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## REASSESSMENTS REASSESSED

At the April 8th Town Board meeting a letter was read from David Martucci, Sole Assessor, in which he recommended that the tax assessments revert to the 2002 figures. This decision followed a meeting of representatives of the Town Board with Mr. Martucci about concerns that were expressed at the Town Board hearing on April 2nd. The hearing had been attended by a large contingent of both year-round and seasonal residents. Supervisor Belden had told the audience that the Board did not have the authority to make changes in the assessments but could make suggestions to the Assessor.

Mike Swan, Warren County Board of Real Property Services, met with many residents about their reassessments while Mr. Martucci was out of his office for surgery. Mr. Swan was also present at the April 2nd hearing where he reviewed the reasoning for the reassessment and the procedures used. There are about 1700 parcels in the town and 375 had asked for and received an informal review session (including those done by phone).

Several citizens discussed their situations at the hearing and noted inconsistencies in the reassessments. Some felt that the process used by the assessor was flawed. Others noted that the assessment is not as important as what the tax levy will be. Mr. Swan stated that he had made several recommendations to the assessor on these issues. Dick Gladu said that under the projected revaluations the total assessment for the town of Hague increased from \$298 million to \$441 million while the Ticonderoga assessment increased from \$379 million to \$412 million. Hague taxpayers thus would have experienced a greater percentage of increase in their assessments and would have a total assessment greater than that of Ticonderoga.

Mike Swan said that if the assessments were not adjusted to 100% value, Hague would probably be assigned an equalization rate (ER) of 80. This ER would mean that an upward adjustment in the school tax levy for Hague would be made to equalize the assessments with Ticonderoga which would have a higher equalization rate. He also agreed with a suggestion that a consolidated assessment district should be created for Ti

and Hague so that the same formulas would be used for both and end equalization procedures. Alice Patchett reminded everyone that ten years ago David Lawrence had chaired a committee that was attempting to find solutions to the school tax inequities and suggested that this effort be revitalized. At the April 8th meeting, Councilman Meola circulated a letter written to Supervisor Belden in 1992 making specific suggestions on the options that could be considered "which would address ... the disproportionate share of school taxes paid by Hague."

Supervisor Belden indicated at the April 8th meeting that he will appoint a committee to look into the issues of assessment and equalization. ...js

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES AT FORT

Easter Sunrise Services will be held at 6AM on Easter Sunday, April 20 at the South Portico at Fort Ticonderoga. Following the services at the fort, join the "Breakfast Volunteers" at the First United Methodist Church, Wicker St., Ticonderoga. They are once again planning to serve breakfast immediately following the Easter Service. Menu will be: French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, buttered toast, orange juice coffee and milk (for the youngsters). Suggested donation will be \$2.00 per person. Won't you plan on joining us in this excellent food and fellowship?

## EASTER IN HAGUE

A community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the town park at 6:30AM on Easter Sunday. There will be a pancake breakfast hosted by Silver Bay Associatopm immediately following the service at the Community Center.

## BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

The Hague Baptist Church holds a Bible study each Wednesday at 7PM. Everyone is welcome. On Sundays at 6PM a study group is studying Revelations.

# HAPPY EASTER!

### KUDOS TO OUR AMBULANCE SQUAD

I went twice to Moses-Ludington Hospital this past winter and was transported both times by the Hague Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

I was impressed by the warm and capable manner in which this group of men and women dealt with me. They work as a team and it was almost worth being ill to see them in action!

To the residents of Hague: Continue to have pride in your volunteer ambulance corps and support them! . . . /s/ Jean R. Peters, Forest Bay

### GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY

The Glens Falls Symphony will perform its last concert of the season on Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 4PM. "25th Jubilee Music" is music fit for royalty as the orchestra completes its 25th jubilee season with Beethoven, Handel and Arthur Honegger's masterwork of great proportions, "King David". The Battenkill Chorale under the direction of Janet McGhee will be featured in this concert.

### HANCOCK HOUSE MUSEUM REOPENS

The Hancock House Museum reopened on April 2, 2003. The hours are Wednesday - Saturday from 10AM - 4PM. For information contact 585-7868

### INFORMATION REQUESTED



Does anyone remember seeing a series of prints of various breeds of dogs, dressed like people, sitting at a table playing poker?

