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THE WATERKEEPER HAS ARRIVED

The FUND for Lake George, a private, not-for-profit organization which raises funds and carries out programs to protect Lake George, has hired Chris Navitsky, a professional civil engineer licensed in both New York and Pennsylvania, to be the Lake George Waterkeeper. He assumed this new, full-time position on July 29, 2002. He is supported by an assistant, John Whiteley of Ticonderoga, a retired officer of the U.S. Foreign Service. They currently work out of office space provided by the Lake George Land Conservancy at its headquarters in Bolton Landing, while they seek permanent quarters in the Bolton area.

Chris, a native of the Catskills, has a B.S. in Environmental (Forest) Engineering in 1984 from SUNY Syracuse College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He has expertise in permitting, project review, planning, development and administration, stormwater management and treatment methods, regulatory processes, and public hearings, among others. He sought the position because he is passionate about Lake George and environmental protection and wanted to use his skills and experience to contribute to the Lake's preservation.

The Lake George Waterkeeper Program is sponsored by the FUND for Lake George under license from the Waterkeeper Alliance, a national and international network of grassroots programs founded on the principle that protection of a community's natural resources depends on the vigilance of its citizens. The FUND's application for license was accepted in April 2002 and in June 2002 Alliance president Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. welcomed the Lake George Waterkeeper as its 85th program at the Alliance's annual convention in Salt Lake City. Chris Navitsky and FUND Executive Director Mary Dreyer attended the convention. Waterkeeper programs have had considerable success in protecting water quality, with the Hudson Riverkeeper one of the best-known examples. Affiliation with the Alliance places Lake George water quality issues in a national forum.

The Lake George Waterkeeper is a proactive program which responds to all public inquiry and acts as a citizens' advocate with respect to all issues having an

environmental impact on Lake George and the Lake basin. The FUND for Lake George has been monitoring the Lake for over 20 years identifying areas of concern. The Waterkeeper program is a logical follow-on to these efforts. Unlike many of his counterparts on other water bodies, the Lake George Waterkeeper will be able to draw on the experience and expertise of the several fine organizations already involved in Lake protection. His mission is to steer citizens to the appropriate organization where possible, fill gaps in coverage where needed, and make sure some action is taken if warranted. He will work closely with, and augment, the efforts of other organizations involved in monitoring development and other activities affecting the water quality of the Lake and the aesthetics of the basin. Together with others, he will foster a greater awareness of the Lake's vulnerabilities and encourage appropriate counter measures. He will be prepared to litigate in those rare situations where all efforts to solve a problem fail.

The FUND is responsible for managing and funding the Lake George Waterkeeper Program. The Helen V. Froelich Foundation has provided a \$60,000 grant in response to the FUND's application. The FUND is very grateful to the Foundation for its generous support and recognition of the importance of this program to Lake protection. Donations from individuals are also vital to the maintenance of the program.

The Lake George Waterkeeper may be reached at 644-KEEP, (5337), e-mail lgkeeper@nycap.rr.com. The mailing address is PO Box 1231, Bolton Landing, NY 12814.

HAGUE REPUBLICAN PICNIC

Sunday, August 18, 2002

12:00 - 2:00PM

AT THE HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Free hamburgers, hot dogs, & salad

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES!!

Sponsored by the
Hague Republican Party

NOTICE TO AREA PLUMBERS GRINDER PUMP INSTALLATION WORK

The Town of Hague will conduct a training seminar on the installation and maintenance of 135 waste water disposal grinder pumps at the Hague Community Center on Route 8. (Call Town Hall, 543-6161 for date). Contractors having an interest in grinder pump installation must attend this training session. Only persons that have been trained and certified will be permitted to enter into agreements with homeowners to install pumps.

CONTACT: Clough, Harbour and Associates LLP Engineers at 518-543-6758 for any additional information. . . . By Order of the Town Board, Daniel D. Belden, Supervisor.

