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NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold an informational meeting on the Draft Hague Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7PM in the Hague Community Center. All citizens are encouraged to attend to offer comments about the Plan.

The draft plan was prepared over the last year by a committee made up of residents and board members and assisted by a planning consultant, The Chazen Companies of Glens Falls. The plan replaces the Town's current plan, which dates from the 1970's.

Simply defined, a Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for growth or a plan for the future of a community. The Plan contains a number of recommendations for improving the appearance and economic vitality of the primary hamlet, while protecting the natural resources and beauty for which Hague is known.

A copy of the Plan's Executive Summary may be obtained from the Town Clerk. Persons with questions or inquiries on how to submit written comments may contact the Chair of the Plan Committee, David Darrin at 782-1320 or planning consultant Stuart Mesinger at 812-0513.

HAS SILVER BAY MOVED?

DONT THROW AWAY YOUR 2001 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. Verizon has chosen to eliminate all of Silver Bay telephone numbers from this year's Ticonderoga area directory. Complaints to the telephone company about this have elicited such answers as "Silver Bay is closer to Glens Falls and therefore should be in the G.F. directory." According to all our

past records, town and county, Silver Bay is a part of the town of Hague. Another answer was "This has been discussed by a committee." (Does this mean that committees never make mistakes? Or, perhaps the committee is located in Kalamazoo and hasn't heard of Hague!

We would suggest that all residents of Silver Bay and others who are affected by this error, make a point to call the Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3377, the (Verizon) Customer Relations Office at 1-800-488-7988, Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little at 792-4546, Senator Stafford at 668-0178 or anyone else you can think of that might help solve the problem. Your editor had a long talk with a Mr. Tergening at Verizon. Didn't get anywhere but had a friendly conversation. I suggested to him that putting Silver Bay listings in the Glens Falls directory was like putting Albany listings in the NYC directory. Just as ludicrous. We here at The Hague Chronicle firmly believe that somebody, somewhere really goofed on this one and we also believe it should be corrected immediately. Sure, it will cost them money, but it will certainly make for better public relations! We suggest that they reissue the Ticonderoga area phone book and include Silver Bay numbers in it. So, get on the phone immediately and register your strong complaints. In the meantime hang on to your old phone books. . . . ewa and d jh

WE REALLY GOOFED!

In our July issue of The Hague Chronicle we gave a wrap up of our Hague Hoax Fest, which we felt was a huge success and lots of fun. However, we neglected to give credit to two of the very important players. The Honorable Dominick Viscardi served as the lawyer for the Hague "team" in the trial held in Lake George Village on the morning of the Fest. He gave a very fine presentation and was assisted by Jenny Behr who did much of the research involved. It was a great trial and the judge deemed it a hung jury. (But we do have the original monster in our possession at the Community Center and he seems to be enjoying his stay! Thanks Dom and Jenny for your participation.

NOTICE

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 INSTEAD OF THE USUAL DATE OF THE 11TH. THIS CHANGE IS DUE BECAUSE OF THE PRIMARIES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Republicans will have an opportunity to cast a ballot for Supervisor of the Town of Hague and County District Attorney on Tuesday, September 11 from 12 Noon to 9PM at the Town Hall. Daniel Belden, current supervisor and Richard Hourigan are the two candidates for this position. Registered Independents will have an opportunity to cast a ballot for County District Attorney by writing the name in at the machine. The candidates for District Attorney are William Montgomery, Kate Hogan and John Wappett. Exercise your right to vote!

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

On Wednesday, September 19 from 7PM to 8PM a support group for those involved in any way with Parkinson's disease will meet at Moses Ludington Lower Conference Room. Friends, family members and patients are all invited to attend this organizational meeting. There is very little known about Parkinson's disease and this group is being formed to get out information to those interested. For more info. call Joan Miller, 585-2533 or Donna Serianni 585-6771 ext. 213 (MLNH) or 585-6233 (home).

From the Sunday New York Times dated 7/22/01 comes the following article sent to us by Stu Cartwright, Friends Point.

AN UNUSUAL NAME IN THE NEWS

Q. Why is it The Hague and not just Hague?

A. Marlise Simons, a correspondent based in Paris and a native of the Netherlands, responds:

The proper name of the seaside city The Hague - in the news because of the international war crimes tribunal based there - sometimes confuses even the Dutch.