Believe it or not, the artist who painted those silly scenes back in the late 1800's allegedly spent summers in Hague "romping around with the Watrous family," we have learned.

The poker-playing dogs were painted by Cassius Coolidge, born in Rochester, who traveled extensively and sought out well-known notables in our own area.

If anyone can provide more information about this artist, it will be noted in a biographical history on "artists of Warren County", now being compiled by a man from Ballston Lake. So far, no historical notes can be found, according to Ethel Andrus Hague historian. Please contact Stan Burdick at 543-8824 with any information you have.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the Warren County Historical Society will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at the Hague Community Center. Historical Society members from around Warren County will have displays and pre-

sentations from 9 AM to 12 noon and then proceed to the Silver Bay Association for lunch. Following lunch there will be a tour of Heritage Hall and other buildings on the Silver Bay campus. All are welcome to attend.

The Hague Historical Society will meet jointly with the Ticonderoga Historical Society on Friday, April 25th at 7 PM at the Hancock Building in Ticonderoga. The program, entitled "New York Regiments in the Civil War," will be presented by Brent Vosburg. Refreshments provided by the Hague Historical Society will follow the meeting and it is hoped that there will be a large turnout.

On May 19 at 7PM the Hague Historical Society will hold a meeting at the Community Center at 7PM. The discussion for the evening will be "Women Who Served in World War II." Refreshments will be served before the program.

### TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society is proud to present "Images of America" by Helen Lawrence. This art exhibit will be shown from April 9 through June 14, 2003 at the Hancock House Museum in the Assembly Room. The museum is open to the public Wednesday - Saturday 10-4PM. The Assembly Room is handicap accessible.

Helen Lawrence was born and raised in the small town of North Creek, NY. She is married and has three grown sons. Mrs. Lawrence has had no formal training in art, and is self-taught. She belongs to the Johnsbury Fine Arts group and has exhibited her work with them. Her favorite subject is Native Americans. We welcome Mrs. Lawrence's first solo art show.

### MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

May Friendship Day, an annual event observed by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and other Christian women, will be held on Friday, May 2, at 11:30AM at the First United Methodist Church Wicker St., Ticonderoga. Gather with other women in this area and discover the spiritual gifts we have been given through the ministry of Barbara and Paul Wiley of Heifer Project International for a May Day luncheon. The Wileys are a retired teacher and dairy farmer who devote their gifts to this mission. They hope to bring some animals. Everyone is welcome!

The luncheon, provided by the Nutrition Site, costs \$4.00. Phone reservations before April 29 to Ursula, 543-6407; Donna, 585-6233; or Shirley 585-4479.

Donations of toiletries for the safe houses - women's shelters - and your contribution of your least coin are appreciated. 4/03

## HAGUE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/27/03

The Zoning Board met for its regular meeting with 5 members present. Tina King was out of town. Jenny Dehr was acting secretary.

John Breitenbach represented Pat and Bill Brennan (60.5-1-1), in their application for an area variance to build a house higher than the 30' limit. An existing house, that will be removed, is higher than 35'.

Tim Costello, ZEO, discussed communications with the Friends Point Association. FPA is challenging the interpretation of the ZEO concerning the use of the clustering provision of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, which the ZEO used to reverse his decision on a non-conforming lot.

Both these issues will be discussed further at the Public Hearings at the next ZBA meeting set for 7 PM on April 24th. ...js

## TWO NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO LOCAL BOARDS

Cathy Clark, Overbrook Road, has been appointed to the Hague Planning Board. Cathy graduated from NCCC and is a substitute teacher in the Ticonderoga schools. She has also been active in the PTA and other volunteer activities in the schools. Cathy most recently acquired her "taste for government" when she attended meeting after meeting relative to the Hague Homeowners Water Association and became an active researcher on funding topics. Cathy and her husband, Bruce, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, have lived in Hague with their two daughters since 1985. Cathy has had some experience in the construction field, having worked in document control and personnel for SWB construction. She is also an active member, and president-elect, of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club.