TO HAGUE AREA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Many of our area folks will be coming to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department's new building on Thursday, August 22 at 5:30PM to celebrate a Salute to Dottie Henry. We will be serving complimentary wine, iced tea, and lemonade, along with hor d'oeuvres, BBQ chicken, salads, homemade rolls, corn on the cob and the famous Adirondack dessert.

There will be lots of friends, good comradery, a few tears, lots of laughs and a good time is guaranteed. People are coming from all over - Boston, Bolton, Ticonderoga, Glens Falls, Putnam, Silver Bay, NYC, Wyoming, Atlanta etc..

Please join us. Reception is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30PM. Tickets are still available at the Hague Community Center - \$15.00. Call Bertha at 543-6161 to reserve tickets that may be picked up at the door that evening. . . . s/s The Committee (John Barber, Kay Barton, Dan Belden, John Brown, Rudy Meola and Dominick Viscardi.)

THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

The 21st Annual Meeting of the FUND for Lake George will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at 9:00AM at the Sagamore Hotel. Meet our new Lake George Waterkeeper, Chris Navitsky, and learn about the Waterkeeper Program from Chris and Robin L. Greenwald, Executive Director, Waterkeeper Alliance.

Continental breakfast served from 9:00 to 9:45AM, meeting at 9:45. Reservations requested - phone 668-4511 and e-mail: fund@capital.net.

ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

On Friday, August 30 at 7:30PM Adirondack Architectural Heritage, also known as AARCH, will present a lecture titled "There's More to Adirondack Architecture Than Great Camps" at the Hague Community Center in Hague, NY. Steven Engelhart,

executive Director of AARCH, will explore with slides and words the broad variety of our region's architecture, from 18th century military sites to industrial communities, resorts, prisons and sanatoria, village architecture, public buildings, bridges, and structures from our more recent past.

AARCH is the nonprofit historic preservation organization for New York's Adirondack Park. Formed in 1990, the purpose of AARCH is to promote better understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the Adirondacks' unique and diverse architectural heritage.

All are invited to this free lecture. It will fascinate all who love the richness of the Adirondacks.

For information concerning the lecture in Hague, call Pete Spencer at 543-6329. For information concerning Adirondack Architectural Heritage, call 834-9328.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD responded to seven calls, three of which were false alarms. Fifty two manhours were used in answering these calls.

The weather continues to be very dry and the immediate forecast as of August 10 is for continued non-precipitation days. We urge all to be very careful with outdoor fires. Stay with them, and keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Our ambulance made 26 runs in July. 191 1/2 hours were used and ambulance 740 covered 991 miles. This is our "new" ambulance, and ambulance 741 remained in town to provide coverage "just in case." . . . ewa

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 12N - 9PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

F. Y. I.

- LARAC is offering another six-week Creative Writing Workshop on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 4, running through Oct. 9. Sessions will run from 1-3PM at LARAC. Workshop fees are \$75 for members and \$84 for non-members. For info. call 798-1144 Ext 16 or log on LARAC's website at www.larac.org

- Rotary Club program for Aug. 20 will be given by David LaPointe, Jr., "Massage and its Benefits" Rotary meets each Tuesday at 7:30 for breakfast at Watson Arts Center, Silver Bay Association.

- TORCH Club meets at the Elks Club on September 5, 2002 for dinner at 6:00PM. Speaker is R. Peter Durkee, "One Nation Under God". For info. call 543-8824

- The Lake George Park Commission will hold its regular meeting, including the Project Review Committee meeting, on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 10AM at the Ticonderoga Community Center, 117 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga, NY 8/02

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - July 25, 2002

Members present: Chairman Robert Goetsch, Charles Chase, Bruce Clark, Mary Lou Doulin, Tina King, Nelson Waters. Absent: Cris Ginn and Zoning Administrator Paul Barone.

