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HAGUE CLEANUP DAY
Wednesday, May 15, 2002
ONE DAY ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS

The Hague Transfer Station will be open from 9AM to 5PM to all town residents wishing to dispose of items. See Page 8, March issue, or pick up a listing from the town hall. Remember only one load per family.

Roadside pickup will be limited to Hague residents sixty years of age or older or residents who are physically disabled.

Items to be sorted and placed at roadside by Tuesday afternoon May 14. Call Community Center, 543-6161 or Highway Garage 543-5400 to schedule pick-up or if you have questions.

BASIC COMPUTER AND INTERNET CLASS

The Ticonderoga Central School District will be offering a "Senior Citizens' Basic Computer and Internet Class" on Tuesday evenings (April 30, May 7, 14 and 21) from 6:00 to 7:00PM in the High School Computer Lab. The deadline to sign up is April 23 - first come, first served. There is no fee and class is limited to 16 participants. Please call 585-6674 Ext. 110 to register.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MUSIC IN PARK

The Hague Town Park will be the setting for the following programs which will be held at 7:30PM:

- July 10 LaPointe Brothers
- July 17 Upstate New Yorker's Garry Finney & Tom Venne Traditional Country Music and Comedy
- July 24 Silver Bay Quartet
- July 31 Tuba Quartet - John Topper - Old Fashioned Outdoors Music
- Aug. 8 Stan Burdick Live Music - Square Dancing
- Aug 14 Too Human - Ellen Schwartz, Roger Bruno Well Crafted Songs ---Delivery Out of the Ordinary

TENTATIVE PROPOSED SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

1. BASKETBALL - Mike Manning instructor
July 9 to Aug. 15, Tuesdays and Thursdays,

- 5:30-7:00PM. Age level 5 yrs to 15 yrs.
Basketball Court at Community Center
 2. MARTIAL ARTS - Larry Reid, instructor
July 8 - Aug. 14, Mondays and Wednesdays,
6:30-8:00PM. Age level, 6 yrs and up
Hague Community Center
 3. SWIMMING - Silver Bay Assoc. staff
July 8 - Aug. 16, Monday through Friday,
1:30-2:00PM Age level 5 yrs and up
Silver Bay Association
- Registration is required in order to determine if enrollment warrants offering each of the above programs. A simple phone call would do. To register your child, please call the Hague Community Center at 543-6161.



GERRY BOYD TO BE HONORED

Gerry is well known all around the town . . . a dedicated ambulance crew man, instrumental in the building of the Silver Bay Fire House, and always willing and able to rush off to the latest accident or fire. Gerry has been chosen by the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens to be this year's Senior Citizen of the Year. Frank Leonbruno, Bolton Landing, has been selected as the Senior Making the Greatest Contribution to his community. Both men will be honored for their services at the Warren County Council luncheon to be held at the Ramada Inn at Lake George on Thursday, May 16 at 12 Noon. The cost of this luncheon is \$12.00 which includes tax and tip. Register for this luncheon by phoning 543-6161 BEFORE May 7. There will be a choice of roast beef, chicken supreme, broiled fish or vegetarian meal. Send your check for \$12 made payable to the Hague Senior Club to Kay Caldera, PO Box 747, Hague, NY 12836-0747.

CONGRATULATIONS GERRY!!

Gerry has turned out many times for us - now let's turn out for Gerry. . . ewa

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Church Women United will celebrate May Friendship Day on May 3, 2002. May Friendship Day is an annual event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women in a common worship experience for the purpose of building and strengthening friendly relations within the community. This year's theme is "Sharing Our Stories, Healing Our Hearts, Celebrating God's Love".

The meeting/luncheon will be held at the Hague Fire House on West Hague Road. A brief business meeting will begin at 10:30AM and lead into the Worship Service. Lunch will be served immediately following the service. It will be catered by *The Gourmet Gal* (Deborah Mackey). Cost will be \$8.00 and R.S.V.P.'s must be made by April 30, 2002 to Lucile Secor at 585-3565 or Ursula Montbriand at 543-6407. The lunch choices are Quiche Lorraine or Crab Quiche.

Guest speaker will be the Reverend Alice Hobbs, retired pastor of the Crown Point and Moriah First United Methodist Churches. Joyce Mouradian will share a testimony of God's healing love. Music will be furnished by Grace Trombley. Men, as well as women are invited to join together to share our faith and celebrate the healing power of God's love.

FOUNDING OF A TORCH CLUB

There's one in Albany, another in Schenectady, and 73 other clubs like it throughout the USA and Canada. Now, for the first time, on May 2, 2002, there will be one in the Adirondacks of New York State.

We refer to the International Torch Club, Inc., which will present a club charter to the new Adirondack Torch Club located in Ticonderoga, NY.