Bill Pittman, Arcady Bay Estates, has been appointed to the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals. Bill studied at Orange County CC and Long Island University. He was a painting contractor in Suffern, NY for over 40 years. While there he was active in a local service organization. Bill has had a home in the Hague area for 19 years and now that he is retired he wants to participate in local civic activities. Bill can frequently be seen around town helping at Hague Creek Antiques with his wife, Carol. He has been given introductory information by the Personnel Committee and the ZEO Costello and looks forward to learning more about the appeals process ...js

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 4/8/03

The Hague Town Board held its monthly meeting with all members present.

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Meola has not received any communications from Town Justice Heather Knott

to report at the meetings. He read a letter he wrote to Justice Knott requesting her cooperation in meeting the Justice committee's responsibility to provide the "general public with relevant information relating to your office." The response received did not come from the Justice but rather from the Court Clerk who merely noted the use of email by the Hague Town Court to file a report to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Highway - Bill Bothe, Highway Superintendent, noted that the department logged nearly 412 hours during the last storm and one driver had a straight 19 hour shift. They try to do as much as they can in cleaning up after a storm but there are certain safety precautions and regulations that must be followed. For example, they try to finish by midnight and inform the sheriff's office when they go off duty. If the sheriff's office is contacted for an emergency, then they will come back out later if necessary. Supervisor Belden applauded the excellent job the highway department has been doing.

Personnel - Councilmen Steitz and Meola are working to update the employee's guide.

Sewer District 1 - Complaint forms are available in the Zoning Enforcement Office. They are modeled on the forms from Warrensburg. Supervisor Belden has met with some people who have complaints. No contractors have turned in forms of insurance certification yet. A list of contractors is available at the Town Hall. It is hoped that the pumping system will be ready to be tested next week.

Transfer and Recycling - Last month's income was \$3071.25. Councilman Megow noted that the transfer station was open 221 days last year. A small committee has been looking at changes in the schedule in order to save money. Much discussion followed about which days the station should be open - especially Sunday - and how many days per week during different times of the year. A proposal to increase fees on mattresses, stoves and the like was included. Some expressed hope that the schedule could become less confusing and more uniform. Councilman Meola noted that if we wanted to save money, then labor costs would have to be reduced. The Board decided to wait until next month to make a final decision and have any new regulations and fees in place by June 1st. There was also discussion about a Clean-Up Day which Councilman Megow has noted before is far from "free" - costing the town several thousand dollars in lost revenue and payment of fees to remove trash.

Youth - Councilman Steitz discussed a request for skateboard ramps. He has the information, and the equipment meets the criteria for insurance. He will continue to get specific proposals.

## Unfinished business

The Board approved a permanent position for Tim Costello, Zoning Enforcement Officer and appointed Mary Jo Keeler as recording secretary to the Zoning and Planning Boards. (Cont.. on page 4 Town Board 4/03

TOWN BOARD (Cont.. from page 3)

The old school bus parking lot (east of the Wesleyan Church on Route 8), along with a 10' x 10' spring lot across the road, currently belongs to the Ticonderoga School District. They have agreed to sell it to the Town of Hague for \$1. The Town will take over any liability if there is a buried fuel tank on the property which needs removing.

The Supervisor read a letter from the Sole Assessor, Dave Martucci, who is recommending that the 2002 assessments be used in light of the many considerations which have been discussed. (see related article)

Supervisor Belden discussed appointing a committee to study the assessment issue consisting of Councilman Meola as chairman and including Alice Patchett, Judy Stock, Dick Gladu and other interested taxpayers.

The audience was encouraged to attend the next Ticonderoga School Board meeting which will be held in Hague at the Community Center on April 22nd at 7PM. The school budget will be discussed.

New Business:

The Town of Hague will no longer be a vendor for LGPC decals.

The Board approved attendance at a conference for the animal control officer on April 12th by a vote of 4-1

They approved attendance at a conference at Raybrook for the ZEO on April 22nd & 23rd.

A watershed conference will be held on April 29th and 30th at Ft. William Henry Hotel in Lake George.

A resolution was approved for an interfund transfer of \$25,000 from the Landfill Closure Fund to the General Fund.

A resolution was approved authorizing funding participation for the Lake George - Plan for Future

The Board approved a contract with ELAN Planning & Design for work on downtown improvement project.

ZEO Costello was authorized to set up a process for meeting with people who have complaints about the sewer project and to use the complaint forms available.