It actually has two official names, with equal status. It is alternatively called Den Haag and 'sGravenhage. (Pronouncing the latter has always been a challenge for the city's many foreign diplomats - it is "SGRAH-vin-HAHG-eh")

But Den Haag (pronounced denn HAHG) has become the most used version, perhaps because it is easier on the tongue. Den Haag literally means "the hedge," and the English version, The Hague, retains the article ('sGravenhage means "the count's hedge").

The origins of the name lie in the Middle Ages, when this once wooded area behind the sand dunes along the North Sea was a favorite hunting domain of local aristocrats. A surviving 14th century letter is the oldest known reference: it refers to the hunting lodge of a local

count, calling it "die Haghe" in old Dutch.

Any hint of wilderness though, has long gone from this rather formal city, which is the seat of Dutch government (though Amsterdam is the nation's capital). The Hague, unlike lively and naughty Amsterdam, is a proper and demure place of ministries, official agencies and embassies. It goes to bed early.

The Hague also likes to think of itself as the world's unofficial capital of international law. It is the home of the Peace Palace, where the International Court of Justice has its seat. Not far away is the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, another United Nations body. Nearby is the tribunal's detention center, the temporary home of Slobodan Milosevic. The city is also envisioned as the future home of the permanent International Criminal Court, which thus far exists only on paper.

Ed: Now who can tell us how our town got its name?

WHAT IS A WATER KEEPER PROGRAM?

The Water Keeper movement is among the fastest growing of America's grass roots environmental movements. The concept started on the Hudson River in 1983 and was modeled after the river keepers of the British Isles who looked after private fishing streams, usually for estates, manors and private fishing clubs. The idea was to establish a river keeper to work in the public interest as an ombudsperson, someone who would be the eyes and ears of the River. The Water Keeper Alliance was founded in 1992 and oversees the formation of new Keeper programs and works on national issues the individual Keeper programs hold in common.

Today there are Keeper programs on over 70 bodies of water, two of the newest being on Lake Ontario and the Great Salt Lake Basin. Lake Champlain is also exploring the establishment of a Keeper program. As was the case with the Hudson River Riverkeeper, each program comes into existence because of the determination of a group of dedicated people or organizations.

Each Keeper program reflects the needs of the water body and communities it represents. What each program holds in common is that *there is a full-time person who serves as the KEEPER, the public advocate and ombudsperson for that body of water.*

Keeper programs must have organizations behind them. Whether the program is to be structured under the umbrella of existing organizations or a newly started organization, there must be a non-profit 501 (c) (3) sponsoring the Keeper. Lastly, membership and active participation in the Alliance is a requirement.

The Water Keeper Alliance is the national umbrella for all Keeper programs. The Alliance approves new Keeper programs, licenses use of the Keeper names, represents the individual Keepers on issues of national interest, and serves as a meeting place for all the Keepers to exchange information, strategy and know-how. The Alliance and its member Keepers meet several times a year, alternating among the home waters of the members, and they communicate regularly in the interim. 8/601

SEWER DISTRICT 3! PUBLIC HEARING
7/26/01

The purpose of the hearing is to hear all interested persons for or against the increasing of funding from \$4,502,200.00 to \$7,920,093.00 for the town of Hague

The town of Hague established a sewer district by a Resolution passed by the Town Board on July 9, 1996. The Resolution was then approved by a Public Referendum on Oct. 11, 1996 and authorized the expenditure of \$4,502,200.00 of which 90% was to be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant to Warren County and the balance of 10% to be financed by bonds issued by the Town of Hague Board sewer district.

The increase in expenditure is now necessary due to delays caused by litigation and increased construction costs. The construction of the project will be 100% covered by the Federal grant. The estimated cost per EDU (Equivalent Domestic Unit) is \$460. The homeowner will be responsible for the installation of the grinder pump and the pipe from the house to the sewer line.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON PROPOSED
HAGUE WATER DISTRICT - 8/7/01

The Hague Town Board held an informational meeting on the proposed water district project. In attendance were the Ad Hoc Committee, Adirondack Engineering Associates, NY State Dept. of Health, Town Attorney, Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. and some 50 town residents.

The existing private Hague Homeowners Water Association has been notified by the NYS Dept. of Health that it is not in compliance with current drinking water standards and must remedy the situation. In its efforts to comply, the HHWA has sought the help of the Town of Hague. They have asked for a water district and for the town to seek funds for the project.