Based on the need for adults of diverse interests to assemble monthly to hear and discuss subjects in a "forum for active minds," Torch is a popular and growing phenomenon. In six months of growth as a provisional Torch club, the Adirondack Club has attained a certain status in the area and now includes 25 members residing in a wide area of Warren, Washington and Essex Counties.

On the first Thursday of each month club members come together for dinner at an area restaurant, hear a talk by one of their members, and spend a period of time discussing the presentation. Subjects range from current affairs to art, law, good grammar, history, and a changing society.

On May 2 the club will receive its charter at a ceremony in the Schoolhouse Restaurant, Streetroad, Ticonderoga. The Albany Torch Club is the sponsoring organization. Attending the ceremony will be the International Torch president, Ralph Falconer from Ohio, the president-elect of IATC from IL, as well as Torch members from a wide area.

In addition to the chartering ceremony, the speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Dominick Viscardi, whose subject is "A Judge's Charge to the Jury."

Further information concerning TORCH is available from Stan or Cathie Burdick at 518-543-8824, fax at 518-543-6654 or email at tfguild@capital.net.

TREE AND SHRUB SEEDLING SALE

If you missed the March 29th deadline for ordering from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, you have a second chance! Extra tree and shrub seedlings and transplants will be on sale, at low cost to anyone interested, on Sat., May 4, 2002 from 8:30AM to 12 Noon at the District Office at 51 Elm St. Warrensburg. The District will also have crownvetch sprigs, wildflower mixes, wildlife seed mixes, fertilizer tablets, tree shelters, and weed control mats as well as three types of bluebird nesting boxes, bat houses, and wood duck boxes for sale.

For more info. contact the District at 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885, Phone 623-3119, Fax: 623-3519; E-mail: john12@nycap.rr.com or check out the website at www.warrenswcd.org.

THE HANCOCK HOUSE MUSEUM AND TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 10AM TO 4PM STARTING APRIL 3, 2002. FOR INFO. CALL 585-7868

SPRING LUNCH - GAME PARTY

The Carillon Garden Club will hold a spring luncheon/game party at The Hague Community Center on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 12Noon, followed by an afternoon of games of one's choice. Bring the game or cards you would like to play. Board games will be provided for those who would like to play. Lots of door prizes and raffles. All this for only \$15.00. Get together with your friends and reserve a table for this fun filled afternoon.

Reservations may be made by calling Vivian Den Bleyker, 543-6801 or Dottie Henry, 543-6633 by May 1.

GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY

Program No. 4 of this season's Symphony is titled "West Goes East". It will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at Queensbury High School at 4PM, with Charles Peltz, conducting. Included in the program are *Overture to The Abduction from the Seraglio* by Mozart and *Poem for Flute and Orchestra* by Charles Tomlinson Griffes which features Meredith Veysey as guest flutist. *Scheherazade, Op. 35* by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov in four movements, will be performed during the second half of the program. For info. call 793-1348. 4/08

ZONING BOARD MEETING - 3/28/02

Present: Cris Ginn, Tina King, Charlie Chase, Bruce Clark, Mary Lou Doulin
Absent: Robert Goetsch, Nelson Waters

Preliminary Variance - Mr. Brad Whisher with attorney John Silvestri

Mr. Whisher, Indian Kettles, would like to restore the original Indian Kettles subdivision configuration allowing separate ownership of a commercial and residential lot by subdividing a 1.17 acre lot into two lots of .167 acre and 1.003 acre., the larger commercial lot will conform to minimum lot dimensional requirements but the smaller, residential lot will not meet minimal dimensional or area requirements. The application was accepted with the understanding that the necessary additions to it will be made. A public hearing will be set for April 25 at 7PM.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS
March 11, 2002

Motion was made by Supervisor Belden, seconded by R Meola to enter into executive session to discuss: 1. Kolakowski vs Town of Hague; 2. International Paper lands. NY State or other Article 7's of Real Property Law and services provided by Beebe, Grossman & Bergins; 3. Personnel re: Planning Board.

A wide discussion re-examined the above issues. No action was taken but it was agreed to gather additional data for further review at a later meeting.

March 21, 2002

This meeting concerned the Hague Water Works. Patricia Tatich, Director of Warren County Planning Dept. explained that because residents of the proposed water district do not meet the income eligibility criterion and the 1990 census cannot be used, the town cannot file for a small cities grant. Instead she is proposing for the town together with the Town of Lake George file an application for grant money to help pay for sewer hook-ups for income eligible residents within the water district. Ms Tatich estimates the maximum cost of hook-up to be in the \$3,000 range. Cost may be shared with owners on a 50/50 basis. Motion to authorize such application was carried.

Supervisor Belden introduced Lisa Nagle of Saratoga Associates who explained her proposal for a downtown improvement plan. Following a lively discussion it was agreed that Ms. Nagle will prepare a more specific proposal so that the Board will be able to tell from the new proposal what downtown will look like, at least on paper. R. Meola proposed other consultants for similar proposals be contacted for comparison. Supervisor Belden will contact C. T. Male, Clough Harbor and Chazen Associates.