The Supervisor announced that the Bicentennial Committee will meet on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. ...js

PLANNING BOARD - 4/9/03

The Planning Board rescheduled its regular April 3rd meeting after a massive snow storm hit our area. They met the following Wednesday evening with all members present except Peter Foster, who was out of town. Chairman Swanson introduced new member Cathy Clark and newly appointed secretary Mary Jo Keeler.

Nelson Waters (25.4-1-18.1) had two proposals before the Board. The first was to place a mobile home on part of his property east of Decker Hill Road. He had hoped to rent this home for income but withdrew his application for expediency so that the Board could concentrate on his second proposal - a sketch plan conference for a

subdivision. Mr. Waters would like to subdivide a portion of his property of 61 acres into 3 lots and submitted a sketch which included retention of access to his wood lot. He stated that he did not plan any improvements - anyone who purchased it would have to come before the Planning Board for improvements or any additional subdivisions.

Mr. Waters insisted that the plan seems "really quite simple - quite clear" and ZEO Costello felt that the project was just a minor subdivision. Some Board members however suggested that it might fall into the category of a major subdivision if it involved 5 lots with a new road. These lots include the 3 proposed, Mr. Waters' own lot and one that had been sold 2 years ago. The Board felt that more study was necessary and Mr. Costello will get the subdivision provisions to each member so they can look them over and then decide.

The Board considered an application from Frank Fowler, Jr. to place a single family dwelling and garage on his lot (12-1-4). The Board had made a site visit and had some reservations about the slope and septic. They decided (6-0) to request that the applicant find a place for the septic system, get a site map and results of a "perc" test and then come back to the Board for approval.

Walt Waters (42.1-12) has a long-time home-based excavating business in a special commercial zone on Decker Hill Road. He has a storage barn and has equipment and materials stored on site. He wants approval for this business so there won't be any problem later as the area is being developed. The Board will do a site review.

The Brennans (60.5-1.1) want to build a new home replacing one that was damaged and are requesting a height variance from the zoning board which has asked for a recommendation from the Planning Board. In addition this project needs a site plan review because the new house will be located within 100' of a stream which the LGA has expressed its concern about. The site review will be held on April 22nd at 5 pm.

The Chamberlains (93.16-1-47) wish to build a second home on the lot listed on the tax maps. They have deeds which show that this lot was actually 2 lots in the 1950's when a subdivision was done at Sabbath Day Point. Since this is a preexisting filed subdivision, the Planning Board approved a motion (6-0) to recognize the 2 separate deeds which will allow for 2 buildings. The Planning Board did, however, express their concern about the ramifications of overlap of commercial and residential septic systems. They would like to see the approved Board of Health report.

ZEO Costello made the Board aware of an approval he gave to a house within 100 feet of the lake that was expanding 25% but on the same footprint. Since it was already existing and the setback cannot be changed he did not suggest it for site review. In this case there was no view obstruction created so the Board did not feel that they would need a site review but noted that if that had not been the case, that the site plan review gives them an opportunity for persuasion before building takes place. . . js 4/03

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING & JUNKYARDS**

Prior to the regular monthly Town Board meeting on April 8th, an open public hearing was held to discuss two issues before the Town Board. The APA had suggested revisions to the Zoning Ordinance which the Planning Board incorporated in a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town Board is required to hold a public hearing and complete an environmental impact statement both of which are now done. The APA must now approve the changes before they become a part of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

A change to Section 160-10 would replace the word "building" with the word "structure" in the definition of shoreline setback. In determining setbacks from the shoreline, measurements would be made to the nearest part of the "structure" including buildings, sheds, fences, signs, and fixtures. A deck extending out from a building would be considered part of the "structure" as would roof overhangs..

Another change in Section 160-10 clarifies the definition of "square footage of structures" and a third change, in Section 16-50(b) clarifies the regulations related to the shoreline setbacks.

The second major proposal discussed in the Public Hearing was a local law "to control the maintenance of trash, rubbish, junk, unregistered motor vehicles and junkyards." A major change from previous proposals was the deletion of a process to license junkyards. The law finds that there are no licensed junkyards in the Town of Hague now and therefore no provisions need to be made for them. It was felt that a working junkyard which buys and sells scrap was not in character with the Town. Sal Santaniello noted that an "auto salvage yard is not a junkyard" nor is an auto storage area. He noted that there are state rules and regulations for these properties and where a local law may be needed is for abandoned cars on private property.