Agenda: Variance for Bruce Rust (30-37-03-02) on Rt. 9N. Mr. Rust would like relief for a 20 ft. long, by 6 ft. high fence within 50 ft. of Lake George. Question asked if the fence would still allow applicant to have parking and answer was yes. Cars will be able to get in and out. The purpose of the fence would be to screen the area. Mrs. King said there is a need to have identified how far the fence is from the road. It should be added to the maps so the application is complete. She also asked to have identified whether the property is commercial or residential. Mr. Waters questioned what difference it would make and what the importance would be. Mrs. King responded that the importance is making sure that we are looking at the ordinance regarding fences, for the ordinance differs whether it is considered a residential or a commercial zone. Commercial allows 8 ft. and residential allows four feet. Item 3 in the code states that in no event shall any fence over 100 sq. ft. in size be erected in the shoreline setback area. Mrs. King would like the Z.A. to determine whether this is truly a commercial or residential zone because we cannot act on this based on the ordinance unless we know what it is, because there are different requirements. If it is commercial, then he can build an 8 ft. fence, but he still has to be 50 ft. from the lake. Mr. Goetsch said that can be straightened out by next month's meeting. A public hearing has been scheduled on this project for August 22 meeting

Interpretations and appeals: Mr. Barone's letter to Mrs. Gautreau, re: development on New Hague Road. Neither Mr. Barone nor Mrs. Gautreau were in attendance. Mr. Goetsch stated that Mrs. Gautreau will have to take care of this and talk to Mr. Barone about filling out the proper paper work and see what happens next. This was put on the agenda for information only. The Board does not have anything to act upon. Mrs. King said there was one issue in the letter regarding rental properties and Mr. Barone was going to address the property owner about it and give him the opportunity to respond. That is where it stands right now. Paul Barone is waiting for a response from the property owner, Scott Patchett before anything else happens. This is not limited by a 60-day limitation period. ...dh

TOWN BOARD MEETING 8/13/02

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed local law on Junk Yards. After comments both pro and con, Supervisor Belden said that the "Board will fine tune it with comments from the public and then another public hearing will be held.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Ludwig Kasal, Josephine Arata, and H. Gordon Burleigh.

Dick Feibusch spoke on behalf of the Hague American Legion which would like to try to beautify the town along the brook by taking down their building and setting up a memorial park. He requested a meeting with the Town Board within the next two weeks to further discuss this idea.

Committee Reports:

Youth- Councilman Meola stated that the summer program has been extended until the end of August.

Building & Grounds - A manufacturer's representative of the company that made the old boiler is coming to assess the problems. His fee will be about \$800.

Museum & Historian - The Committee on the old Town Hall presented its report. Most of the respondents to the survey would like to see an expansion of the present location of the West Museum at the Community Center to include a library. Because of the unique architecture of the original old town hall, it is suggested to retain the building and restore it to its original appearance. The building can then be used for a cultural center for the town. For the present, the recommendation is to continue renting to the Cartoon Museum until further plans can be made.

Old business - The receipts for the transfer station for July were \$6872.50. Councilman Megow noted that the "free" day last May for residents using the transfer station actually cost the town \$8800 plus disposal fees.

Cathy Clarke reiterated a suggestion to issue a coupon to residents for one free pickup load per year. There would be less intense use at any one time and seasonal residents would be able to take advantage of it when they are here.

The Board voted to accept the Comprehensive Plan as presented by the Chazen Company. Councilman Hourigan noted that the plan may not be perfect but it can be amended as necessary.

The Town is still working with Adirondack Engineering to complete the report about the water district.

The Town of Hague, through Warren County, has been awarded \$237,000 in a Small Cities grant to help with the sewer hookups for income eligible residents. The County will send out information and applications to residents in the sewer district by late September.

New Business - Supervisor Belden established a committee to update the Sanitary Code in light of new requirements for the sewer ordinance. The Committee will suggest necessary policies for how the sewer district will be operated. These recommendations will be presented to the Board which can then amend the ordinance.

The Board will have a working session on August 27th at 6 pm to discuss the proposed local laws and will meet with the American Legion at 7:30pm

Approval was given to Town Clerk Debbie Manning to attend 2 meetings. . js 8/02

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT

Several questions have been posed about the hookups to the sewer system. Some of the answers are known and others are being developed. The Chronicle will continue to publish as much information as possible. Please contact us if you have questions you would like addressed.

Supervisor Belden has provided us with the following information.