Board went into executive session to discuss litigation, Cliff Kolakowski's case, and personnel matter relating to the Planning Board.

April 2, 2002

Attorney John Silvestri reviewed the Kolakowski matter with the Board. He advised the Board that he has notified the court that he is the substitute attorney for the town, replacing the law firm of Beebe Grossman and Bergins on this case. Judge Aulisi has postponed the conference from April 5, 2002 to May 13, 2002. Mr. Silvestri will review the case and will advise the Board within a few days on possible action for the board to pursue.

Mr. Silvestri will do necessary research on the Andreas matter and will advise the Board as to the procedure to follow. The Board agreed that when notices of violation are issued they would be issued in an impartial manner.

As to the personnel matter relative to the Planning Board, it was decided to send a letter to the parties involved.

Proposals for dredging the Hague Boat Launch were opened. 1. Walt Excavating - \$4,700.00; 2. Pat Armstrong - \$5,695.00. Walt Excavating was awarded the contract.

PUBLIC HEARING #1
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
April 3, 2002

Supervisor Belden explained that the proposed project request for the Water District has been changed. The Board is now requesting grant money to assist in the sewer hook-up fee for income eligible residents.

Ms Tatich, Director of Warren County Planning Dept. reviewed the proposed project. The Town, with the assistance of WC Planning Dept. will prepare an application to the Governor's office for Small Cities grant assistance to help families, that are low to moderate income, connect to the new sewer district.

On March 25 there were 231 income surveys sent out and only 95 have been returned to date. It is of the essence that there is an adequate response in order to assess the need and the financial request. The maximum obtainable for this grant is \$400,000. As of now we are estimating a funding request of \$200,000. The average cost to connect to the sewer system per household will be approximately \$3,600.00. This figure is based high, due to not knowing what type of circumstances could arise, such as: 1. Having to drill through rock to place the piping. 2. The piping in the house to connect to the sewer is not usable. 3. The distance of pipe from curbside to the homeowner's house.

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Hearing (Cont. from page 3)

Each household assisted would have to be financially reviewed and meet the income criteria established by the federal government.

There was a question if this grant money had to be paid back? The answer is no. Any family who is income eligible does not have to pay back any money for this project.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD HEARING AND MEETING
4/9/02

Supervisor Belden was attending a conference in Texas so the meeting was chaired by Deputy Supervisor, Rudy Meola.

The Board opened the required second Public Hearing on the application for funding for sewer hookups. Laura Moore from the Warren County Planning Office was on hand to answer questions.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and a moment of silence was held for Charlie Burgey.

The warrant amounts of \$11,108.54 for the highway, \$515.12 for street lights and \$15,532.73 for the general fund were approved with Councilman Hourigan abstaining.

Sewer - The AP Reale company is going to do the line work with one crew starting in the hamlet and another at Cape Cod Village. Another contractor is doing the pumping station. The contractors have one year from the start date to have it up and running. George Farinick has been appointed Clerk of the Works and is being paid by the county from the grant. He will have a local office.

Transfer/Recycling - Lu Megow reported the revenue for the transfer station was \$2,130.25 for March.

Town Insurance - The Board awarded the insurance contract to the Upstate Agency which is currently handling the insurance. Their bid was \$20,282.69 and the other bid from the Cool Agency was \$28,172.71

LGPC - Board approved having the supervisor write a letter to Senator Stafford urging the LGPC to keep dock and boat fees the same.

Dog Licensing - problem with unlicensed dogs. Board asking Dog control officer to enforce dog licensing law.

The officer has been given a current list of registered dogs. Officer has authority to enforce leash law.

Rabies clinic June 5, 6-8pm at the firehouse \$5
Communications

Brad Whisher requested contributions from the town for a 4th of July fireworks display. Town is unable to use public funds for this purpose.

In a letter from Judy Stock, she suggested appointing a Town Hamlet Improvement Committee, establish a Town Grants Committee and maintain a list of town residents who could share their expertise with

town committees. The town board will discuss these ideas further.

A response was received from the DOT. They will replace "2 hour parking" signs on 9N across from the Town Park, with "no parking" signs.

A petition signed by nearly 50 neighbors was presented to the Town Board, requesting appropriate steps be taken to stem building overgrowth on properties owned by Scott and Alice Patchett on New Hague Road. The Board accepted the petition, referred it to Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator and will discuss it at a future meeting. Copies of the petition are in the town clerk's office for review.

The Board set a hearing for May 14 at 6:15, prior to the regular meeting in reference to the purchase of fire equipment in the amount of \$175,500.00. The Board declared that it has no objection to the financing plan proposed.

An unsigned letter sent to the board was not accepted. A letter must be signed for the board to consider it but the author may request anonymity.

Bids for the 1992 Ford pick-up truck are due by May 8 at 4PM. Minimum bid is \$800.00. No bids have been received yet.