The Ad Hoc Committee is made up of four members, all users of the existing system, the Town Supervisor, and one board member. No provisions were made to include potential users on the committee. The committee recommended that the existing system be enlarged to include Overbrook Extension and Sections of Rt. 9 and Rt. 8.

On March 23, 2001 the Town Board authorized Adirondack Engineering Associates to develop an initial feasibility study for a proposed water system at a cost of \$7,000. That report was presented to the Town board on June 21, 2001. The report lists various options but recommends that water be taken out of Lake George at the Town Park, filtered and chlorinated near the Community Center and stored in a tank at the HHWA site. The system would allow for fire protection.

It soon became clear that the majority of people present opposed the proposed water system. They now have a source of drinking water and see no need for the proposed system. It was pointed out that 31 properties are

now using the existing system while 22 are not. The 22 homeowners chose not to be part of the system. If a Water District is created, they will be forced into the system as would an additional 42 homeowners in the expansion area. The cost of the project would be in the \$4 million range. The yearly user fee would depend on the median household income in the water district and the amount of grant money as well as any low-interest loans received.

The town board made no decision at this meeting. It stated that it will do so at a later date, after it receives the results of the annual income survey to be done next week. . . rm

PLANNING BOARD - 7/19/2001

Two public hearings were held: O'Toole, on Dodd Hill & Lakeshore Drive and Dockside Landing Marina 247 Decker Hill Road, property of Nelson Waters.

O'Toole's property would need to be subdivided into two lots, for the sole purpose of creating a pumping station for the new sewer system. A number of people spoke for the subdivision. Nobody spoke against it.

Dockside Landing Marina is requesting site review approval to add commercial auto and truck parking as well as storage for boats and trailers to relieve congestion at his lake-side facility. This is located at the already approved site (for cars, pick-up trucks and boat trailers only) at Nelson Waters' meadow on Decker Hill Rd. A number of people spoke for and against the project. LGPC has termed the present usage a quick launch site. No application has been made to date to LGPC for this usage. Public hearings closed.

Regular meeting called to order by Chairman Swanson.

A resolution was made to approve the subdivision of the O'Toole property. Unanimous vote.

Dockside Landing Marina: Dick Gladu, in his absence sent a letter to the board stating that this would relieve congestion at the lake-side facility of the marina. Chr. Swanson stated that proper signage and setbacks need to be observed. He also proposed to leave things as they are until the LGPC is ready to act. J. Brown suggested a closure date if things are to remain status quo. P. Foster made a motion that the parking could be continued until the LGPC makes a decision. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Merrill needs to address screening, setbacks, and signs. C. Fillare suggested Mr. Waters and Mr. Merrill address the miscellaneous materials on the property also.

Ed. Since the board meeting the LGPC sent a letter to Mr. Merrill stating that he must remove all boats immediately or be subject to a fine. This has been done.

Van Wirt (Commons Loop), Friends Point. Mr. & Mrs. Van Wirt are requesting relief from the Zoning Ordinance for an expansion of a lake side residence of 240%.

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Planning Board (Cont. from p. 3)

Taylor (9602 Lake Shore Drive (Indian Kettles area): Mr. Taylor (for the Ferguson Trust) is requesting relief from the Hague Zoning Ordinance for an expansion of a lake side residence of 113%.

Site reviews were set for July 28 at 9AM.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/26/01

A public hearing was held on the Dimond property in Pine Cove. Ms Dimond is requesting relief from the Hague ordinance for side yard setback and Lake Shore setback, 46 ft. relief for a boat rail launch system and 200 sq. ft. accessory storage building. Four Pine Cove neighbors wrote in opposition. Length discussion followed. Public hearing closed.

Meeting opened by Chairman Goetsch First variance request was for Dimond property (above). C. Ginn moved to grant variance contingent on approval by the Office of General Services. He gave five reasons for granting it. The vote was one abstention, 2 yes and 2 no. At 2:2 vote, the motion did not carry. The matter was tabled.

The Turnamian request to construct a 6 ft high 60 ft. long stockade fence, 3 ft. from highway right-of-way at 9200 Lake Shore Drive (The Quarterdeck), was withdrawn.

Variance request by Van Wirt, Commons Loop, Friends Point. The Van Wirts are requesting relief from the Hague Zoning Ordinance for an expansion of a lake side residence of 240%

Variance request by Taylor, 9602 Lake Shore Drive (Indian Kettles area), for an expansion of a lakeside residence of 113%.