Q. Will these pumps be noisy?

A. The pumps, housed in plastic tanks, will be placed underground and will not have audible noise.

Q. Who will pay for the pumps?

A. The grinder pumps will be provided to the homeowners from the grant funds. Maintenance of the pumps and holding tanks will also be included.

Q. What other costs are involved for the individual hookups?

A. The homeowner will have to pay a contractor for installation of the pumps and connection to the town sewer line.

Q. What is the estimated cost for these hookups?

A. The homeowner will have to contact contractors for a price which will probably be quoted by the foot.

Q. What contractors will be able to do these installations?

A. Contractors who wants to do hookups will have to take a specific class. - see notice on page ??

Q. What is the estimated cost for yearly use of the system per home?

A. The Town Board will have to establish this fee. There has been some discussion about a yearly fee that might be payable semi-annually or quarterly. All designated units in the sewer district will have to pay a fee whether connected to the system or not. There are no fees for residents in other parts of the Town.

Q. Does a homeowner have to hook up to the sewer?

A. Residents in the sewer district do not have to hook up to the system but it is to their advantage to do so. The Town will be amending the local sanitary ordinance and permits will not be issued for new septic systems nor for repairs to old systems in the sewer district. Also the cost to the homeowner will probably be more favorable during the initial installation phase.

Q. What time period will the homeowners have for arranging for the hookup?

A. Residents may want to start contacting contractors this fall so that their pumps will be ready for use when the sewer system is fully operable - probably by March 15, 2003.

Q. After the hookup has been done, will the homeowner have to dismantle his current septic system?

A. No, it can be left as is.

Q. If there is a power outage will the pumps still work?

A. There will be an alarm on every pump. In the case of an individual utage, the homeowner can call the

Town for use of a portable generator. The treatment plant and main pumping stations will be backed up by generators.

Q. Will pumps still be provided to homeowners who do not connect to the system initially?

A. Pumps will be provided for all designated residential units in the sewer district. Any homeowner who does not intend to hook up to the system initially should still take possession of the pump. After that the homeowner may have to pay for the pump and holding tank as well as installation.

Q. Who will be responsible for maintaining the sewer system?

A. The County will monitor and maintain the system until it is up and running. It will then be turned over to the Town by an acceptance resolution of the Town Board. Maintenance of the individual pumps will be provided by the County and later the Town.

Q. What planning has the town done for its responsibility once the system is working?

A. The Town Board is going to meet on August ??? to discuss fees and other necessary plans.

Q. Who should homeowners contact for further questions?

A. Contact George Farinick or Supervisor Belden. The Community Center number is 543-6161. . js

McDONALD ADDRESSES KIWANIS ON "STATE OF SCHOOLS"

Superintendent of Schools John McDonald, Jr. recently addressed the Kiwanis Club on the "State of the Ticonderoga Schools". He said that a new high-water mark had been reached by the Class of 2002, 70% of which graduated with Regents' Diplomas, about twice as many as the Class of 2001. This year's graduates received a total of \$130,000 in scholarship aid and every Varsity sport at the High School had competed in this year's championships.

Recently introduced to the Ti curriculum had been the concept of "service learning" - learning to give back to the community. This is an approach promoted by, among others, the Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES) which had also put forth the program of "Go One Step Beyond" - i.e., one step beyond what an individual student would accomplish in the absence of the program. The community had responded in turn, he said, by stressing to young people the value of education.

With encouragement from the FES, mentoring programs had been introduced into the Ti Middle and High Schools in recent years.

A dress code had also been introduced in 2001-02. Though not elaborate (no hats; offensive T-shirts to be exchanged for more appropriate ones in the Principal's stockpile; no midriff shirts or mini-skirts), McDonald viewed this program as a significant step forward in student self-esteem and respect for others and the education process.

The Club meets for lunch weekly at noon on Thursdays, during the warmer months at the Ti Country Club and during the colder months at the Elks' Lodge. Visitors and applications for membership are warmly welcomed.