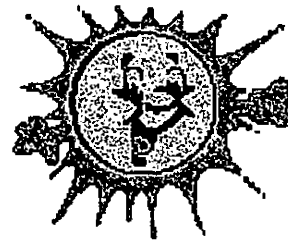
PLANNING BOARD - 4/4/02

A public hearing was held on: Disbrow, 147 Split Rock Rd, Land Use TR2, APA Moderate Intensity. Mr. Disbrow would like to construct 50ftx100ft accessory building and a 40 car parking lot for a player piano and mechanical music instrument player museum on his property. Letters were read from the Burnashes, and the Vickersons, neighbors of the Disbrows, in opposition to this project. Mrs. Kate Barry, another neighbor, was present to state her objections. Chuck Fillare and Peter Foster requested another site review, since they were out of town for the last one. The hearing was kept open until the next meeting on May 2 at 7PM.

At the regular meeting the Disbrow project was discussed but was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Whisher requested a subdivision of property at Indian Kettles. (See Zoning Board on page 3)

The Board recommended approval of the subdivision to the Zoning Board, with some degree of reluctance, because it is being reverted to former status and is in conformance with other properties in the area.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!

NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade



WEATHER NOTES
by MaryLou Doulin

In the Town of Hague, as winter comes to an end and spring temperatures warm the air, those who harvest sap from maple trees get busy. When night temperatures fall below 32° and day temperatures rise above freezing, that is the signal for the workers to tap the trees. Drip, drip, drip, drip, the sap begins to fill the buckets. Then the workers get a good wood fire going and they dump the sap into a large pan. As one sees smoke drifting out the upper vented roof, then one knows that the syrup is being boiled.

The heating continues until temperature of the sap reaches 7° above water's boiling point of 320°. Then the syrup is poured into containers, first through a paper filter and then through a felt filter. These filled containers are sold to hotels, city folks and local residents.

At Sabbath Day Point, many years ago, Bruce Carney, Sr. (father of Frank Carney), initiated a sugarhouse on his property up a wood road near Bloomer Mt. He never tapped trees before March 20. One season there lasted 30 days but that was rare. That year on Easter weekend they had a pretty good run, but in 2002 it has generally not been too good. Members of the Carney family have continued the operation there through the years. (Frank's grandson, Chris Hens, is now operating the sugarhouse.)

The reason farmers began to make maple syrup was because they were not overly busy in the spring. During that lax time of year they could prepare wood for the fires, tap the trees, collect the sap, heat it and fill containers.

As far as I know, these Hague residents have operated maple syrup houses: The Carney family at Sabbath Day Point; Jake Thibeault on Route 8 in Graphite; the Watts family up the hill from the Silver Bay Post Office; Harry Rand at Graphite; Mark Rutkowski on Rt. 9N near Silver Bay Assoc; John Smith at Smith's Flats on New Hague Rd; Nathan Yaw on West Hague Rd; the DeLarm family on Summit Drive; Harold Carpenter on the Berry Mill Pond Trail; Maurice Bevins on New Hague Rd; Fred Frasier's farm on Fly Brook Rd; Fred Butler on Mt. View Rd; Leslie Hayes at upper New Hague Rd; Galusha family on Tannery Rd; Dykstra's at Cold Water Canyon Rd; Parlins at Pudding Island Farm and Tom LaPointe of Graphite. Did I miss anyone?

When you enjoy pancakes and syrup, remember what a job it is to prepare that delicious syrup.

April has brought us a couple days of good soaking rain. Normal rainfall for April to date is 1.34 inches and now as of April 15, we have 1.74 inches. Yet for the year we are still 1 1/2 inches less than normal. It appears conditions are improving with the recent showers.

Many birds have returned and it looks and feels like springtime. The rains have made the Hague Brook run higher, faster and louder. The ebb and flow of warm to cold temperatures are occurring. April began in the 40s and tomorrow (the 16th) may reach the 80s.

Friday April 5 we had an amazing squall and we received 1 1/2 inches of fluffy snow that transferred the scenery into a wintery wonderland. By noon the next day it had all disappeared. The last half of March was a mix of wind, snow and some beautiful days in the 60s. The arrival of daylight savings at 2AM on April 7 was welcomed as the longer days of sunlight are increasing by 2 to 4 minutes per day. The sun sets now around 7:30PM, thus enabling one to savor the sights, smells and sounds of early springtime.

HAGUE CHURCH GROUP GOES TO HAITI

Twelve members of the Hague and Brant Lake Wesleyan Churches took a mission trip to Haiti during the February school break. The group built a church in the village of Forrian. The new building will also be used as a school and doctor's office.

Nearly 300 Haitians attended the first service in the new church on Feb. 24. The pastor of the church, Rev. Monterrel Chaporan is Haitian born and was ordained through Belhnnie Evangelical Missions in Les Cayes, Haiti. The Mission builds churches and schools and digs wells in Haiti. Members of the local churches will go back in March 2003 to build a church in the village of Gran Pas. The group has a goal of building a total of 20 churches in southern Haiti.