Public hearings will be held on both of the above on August 23, 2001.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 8/14/01

The Hague Town Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 8/14/01 with all members present.

Dan Steitz, Animal Control Officer, addressed the Board. He asked for direction in dealing with town resident harboring 24 dogs, some unlicensed. The town attorney will be consulted for advice on action to be taken.

Dottie Henry expressed her concern over the safety of the public and the general appearance due to the parking of vehicles and trailers across from the Town Park. She has contacted DOT, the state police and the sheriff's dept. without any success. The two hour parking limits are not being adhered to.

Rudy Meola wanted to know why no action has been taken on implementing the resolution passed by the Town Board on 5/18/01. That motion called for beginning work on a draft of a local law dealing with junk cars and junk yards. Councilman Hourigan stated that he

would address the issue at a later time in the meeting.

The Board's committees made their reports: the newly installed alarm and safety system at the Community Center is working well. Work is proceeding in preparing specifications for a roof replacement at the highway garage. It was recommended that a new chipper be purchased at the state contract price of \$22,490 - the acquisition of this equipment will eliminate the need to burn brush at the transfer station. After some discussion, it was decided that for this coming season, the town will buy sand instead of extracting it from the town's sand pit at Sabbath Day Point. Because the sand at the lower end of the pit is nearly depleted, there needs to be a plan developed to gain access to the upper end. This will require construction of a road and the checking with the various regulatory agencies. The mining permit for the operation of the sandpit expires 4/5/03.

Supervisor Belden reported that the Warren County Sewer engineer is working on securing the 78 easements from property owners required by the sewer project. He also reported that the APA Commissioner is ready to issue the final permit, pending some minor changes. This should lead the way to putting the project out for bid this fall.

Various communications were received and taken into advisement by the Board. The Board acted on four resolutions dealing with the sewer project, fund transfer, the allowing of ATV vehicles on forest preserve roads and snow and ice removal contract with the state.

The Board scheduled two special meetings for Monday, Aug. 20. A meeting on the Warren County Real Property Tax Service will be held at 3:30PM and at 4:30PM the board will discuss the feasibility study report on the water works.

The Fire Dept. plans a dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the firehouse. More next month. There will be a fire dept. fund raising coin drop on Sep. 2 from 8AM - 3PM.

On August 28 a pizza party will be held on the basketball court at the community center for those who have participated in the basketball program during the summer. All kids in town are invited to go by bus to baseball game in Glens Falls on Aug. 20, free of charge. Call 543-6161 for reservation.

Dan Belden announced that a DPW auction will be held on September 11. For info. call 623-4141.

• As of August 10, 2001 the latest update on the boat storage on Decker Hill Road is: On July 13 a letter was sent to Dockside Marina stating that the boats stored there were in violation of LGPC regulations and must be removed immediately or be subject to a \$500 a day fine. On July 19 an application for boat storage was submitted to LGPC by Dockside Marina. On July 26 a letter was sent by LGPC to Dockside stating that application was incomplete. As of Aug. 10 application was not completed and five boats were still on the premises. All others had been removed. 8/01

NATURE NEWS

by Laura Meade

Early in my education I learned that an atlas was a book of maps of the world or of a specific area. In fact, Webster's New World Dictionary says an "atlas" may be a book of tables or charts of a specific subject.

In 1980 the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs prepared such an atlas regarding the Breeding Birds of New York State. It took years of documentation and careful research by many expert volunteer "birders". They observed whether pairs of birds were possibly breeding (they were building a nest), probably breeding (the nest had eggs) or confirmed breeding (baby birds were alive in the nest). Besides knowing where a nest might be one had to have the ability to positively identify the species.

It took years to finalize the data and devise an atlas of grids with codes designating bird specimens as possible, probably or confirmed breeding. It was so well done that an amateur can easily do research on any breeding bird in N.Y. State.

For each bird there is a left hand page with an accurate, simple identification of the bird and a right hand page with the coded map of the three categories on a map of New York State. There was evidence of 242 different species (plus 3 hybrids), but only 230 were confirmed breeding. The publication was funded by the Federation of NYS Bird Clubs but volunteers did all the tabulation of data. Local volunteers were members of the High Peaks Audubon Society or Southern Adirondack Audubon Society.

A new effort for an updated spring, summer and fall breeding bird atlas has begun. It will be interesting to compare the new one with the 1980 version.

Every birder's interest begins in a unique situation. Perhaps one learned at a school program or walking in the woods with a friend or watching at a bird feeder or sitting on a porch trying to identify particular bird sounds.