NATURE NEWS
By Elizabeth Meade

During the weeks of July 7th and 14th, there is a Summer Camp called Skidmore Summer Science Institute for girls in Saratoga Springs. I went during Session Two, July 14th - July 20th. All throughout the week we met different scientists who specialized in different fields of science. Each day was a different field of science.

On Friday July 19th, we took a bus from Saratoga Springs to Tongue Mountain where Herpetologist Bill Brown taught us about the Eastern Timber Rattlesnake that lives on Tongue Mountain in Warren County, Town of Hague. First Bill Brown taught us about the basic structure of a timber rattlesnake. For example, the scales and the rattle. After he was done with that we got back on the bus and went to a hiking spot where Bill showed us some rattlesnakes he brought in his backpack. When we met Bill at the hiking spot he showed us one of his own rattlesnakes that had just gotten run over by a car. After that we started the hike. A little way up the mountain it started to drizzle. And after a while the drizzle turned into a downpour. You would think Middle School age girls would never put up with that. Especially when Bill brought out the Rattlesnakes two feet in front of us! One rattlesnake was rattling at us. The other was climbing on people's boots. He showed them to us for a while then we hiked/sloshed down the mountain and back to the bus. Then we drove back to Skidmore. We all had fun.

Ed: Elizabeth Meade is the daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Meade and granddaughter of Laura Meade who usually writes the Nature News column. Elizabeth is 11 years old and lives in Mahopac, NY.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

THE YIN AND YANG OF THE SUMMER OF 2002

For sun worshipers and vacationers this has been an ideal time. Hot temperatures, blue skies and brilliant sunshine describe most days this July and August. Conditions have been splendid for people to enjoy the outdoor concerts, camping, picnics and fairs, not to mention the great outdoors! Every weekend has been perfect weather, great for being in or on the water. Everywhere the joys of another northern summer can be realized.

We are currently experiencing our second heat wave since the beginning of July. Today will be the third straight date the temperature reaches 90 or more. According to the paper this trend will continue until Thursday, the 15th, at which time hopefully, thunderstorms will cool it down a bit. Even the nights, lakeside, are much warmer.

The down side of all these cloudless days is a very real threat of forest fires. Shelving Rock on the east side of Lake George lost eight acres to fire. Tongue Mt. had had ten acres of fires, as well as Crown Point, a smaller amount. Personally it has been a long time since I saw the woods so dry. Consequently we will be seeing small and large game more frequently as they leave the woods in search of water. The Perseus meteor showers promise to be great on the 13th. **REMEMBER - - THINK RAIN!!!**

OUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK!!

Your editor has just received a letter from the State of N.Y. Dept. of Public Service dated August 5, 2002 as follows:

"This is in response to your complaint concerning Verizon Communications. I apologize for our delay in responding to you.

"The utility has notified us that it contacted you and that it responded to the concerns that you had raised with us. We hope that this action has fully addressed your concerns. If it has not, you may call us at 1-800-342-3377 to reopen your complaint, Case No. 173356, Sincerely, /s/ Deanne Bellingher, Office of Consumer Service."

In case any of you don't remember - last July 2001, when the telephone books were distributed, Silver Bay residents were excluded from the Ticonderoga area directory and were added to the Glens Falls directory. After many letters and even more phone calls to anyone who would listen, we were told that it would be corrected in 2002 and it was. Shows what can be done when enough people get together and complain...djh

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
"TRAVEL BACK IN TIME"
AND**

**THE UNVEILING OF "PART THREE - EARLY
INDUSTRY IN TICONDEROGA"**

**AT THE
TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM
AUGUST 24 - 10AM - 2PM**

Demonstrations include: Herbs, oils and a bee sting therapy; Wood and Birch Craft & Porcupine Quill Work; Old time Quilting; Spinning & Weaving; 18th century Clothing; Broom Making; Nostalgic Wreaths; Water Color Artist; Old Time Crafts; Native American Legends & Recycled Paper Making

REFRESHMENTS ON SALE ALL DAY

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual picnic at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department's grounds and building on Tuesday, August 27. Please bring a dish to share, but please, no dessert or beverage...these items will be provided by the club, as well as hamburgers and hot dogs! . . . ewa