For info. contact Pastor Rusty Bissell, 543-6545.

We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds them all different. No one has a double friendship

Springtime
is GARDENING TIME!

KIWANIS CLUB

Nick and Virginia Westbrook, Crown Point, addressed the Kiwanis Club on March 28 concerning their three-week trip to Antarctica in January.

The voyage, assembled by Ticonderoga-area philanthropist Forrest Mars and his wife, Deborah, a Ticonderoga native, consisted of 75 high school students (50 boys and 25 girls), faculty members, naturalists, the Mars and the Westbrooks. Mars' principal motive behind the trip was to show the young people present-day Antarctica in the hope that, later in life, they would recognize and be prepared to act upon deleterious changes to the frozen environment and ecology if such changes should occur.

The voyage took place at the height of the Antarctic summer, when afternoon temperatures reach as high as 30° and the nights are two hours long. When the winter solstice arrives in June, temperatures would hit 70 degrees below zero and the nights would be 23 hours long. The Westbrooks showed slides of fossilized ferns which indicated that hundreds of millions of years ago before the continents began to drift apart, the local climate had been temperate or perhaps actually tropical. Although the southernmost point of the voyage was at just over 65° latitude south, the travelers did not quite reach the Antarctic Circle and were never closer than about 1,800 miles to the South Pole.

The Westbrooks showed slides of icebergs, pointing out that five-sixths of their mass were below the water surface. As a result, the captain of *The Explorer*, the tour's floating headquarters, who had spent his entire adult life plying Antarctic waters, took great care to maintain the ship's distance from the icebergs. Even this degree of prudence proved insufficient however, when the ship grazed an iceberg, sprang a leak and had to put into drydock for four days' repair.

Unlike the Arctic, which is composed solely of ice, Antarctica is a continent, largely covered by ice, featuring a precipitous and sharp mountainous terrain, which was the result of volcanic activity, some of which continues today. The continent was, for many decades, the site of whaling camps and then, during World War II, of Allied military installations employed largely for tracking German U-Boat activity.

The Westbrooks produced a number of slides and facts about penguins and seals of the Antarctic area. Penguins mate for life, they said, with the males and females sharing chick-care. When it is time for the young bird to "leave then-est," it is instead the parents who leave, running as fast as they can until their offspring can no longer catch up. Until then, the parents catch fish, chew them up and regurgitate them into their youngsters' bills. The voyagers' dietary resources were considerably better than that. They included a Mars bar on the pillow every evening and limitless supplies of M&M's.

The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, a service club approaching its 75th anniversary, is one of the older Kiwanis Clubs in the nation and the largest in the Adirondacks Region. The Club meets for lunch weekly at noon on Thursdays, during the colder months at the Elks' Lodge and during the warmer months at the Ti Country Club. Visitors are welcome and new applications for membership are warmly received.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HFVD responded to 12 fire calls in March and expended 121 man hours. These calls included

power outages, 2 motor vehicle accidents, and a stand-by for Hall's Marina fire in Lake George.

We urge everyone to be very cautious with outside fires. Whether you are burning brush, tending a fire in the backyard burn barrel, or having a barbecue, please remember that we have had a nearly snow-less winter and so far, limited moisture from April showers. Use every precaution with outside fires.

HAGUE SPECIALTY SHOPS

The Hague Specialty Shops will be hosting a "Memorial Day Holiday in Hague" on May 25th and 26th from 10AM - 4PM. Lots of new merchandise will be available as these shops start their summer season. Free refreshments will be available and everyone who visits all 6 shops will receive a free gift.

TROUT BROOK FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

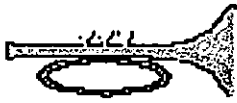
The June 2002 issue of *Adirondack Life* magazine features an excellent article about Trout Brook which flows downhill from the upper northwest mountains in the Town of Hague. The author, Ian McCulloch, cleverly titled his piece "Stream of Consciousness" with a subtitle "Searching for Howe and Why on the Banks of Trout Brook". Many geological factors make this a fascinating brook, especially in Hague where one can see Indian Kettles near the fall across from Ray Snyder's house, a deep trout pool and waterfall behind the former Steve Bevins property, and a flat base of Potsdam sandstone where people often stop to have a picnic. For many years a watercolor artist, R. J. Coolidge Hand (an art student taught by Ruth Strickling at Silver Bay Association) could be seen doing art work at favorite beautiful locations along Trout Brook. All this is in addition to the Trout Brook's importance in the Revolutionary War. . L. Meade

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The Rotary Club helped the Ticonderoga Little League raise money toward lighting their fields. The money raised came directly from the 20 Week Club. The winners have been selected by a drawing each Tuesday at the Rotary meeting since the first week in January.