A recent note from a long-time Silver Bay summer visitor (who reads *The Hague Chronicle*) tells of an experience after she wore her SBA sweatshirt to exercise classes at a Senior Citizen Center. Nature tales were shared at times. This woman's daughter said she counted 43 bird species while visiting at Penfield Cottage on the Silver Bay Rd. Can you top that?

P.S. At about 9:20PM on August 5, anyone who gazed across Lake George saw a phenomenon of nature while looking toward the eastern shore. A HUGE ORANGE FULL MOON which reflected an orange glow on the water, was an amazing sight.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

It was beginning to appear that summer would not happen this year, as cool temperatures persisted until

July 18. As sweet as the promise of waking hours, at that point things changed. Temperatures climbed into the 80s and 90s, the clouds disappeared and the normal sounds, sighs and ecstatic feelings of summer returned on a Sunday and it has been splendid! It's a joy to observe Lake George in every changing hour, as it represents nature at its very best.

We had a four day heat wave in the fourth week of July and another the second week of August. Things are quite dry as we are almost 4 inches below the average rainfall. The woods must be extremely dry as our oak trees are rapidly and prematurely dropping their undersized acorns. This is bad news for the squirrels and deer as they depend upon them as a major food staple in their diet. Another sign has been an additional number of blue jays (8 yesterday) appearing for a drink of water at our bird bath. These birds usually are found in the woods but must have come out looking for water. Rain is predicted within the next three days.

Incidentally, the burn ban is still on!!

CARTOON COURSES BEING OFFERED

Three separate cartoon courses are available in the area with a focus on "Drawing Cartoons," according to cartoonist and instructor Stan Burdick of Hague.

Currently Burdick is teaching a Cartoon Class meeting each Wednesday at the Hague Cartoon Museum. Seven young students and one adult are registered in the class which continues until early September.

Two other classes are anticipated in Queensbury and Lake George. Both are set up in a series of six lessons. One class starts on Sept. 25 and continues to Oct. 30, 6-9PM, sponsored by BOCES, entitled "Fundamentals of Cartooning." Those interested should call 746-3523.

The other course, also entitled "Fundamentals of Cartooning," starts October 3 and continues for six Wednesdays, 7-9PM at Adirondack Community College. Those interested may call 743-2200. Burdick may be reached at 543-8824.

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL PICNIC

The Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will host its annual picnic on Wednesday, Sept. 5 (rain date: Sept. 6) at Battlefield Park in Lake George at 12 Noon. Menu includes grilled chicken, corn on the cob, chips, and watermelon. Bring your own tablecloth and place setting. Please register for this by calling 543-6161 BEFORE August 24. . . ewa

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD ambulance staff was busy in July, responding to 26 calls and expending 221 man hours. Ambulance 740 covered 788 miles, and 741 covered 126 miles.

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PERENNIAL FLOWER GARDEN IN HAGUE

For the past three months a new perennial flower garden has been greeting visitors to the Town of Hague. Located at the center of town at the junction of Routes 8 and 9N, this latest project of the Hague Enhancement Committee is a visual delight for residents and visitors alike.

The Hague Enhancement Committee began its work in 1998 with the single mission of beautifying and enhancing the appearance of the hamlet area in Hague. Its projects include the Hague Brook Nature Trail at the site of the former fish weir on Route 8, the 27 flower baskets lining the roadside on Routes 8 and 9N as well as a series of brochures on the various activities available in the area.

The perennial flower garden was the Committee's 2001 project. It came to fruition through the efforts of many people: Ann Barber advised on the plants and flowers selection; Bruno Brauner, a master gardener, selected and arranged the shrubs and evergreens; John Brown, Mike Manning, Bill Bothe and members of the highway department prepared the soil and did the planting. Supervisor Belden also lent his support. Kay Barton was instrumental in obtaining the garnet boulders and was the creative force behind the project and the catalyst who made it all happen.

Financial support was provided primarily by the Ticonderoga Area Kiwanis Club with help from the Carillon Garden Club.

Jack Bolton is doing a wonderful job watering and nurturing the gardens and the hanging baskets each day. Hague has received many compliments from residents and tourists on the appearance of the town this year. . . rm

F.Y.I.

