concert of music, drama and choreography at the Hague Wesleyan Church. This group has performed in 38 areas throughout the world. Immediately following the performance instrumentalists, vocalists and dancers are invited to audition or receive information on becoming a member of "The Continentals". There are 14 girls and 8 boys in the group, plus the conductor. Admission is free.

At 5PM a pot luck dinner will be held in the community center. The public is also invited to attend the dinner. Please bring a dish to pass.

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