Other comments were made regarding tires and the stipulation that "no person shall maintain an unregistered motor vehicles for a period of time greater than ninety (90) days". The Board continued the hearing on this proposed local law until next month and encouraged the public to submit their comments. ...js

**SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB  
MEMORIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE  
SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 2003**

At our regular March meeting we continued with plans for the Memorial Day Parade and Celebration. Sincere thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club for their generosity in donating to our cause.

Madeline Pelkey and Emily Cobb are doing a great job laying the groundwork for the Parade, the Memorial Dedication in honor of Hague's Military Veterans, and the Family Fun-Fest at the Town Park.

May 24th is evolving into a very special day of celebration in the Town of Hague. Thanks to all who have rolled up their sleeves to pitch in to work and who have already signed-up to take part in it!

Everyone is invited to come march in the parade with us, ride along in a float for your organization, or drive your own spruced-up truck, tractor or "oldie" car. Decorate and ride your bikes, wagons, or your ATVs Or march in your costume. Be a spectacle or be a spectator. Come to the Town Park for the live music, a fire rescue boat demonstration, popcorn, baked goods, crafts, clowns, face painting, fun and games for the kids and much more.

And don't miss the chance to learn what life was like in Hague during the past century. From 10 am to 1 pm, our Hague Town Historian, Ethel Andrus, will open the Historical Museum at the Community Center. Throughout the day, visit the shops of Hague's merchants.

At 1 pm all parade vehicles, floats and marchers will assemble at the Community Center. At 2 pm. the parade will head down to the beach. Afterwards, the Memorial Dedication in honor of Hague's Military Veterans begins. Starting at 4 pm, The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. will serve barbecued chicken and burgers at the New Fire House on Rte 8.

Please sign-up with us if you want to sell your baked goods or crafts at the beach from 10-4. There's no charge. Call: Madeline at 543-6130 - Emily at 543-6325 - or Chris at 543-6167. All are welcome. Let's make it a day to remember. See you there! --ci

**WEATHER NOTES  
by Mary Lou Doulin**

The Vernal Equinox may have been at 7:59PM March 20 but we have had few indicators that this really was the beginning of spring. As belated as it is , spring could not be more welcome. We had an enticing sample for two days in March. Then we were thrust right back into the same wintry conditions which have been with us since early November. That marks six solid months of cold. No wonder this winter has been the fourth coldest on record. We have had continuous snow cover until mid-March, but with the arrival of more storms (plural) the white blanket returned. At this writing of April 10 four foot banks of snow dominate the white landscape. However today we might have closed the winter window as we have full sun and 50 degrees temperature prevail.

I hesitate to speak any more about this winter, but here is some more information. Days and nights were colder than normal temperatures. Daytime highs were lower and nighttime lows were lower. Snowfall was above normal and days below zero numbered more than 30. With the arrival of the birds and the days of extended sunlight, shortly we can happily anticipate the real thing. 4/03

## LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission will conduct a regular monthly meeting which will include the Commission's Project Review Committee, on Tuesday, April 20, 2003 at 10AM at the Holiday Inn, Canada St., Lake George.

The Lake George Park Commission's Law Enforcement Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 9AM at the Holiday Inn, Canada St., Lake George, NY.

## FORT TICONDEROGA OPENS MAY 10, 2003

Fort Ticonderoga celebrates the opening day of the 2003 season on May 10, 2003 at 9AM. The 2nd New York Regiment and the Company of Loose Women (it's not what you think!) will present a special demonstration of hut building techniques used during the American Revolution.

The fort will be daily, including holidays from 9AM to 5PM through late October. Interpreters in period uniforms tell the story of the fort throughout the day. Weather permitting, they will offer a musket demonstration. In July and August (weather permitting), artillery demonstrations occur daily and the Fife and Drum Corps entertains with martial music. The King's Garden is open June 1 - September 15 for self-guided tours from 10AM - 4PM. Groups need to reserve in advance. Please write or call (518)585-2821 to enlist in the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga, or to request more detailed information. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, or visit the Fort at its web site, [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org).

The EIGHTH ANNUAL WAR COLLEGE OF THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR will be held May 17 and 18. Space limited for this two-day seminar; advanced reservations required.; call (518-585-2821 for further information.