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS

The annual picnic of the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will be held on Wednesday, September 4 at the Lake George Park (located on the Beach Road in Lake George). PLEASE bring your table covering and eating utensils. The menu will be grilled chicken, baked potato, watermelon. Coffee, tea and doughnuts will be served to early arrivals. Andy Pratt, renowned disc-jockey, will provide music from 11AM to closing time. We are requesting that no picnic fires be started --- it is too precariously dry at this point. Everyone is urged to be careful walking to the site since the ground is uneven and bumpy. Register for this by phoning 543-6161 BEFORE August 25th . . . ewa

CLIFTON WEST HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 4PM. Town Historian Ethel Andrus will be delighted by your visiting the museum and seeing the special displays on Graphite (both the locality and the mineral), schools, and hotels . . . oh, yes, and boats ... well, at least pictures of them. And maybe you can tell us about the pictures on our "WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE" board. Suggestions are welcome.

Here is a question that has been asked recently: Do you have a map of the Hague Cemetery? (the one across from the Fire House). Would you be willing to let the historian make a copy of it? Any help here would be deeply appreciated.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATED

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of John Brown, Silver Bay, the Clifton West Memorial Garden is now in full bloom and was dedicated at a touching ceremony on August 6. Fitting remarks were made by Dan Belden, Rudy Meola, Bertha & Diane, Rev. Robert Jensen, (the Wests' son-in-law) and Rev. Buchanan, Hague Baptist Church, who also gave a solo performance. It was a very impressive ceremony, followed by light refreshments. A very attractive bench has been placed in the garden and the location, beside the babbling brook, has made it a quiet place to meditate. Stop by and enjoy the next time you are at the Community Center. It is located along the fence at the eastern most part of the parking lot. We believe that Clifton must be very happy with our efforts and what a fitting tribute it is to the many years he devoted to the school and town.

HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM

Each Saturday at the Hague Cartoon Museum a theme has been established, including exhibits and speakers on various cartoon subjects. On Sat., Aug 24 from 2 to 5PM, the work of any and all amateur cartoonists will be on display. Artists/cartoonists who have had published works are

welcome to submit items for approval and may be displayed permanently.

On August 31 Cartoonist Sid Couchey will show samples of his "Richie Rich" and other characters. His new creations, featuring the Lake Champlain monster "Champy" will also be on display. On Sep. 7 the theme will be "Political Cartoons" and on Sep. 14 the last of the 2002 Theme Days, a "Free Day" will be initiated for the first time. Those who have never visited, or want to come again are invited to do so at no charge. Free items given away on each special theme day.

More than 700 originals and prints of other famous cartoonists at the museum can be seen every weekend all summer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 - 5PM. Call 543-8824 for further information.

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION SET

To schedule an appointment to register your child in grades 6, 7 and 8 for the 2002-2003 school year at the Ti Middle School, please call 585-7442, ext. 216 starting Monday, August 26, 2002. Students who finished fifth grade in Ti Elementary School last year are not considered new entrants.

When a parent brings a child for registration, he/she should bring last report card, proof of residency, the student's Social Security number and the student's immunization records.

NY State law requires that students have completed polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and mumps immunization before school entry.

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES ACTUARIAL GRANT

Principal Bruce Tubbs announced the Ti Middle School has been awarded a \$1500 grant from The Actuarial Foundation under the Advancing Student Achievement program. The program brings actuaries and educators together in a voluntary partnership to enhance student mathematics achievement. Ticonderoga joins school districts from several other states that have been awarded grants under that program.

The grant request was prepared by math teachers Karen Pratt and Kasey Paige and retired actuary Brian Sann, who recently moved to Silver Bay. The funds will be used to establish a math club for interested 7th graders.

The club will use problems, puzzles, games and exercises applying probability and statistics, compound interest and other math concepts to real life problems. It is hoped that students' interest and abilities in math and science in general will be enhanced. The club will meet once a week during regular school hours, though field trips and visits to local colleges are also anticipated.