The winners for the first 15 drawings are: Keri Rhebergen; Peg Shaw; Pam Nolan; Kent Cawley; Allen & Joann Gerard; Shawn Shaffer, Lynn Lenhart; Thomasine A. Bush; Bill; Dottie Henry, Jane Kolysko; Sherry Kuhl; John Barber; Donna Patnode. The rest of the winners will be announced in the next issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

The Rotary Club holds breakfast meetings at 7:30AM each Tuesday in the Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay. Call 543-6403 for more information. 4/02



SOUNDINGS

BORN: A son, Jovanni Nicholas, to Michelle and George Mosca of Saratoga Springs. Jovanni is the fifth grandchild of Michele and Tim Gautreau of Hague.

BORN: A girl, Colleen Mary, to Joan (Conway) and Bob Gosselin, in Cranford, NJ on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002. Proud grandparents are Maureen and Michael Conway, Hague and Deltona, FL.

MARRIED: Kimberly Zamrok to Andrzej Cieslak, Kimberly is the daughter of John and Carol Zamrok and granddaughter of Helen Schoder, all of Hague and Morris Township, NJ.

DIED: Edith Teiffer, 84, Thornton, CO, on February 16, 2002. She is survived by her daughter Ronnie Garrison, Hague, one son, five grandsons, and two great granddaughters

DIED: Charles S. Burgey, 88, on April 4 in Ogdensburg, NY, where he had resided for the past ten years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret. Mr. Burgey lived in Hague for most of his life and with his wife operated The Beachside Hotel and Cave for many years.

DIED: Rev. Byron Brown, 62, Garden City, NY and Cape Cod Village, Hague. Rev. Brown recently retired as priest of Christ Church in Garden City. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, four children, Tom, Tim, Jean and Janice and four grandchildren.

FOURTH PERIOD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students are listed on the fourth marking period honor roll at Ticonderoga High School:

Grade 12 First Honors: - Lucas Frasier, Peter Mack, Angela Mascarelli, Alison Rutkowski, Becky Ryder

Second Honors:: Nicole Belden, Theodore Santaniello, Tyler Wells.

Grade 11 First Honors: - Jessi Frasier

Second Honors - Jessica Belden, Katie Belden, Jennifer Clark, Kelly Frasier,

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

Second Honors: Michael Michela

Grade 9 First Honors: Danielle Ryan

Second Honors: Joshua Frasier, Lindsay Mascarelli, Joshua Patchett.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Jim Wells, athletic director at Ticonderoga High school, has named the school's scholar-athletes for the winter season. More than 50 athletes from bowling, bas-

ketball, indoor track and cheerleading were cited. The following Hague students were honored:

First Honors: Lucas Frasier, Ted Santaniello

Second Honors: Matt Frasier

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW AND CONCERT

The Ticonderoga Elementary School will hold its annual art show on Thursday, April 25 from 6-7PM. At 7PM the Music Department will present its spring concert in the cafetorium.

The public is invited to both of these events and enjoy the creations of every elementary school child.

LETTERS

Since we are lakeside homeowners (in wife's family since 1950) and pwc owners since 1990 (riding only on Lake George) here are some real facts. 1) Lake Tahoe allows 21 difference pwcs on the lake. Is that considered a ban? 2) The EPA states pwc emissions are lower than outboards of similar power. Only 9% of emissions come from pwcs out of all craft on the water. Gardening equipment puts out almost twice that amount. The EPA also states that storm water runoff puts more contamination into the water than recreational boating. Standards for all 2-cycle engines are for 2006, not 2008. Most newer pwcs have cleaner motors for 2002. Some have 4-cycle motors, others have fuel injection with converters like on a car. A jet ski puts its exhaust on top of the water where it evaporates quickly. An outboard puts its exhaust into the water. 3) The city of San Diego took water samples before and after a pwc race and found that the water had no higher traces of gas or oil. It was a 2-day race. I could go on and on with facts and figures from the EPA and more states on test on noise and disturbances that have been done but that's for later. Lake George has some of the toughest pwc laws in the nation when ridden properly there should be no problem. My wife and I are in our 50s and abide by all the rules of The Lake George Park Commission and we both have safe boating course that we have passed.

... George & Barbara Mizer

CLIFTON WEST HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Hague Historical Museum in the Clifton West room at the Community Center will be open on Fridays and Saturdays of each week. Until further notice, the hours will be from 12 noon until 4PM. Everyone is invited to visit the museum at those hours. Ethel Andrus, historian, is still learning her way around, and may not be able to answer every question, but she will do her best to find the information you seek. . . ewa

He who has little and says it is enough has more than he who has much and wants more.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED FOR SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

John H. Turner has been named executive director of the 100-year-old YMCA conference center on Lake George. Turner replaces Mark Johnson, who resigned last fall to take a position with the YMCA of the USA. Johnson had led the association since 1989.