## THE VIEW OPENS MAY 9

The View at Indian Kettles will open its third season on May 9, 2003. We currently have openings for all positions. We will be offering breakfast starting Memorial Day weekend on Saturdays, Sundays, as well as holidays. Call Brad Whisher at The View 689-2242 for more information.

## FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Hague Chamber of Commerce is welcoming contributions for the July 5th fireworks at the Town Beach. This year's event, longer and more spectacular than last year, will again be hosted by Alonzo Fireworks. Alonzo's provided the fireworks display for the opening ceremony at the 2002 Olympics. Contributions may be sent to the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

## HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM

A new feature will be added to the program of the Hague Cartoon Museum this summer. "Saturday Afternoon-Live", a live lecture series will take place every Saturday afternoon, starting in July, from 3 to 4 PM. A talk by a visiting cartoonist or historian will take place each week. Talks will concern comic books, fantasy art, animation and other subjects of interest, accompanied by graphic displays.

The Museum will open Memorial Day weekend and be open every weekend. Contrary to rumor, the Museum will NOT move from Hague for the 2003 season. Stan Burdick, Director

## TORCH CLUB

The Adirondack Torch Club, which meets for dinner, a speaker and discussion each month at the Elks Hall in Ticonderoga, announced its upcoming programs for May and June.

On Thursday, May 1, the speaker will be Ted Caldwell of Bolton Landing, speaking on "Harold Bixby and Charles Lindbergh--A Family Retrospective. Following the 75th Anniversary of the Trans-Atlantic Flight."

On Thursday, June 5, Jim Crawford of Adirondack will speak on "The Ramapo Mountain People -- the Jackson Whites."

Anyone interested is invited to come as a guest or to join Torch. Contact Stan Burdick at 543--8824.

## FOURTH PERIOD HONOR ROLL - T.H.S.

We congratulate the following students from Hague who have achieved honor roll status:  
Grade 12 First Honors - Katie Belden, Justin Best, Jessi Frasier, Kelly Frasier  
2nd Honors: Jennifer Clark, Theresa Howard  
Grade 11 First Honors: Matthew Frasier, Monica Sitts, Second Honors: Thomas Haskell  
Grade 10 First Honors: Joshua Frasier, Wyatt Peterson  
Second Honors: Danielle Connors, Maureen Palait  
Grade 9 First Honors: Jesse Berube, Sarah Bissell

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were two fire calls last month, using 10 man hours. Ambulance 741 had two runs, 107 miles for Ambulance #741, and none for #740.

## HAGUE CLEAN UP DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003

The Town is planning to hold a clean up day for residents to bring items without fees to the transfer station and the Town will pick up items from senior citizens and the disabled. Tires will not be accepted. The final plans will be posted around town. Be sure to check for details or call the Community Center (543-6161). 4/03



## POST STAR ACADEMIC BOWL

The Ticonderoga High School POST STAR ACADEMIC BOWL team posted an important win in the quarter final round at Queensbury High School on Thursday, March 6, 2003. Ticonderoga faced a strong Glens Falls High School team after both teams scored in the top eight teams during regular season play, Ticonderoga in 4th place and Glens Falls in 5th.

Led by veteran captain Dan Crawford, Sentinel players Scott Davis, Norman Nguyen and Santo Sapienze they outscored Glens Falls 3-1. The Sentinel team this year also includes members Brian MacAlpine, Zach Donohue, Juliane Davis, Adam Charboneau (Hague), and Ed Bevins.

## HAGUE STUDENT/ATHLETES/MUSICIANS

The following Hague students attending Ticonderoga High School have been involved in the winter athletic program: Andrew Patchett, Bryce Gurney, Joshua Patchett, football; Andrew Trombley, Indoor Track; John Breitenbach, Aren Laundree, Basketball; Jessica Belden, Tom Haskell, Brentin Trudeau, Bowling. Playing with the All-County Middle School band were Kacheena Trudeau and John Breitenbach. Included in the All-County Middle School Chorus were Kelly McCoy and Brittney Haran.