- The Hague Baptist Church will be holding a bake sale on Friday, August 24 from 9AM - Noon on the church lawn.
- Russ Bellico's book, Sails and Steam in the Mountains, has been revised and is now on sale at area book stores. Originally published in 1992, it was the first comprehensive history of Lake George and Lake Champlain in thirty years. The book was sold out and subsequently reprinted three times. Virtually the whole book has been rewritten for the revised edition of 2001, integrating additional materials from manuscript collections and other sources. Dr. Bellico is a professor of economic history at Westfield State College in MA. He is the author of two other books published by Purple Mountain Press, *Chronicles of Lake George* and

Chronicles of Lake Champlain, as well as two dozen magazine articles on maritime history that include features in *American History*; *Adirondack Life*; *Sea History*; *Sea Classics* and *Skin Diver Magazine*. A summer resident of Hague, the author has spent over three decades photographing the shipwrecks of both lakes.

- Sally Bissell of the Hague Wesleyan Church will be going to Sierra Leone as part of a medical missions team that will be going into the upcountry areas that have been accessible since the rebel war began and have only recently opened up to provide medical assistance to amputees, their families and for the general public as much as there is time and supplies available. The trip will be 10/18/01 - 11/3/01. Money is needed to fund this trip and buy medical supplies. Please call 543-6545 for more information. Donations will be gratefully appreciated. Send to Hague Wesleyan Church with "Sierra Leone" written on the memo section of check before August 27.

- Don't forget if you are in the Albany Airport up until Oct. 21, stop in and see the exhibit that highlights the "Queen of American Lakes" past and present. This is a collaboration between the Chapman Historical Museum and the Lake George Assoc. documenting leisure activities during the late 1900s and concerns of the lake as it is today. This is a part of the Art and Culture Program on the second floor of the Albany Airport.

- Don't miss the fabulous exhibit at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum in Ticonderoga (the red brick building by the park). In addition to the regular exhibits, "Early Industry in Ticonderoga, Part Two" 1800-1850" is now on display. This exhibit was created by Denise Huestis of Ticonderoga, formerly of Hague. The detailing of the buildings etc. is superb. A great deal of research went into this exhibit, which is the second of a series that she is doing. This is a MUST SEE. The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum is open every day from 10AM - 4PM until the end of August and weekends until Columbus Day. Call 585-2696.

- The Lake George Association Floating Classroom is sponsoring a 2-hour boat ride on the ecology and geology of the lake 9:30AM on Aug. 25 (rain date Aug. 26). For reservations call 668-3558. 8/01

- The Hague Fish and Game Club will meet on August 21, 2001 at 7:30PM at the club house. Refreshments will be served. All members and prospective or interested members are invited.

- The Hancock House in Ticonderoga has expanded its hours until Sep. 1. It will be open Mon. through Sat. from 10AM-4PM. For info. call 585-7868 8/01

From WIPS Radio Station (Ticonderoga) comes this latebreaking information (8-17/01). AMES Store in Ticonderoga will be closing its doors the end of Oct.

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A daughter, Madeline Taylor Ray Mayer to Colleen and Jonathan Mayer, Goshen, MA, on July 3, 2001. Proud grandfather is Robert Mayer, Dalton, MA and Forest Bay, Hague.

BORN: A daughter, Rose Premo to Eileen and David Premo, Ogdensburg, NY on August 9, 2001. Rose is the great-granddaughter of Carol and Marty Brown, Pine Cove, Hague.

MARRIED: Donna Lee, daughter of Mary Lee, Lake Wales, FL, and Paul Geils, son of Ann and Henry Geils, Silver Bay, and Lake Wales on May 5, 2001.

DIED: Frederick J. LaPann, Jr., 64, Lakeshore Drive, Hague on August 14, 2001 at his home. Fred was an active community volunteer, having served on the Planning Board since its inception and as chairman for nine years. He is survived by his wife Carroll (Stull), a son, Joseph and daughter Aimee, both of Albany.

PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship was awarded during the Employees' Banquet at the Silver Bay Association on August 13, 2001.

The award is presented annually to employees of the Silver Bay Association based on financial requirements for college education and high standards of work performance.

This year over \$5,000.00 in scholarships was awarded to Erin Finkle attending Springfield College, Robert Knepp attending Paul Smiths College, Rebecca Knight attending The College of Wooster, Jessica Knier attending the University of Delaware, Kelly Oram attending SUNY at Potsdam, Danielle Post attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Jill Stephenson attending The University of Delaware.