Turner has been the president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Miami since 1999, and previously was senior vice president of that organization. He has been a key factor in the growth and financial stability of the YMCA of Greater Miami, which had been struggling for many years. He is a career YMCA professional who has also served in NYC, Baltimore, MD; Spokane, WA; Milwaukee, WI; Berkeley, CA; Wilmington, DE; and Fort Lauderdale, FL.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan who has a masters of divinity from Yale Divinity School, Turner was a board member of the Silver Bay Assoc. from 1990-1992. He has also served on the boards of the Association for Retarded Citizens and the Special Olympics.

According to Charlotte Gosselink, president of the SBA, "John Turner has great experience and skill in management and fundraising, and has a real sense of community. Just as important, he loves Silver Bay and believes strongly in its mission. He is an excellent leader who can build on our success."

The Silver Bay Assoc. hosts more than 300 conference groups annually and serves more than 4,000 members, who take advantage of its recreational, educational and spiritual programs. The organization is in the final year of a capital campaign that has raised more than \$10 million to build and improve facilities.

SHAKESPEARE'S "AS YOU LIKE IT" COMING TO TICONDEROGA

Ti Festival Guild is sponsoring the Shakespearean play "As You Like It" to be held in the Ti High School Auditorium on Friday, April 26 at 7:30PM. Tickets may be purchased from Cathie Burdick, 548-8824. The play is being presented by The National Shakespeare Company of New York City. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for students.

VOLUNTEERING - TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

It has come to my attention recently that the town is in dire need of volunteer drivers to transport Hague residents, who cannot drive for whatever reason, to transport them to appointments. Sometimes it can be a simple trip to Ticonderoga to the doctor's or grocery store, and sometimes as far as Glens Falls or Burlington. If you are willing to volunteer your service for this much needed cause, please call Bertha at the Community Center, 543-6161 to get your name on the drivers' list. During the summer we would invite any

summer residents to be a part of this volunteer group. Warren County is willing to pay for the mileage, if so desired.

Drivers are also in demand to deliver "Meals on Wheels". If there were more drivers for this program, each driver would not have to drive as often. This program is very worthwhile. Meals are delivered to those who are elderly or shut-in. This gives them a contact with the outside world at least once a day and is very rewarding to the driver. To volunteer for this, please call Marion Shoemaker at 543-6141.

The Ticonderoga Middle School has a mentoring program, which has been very successful. The school's goal is to have a mentor for every student. Mentors have a one on one relationship with a student, whom they see once a week at the school. Linda Callahan, Guidance Counselor is in charge of this program for the school and would be happy to hear from you at 585-7442, ext, 215. Personally, I have found mentoring is a very rewarding experience!

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is also looking for some able bodied men and women. If you can't fight fires or drive an ambulance, there are other jobs that you could do. Fund raising is one of the necessities that take place. With a beautiful new fire house, a lot of funds still need to be raised. Can you help them?

These are only a few of the many ways in which one can help. Don't be a couch potato! Get out and do something for someone. You will be rewarded three-fold! ..DJH

BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR!! "Fifteen Americans die each day while waiting for an organ to become available," says Tommy G. Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. More than 75,000 Americans are currently waiting to receive a heart, kidney, liver, lung or pancreas transplant; every 16 minutes, another person joins the list.

"The most important steps in becoming an organ and tissue donor are to have an informed discussion with your family and sign an organ donor card," says Frank Taft, executive director of Albany's Center of Donation and Transplant (CDT). It is important to remember that just signing the organ donor card is not enough, since your family may be asked to sign a consent form at your death. Understanding your wishes will help them go forward.

For more info. on the "Gift of Life" organ donation program initiative, call 888-ASK-HRSA. E-mail: www.organdonor.gov. Or call the Center for Donation and Transplant (CTDT) in Albany, NY at 800-256-7811. E-mail: www.centerfordonation.com

Ed: I have called both the above numbers and found the women to be very helpful. The "Gift of Life" program info. can be had by calling 888-DONORS1

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May is the month that the Hague Historical Society meets with the Ticonderoga Historical Society. This year the meeting will be held on at 7:30PM on May 20 at the Hague Community Center. The Hague Historical Society will be responsible for the refreshments and the Ticonderoga Society has asked Richard Strum (a former Hague resident and presently at Fort Ticonderoga) to speak. His subject will be "Transportation History in the Champlain Valley."