Mr. Sann will be the primary mentor for the club. However, it is hoped that other volunteers from the community may also get involved. Please contact the school if interested.

The Advancing Student Achievement program is funded by the The Actuarial Foundation, a part of the Society of Actuaries. An over all goal is to improve the math and science abilities of students in the USA, which some studies show is behind the levels in other countries. Actuaries are the professionals who use math in the design, pricing and funding of insurance products and employee benefit plans.

• The winner of the quilt made and donated to the Fire Department by Shirley Smith for a raffle, was won by Victor La Vallee, Ticonderoga. 8/02

SOBRIETIES

BORN: Nicholas Clarke Riccardi, on July 22 in Atlanta, GA to David and Christina (Barber) Riccardi. Grandparents are John and Ann Barber, Silver Bay.

MARRIED: Angela Faith Garner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Garner, Waldorf, MD, to David Jerome Nottenberger, son of George & Mimi (Montbriand) Nottenberger, Pylesville, MD on July 27 in the Memorial Chapel of the University of Maryland. David is the grandson of Ursula Montbriand, Hague.

DIED: Ludwig J. Kasal, 85, Silver Bay Road, on July 20, 2002 at Glens Falls Hospital. He is survived by his son, Dr. Charles Kasal, Bedford, TX and daughter, Mrs. Linda Fresco, Bronxville, NY. one granddaughter and one grandson. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

DIED: Josephine Arata, 64, Pine Orchard Road, Hague and West Milford, NJ on July 24, 2002 in a boating accident on Lake George. She is survived by her husband Edward, daughter Cheryl (and Guy) Areson, two sons, Tim (and Colleen) and James, four grandsons and a granddaughter.

DIED: H. Gordon Burleigh IV, 72, a life-long resident of Ticonderoga, on August 6, 2002 at his residence. He taught science and mathematics at Hague Central School and Ticonderoga High School for forty years. He was appointed by Governor Wilson in 1974 to serve on the Lake George Park Commission, a position he held until his death. Mr. Burleigh is survived by his mother, Evelyn Burleigh, two brothers and five sisters and many nieces and nephews.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There are several inaccuracies in Mr. Meola's "Community Corner" report in the July 2002 issue which I would like to address.

With regard to the October, 1999 Sabbath Day Point resident's action, the Town of Hague did no damage to the resident's property. The Highway Superintendent states that survey stakes of the site shows that all work by the highway department was done within the boundaries of the Town's highway. This is being verified by a survey. The complaint by the resident is challenging the manner in which the highway crew constructed a drainage ditch located within the boundaries of the Town Road.

With regard to the April 18, 2002 Friends Point issue, both the homeowners attorney and the Town have been conducting an investigation in what I believe to be a cooperative spirit. The homeowner has a permit for their 1975 septic system from the Lake George Park Commission but no document signed by an official from the Town of Hague. One of the issues the parties have been wrestling with is, was the permit issued by the Lake George Park Commission sufficient or was a permit also needed from the Town? The other issue is, what

government agency has jurisdiction to enforce a New York State Health Department regulation which requires that a permit be obtained before a private homeowner can drill a well. New York State Public Health Law Section 302 (2) states, "In Towns the board of health shall consist of the Town Board." Subpart 5-2 of New York State's Sanitary Code, Section 5-2.3 (d) lists a number of government officials who can issue a permit for the drilling of a well. All of the officials listed are on the County or State Level. No authority to issue permits for private wells is given to any town official or the Town Board acting as the local Department of Health. A senior Sanitary Engineer for the DOH offered his opinion in November of 2001 that he thought enforcement of the private well issue should be by the Town Board and that enforcement was not jurisdictional to his office of the DOH. With respect to the Senior Sanitary Engineer, his opinion is not a legal opinion and is not binding on the State of N.Y. or the Town of Hague. Also, and with respect, I disagree with the Engineer's opinion and for numerous reasons, do not wish to see the private well enforcement responsibility placed upon the Town. In any event, this private well enforcement issue needs to be resolved by an authority that can bind the State of N.Y. and the Town and possibly the County of Warren. My suggestion is to submit the questions to the Supreme Court, Warren County in a declaratory action. I am also seeking an opinion from the Attorney General's office.