The scholarship was established in 1992 by family and friends as a memorial to Peter Neal, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Neal, Sabbath Day Point. Peter worked at Silver Bay during the summers of 1982-84 and 85. He died of cancer in April 1992.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship may do so by sending a check to the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, Ny 12874.

Middle School Registration will be held starting Monday, August 27, 2001. To register your child in grades 6, 7, or 8 for the 2001-2002 school year, please call 585-7442, Ext. 218. Students who finished fifth grade in the Ti Elementary School 1st year are not considered new entrants.

Anger is only one letter short of danger

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

The Summer Music in the Park series continues on August 22 with the performance of Mary Jo Von Tury & Dwinal Smith. The seven week series will conclude with this performance.

The music series has been well received this year. We have had some excellent concerts, which included a square dance on August 1. If you have missed these concerts, we hope to do it again next year on Wednesday nights during the summer.

The music series was sponsored in part by Warren County Youth Bureau and the town of Hague.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Perhaps readers of this paper would like to know that the Black Watch Memorial Library in Ticonderoga is having an on-going book sale in the basement of the library on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-4PM. To enter the basement follow the path around to the back of the library, go down the stone steps. Hand rails help make this a safe entrance. Most hardcover books are \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$.50. Supply yourself with winter reading. . . ewa

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society is planning a trip to Saranac to a small museum there discovered by Betty Van Sleet. The date set for the expedition is Saturday, September 22 and we will car pool from the Community Building. Those who would like to go on this trip, please register by phoning 543-6161 by September 12. Luncheon will be at the Saranac Hotel. We must let the hotel know in advance how many to expect. . . ewa

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual picnic on Tuesday, August 28 at the Hague Fish and Game Club building in West Hague. Please bring a dish to share, - no desserts or meat - both of these will be furnished by the club. Serving starts at 12 noon.

We are looking ahead to our September trip on Tuesday Sept. 25, to Moses Ludington Hospital and to Friday, October 5 when we will ride the rails from North Creek to Riparius with lunch at the Copperfield Inn. Details of these trips will be made known at a future date.

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES

Line dancing will again be in full swing at the Community Center beginning on September 27 from 7-9PM. Terry Butler will again be the instructor. Come on down and join the fun every Monday night.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2001

August

- 21 **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 7PM - Community Center (p1)**
- 21 After-season Homecoming Concert. Phil Henry, Nelson Shapiro and Brendan Coyle, 7:30PM under Guild tent in Ti.
- 21 Fish and Game Club meeting at clubhouse (p2)
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
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- 28 LGPC meeting at Ticonderoga Comm. Ctr. at 10AM

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- 5 Warren Co. Council Senior Citizens picnic p. 2
- 6 Planning Board - 7PM
- 7 First day of school.
- 10 **TOWN BOARD**, 6:30PM (Notice change of date Auditing of bills at 6PM)
- 11 **PRIMARY ELECTION**
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- 17 Line Dancing at Community Ctr. (p2)
- 17 Chamber of Commerce, 7:30PM in Comm. Ctr.
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM

LAKE GEORGE

When we leave for Lake George it takes four hours to get there. I hate the car ride. But when we are close I love to look out the window at the 32 mile long lake. Then the lake disappears because of the thick woods of Tongue Mt. The lake appears and we go up the big hill to our house.

After we approach we walk to the beach. When you walk down you can feel the wind blowing in your face. I am usually tired after my walk so I dive in and swim to the raft. When I dive in I feel the crystal clear water splash through my body like spikes puncturing my stomach.

When I'm all dried off we go in the boat and go tubing or ski bobbing. When you are on the boat you can feel the wind and the rocking of the boat. When you're on the tube going 20 MPH and hit a big wave you feel free when you're in the air. Even when you're not in the air you feel free!

The lake is crystal clear so even when it's 25 feet deep you can see the bottom. My friend and I tested that because it was 25 feet deep and we found a sunken row boat.

At the beach all you can hear is the water splashing against the sand or a boat going by. If you listen closely you can hear one of the Lake George cruise boats toot their horn. Every time I go up there I feel as happy as when a person wins the \$4.8 million lottery.

When you are up at the house you can smell pine trees. You can also hear the wind chimes make noise.

I love going to Lake George. Without Lake George, summer vacation would be boring. That is why Lake George is my favorite place in the North East.

By Bryan Areson, Age 11

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Ed: We who are so fortunate to know Lake George so well, would certainly agree with Bryan's comments.

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