The public is welcome to attend.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The long delayed meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 12 noon. This will be our annual buffet luncheon, so bring a dish to share. The regular meeting will convene as soon as the dishes are done. . . ewa

GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES

Summer 2002 Genealogy Lecture Series begins at the Hancock House on May 8. This class will teach the basics to get you started on the search for ancestors. It will cover using family group sheets, pedigree charts and how to find information on your family. 7:00-9:00PM \$25. fee for the class includes start-up supplies. Class limited to 15 people. Call 585-7868

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE HANCOCK HOUSE include •May 11 through June 29, 2002, "Cover Art Show" by the Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks in the Harmon Art Gallery at the Hancock House Museum. For info. call 585-7868. •May 17, 2002 Bob Bearor will give a program on his new book "Leading by Example: Partisan Fighters & Leaders of New France 1660-1760"

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Since the defensive driving course given on April 10 was overbooked, another course will be given on May 8 at the Community Center from 9AM to 3PM. To take this course, call the Community Center, 543-6161 as soon as possible. There is a charge of \$10 for this course, which is to be paid to the instructor on May 8. Bring your own sandwich. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PHOTO OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

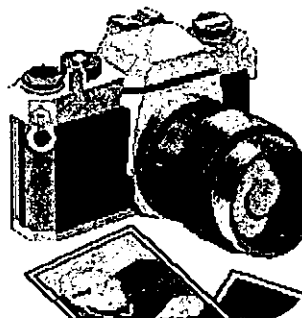
In the lobby of the Community Center there is a wonderful picture of Clifton West, former Hague town historian, fishing in the Hague Brook. There is a story behind this photograph.

According to Alison Craig, her father-in-law Ralph Craig took the photo in 1966 and later gave it to

Clifton. Ralph was a long time summer resident of Friend's Point in Hague and became a photographer in his later years. He did color processing before the days when it became popular to do as an individual. His photographs were on display at various venues, one of which was the Olympic House in New York City. Ralph had been a former double gold medalist for track in the 1912 Olympics.

The photograph was in the museum and has been reframed with the proclamation given to Mr. West on HIS day in 1998. Clifton served many years as town historian and museum director.

Make sure you check out the photograph the next time you stop by the Community Center.



ADIRONDACK NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Carl Heilman II, well-known nature photographer will present two weekend photography workshops in his studio in Brant Lake. The first, from May 3 to May 5 is a Digital Darkroom Workshop. Topics covered will include: monitor and printer calibration, color profiles, scanning, Photoshop dusting and color enhancement work, proofing and printing. Each participant will take home a print produced from their work printed on Carl's Epson 2000P archival printer to take home.

From June 7 - 9 Carl will be leading his annual "Spring Wildflowers Workshop" in the southeastern Adirondack region. There will be some hiking involved in getting to photo locations. Topics covered will include information about panoramic, landscape, macros, and wide angle close-ups.

Carl has been photographing the wild Adirondack landscape since 1975, working to capture on film the grandeur of the region. He has won numerous awards both regionally and nationally for his calendar photography. Carl's first coffee table book, "Adirondacks: Views of An American Wilderness" was published in June 1999.

For registration forms and more information visit his website, www.carlheilman.com, or call 518-494-3072 during normal business hours. Enrollment is limited.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 2002

April

- 23 Senior Citizens lunch - 12Noon (p9)
- 25 ZBA hearing and meeting - 7PM (p3)
- 25 Elementary School Art Show and concert (p7)
- 26 Shakespeare's "As You Like It" at Ti Hi School (p8)

May

- 2 Planning Board - 7PM
- 2 Torch Club charter meeting (p2)
- 3 Friendship Day Hague Firehouse (p2)

- 7 Home Bureau - 10AM Community Ctr.
- 8 Defensive Driving Course (p9)
- 12 MOTHERS' DAY
- 10 Fort Ticonderoga opens for season
- 13 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 14 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Ctr
- 14 Town Board - 6:30PM Hearing 6:15PM
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM, Comm. Ctr.
- 16 WCCounty Council Senior lunch (p1)
- 16 Carillon Garden Club Lunch/Games (p2)
- 19 Glens Falls Symphony Concert (p2)

WHERE'S THE ICE?

It just never was, this year at least, on Lake George. According to Frank Leonbruno, Bolton, lake historian and author, it is rare for Lake George to not have frozen by mid-February. He says it depends on what your definition of "frozen" and "open" are. According to Leonbruno, the ice is out, or the lake is considered open, when a boat such as the Mohican can safely navigate the lake from the Steel Pier in Lake George Village to Baldwin Dock in Ticonderoga. Guess what! The Mohican did just that on Feb. 1 when Lake George Steamboat Co. owner Wilbur Dow took some friends on a chilly ride from one end to the other and back in the pouring rain. Sure was a surprise to some of our friends in Hague!

Leonbruno said that in the last decade or so, the lake did not completely freeze over last winter, or during the winters of 1990/91, 1994/95, and 1997/98.

Leonbruno said there have been other times when most of the lake was open in February as it was this year. Thirteen times since 1907: "It was open until Feb 29, 1932; Feb. 14, 1933; Feb. 4, 1937; Feb. 3, 1949; Feb. 6, 1950; Feb. 5, 1953; Feb. 7, 1967; Feb. 4, 1975; Feb. 10, 1983; Feb. 7, 1988 and Feb. 3, 1989. This year makes 13.

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