When Mr. Meola questioned me who has the authority to issue permits for the drilling of wells, I referred him to the list of officials set out in NYS Sanitary Code Section 5-2.3 (d) and provided him with a copy of the code. When Mr. Meola wanted me to provide legal counsel to the property owner I advised him that the property owner was represented by an attorney and such counsel from myself or the board would be inappropriate.

The Board did not ignore Mr. Meola. He was given a full and fair opportunity to present his position. The Board listened to each of Mr. Meola's issues with respect and without interruption. After giving the matter due deliberation the Board exercised its discretion to allow Paul Barone and myself to conduct further investigation into the facts, research into the legal issues and continuing dialogue with the property owners attorney. As a footnote, the property owners attorney has done an exemplary investigation of the facts and has been very helpful.

Contrary to Mr. Meola's contentions, there is no issue of selective enforcement. The issues are simply, is a 1975 septic system permit issued by the Lake George Park Commission sufficient to meet the requirement that the Town issue a septic permit? And where a property owner did not obtain a required permit for drilling a well, which government agency has enforcement jurisdiction?

Legal costs to the Town are affected by two factors. The high overhead costs associated with maintaining and running a law office and the service requirements of the client. My experience has been, that if you take the time to do something right the first time, the cost may seem high, but it is far less expensive than having to go back and fix something that was done in a haste to keep costs down.

Very truly yours, /s/ John M. Silvestri

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Carol Pittman, of the Hague Creek Antiques and Gifts wishes to express her thanks to all those who were supportive during her recent illness and for the many cards and letters sent to her.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

AUGUST

- 18 Republican Picnic, 12-2PM at Fish & Game Club (p1)
- 20 Lake George Park Commission meeting (p2)
- 21 Annual meeting Fund for Lake George - 9AM (p2)
- 22 Dottie Henry dinner at Fire Hall - (p2)
- 24 Heritage Days at Ti Heritage Museum (p5)
- 27 Hague Sr. Citizens picnic at Firehouse (p6)
- 27 Workshop to discuss local laws 1 & 2 on junk cars etc 6PM (p3)

- 27 Board meeting with American Legion - 7:30PM (p3)
- 30 Lecture on Adirondack architecture at Com. Ctr. (p2)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Warren County Sr. Citizens picnic (p6)
- 5 Planning Board 7PM
- 5 TORCH Club meeting at Elks Club (p2)
- 10 Democratic & Republican Primaries - 12-9PM
- 11 Town Board Meeting - 6:30PM

SILVER BAY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The Silver Bay Association is an integral part of Hague. Over the past 100 years it has been a private boys' school, a training center for Red Cross relief workers, housing for the Winter Olympics in 1980, a training facility and conference center for thousands and the summer home of the YMCA. Founded in 1902 by Luther Wishard, a YMCA professional, the 700 acre campus has served as a training facility and conference center for thousands of youths and adults.

Silver Bay served as the first training sessions for Boy Scout volunteers as well as the first Boy Scout camp in 1910. Today there are more than 4,000 members from 46 states and nine foreign countries. Individual memberships cost \$50 and family memberships are \$100. Fees for the various activities and programs are additional. However, some of the programs are open to the public - such as Sunday worship services, vespers, Readings by the Bay and other select programs.

There is year-round child care both at Silver Bay campus and at a satellite location in Mineville, plus a day camp on the campus. The year-round staff consists of 60 people, the number swelling to more than 200 in the summer months. The association has 1,200 donors that contributed nearly \$4.5 million in the year 2000. Silver Bay Association is the largest employer in the Town of Hague.

Silver Bay has opened its doors to Hague residents in recent years. A very fine string quartet is in residence each year, playing for many occasions. One concert a year is given in the Hague Town Park. This has always been a crowd pleaser.

We at The Hague Chronicle on behalf of our local friends and neighbors wish a very HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to the Silver Bay Association.

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