## SCHOOL BUDGET TO BE DISCUSSED IN HAGUE

The Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School District will hold a **REGULAR MEETING AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2003-04 BUDGET, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2003 AT THE HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 7:00PM.**

There was much discussion at the special town meeting on April 2 about the school taxes, which are the prime reason that Hague's taxes are always so high. The School Board has in the past held one meeting a year in Hague, at which there were only two or three people there. It was therefore decided not to have a meeting in Hague since there was no interest. However, the Board has decided that perhaps this year there would be a bigger input from the people in Hague if it was to hold its meeting here. Please prove to the Board that they made the right decision and come to the meeting on April 22 to express your views, or at least be knowledgeable as to what is going on.

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

It is every citizen's right (and obligation) to vote. On **May 20, 2003** between the hours of 12 Noon and 7 PM at the Hague Community Center this right should be exercised by voting in the school election. We hope you attend the School Board meeting on April 22 in Hague and give your input when the school budget is discussed.

(see p.1) Hague needs to have its voice heard in matters of the budget and the election of new board members. This year there are three incumbents running for three positions on the School Board. They are: Fred Lavallie, Jay Fortino, both from Ticonderoga and Dick Frasier, Hague. We also have another Hague resident running for election - Pat Wania. She comes with the best of credentials and it behooves us to support her and Dick Frasier in the upcoming election. If they both win, and they can with all our support, we would have three members from Hague on the Board, since Joanne Brown from Silver Bay is already on the Board.

Mark **MAY 20** on your calendar now and give our Hague candidates your support.

## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE PAT WANIA

19 Pine Orchard Road, Hague, NY 12836 (543-8046)  
Educational Background: • Post Graduate Studies - SUNY at Albany with concentration in Curriculum and Development. • Master's Degree - College of St. Rose - MS in Special Education with concentration in Learning Disabilities. • Bachelor's Degree - College of St. Rose - BA in Special Education with concentration in Developmental Disabilities.  
Professional Affiliations • Committee - Member of Schalmont Committee on Special Education for 20 years. • Committee - First parent registered in NYS as a member of the Committee on CSE.. • Served on Board of Directors of Oak Hill School in Charlton, NY.  
Professional Certifications • Wilson Reading and Language Instructor. • K-12 NYS Certification in Special Education. • Elementary NYS Grade 1-5.  
Past work experience includes • Teacher in Schalmont Elementary and Albany Schenectady BOCES for 23 years. • Master Teacher affiliated with SUNY at Albany teaching and supervising Masters Degree candidates in Special Education. • Guest lecturer at Hudson Valley Community College . • Guest lecturer at Russell Sage College (Advocacy and Issues in Special Education).  
Personal - • Married. • Mother of 3 • Grandmother of 3 girls • From Schenectady area vacationing in Lake George since childhood - became a resident of Hague three years ago. • Enjoys cooking, reading, traveling, gardening. • Clubs and Organizations - Lake Forest Association, Carillon Garden Club, Hague Senior Citizens, Mohawk Crafters. • Want to continue to serve students by providing them with an appropriate education by assisting the community with necessary planning-recognizing our declining economy and continuing to serve the important educational obligations we have to our children.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL - MAY 2003

### APRIL

- 20 EASTER - (p1)
- 22 Senior Citizens Club meeting - 1:30PM
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Board of Education - 7:00 PM, Discussion of budget - Hague Community Ctr. (p 1)
- 23 SECRETARIES DAY
- 24 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 24 School Board special meeting to adopt budget and discuss School Report Card.
- 25 Arbor Day
- 25 Hague Historical Society and Ti Historical Society at Hancock House - 7PM (p2)
- 30 Property Tax Report Card Available - School Adm. office

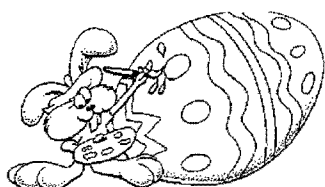
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- 1 Women's Discussion Group - 12 Noon - Brookside Community House, Silver Bay
- 1 Planning Board - 7PM
- 4 Glens Falls Symphony (p2)
- 13 Voter registration, 1-6PM at Comm.. Ctr..
- 13 7PM Ti Hi cafeteria - Ti School Board special meeting to adopt the budget & discuss School Report Card
- 13 Town Board - 6:30PM (Audit -6PM)
- 15 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Hague CC
- 15 Town Clean Up Day
- 19 Hague Historical Society - Com. Ctr.. (p2)
- 20 School budget vote and election Hague Community Center, 12 noon - 8PM



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